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1 Introduction

The capture and expression of non-functional requirements is an important aspect of service definition and has an impact on SCA throughout the lifecycle of components and compositions. SCA provides a framework to support specification of constraints, capabilities and QoS expectations from component design through to concrete deployment. This specification describes the framework and its usage.

Specifically, this section describes the SCA policy association framework that allows policies and policy subjects specified using [WS-Policy](#) [WS-Policy] and [WS-PolicyAttachment](#) [WS-PolicyAttach], as well as with other policy languages, to be associated with SCA components.

This document should be read in conjunction with the [SCA Assembly Specification](#) [SCA-Assembly]. Details of policies for specific policy domains can be found in sections 7, 8 and 9.

1.1 Terminology

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 [\[RFC2119\]](#).

1.2 XML Namespaces

Prefixes and Namespaces used in this Specification

Prefix	XML Namespace	Specification
sca	<code>docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903</code> This is assumed to be the default namespace in this specification. xs:QNames that appear without a prefix are from the SCA namespace.	[SCA-Assembly]
acme	Some namespace; a generic prefix	
wsp	<code>http://www.w3.org/2006/07/ws-policy</code>	[WS-Policy]
xs	<code>http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema</code>	[XML Schema Datatypes]

Table 1-1: XML Namespaces and Prefixes

1.3 Normative References

- [RFC2119]** S. Bradner, *Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels*, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>, IETF RFC 2119, March 1997.
- [SCA-Assembly]** OASIS Committee Draft 03, “Service Component Architecture Assembly Model Specification Version 1.1”, March 2009.
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34		OASIS Committee Draft 01, "SCA Web Services Binding Specification Version 1.1", August 2008.
35		
36		http://docs.oasis-open.org/opencsa/sca-bindings/sca-wsbinding-1.1-spec-cd01.pdf
37		
38	[WSDL]	Web Services Description Language (WSDL) Version 2.0 Part 1: Core Language
39		– Appendix http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/CR-wsdl20-20060327/
40	[WS-AtomicTransaction]	
41		Web Services Atomic Transaction (WS-AtomicTransaction)
42		http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-tx/ws-atomic-transaction/2006/06/
43		
44	[WSDL-Ids]	SCA WSDL 1.1 Element Identifiers – forthcoming W3C Note
45		http://dev.w3.org/cvsweb/~checkout~/2006/ws-policy/wsd11elementidentifiers.html
46		
47	[WS-Policy]	Web Services Policy (WS-Policy)
48		http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy
49	[WS-PolicyAttach]	Web Services Policy Attachment (WS-PolicyAttachment)
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51	[XPath]	XML Path Language (XPath) Version 1.0.
52		http://www.w3.org/TR/xpath
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54		Second Edition, Oct. 28 2004.
55		http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/

56 1.4 Naming Conventions

57 This specification follows some naming conventions for artifacts defined by the specification, as follows:

- 58 • For the names of elements and the names of attributes within XSD files, the names follow the
59 CamelCase convention, with all names starting with a lower case letter, e.g. <element
60 name="policySet" type="..."/>.
- 61 • For the names of types within XSD files, the names follow the CamelCase convention with all names
62 starting with an upper case letter, e.g. <complexType name="PolicySet">.
- 63 • For the names of intents, the names follow the CamelCase convention, with all names starting with a
64 lower case letter, EXCEPT for cases where the intent represents an established acronym, in which
65 case the entire name is in upper case. An example of an intent which is an acronym is the "SOAP"
66 intent.

67 2 Overview

68 2.1 Policies and PolicySets

69 The term **Policy** is used to describe some capability or constraint that can be applied to service
70 components or to the interactions between service components represented by services and references.
71 An example of a policy is that messages exchanged between a service client and a service provider have
72 to be encrypted, so that the exchange is confidential and cannot be read by someone who intercepts the
73 messages.

74 In SCA, services and references can have policies applied to them that affect the form of the interaction
75 that takes place at runtime. These are called **interaction policies**.

76 Service components can also have other policies applied to them, which affect how the components
77 themselves behave within their runtime container. These are called **implementation policies**.

78 How particular policies are provided varies depending on the type of runtime container for implementation
79 policies and on the binding type for interaction policies. Some policies can be provided as an inherent part
80 of the container or of the binding – for example a binding using the https protocol will always provide
81 encryption of the messages flowing between a reference and a service. Other policies can optionally be
82 provided by a container or by a binding. It is also possible that some kinds of container or kinds of binding
83 are incapable of providing a particular policy at all.

84 In SCA, policies are held in **policySets**, which can contain one or many policies, expressed in some
85 concrete form, such as WS-Policy assertions. Each policySet targets a specific binding type or a specific
86 implementation type. PolicySets are used to apply particular policies to a component or to the binding of a
87 service or reference, through configuration information attached to a component or attached to a
88 composite.

89 For example, a service can have a policy applied that requires all interactions (messages) with the service
90 to be encrypted. A reference which is wired to that service needs to support sending and receiving
91 messages using the specified encryption technology if it is going to use the service successfully.

92 In summary, a service presents a set of interaction policies, which it requires the references to use. In
93 turn, each reference has a set of policies, which define how it is capable of interacting with any service to
94 which it is wired. An implementation or component can describe its requirements through a set of
95 attached implementation policies.

96 2.2 Intents describe the requirements of Components, Services and 97 References

98 SCA **intents** are used to describe the abstract policy requirements of a component or the requirements of
99 interactions between components represented by services and references. Intents provide a means for
100 the developer and the assembler to state these requirements in a high-level abstract form, independent of
101 the detailed configuration of the runtime and bindings, which involve the role of application deployer.
102 Intents support late binding of services and references to particular SCA bindings, since they assist the
103 deployer in choosing appropriate bindings and concrete policies which satisfy the abstract requirements
104 expressed by the intents.

105 It is possible in SCA to attach policies to a service, to a reference or to a component at any time during
106 the creation of an assembly, through the configuration of bindings and the attachment of policy sets.
107 Attachment can be done by the developer of a component at the time when the component is written or it
108 can be done later by the deployer at deployment time. SCA recommends a late binding model where the
109 bindings and the concrete policies for a particular assembly are decided at deployment time.

110 SCA favors the late binding approach since it promotes re-use of components. It allows the use of
111 components in new application contexts, which might require the use of different bindings and different

112 concrete policies. Forcing early decisions on which bindings and policies to use is likely to limit re-use and
113 limit the ability to use a component in a new context.

114 For example, in the case of authentication, a service which requires the client to be authenticated can be
115 marked with an intent called "**clientAuthentication**". This intent marks the service as requiring the client
116 to be authenticated without being prescriptive about how it is achieved. At deployment time, when the
117 binding is chosen for the service (say SOAP over HTTP), the deployer can apply suitable policies to the
118 service which provide aspects of WS-Security and which supply a group of one or more authentication
119 technologies.

120 In many ways, intents can be seen as restricting choices at deployment time. If a service is marked with
121 the **confidentiality** intent, then the deployer has to use a binding and a policySet that provides for the
122 encryption of the messages.

123 The set of intents available to developers and assemblers can be extended by policy administrators. The
124 SCA Policy Framework specification does define a set of intents which address the infrastructure
125 capabilities relating to security, transactions and reliable messaging.

126 **2.3 Determining which policies apply to a particular wire**

127 Multiple policies can be attached to both services and to references. Where there are multiple policies,
128 they can be organized into policy domains, where each domain deals with some particular aspect of the
129 interaction. An example of a policy domain is confidentiality, which covers the encryption of messages
130 sent between a reference and a service. Each policy domain can have one or more policy. Where
131 multiple policies are present for a particular domain, they represent alternative ways of meeting the
132 requirements for that domain. For example, in the case of message integrity, there could be a set of
133 policies, where each one deals with a particular security token to be used: e.g. X509, SAML, Kerberos.
134 Any one of the tokens can be used - they will all ensure that the overall goal of message integrity is
135 achieved.

136 In order for a service to be accessed by a wide range of clients, it is good practice for the service to
137 support multiple alternative policies within a particular domain. So, if a service requires message
138 confidentiality, instead of insisting on one specific encryption technology, the service can have a policySet
139 which has a number of alternative encryption technologies, any of which are acceptable to the service.
140 Equally, a reference can have a policySet attached which defines the range of encryption technologies
141 which it is capable of using. Typically, the set of policies used for a given domain will reflect the
142 capabilities of the binding and of the runtime being used for the service and for the reference.

143 When a service and a reference are wired together, the policies declared by the policySets at each end of
144 the wire are matched to each other. SCA does not define how policy matching is done, but instead
145 delegates this to the policy language (e.g. WS-Policy) used for the binding. For example, where WS-
146 Policy is used as the policy language, the matching procedure looks at each domain in turn within the
147 policy sets and looks for 1 or more policies which are in common between the service and the reference.
148 When only one match is found, the matching policy is used. Where multiple matches are found, then the
149 SCA runtime can choose to use any one of the matching policies. No match implies that the configuration
150 is not valid and the deployer needs to take an action.

151 3 Framework Model

152 The SCA Policy Framework model is comprised of *intents* and *policySets*. Intents represent abstract
153 assertions and Policy Sets contain concrete policies that can be applied to SCA bindings and
154 implementations. The framework describes how intents are related to policySets. It also describes how
155 intents and policySets are utilized to express the constraints that govern the behavior of SCA bindings
156 and implementations. Both intents and policySets can be used to specify QoS requirements on services
157 and references.

158 The following section describes the Framework Model and illustrates it using Interaction Policies.
159 Implementation Policies follow the same basic model and are discussed later in section 1.5.

160 3.1 Intents

161 As discussed earlier, an *intent* is an abstract assertion about a specific Quality of Service (QoS)
162 characteristic that is expressed independently of any particular implementation technology. An intent is
163 thus used to describe the desired runtime characteristics of an SCA construct. Typically, intents are
164 defined by a policy administrator. See section [Policy Administrator] for a more detailed description of
165 SCA roles with respect to Policy concepts, their definition and their use. The semantics of an intent can
166 not always be available normatively, but could be expressed with documentation that is available and
167 accessible.

168 For example, an intent named *integrity* can be specified to signify that communications need to be
169 protected from possible tampering. This specific intent can be declared as a requirement by some SCA
170 artifacts, e.g. a reference. Note that this intent can be satisfied by a variety of bindings and with many
171 different ways of configuring those bindings. Thus, the reference where the intent is expressed as a
172 requirement could eventually be wired using either a web service binding (SOAP over HTTP) or with an
173 EJB binding that communicates with an EJB via RMI/IIOP.

174 Intents can be used to express requirements for *interaction policies* or *implementation policies*. The
175 *integrity* intent in the above example is used to express a requirement for an interaction policy.
176 Interaction policies are, typically, applied to a *service* or *reference*. They are meant to govern the
177 communication between a client and a service provider. Intents can also be applied to SCA component
178 implementations as requirements for *implementation policies*. These intents specify the qualities of
179 service that need to be provided by a container as it runs the component. An example of such an intent
180 could be a requirement that the component needs to run in a transaction.

181 If the configured instance of a binding is in conflict with the intents and policy sets selected for that
182 instance, the SCA runtime MUST raise an error. [POL30001]. For example, a web service binding which
183 requires the SOAP intent but which points to a WSDL binding that does not specify SOAP.

184 For convenience and conciseness, it is often desirable to declare a single, higher-level intent to denote a
185 requirement that could be satisfied by one of a number of lower-level intents. For example, the
186 **confidentiality** intent requires either message-level encryption or transport-level encryption.

187

188 Both of these are abstract intents because the representation of the configuration necessary to realize
189 these two kinds of encryption could vary from binding to binding, and each would also require additional
190 parameters for configuration.

191 An intent that can be completely satisfied by one of a choice of lower-level intents is
192 referred to as a *qualifiable intent*. In order to express such intents, the intent name can
193 contain a qualifier: a "." followed by a *xs:string* name. An intent name that includes a
194 qualifier in its name is referred to as a *qualified intent*, because it is "qualifying" how the
195 qualifiable intent is satisfied. A qualified intent can only qualify one qualifiable intent, so the
196 name of the qualified intent includes the name of the qualifiable intent as a prefix, for
197 example, **clientAuthentication.message**.

198 In general, SCA allows the developer or assembler to attach multiple qualifiers for a single
199 qualifiable intent to the same SCA construct. However, domain-specific constraints can prevent the use of
200 some combinations of qualifiers (from the same qualifiable intent).

201 Intents, their qualifiers and their defaults are defined using the pseudo schema in Snippet 3-1:

202

```
203 <intent name="xs:NCName"  
204     constrains = "list of QNames"?  
205     attachTo = "xs:string"?  
206     requires="list of QNames"?  
207     excludes="list of QNames"?  
208     mutuallyExclusive="boolean"?  
209     intentType="xs:string"? >  
210   <description> xs:string.</description?>  
211   <qualifier name = "xs:string" default = "xs:boolean" ?>*<br>  
212     <description> xs:string.</description?>  
213 </qualifier>  
214 </intent>
```

215 *Snippet 3-1: intent Pseudo-Schema*

216

217 Where the intent element has the following attributes:

218 • @name (1..1) - an NCName that defines the name of the intent. **The QName for an intent MUST be**
219 **unique amongst the set of intents in the SCA Domain.** [POL30002]

220 • @constrains (0..1) - a list of QNames that specifies the SCA constructs that this intent is meant to
221 configure. If a value is not specified for this attribute then the intent can apply to any SCA element.

222 Note that the “constrains” attribute can name an abstract element type, such as sca:binding in our
223 running example. This means that it will match against any binding used within an SCA composite
224 file. An SCA element can match @constrains if its type is in a substitution group.

225 — @attachTo (0..1) - a string which is an XPath 1.0 expression identifying one or more elements in the
226 Domain. It is used to declare which set of elements the policySet is actually attached to. The
227 contents of @attachTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 production Expr. [POL300xx] The XPath value of
228 the @attachTo attribute is evaluated against the “Deployed Composite Infoset” as described in
229 Appendix A “The Deployed Composites Infoset”. See the section on “Attaching Intents and PolicySets
230 to SCA Constructs” for more details on how this attribute is used.

231 • @requires (0..1) - contains a list of QNames of intents which defines the set of all intents that the
232 referring intent requires. In essence, the referring intent requires all the intents named to be satisfied.
233 This attribute is used to compose an intent from a set of other intents. **Each QName in the @requires**
234 **attribute MUST be the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.** [POL30015] This use is further
235 described in [Section 3.3](#).

236 • @excludes (0..1) - a list of QNames of intents that cannot be used with this intent. Intents might
237 describe a policy that is incompatible or otherwise unrealizable when specified with other intents, and
238 therefore are considered to be mutually exclusive. **Each QName in the @excludes attribute MUST be**
239 **the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.** [POL30016]

240 Two intents are mutually exclusive when any of the following are true:

- 241 – One of the two intents lists the other intent in its @excludes list.
- 242 – Both intents list the other intent in their respective @excludes list.

243 Where one intent is attached to an element of an SCA composite and another intent is attached to
244 one of the element’s parents, the intent(s) that are effectively attached to the element differs
245 depending on whether the two intents are mutually exclusive (see @excludes above and section 4.5
246 Usage of @requires attribute for specifying intents).

247 • @mutuallyExclusive (0..1) - a boolean with a default of "false". If this attribute is present and has a
248 value of "true" it indicates that the qualified intents defined for this intent are mutually exclusive.

249 • @intentType attribute (0..1) defines whether the intent is an interaction intent or an implementation
250 intent. A value of "interaction", which is the default value, indicates that the intent is an interaction
251 intent. A value of "implementation" indicates that the intent is an implementation intent.

252 One or more <qualifier> child elements can be used to define qualifiers for the intent. The attributes of
253 the qualifier element are:

254 • @name (1..1) - declares the name of the qualifier. The name of each qualifier MUST be unique within
255 the intent definition. [POL30005].

256 • @default (0..1) - a boolean value with a default value of "false". If @default="true" the particular
257 qualifier is the default qualifier for the intent. If an intent has more than one qualifier, one and only
258 one MUST be declared as the default qualifier. [POL30004]. If only one qualifier for an intent is given
259 it MUST be used as the default qualifier for the intent. [POL30025]

260 • qualifier/description (0..1) - an xs:string that holds a textual description of the qualifier.

261 For example, the **confidentiality** intent which has qualified intents called
262 **confidentiality.transport** and **confidentiality.message** can be defined as:

263

```
264 <intent name="confidentiality" constrains="sca:binding">  
265   <description>  
266     Communication through this binding must prevent  
267     unauthorized users from reading the messages.  
268   </description>  
269   <qualifier name="transport">  
270     <description>Automatic encryption by transport  
271   </description>  
272   </qualifier>  
273   <qualifier name="message" default='true'>  
274     <description>Encryption applied to each message  
275   </description>  
276   </qualifier>  
277 </intent>
```

278 *Snippet 3-2: Example intent Definition*

279

280 All the intents in a SCA Domain are defined in a global, domain-wide file named definitions.xml. Details
281 of this file are described in the [SCA Assembly Model](#) [SCA-Assembly].

282 SCA normatively defines a set of core intents that all SCA implementations are expected to support, to
283 ensure a minimum level of portability. Users of SCA can define new intents, or extend the qualifier set of
284 existing intents. An SCA Runtime MUST include in the Domain the set of intent definitions contained in
285 the Policy_Intents_Definitions.xml described in the appendix "Intent Definitions" of the SCA Policy
286 specification. [POL30024] It is also good practice for the Domain to include concrete policies which satisfy
287 these intents (this may be achieved through the provision of appropriate binding types and
288 implementation types, augmented by policy sets that apply to those binding types and implementation
289 types).

290 The normatively defined intents in the SCA specification might evolve in future versions of this
291 specification. New intents could be added, additional qualifiers could be added to existing intents and the
292 default qualifier for existing intents could change. Such changes would cause the namespace for the SCA
293 specification to change.

294 3.2 Interaction Intents and Implementation Intents

295 An interaction intent is an intent designed to influence policy which applies to a service, a reference and
296 the wires that connect them. Interaction intents affect wire matching between the two ends of a wire

297 and/or the set of bytes that flow between the reference and the service when a service invocation takes
298 place.

299 Interaction intents typically apply to <binding/> elements.

300 An implementation intent is an intent designed to influence policy which applies to an implementation
301 artifact or to the relationship of that artifact to the runtime code which is used to execute the artifact.
302 Implementation intents do not affect wire matching between references and services, nor do they affect
303 the bytes that flow between a reference and a service.

304 Implementation intents often apply to <implementation/> elements, but they can also apply to <binding/>
305 elements, where the desire is to influence the activity of the binding implementation code and how it
306 interacts with the remainder of the runtime code for the implementation.

307 Interaction intents and implementation intents are distinguished by the value of the @intentType attribute
308 in the intent definition.

309 3.3 Profile Intents

310 An intent that is satisfied only by satisfying *all* of a set of other intents is called a **profile intent**. It can be
311 used in the same way as any other intent.

312 The presence of @requires attribute in the intent definition signifies that this is a profile intent. The
313 @requires attribute can include all kinds of intents, including qualified intents and other profile intents.
314 However, while a profile intent can include qualified intents, it cannot be a qualified intent. Thus, **the**
315 **name of a profile intent MUST NOT have a "." in it.** [POL30006]

316 Requiring a profile intent is semantically identical to requiring the list of intents that are listed in its
317 @requires attribute. **If a profile intent is attached to an artifact, all the intents listed in its @requires**
318 **attribute MUST be satisfied as described in section 4.12.** [POL30007]

319 An example of a profile intent is an intent called **messageProtection** which is a shortcut for specifying
320 both **confidentiality** and **integrity**, where **integrity** means to protect against modification, usually by
321 signing. The intent definition is shown in Snippet 3-3:

```
322  
323 <intent name="messageProtection"  
324   constrains="sca:binding"  
325   requires="confidentiality integrity">  
326   <description>  
327     Protect messages from unauthorized reading or modification.  
328   </description>  
329 </intent>
```

330 *Snippet 3-3: Example Profile Intent*

331 3.4 PolicySets

332 A **policySet** element is used to define a set of concrete policies that apply to some binding type or
333 implementation type, and which correspond to a set of intents provided by the policySet.

334 The pseudo schema for policySet is shown in Snippet 3-4:

```
335  
336 <policySet name="NCName"  
337   provides="listOfQNames"?  
338   appliesTo="xs:string"?  
339   attachTo="xs:string"?  
340   xmlns=http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903  
341   xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">  
342   <policySetReference name="xs:QName"/> *  
343   <intentMap/> *  
344   <xs:any> *  
345 </policySet>
```


347

348 PolicySet has the attributes:

- 349 • @name (1..1) - the name for the policySet. The value of the @name attribute is the local part of a
350 QName. **The QName for a policySet MUST be unique amongst the set of policySets in the SCA
351 Domain.** [POL30017]
- 352 • @appliesTo (0..1) - a string which is an XPath 1.0 expression identifying one or more SCA constructs
353 this policySet can configure. **The contents of @appliesTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 [XPATH]
354 production Expr.** [POL30018] The @appliesTo attribute uses the "Deployed Composites Infoset" as
355 described in [Appendix A The Deployed Composites Infoset](#)
- 356 • [Section 4.4.1 "The Form of the @attachTo Attribute"](#).
- 357 • @attachTo (0..1) - a string which is an XPath 1.0 expression identifying one or more elements in the
358 Domain. It is used to declare which set of elements the policySet is actually attached to. **The
359 contents of @attachTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 production Expr.** [POL30019] [The XPath value of
360 the @attachTo attribute is evaluated against the "Deployed Composite Infoset" as described in The-
361 @attachTo-attribute-uses](#) the "Deployed Composite Infoset" as described in [as described in Appendix
362 A "The Deployed Composites Infoset", Section 4.4.1 "The Form of the @attachTo Attribute"](#). See the
363 section on ["Attaching Intents and PolicySets to SCA Constructs"](#) for more details on how this attribute
364 is used.
- 365 • @provides (0..1) - a list of intent QNames (that can be qualified), which declares the intents the
366 PolicySet provides.

367 PolicySet contains one or more of the element children

- 368 • intentMap element
- 369 • policySetReference element
- 370 • xs:any extensibility element

371 Any mix of the above types of elements, in any number, can be included as children of the policySet
372 element including extensibility elements. There are likely to be many different policy languages for
373 specific binding technologies and domains. In order to allow the inclusion of any policy language within a
374 policySet, the extensibility elements can be from any namespace and can be intermixed.

375 The SCA policy framework expects that [WS-Policy](#) will be a common policy language for expressing
376 interaction policies, especially for Web Service bindings. Thus a common usecase is to attach WS-
377 Policies directly as children of <policySet> elements; either directly as <wsp:Policy> elements, or as
378 <wsp:PolicyReference> elements or using <wsp:PolicyAttachment>. These three elements, and others,
379 can be attached using the extensibility point provided by the <xs:any> in the pseudo schema above. See
380 example below.

381 For example, the policySet element below declares that it provides
382 **serverAuthentication.message** and **reliability** for the "binding.ws" SCA binding.

383

```
384 <policySet name="SecureReliablePolicy"
385     provides="serverAuthentication.message exactlyOne"
386     appliesTo="//sca:binding.ws"
387     xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
388     xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">
389   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
390     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
391          "basic server authentication" -->
392     ...
393   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
394   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
395     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
396          "reliability" -->
```

```
397 ...
398     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
399 </policySet>
```

400 *Snippet 3-5: Example policySet Definition*

401

402 PolicySet authors need to be aware of the evaluation of the @appliesTo attribute in order to designate
403 meaningful values for this attribute. Although policySets can be attached to any element in an SCA
404 composite, the applicability of a policySet is not scoped by where it is attached in the SCA framework.
405 Rather, policySets always apply to either binding instances or implementation elements regardless of
406 where they are attached. In this regard, the SCA policy framework does not scope the applicability of the
407 policySet to a specific attachment point in contrast to other frameworks, such as WS-Policy.

408 When computing the policySets that apply to a particular element, the @appliesTo attribute of each
409 relevant policySet is checked against the element. If a policySet that is attached to an ancestor element
410 does not apply to the element in question, it is simply discarded.

411 With this design principle in mind, an XPath expression that is the value of an @appliesTo attribute
412 designates what a policySet applies to. Note that the XPath expression will always be evaluated against
413 the Domain Composite Infoset as described in Section 4.4.1 “The Form of the @attachTo Attribute”. The
414 policySet will apply to any child binding or implementation elements returned from the expression. So, for
415 example, appliesTo="//binding.ws" will match any web service binding. If
416 appliesTo="//binding.ws[@impl='axis']" then the policySet would apply only to web service bindings that
417 have an @impl attribute with a value of 'axis'.

418 When writing policySets, the author needs to ensure that the policies contained in the policySet always
419 satisfy the intents in the @provides attribute. Specifically, when using [WS-Policy](#) the optional attribute
420 and the exactlyOne operator can result in alternative policies and uncertainty as to whether a particular
421 alternative satisfies the advertised intents.

422 If the WS-Policy attribute optional = 'true' is attached to a policy assertion, it results in two policy
423 alternatives, one that includes and one that does not include the assertion. During wire validation it is
424 impossible to predict which of the two alternatives will be selected -if the absence of the policy assertion
425 does not satisfy the intent, then it is possible that the intent is not actually satisfied when the policySet is
426 used.

427 Similarly, if the WS-Policy operator exactlyOne is used, only one of the set of policy assertions within the
428 operator is actually used at runtime. If the set of assertions is intended to satisfy one or more intents, it is
429 vital to ensure that each policy assertion in the set actually satisfies the intent(s).

430 Note that section 4.10.1 on Wire Validity specifies that the strict version of the WS-Policy intersection
431 algorithm is used to establish wire validity and determine the policies to be used. The strict version of
432 policy intersection algorithm ignores the ignorable attribute on assertions. This means that the ignorable
433 facility of WS-Policy cannot be used in policySets.

434 For further discussion on attachment of policySets and the computation of applicable policySets, please
435 refer to [Section 4](#).

436 All the policySets in a SCA Domain are defined in a global, domain-wide file named definitions.xml.
437 Details of this file are described in the [SCA Assembly Model](#) [SCA-Assembly].

438 **3.4.1 IntentMaps**

439 Intent maps contain the concrete policies and policy subjects that are used to realize a specific intent that
440 is provided by the policySet.

441 The pseudo-schema for intentMaps is given in Snippet 3-6:

442

```
443 <intentMap provides="xs:QName">
444   <qualifier name="xs:string"?
445     <xs:any>*
446   </qualifier>
```

447 </intentMap>

448 *Snippet 3-6: intentMap Pseudo-Schema*

449

450 When a policySet element contains a set of intentMap children, the value of the @provides attribute of
451 each intentMap MUST correspond to an unqualified intent that is listed within the @provides attribute
452 value of the parent policySet element. [POL30008]

453 If a policySet specifies a qualifiable intent in the @provides attribute, and it provides an intentMap for the
454 qualifiable intent then that intentMap MUST specify all possible qualifiers for that intent. [POL30020]

455 For each qualifiable intent listed as a member of the @provides attribute list of a policySet element, there
456 MUST be no more than one corresponding intentMap element that declares the unqualified form of that
457 intent in its @provides attribute. In other words, each intentMap within a given policySet uniquely provides
458 for a specific intent. [POL30010]

459 The @provides attribute value of each intentMap that is an immediate child of a policySet MUST be
460 included in the @provides attribute of the parent policySet. [POL30021]

461 An intentMap element contains qualifier element children. Each qualifier element corresponds to a
462 qualified intent where the unqualified form of that intent is the value of the @provides attribute value of
463 the parent intentMap. The qualified intent is either included explicitly in the value of the enclosing
464 policySet's @provides attribute or implicitly by that @provides attribute including the unqualified form of
465 the intent.

466 A qualifier element designates a set of concrete policy attachments that correspond to a qualified intent.
467 The concrete policy attachments can be specified using wsp:PolicyAttachment element children or using
468 extensibility elements specific to an environment.

469 As an example, the policySet element in Snippet 3-7 declares that it provides **confidentiality** using the
470 @provides attribute. The alternatives (transport and message) it contains each specify the policy and
471 policy subject they provide. The default is "transport".

472

```
473 <policySet name="SecureMessagingPolicies"  
474   provides="confidentiality"  
475   appliesTo="binding.ws"  
476   xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"  
477   xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">  
478   <intentMap provides="confidentiality" >  
479     <qualifier name="transport">  
480       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
481         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
482           "transport" alternative -->  
483         ...  
484       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
485       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
486         ...  
487       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
488     </qualifier>  
489     <qualifier name="message">  
490       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
491         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
492           "message" alternative -->  
493         ...  
494       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
495     </qualifier>  
496   </intentMap>  
497 </policySet>
```

498 *Snippet 3-7: Example policySet with an intentMap*

499

500 PolicySets can embed policies that are defined in any policy language. Although WS-Policy is the most
501 common language for expressing interaction policies, it is possible to use other policy languages Snippet
502 3-8 is an example of a policySet that embeds a policy defined in a proprietary language. This policy
503 provides "serverAuthentication" for binding.ws.

504

```
505 <policySet name="AuthenticationPolicy"  
506   provides="serverAuthentication"  
507   appliesTo="binding.ws"  
508   xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
509   <e:policyConfiguration xmlns:e="http://example.com">  
510     <e:authentication type="X509"/>  
511     <e:trustedCAStore type="JKS"/>  
512     <e:keyStoreFile>Foo.jks</e:keyStoreFile>  
513     <e:keyStorePassword>123</e:keyStorePassword>  
514   </e:policyConfiguration>  
515 </policySet>
```

517 *Snippet 3-8: Example policySet Using a Proprietary Language*

518 3.4.2 Direct Inclusion of Policies within PolicySets

519 In cases where there is no need for defaults or overriding for an intent included in the @provides of a
520 policySet, the policySet element can contain policies or policy attachment elements directly without the
521 use of intentMaps or policy set references. There are two ways of including policies directly within a
522 policySet. Either the policySet contains one or more wsp:policyAttachment elements directly as children
523 or it contains extension elements (using xs:any) that contain concrete policies.

524 Following the inclusion of all policySet references, when a policySet element directly contains
525 wsp:policyAttachment children or policies using extension elements, the set of policies specified as
526 children **MUST satisfy all the intents expressed using the @provides attribute value of the policySet**
527 **element.** [POL30011] The intent names in the @provides attribute of the policySet can include names of
528 profile intents.

529 3.4.3 Policy Set References

530 A policySet can refer to other policySets by using sca:PolicySetReference element. This provides a
531 recursive inclusion capability for intentMaps, policy attachments or other specific mappings from different
532 domains.

533 When a policySet element contains policySetReference element children, the @name attribute of a
534 policySetReference element designates a policySet defined with the same value for its @name attribute.
535 Therefore, the @name attribute is a QName.

536 The set of intents in the @provides attribute of a referenced policySet **MUST be a subset of the set of**
537 **intents in the @provides attribute of the referencing policySet.** [POL30013] Qualified intents are a subset
538 of their parent qualifiable intent.

539 The usage of a policySetReference element indicates a copy of the element content children of the
540 policySet that is being referred is included within the referring policySet. If the result of inclusion results in
541 a reference to another policySet, the inclusion step is repeated until the contents of a policySet does not
542 contain any references to other policySets.

543 When a policySet is applied to a particular element, the policies in the policy set
544 include any standalone policies plus the policies from each intent map contained in the
545 PolicySet, as described below.

546 Note that, since the attributes of a referenced policySet are effectively removed/ignored by this process, it
547 is the responsibility of the author of the referring policySet to include any necessary intents in the
548 @provides attribute of the policySet making the reference so that the policySet correctly advertises its
549 aggregate policy.

550 The default values when using this aggregate policySet come from the defaults in the included policySets.
551 A single intent (or all qualified intents that comprise an intent) in a referencing policySet ought to be
552 included once by using references to other policySets.

553 Snippet 3-9 is an example to illustrate the inclusion of two other policySets in a policySet element:

554

```
555 <policySet name="BasicAuthMsgProtSecurity"  
556     provides="serverAuthentication confidentiality"  
557     appliesTo="binding.ws"  
558     xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
559   <policySetReference name="acme:ServerAuthenticationPolicies"/>  
560   <policySetReference name="acme:ConfidentialityPolicies"/>  
561 </policySet>
```

562 *Snippet 3-9: Example policySet Including Other policySets*

563

564 The policySet in Snippet 3-9 refers to policySets for **serverAuthentication** and
565 **confidentiality** and, by reference, provides policies and policy subject alternatives in these
566 domains.

567 If the policySets referred to in Snippet 3-9 have the following content:

568

```
569 <policySet name="ServerAuthenticationPolicies"  
570     provides="serverAuthentication"  
571     appliesTo="binding.ws"  
572     xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
573   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
574     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
575       "basic server authentication" -->  
576     ...  
577   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
578 </policySet>  
579  
580 <policySet name="acme:ConfidentialityPolicies"  
581     provides="confidentiality"  
582     bindings="binding.ws"  
583     xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
584   <intentMap provides="confidentiality" >  
585     <qualifier name="transport">  
586       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
587         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
588           "transport" alternative -->  
589         ...  
590       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
591     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
592     ...  
593   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
594 </qualifier>  
595   <qualifier name="message">  
596     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
597       <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
598         "message" alternative -->  
599     ...  
600   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
601 </qualifier>  
602 </intentMap>  
603 </policySet>
```

604 *Snippet 3-10: Example Included policySets for Snippet 3-9*

605

606 The result of the inclusion of policySets via policySetReferences would be semantically
607 equivalent to Snippet 3-11.

608

```
609 <policySet name="BasicAuthMsgProtSecurity"
610   provides="serverAuthentication confidentiality" appliesTo="binding.ws"
611   xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">
612   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
613     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
614       "basic server authentication" -->
615     ...
616   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
617   <intentMap provides="confidentiality" >
618     <qualifier name="transport">
619       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
620         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
621           "transport" alternative -->
622         ...
623       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
624     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
625       ...
626     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
627   </qualifier>
628   <qualifier name="message">
629     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
630       <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
631         "message" alternative -->
632       ...
633     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
634   </qualifier>
635 </intentMap>
636 </policySet>
```

637 *Snippet 3-11: Equivalent policySet*

638 4 Attaching Intents and PolicySets to SCA Constructs

639 This section describes how intents and policySets are associated with SCA constructs. It describes the
640 various attachment points and semantics for intents and policySets and their relationship to other SCA
641 elements and how intents relate to policySets in these contexts.

642 4.1 Attachment Rules — Intents

643 One or more intents can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and
644 composites. The attachment can be specified by using the following two mechanisms:

- 645 • Direct Attachment mechanism which is described in Section 4.2.
- 646 • External Attachment mechanism which is described in Section 4.3.

647 4.14.2 Direct Attachment of Intents

648 Intents can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and composites.
649 Intents are attached by using the **@requires** attribute or the <requires> child element. The @requires
650 attribute takes as its value a list of intent names. Similarly, the <requires> element takes as its value a list
651 of intent names. Intents can also be attached to interface definitions. For WSDL portType elements
652 (WSDL 1.1) the @requires attribute can be used to attach the list of intents that are needed by the
653 interface. Other interface languages can define their own mechanism for attaching a list of intents. Any
654 intents attached to an interface definition artifact, such as a WSDL portType, MUST be added to the
655 intents attached to the service or reference to which the interface definition applies. If no intents are
656 attached to the service or reference then the intents attached to the interface definition artifact become
657 the only intents attached to the service or reference. [POL40027]

658 Because intents specified on interfaces can be seen by both the provider and the client of a service, it is
659 appropriate to use them to specify characteristics of the service that both the developers of provider and
660 the client need to know.

661 For example:

662

```
663 <service requires="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2">  
664   <binding.xxx/>  
665   ...  
666 </service>  
667  
668 <reference requires="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2">  
669   <binding.xxx/>  
670   ...  
671 </reference>
```

672 *Snippet 4-1: Example of @requires on a service or a reference*

673

```
674 <service>  
675   <requires intents="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2" />  
676   <binding.xxx/>  
677   ...  
678 </service>  
679  
680 <reference>  
681   <requires intents="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2" />  
682   <binding.xxx/>  
683   ...  
684 </reference>
```

684 *Snippet 4-2: Example of a <requires> subelement to attach intents to a service or a reference*

685 4.3 External Attachment of Intents

686 External Attachment of intents is used for deployment-time application of intents to SCA elements. It is
687 called "external attachment" because the principle of the mechanism is that the place that declares the
688 attachment is separate from the composite files that contain the elements. This separation provides the
689 deployer with a way to attach intents without having to modify the artifacts where they apply.

690 An intent is attached to one or more elements through the @attachTo attribute of the intent.

691 During the deployment of SCA composites, all intents within the Domain with an @attachTo attribute
692 MUST be evaluated to determine which intents are attached to the elements of the newly deployed
693 composite. [POL400xx]

694 During the deployment of an SCA intent, the behavior of an SCA runtime MUST take ONE of the
695 following forms:

- 696 • The intent is immediately attached to all deployed composites which satisfy the @attachTo attribute
697 of the policySet.
- 698 • The intent is attached to a deployed composite which satisfies the @attachTo attribute of the intent
699 when the composite is re-deployed.

700

701 4.24.4 Attachment Rules - PolicySets

702 One or more policySets can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and
703 composites. The attachment can be specified by using the following two mechanisms:

- 704 • **Direct Attachment** mechanism which is described in Section ~~4.3~~ 4.5.
- 705 • **External Attachment** mechanism which is described in Section ~~4.4~~ 4.6.

706 SCA runtimes MUST support at least one of the Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms
707 for policySet attachment. [POL40010] SCA implementations supporting only the External Attachment
708 mechanism MUST ignore the **policySetspolicy-sets** that are applicable via the Direct Attachment
709 mechanism. [POL40011] SCA implementations supporting only the Direct Attachment mechanism MUST
710 ignore the **policySetspolicy-sets** that are applicable via the External Attachment mechanism. [POL40012]
711 SCA implementations supporting both Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms MUST
712 ignore **policySetspolicy-sets** applicable to any given SCA element via the Direct Attachment mechanism
713 when there exist **policySetspolicy-sets** applicable to the same SCA element via the External Attachment
714 mechanism [POL40001]

715 4.34.5 Direct Attachment of PolicySets

716 Direct Attachment of PolicySets can be achieved by

- 717 • Using the optional **@policySets** attribute of the SCA element
- 718 • Adding an optional child **<policySetAttachment/>** element to the SCA element

719 The policySets attribute takes as its value a list of policySet names.

720 For example:

721

```
722 <service> or <reference>...  
723   <binding.binding-type policySets="listOfQNames">  
724     </binding.binding-type>  
725     ...  
726 </service> or </reference>
```

727 *Snippet 4-3: Example of @policySets on a service*

728

729 The **<policySetAttachment/>** element is an alternative way to attach a policySet to an SCA composite.

730

```
731 <policySetAttachment name="xs:QName" />
```

732 *Snippet 4-4: policySetAttachment Pseudo-Schema*

733

- 734 • @name (1..1) – the QName of a policySet.

735

736 For example:

737

```
738 <service> or <reference>...
739   <binding.binding-type>
740     <policySetAttachment name="sns:EnterprisePolicySet">
741   </binding.binding-type>
742   ...
743 </service> or </reference>
```

744 *Snippet 4-5: Example of policySetAttachment in a service or reference*

745

746 Where an element has both a @policySets attribute and a <policySetAttachment/> child element, the
747 policySets declared by both are attached to the element.

748 The SCA Policy framework enables two distinct cases for utilizing intents and PolicySets:

- 749 • It is possible to specify QoS requirements by attaching abstract intents to an element at the time of
750 development. In this case, it is implied that the concrete bindings and policies that satisfy the abstract
751 intents are not assigned at development time but the intents are used **to select the concrete**
752 **Bindings and Policies** at deployment time. Concrete policies are encapsulated within policySets
753 that are applied during deployment using the external attachment mechanism. The intents associated
754 with a SCA element is the union of intents specified for it and its parent elements subject to the
755 detailed rules below.
- 756 • It is also possible to specify QoS requirements for an element by using both intents and concrete
757 policies contained in directly attached policySets at development time. In this case, it is possible **to**
758 **configure the policySets, by overriding the default settings in the specified policySets using**
759 **intents**. The policySets associated with a SCA element is the union of policySets specified for it and
760 its parent elements subject to the detailed rules below.

761

762 See also section 4.12.1 for a discussion of how intents are used to guide the selection and application of
763 specific policySets.

764 4.44.6 External Attachment of PolicySets Mechanism

765 The External Attachment mechanism for policySets is used for deployment-time application of policySets
766 and policies to SCA elements. It is called "external attachment" because the principle of the mechanism
767 is that the place that declares the attachment is separate from the composite files that contain the
768 elements. This separation provides the deployer with a way to attach policies and policySets without
769 having to modify the artifacts where they apply.

770 A PolicySet is attached to one or more elements in one of two ways:

771 a) through the @attachTo attribute of the policySet

772 b) through a reference (via policySetReference) from a policySet that uses the @attachTo attribute.

773 During the deployment of SCA composites, all policySets within the Domain with an @attachTo attribute
774 MUST be evaluated to determine which policySets are attached to the elements of the newly deployed
775 composite. [POL40013]

776 During the deployment of an SCA policySet, the behavior of an SCA runtime MUST take ONE of the
777 following forms:

- 778 • The policySet is immediately attached to all deployed composites which satisfy the @attachTo
779 attribute of the policySet.
- 780 • The policySet is attached to a deployed composite which satisfies the @attachTo attribute of the
781 policySet when the composite is re-deployed.

782 [POL40026]

783

784 ~~4.4.1 The Form of the @attachTo Attribute~~

785 ~~The @attachTo attribute of a policySet is an XPath1.0 expression identifying a SCA element to which the~~
786 ~~policySet is attached.~~

787 ~~The XPath applies to the **Deployed Composites Infoset**—i.e. to all deployed SCA composite files [SCA-~~
788 ~~Assembly] in the Domain, with the special characteristics:~~

- 789 ~~1.—The Domain is treated as a special composite, with a blank name—""~~
- 790 ~~2.—The @attachTo XPath expression is evaluated against the Deployed Composite Infoset following the~~
791 ~~deployment of a deployment composite. Where one composite includes one or more other~~
792 ~~composites, it is the including composite which is addressed by the XPath and its contents are the~~
793 ~~result of preprocessing all of the include elements~~

794 ~~Where the policySet is intended to be specific to a particular component, the structuralURI [SCA-~~
795 ~~Asssembly] of the component is used along with the URIRef() XPath function to attach a policySet to~~
796 ~~a specific use of a nested component. The XPath expression can make use of the unique-~~
797 ~~structuralURI to indicate specific use instances, where different policySets need to be used for those~~
798 ~~different instances.~~

799 ~~Special case. Where the @attachTo attribute of a policySet is absent or is blank, the policySet cannot be~~
800 ~~used on its own for external attachment. It can be used:~~

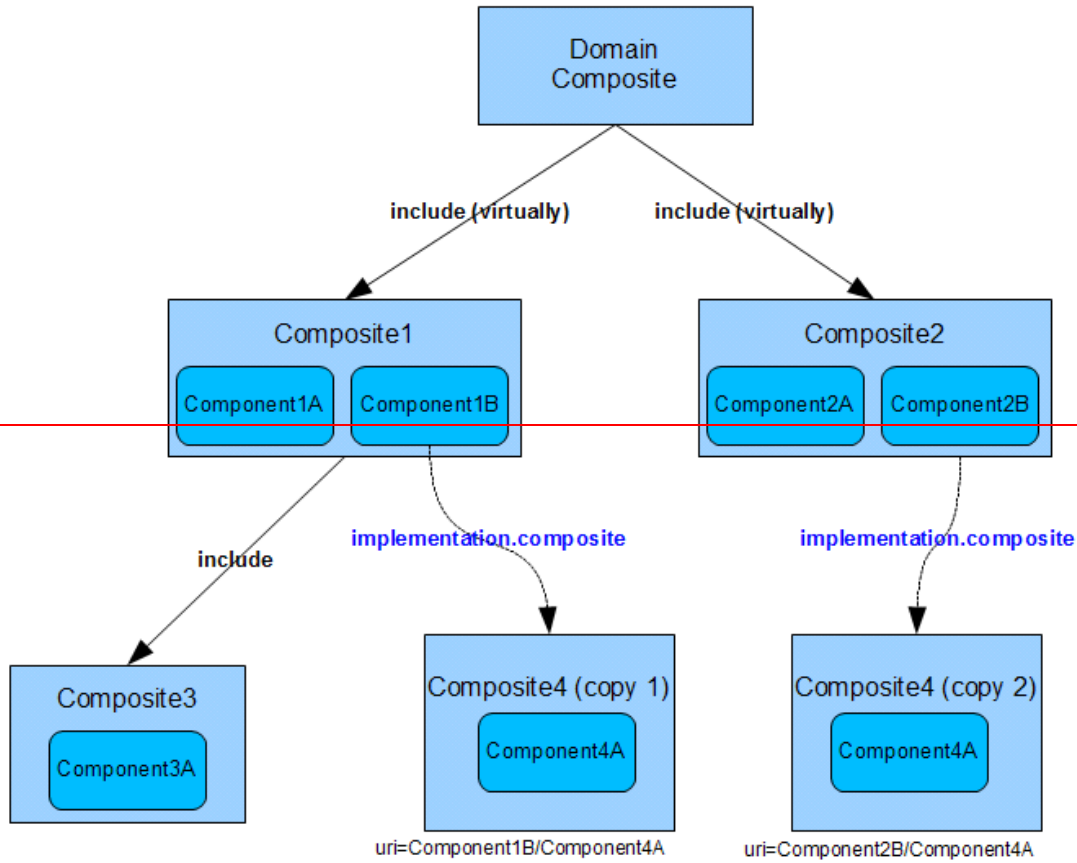
- 801 ~~1.—For direct attachment (using a @policySet attribute on an element or a <policySetAttachment/>~~
802 ~~subelement)~~
- 803 ~~2.—By reference from another policySet element~~

804 ~~The SCA runtime MUST raise an error if the @attachTo XPath expression resolves to an SCA <property>~~
805 ~~element, or any of its children. [POL40002]~~

806 ~~The XPath expression for the @attachTo attribute can make use of a series of XPath functions which~~
807 ~~enable the expression to easily identify elements with specific characteristics that are not easily~~
808 ~~expressed with pure XPath. These functions enable:~~

- 809 ~~• the identification of elements to which specific intents apply.~~
810 ~~This permits the attachment of a policySet to be linked to specific intents on the target element—for~~
811 ~~example, a policySet relating to encryption of messages can be targeted to services and references~~
812 ~~which have the **confidentiality** intent applied.~~
- 813 ~~• the targeting of subelements of an interface, including operations and messages.~~
814 ~~This permits the attachment of a policySet to an individual operation or to an individual message~~
815 ~~within an interface, separately from the policies that apply to other operations or messages in the~~
816 ~~interface.~~
- 817 ~~• the targeting of a specific use of a component, through its unique structuralURI [SCA-Assembly].~~
818 ~~This permits the attachment of a policySet to a specific use of a component in one context, that can~~
819 ~~be different from the policySet(s) that are applied to other uses of the same component.~~

820 ~~Detail of the available XPath functions is given in the section "XPath Functions for the @attachTo~~
821 ~~Attribute".~~



824 *Figure 4-1 Example Domain Composite InfoSet*

826 The SCA Domain in Figure 4-1 has been constructed from the composites and components shown in the
 827 figure. Composite1 and Composite2 were deployed into the Domain as described in [SCA-Assembly].
 828 Composite3 is included in Composite1 using the SCA include mechanism described in [SCA-Assembly].
 829 Composite4 is used as an implementation of Components 1B and 2B. Following the deployment of all the
 830 composites, the Domain contains:

- 831 • 3 Composites that can be addressed as part of the Deployed Composites InfoSet: Composite1,
 832 Composite2 and Composite4.
- 833 • all the components shown in the diagram. Components 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A (twice) are leaf
 834 components.

836 The following snippets show example usage of the @attachTo attribute and provide the outcome based
 837 on the Domain in Figure 4-1.

```
839 1. //component[@name="Component4A"]
```

840 *Snippet 4-6: Example attachTo all Instances of a Name*

842 **attach to both instances of Component4A**

843

844

```
2. //component[URIRef( "Component2B/Component4A" )]
```

845

~~Snippet 4-7: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via a Path~~

846

847

~~attach to the unique instance of Component4A when used by Component2B (Component2B is a component at the Domain level)~~

848

849

850

```
3. //component[@name="Component3A"]/service[IntentRefs( "intent1" )]
```

851

~~Snippet 4-8: Example attachTo Instances with an intent~~

852

853

~~attach to the services of Component3A which have the intent "intent1" applied~~

854

855

```
4. //component/binding.ws
```

856

~~Snippet 4-9: Example attachTo Instances with a binding~~

857

858

~~attach to the web services binding of all components with a service or reference with a Web services binding~~

859

860

861

```
5. /composite[@name=" "]/component[@name="Component1A"]
```

862

~~Snippet 4-10: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via Path and Name~~

863

864

~~attach to Component1A at the Domain level~~

865 **4.4.24.6.1 Cases Where Multiple PolicySets are attached to a Single** 866 **Artifact**

867

Multiple PolicySets can be attached to a single artifact. This can happen either as the result of one or more direct attachments or as the result of one or more external attachments which target the particular artifact.

868

869

870

4.4.3 XPath Functions for the @attachTo Attribute

871

~~Utility functions are useful in XPath expressions where otherwise it would be complex to write the XPath expression to identify the elements concerned.~~

872

873

~~This particularly applies in SCA to Interfaces and the child parts of interfaces (operations and messages). XPath Functions exist for the following:~~

874

875

~~• Picking out a specific interface~~

876

~~• Picking out a specific operation in an interface~~

877

~~• Picking out a specific message in an operation in an interface~~

878

~~• Picking out artifacts with specific intents~~

879

4.4.3.1 Interface Related Functions

880

InterfaceRef(InterfaceName)

881

picks out an interface identified by InterfaceName

882

OperationRef(InterfaceName/OperationName)

883 picks out the operation `OperationName` in the interface `InterfaceName`

884 **MessageRef(InterfaceName/OperationName/MessageName)**

885 picks out the message `MessageName` in the operation `OperationName` in the interface-
886 `InterfaceName`.

887 • "*" can be used for wildcarding of any of the names.

888 The interface is treated as if it is a WSDL interface (for other interface types, they are treated as if
889 mapped to WSDL using their regular mapping rules).

890 Examples of the Interface functions:

891

892 `InterfaceRef("MyInterface")`

893 *Snippet 4-11: Example use of InterfaceRef*

894

895 picks out an interface with the name "MyInterface"

896

897 `OperationRef("MyInterface/MyOperation")`

898 *Snippet 4-12: Example use of OperationRef with a Path*

899

900 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface named "MyInterface"

901

902 `OperationRef("*/MyOperation")`

903 *Snippet 4-13: Example use of OperationRef without a Path*

904

905 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" from any interface

906

907 `MessageRef("MyInterface/MyOperation/MyMessage")`

908 *Snippet 4-14: Example use of MessageRef with a Path*

909

910 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface
911 named "MyInterface"

912

913 `MessageRef("*/*/MyMessage")`

914 *Snippet 4-15: Example use of MessageRef with a Path with Wildcards*

915

916 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from any operation in any interface

917 **4.4.3.2 Intent Based Functions**

918 For the following intent-based functions, it is the total set of intents which apply to the artifact which are
919 examined by the function, including directly attached intents plus intents acquired from the structural
920 hierarchy and from the implementation hierarchy.

921 **IntentRefs(IntentList)**

922 picks out an element where the intents applied match the intents specified in the IntentList:

923

924 `IntentRefs("intent1")`

925 *Snippet 4-16: Example use of IntentRef*

926

927 picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached

928

```
929 IntentRefs(—"intent1 intent2"—)
```

930 *Snippet 4-17: Example use of IntentRef with Multiple intents*

931

932 picks out an artifact to which intents named "intent1" AND "intent2" are attached

933

```
934 IntentRefs(—"intent1 !intent2"—)
```

935 *Snippet 4-18: Example use of IntentRef with Not Operator*

936

937 picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached but NOT the intent named "intent2"

938 4.4.3.3 URI Based Function

939 The URIRef function is used to pick out a particular use of a nested component — ie where some Domain-
940 level component is implemented using a composite implementation, which in turn has one or more
941 components implemented with the composite (and so on to an arbitrary level of nesting):

942 URIRef(URI)

943 picks out the particular use of a component identified by the structuralURI string URI.

944 For a full description of structuralURIs, see the SCA Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly].

945 Example:

946

```
947 URIRef(—"top_comp_name/middle_comp_name/lowest_comp_name"—)
```

948 *Snippet 4-19: Example use of URIRef*

949

950 picks out the particular use of a component — where component lowest_comp_name is used within the
951 implementation of middle_comp_name within the implementation of the top-level (Domain level)-
952 component top_comp_name.

953 4.54.7 Attaching Intents to SCA Elements

954 A list of intents Intents can be attached to any SCA element by using the @requires attribute or the
955 <requires> subelement either directly or by external attachment as described in sections 4.2 and 4.3
956 above.

957 The intents which apply to a given element depend on include:

- 958 • the intents expressed in its @requires attribute and/or its <requires> subelement attached to it either
959 directly or externally.
- 960 • intents derived from the structural hierarchy of the element
- 961 • intents derived from the implementation hierarchy of the element

962 When computing the intents that apply to a particular element, the @constrains attribute of each relevant
963 intent is checked against the element. If the intent in question does not apply to that element it is simply
964 discarded.

965 Any two intents applied to a given element MUST NOT be mutually exclusive [POL40009]. Specific
966 examples are discussed later in this document.

967 4.5.14.7.1 Implementation Hierarchy of an Element

968 The **implementation hierarchy** occurs where a component configures an implementation and also
969 where a composite promotes a service or reference of one of its components. The implementation
970 hierarchy involves:

- 971 • a composite service or composite reference element is in the implementation hierarchy of the
972 component service/component reference element which they promote
- 973 • the component element and its descendent elements (for example, service, reference,
974 implementation) configure aspects of the implementation. Each of these elements is in the
975 implementation hierarchy of the **corresponding** element in the componentType of the
976 implementation.

977 Rule 1: The intents declared on elements lower in the implementation hierarchy of a given element MUST
978 be applied to the element. [POL40014] A qualifiable intent expressed lower in the hierarchy can be
979 qualified further up the hierarchy, in which case the qualified version of the intent MUST apply to the
980 higher level element. [POL40004]

981 4.5.24.7.2 Structural Hierarchy of an Element

982 The structural hierarchy of an element consists of its parent element, grandparent element and so on up
983 to the <composite/> element in the composite file containing the element.

984 As an example, for the composite in Snippet 4-16:

985

```
986 <composite name="C1" requires="i1">  
987   <service name="CS" promotes="X/S">  
988     <binding.ws requires="i2">  
989   </service>  
990   <component name="X">  
991     <implementation.java class="foo"/>  
992     <service name="S" requires="i3">  
993   </component>  
994 </composite>
```

995 *Snippet 4-6: Example Composite to Illustrate Structural Hierarchy*

996

997 - the structural hierarchy of the component service element with the name "S" is the component element
998 named "X" and the composite element named "C1". Service "S" has intent "i3" and also has the intent "i1"
999 if i1 is not mutually exclusive with i3.

1000 Rule2: The intents declared on elements higher in the structural hierarchy of a given element MUST be
1001 applied to the element EXCEPT

- 1002 • if any of the inherited intents is mutually exclusive with an intent applied on the element, then the
1003 inherited intent MUST be ignored
- 1004 • if the overall set of intents from the element itself and from its structural hierarchy contains both an
1005 unqualified version and a qualified version of the same intent, the qualified version of the intent MUST
1006 be used.

1007 [POL40005]

1008 4.5.34.7.3 Combining Implementation and Structural Policy Data

1009 When there are intents present in both hierarchies implementation intents are calculated before the
1010 structural intents. In other words, when combining implementation hierarchy and structural hierarchy
1011 policy data, Rule 1 MUST be applied BEFORE Rule 2. [POL40015]

1012 Note that each of the elements in the hierarchy below a <component> element, such as <service/>,
1013 <reference/> or <binding/>, inherits intents from the equivalent elements in the componentType of the

1014 implementation used by the component. So the <service/> element of the <component> inherits any
1015 intents on the <service/> element with the same name in the <componentType> - and a <binding/>
1016 element under the service in the component inherits any intents on the <binding/> element of the service
1017 (with the same name) in the componentType. Errors caused by mutually exclusive intents appearing on
1018 corresponding elements in the component and on the componentType only occur when those elements
1019 match one-to-one. Mutually exclusive intents can validly occur on elements that are at different levels in
1020 the structural hierarchy (as defined in Rule 2).

1021 Note that it might often be the case that <binding/> elements will be specified in the structure under the
1022 <component/> element in the composite file (especially at the Domain level, where final deployment
1023 configuration is applied) - these elements might have no corresponding elements defined in the
1024 componentType structure. In this situation, the <binding/> elements don't acquire any intents from the
1025 componentType directly (ie there are no elements in the implementation hierarchy of the <binding/>
1026 elements), but those <binding/> elements will acquire intents "flowing down" their structural hierarchy as
1027 defined in Rule 2 - so, for example if the <service/> element is marked with @requires="confidentiality",
1028 the bindings of that service will all inherit that intent, assuming that they don't have their own exclusive
1029 intents specified.

1030 Also, for example, where say a component <service.../> element has an intent that is mutually exclusive
1031 with an intent in the componentType<service.../> element with the same name, it is an error, but this
1032 differs when compared with the case of the <component.../> element having an intent that is mutually
1033 exclusive with an intent on the componentType <service/> element - because they are at different
1034 structural levels: the intent on the <component/> is ignored for that <service/> element and there is no
1035 error.

1036 **4.5.44.7.4 Examples**

1037 As an example, consider the composite in ~~Snippet 4-17~~[the snippet below](#):

1038

```
1039 <composite name="C1" requires="i1">  
1040   <service name="CS" promotes="X/S">  
1041     <binding.ws requires="i2">  
1042   </service>  
1043   <component name="X">  
1044     <implementation.java class="foo"/>  
1045     <service name="S" requires="i3">  
1046   </component>  
1047 </composite>
```

1048 *Snippet 4-7: Example composite with intents*

1049

1050 ...the component service with name "S" has the service named "S" in the componentType of
1051 the implementation in its implementation hierarchy, and the composite service named "CS"
1052 has the component service named "S" in its implementation hierarchy. Service "CS"
1053 acquires the intent "i3" from service "S" – and also gets the intent "i1" from its containing
1054 composite "C1" IF i1 is not mutually exclusive with i3.

1055 When intents apply to an element following the rules described and where no policySets are
1056 attached to the element, the intents for the element can be used to select appropriate
1057 policySets during deployment, using the external attachment mechanism.

1058 Consider the composite in Snippet 4-18:

1059

```
1060 <composite requires="confidentiality">  
1061   <service name="foo" .../>  
1062   <reference name="bar" requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
1063 </composite>
```

1064 *Snippet 4-8: Example reference with intents*

1065
1066 ...in this case, the composite declares that all of its services and references guarantee confidentiality in
1067 their communication, but the “bar” reference further qualifies that requirement to specifically require
1068 message-level security. The “foo” service element has the default qualifier specified for the confidentiality
1069 intent (which might be transport level security) while the “bar” reference has the **confidentiality.message**
1070 intent.

1071 Consider the variation in Snippet 4-19 where a qualified intent is specified at the composite level:

1072

```
1073 <composite requires="confidentiality.transport">  
1074   <service name="foo" .../>  
1075   <reference name="bar" requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
1076 </composite>
```

1077 *Snippet 4-9: Example Qualified intents*

1078

1079 In this case, both the **confidentiality.transport** and the **confidentiality.message** intent
1080 are applied for the reference ‘bar’. If there are no bindings that support this combination, an
1081 error will be generated. However, since in some cases multiple qualifiers for the same intent
1082 can be valid or there might be bindings that support such combinations, the SCA
1083 specification allows this.

1084 It is also possible for a qualified intent to be further qualified. In our example, the
1085 **confidentiality.message** intent could be further qualified to indicate whether just the body of a message
1086 is protected, or the whole message (including headers) is protected. So, the second-level qualifiers might
1087 be “body” and “whole”. The default qualifier might be “whole”. If the “bar” reference from Snippet 4-19
1088 wanted only body confidentiality, it would state:

1089

```
1090 <reference name="bar" requires="acme:confidentiality.message.body"/>
```

1091 *Snippet 4-10: Example Second Level Qualifier*

1092

1093 The definition of the second level of qualification for an intent follows the same rules. As with other
1094 qualified intents, the name of the intent is constructed using the name of the qualifiable intent, the
1095 delimiter “.”, and the name of the qualifier.

1096 **4.64.8 Usage of Intent and Policy Set Attachment together**

1097 As indicated above, it is possible to attach both intents and policySets to an SCA element during
1098 development. The most common use cases for attaching both intents and concrete policySets to an
1099 element are with binding and reference elements.

1100 When the @requires attribute or the <requires> subelement and one or both of the direct policySet
1101 attachment mechanisms are used together during development, it indicates the intention of the developer
1102 to configure the element, such as a binding, by the application of specific policySet(s) to this element.

1103 [The same behavior can be enabled by external attachment of intents and policySets.](#)

1104

1105 Developers who attach intents and policySets in conjunction with each other need to be aware of the
1106 implications of how the policySets are selected and how the intents are utilized to select specific
1107 intentMaps, override defaults, etc. The details are provided in the Section [Guided Selection of
1108 PolicySets using Intents.](#)

4.74.9 Intents and PolicySets on Implementations and Component Types

It is possible to specify intents and policySets within a component's implementation, which get exposed to SCA through the corresponding *component type*. How the intents or policies are specified within an implementation depends on the implementation technology. For example, Java can use an `@requires` annotation to specify intents.

The intents and policySets specified within an implementation can be found on the

`<sca:implementation.*>` and the `<sca:service>` and `<sca:reference>` elements of the component type.

The for example [below shows direct attachment of intents and policySets using the `@requires` and `@policySets` attributes:](#)

```
<componentType>
  <implementation.* requires="listOfQNames" policySets="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </implementation>
  <service name="myService" requires="listOfQNames"
    policySets="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </service>
  <reference name="myReference" requires="listOfQNames"
    policySets="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </reference>
  ...
</componentType>
```

Snippet 4-11: Example of intents on an implementation

Intents expressed in the component type are handled according to the rule defined for the implementation hierarchy. See [Intent rule 2](#)

For explicitly listed policySets, the list in the component using the implementation can override policySets from the component type. **If a component has any policySets attached to it (by any means), then any policySets attached to the componentType MUST be ignored.** [POL40006]

4.84.10 Intents on Interfaces

Interfaces are used in association with SCA services and references. These interfaces can be declared in SCA composite files and also in SCA componentType files. The interfaces can be defined using a number of different interface definition languages which include WSDL, Java interfaces and C++ header files.

It is possible for some interfaces to be referenced from an implementation rather than directly from any SCA files. An example of this usage is a Java implementation class file that has a reference declared that in turn uses a Java interface defined separately. When this occurs, the interface definition is treated from an SCA perspective as part of the componentType of the implementation, logically being part of the declaration of the related service or reference element.

Both the declaration of interfaces in SCA and also the definitions of interfaces can carry policy-related information. In particular, both the declarations and the definitions can have either intents attached to them, or policySets attached to them - or both. For SCA declarations, the intents and policySets always apply to the whole of the interface (ie all operations and all messages within each operation). For interface definitions, intents and policySets can apply to the whole interface or they can apply only to specific operations within the interface or they can even apply only to specific messages within particular operations. (To see how this is done, refer to the places in the SCA specifications that deal with the relevant interface definition language)

1159 This means, in effect, that there are 4 places which can hold policy related information for interfaces:

- 1160 1. The interface definition file that is referenced from the component type.
- 1161 2. The interface declaration for a service or reference in the component type
- 1162 3. The interface definition file that is referenced from the component declaration in a composite
- 1163 4. The interface declaration within a component

1164 When calculating the set of intents and set of policySets which apply to either a service element or to a
1165 reference element of a component, intents and policySets from the interface definition and from the
1166 interface declaration(s) MUST be applied to the service or reference element and to the binding
1167 element(s) belonging to that element. [POL40016]

1168 The locations where interfaces are defined and where interfaces are declared in the componentType and
1169 in a component MUST be treated as part of the implementation hierarchy as defined in Section 4.5
1170 Attaching intents to SCA elements. [POL40019]

1171 4.94.11 BindingTypes and Related Intents

1172 SCA Binding types implement particular communication mechanisms for connecting components
1173 together. See detailed discussion in the [SCA Assembly Specification](#) [SCA-Assembly]. Some binding
1174 types can realize intents inherently by virtue of the kind of protocol technology they implement (e.g. an
1175 SSL binding would natively support confidentiality). For these kinds of binding types, it might be the case
1176 that using that binding type, without any additional configuration, provides a concrete realization of an
1177 intent. In addition, binding instances which are created by configuring a binding type might be able to
1178 provide some intents by virtue of their configuration. It is important to know, when selecting a binding to
1179 satisfy a set of intents, just what the binding types themselves can provide and what they can be
1180 configured to provide.

1181 The bindingType element is used to declare a class of binding available in a SCA Domain. The pseudo-
1182 schema for the bindingType element is shown in Snippet 4-22:

1183

```
1184 <bindingType type="NCName"  
1185     alwaysProvides="listOfQNames" ?  
1186     mayProvide="listOfQNames" ? />
```

1187 *Snippet 4-12: bindingTypePseudo-Schema*

1188

- 1189 • @type (1..1) – declares the NCName of the bindingType, which is used to form the QName of the
1190 bindingType. The QName of the bindingType MUST be unique amongst the set of bindingTypes in
1191 the SCA Domain. [POL40020]
- 1192 • @alwaysProvides (0..1) – a list of intent QNames that are natively provided. A natively provided intent
1193 is hard-coded into the binding implementation. The function represented by the intent cannot be
1194 turned off.
- 1195 • @mayProvides (0..1) – a list of intent QNames that are natively provided by the binding
1196 implementation, but which are activated only when present in the intent set that is applied to a binding
1197 instance.

1198 A binding implementation MUST implement all the intents listed in the @alwaysProvides and
1199 @mayProvides attributes. [POL40021]

1200 The kind of intents a given binding might be capable of providing, beyond these inherent intents, are
1201 implied by the presence of policySets that declare the given binding in their @appliesTo attribute.

1202 For example, if the policySet in Snippet 4-23 is available in a SCA Domain it says that the (example)
1203 foo:binding.ssl can provide “reliability” in addition to any other intents it might provide inherently.

1204

```
1205 <policySet name="ReliableSSL" provides="exactlyOnce"
```

```
1206     appliesTo="foo:binding.ssl">
1207     ...
1208 </policySet>
```

1209 *Snippet 4-13: Example policySet Applied to a binding*

1210 **4.104.12 Treatment of Components with Internal Wiring**

1211 This section discusses the steps involved in the development and deployment of a component and its
1212 relationship to selection of bindings and policies for wiring services and references.

1213 The SCA developer starts by defining a component. Typically, this contains services and references. It
1214 can also have intents [attacheddefined](#) at various locations within composite and component types as well
1215 as policySets [attacheddefined](#) at various locations.

1216 Both for ease of development as well as for deployment, the wiring constraints to relate services and
1217 references need to be determined. This is accomplished by matching constraints of the services and
1218 references to those of corresponding references and services in other components.

1219 In this process, the intents, and the policySets that apply to both sides of a wire play an important role. In
1220 addition, concrete policies need to be selected that satisfy the intents for the service and the reference
1221 and are also compatible with each other. For services and references that make use of bidirectional
1222 interfaces, the same determination of matching policySets also has to take place for callbacks.

1223 Determining compatibility of wiring plays an important role prior to deployment as well as during the
1224 deployment phases of a component. For example, during development, it helps a developer to determine
1225 whether it is possible to wire services and references using the `-policySets` available in the development
1226 environment. During deployment, the wiring constraints determine whether wiring can be achievable. It
1227 also aids in adding additional concrete policies or making adjustments to concrete policies in order to
1228 deliver the constraints. Here are the concepts that are needed in making wiring decisions:

- 1229 • The set of intents that individually apply to *each* service or reference.
- 1230 • When possible the intents that are applied to the service, the reference and callback (if any) at the
1231 other end of the wire. This set is called the *required intent set* and only applies when dealing with a
1232 wire connecting two components within the same SCA Domain. When external connections are
1233 involved, from clients or to services that are outside the SCA domain, intents are only available for the
1234 end of the connection that is inside the domain. See Section "[Preparing Services and References
1235 for External Connection](#)" for more details.
- 1236 • The policySets that apply to each service or reference.

1237 The set of provided intents for a binding instance is the union of the set of intents listed in the
1238 "alwaysProvides" attribute and the set of intents listed in the "mayProvides" attribute of its binding type.
1239 The capabilities represented by the "alwaysProvides" intent set are always present, irrespective of the
1240 configuration of the binding instance. Each capability represented by the "mayProvides" intent set is only
1241 present when the list of intents applied to the binding instance (either applied directly, or inherited)
1242 contains the particular intent (or a qualified version of that intent, if the intent set contains an unqualified
1243 form of a qualifiable intent). When an

1244 intent is directly provided by the binding type, there is no need to apply a policy set that provides that
1245 intent.

1246 When bidirectional interfaces are in use, the same process of selecting policySets to provide the intents is
1247 also performed for the callback bindings.

1248 **4.10.14.12.1 Determining Wire Validity and Configuration**

1249 The above approach determines the policySets that are used in conjunction with the binding instances
1250 listed for services and references. For services and references that are resolved using SCA wires, the
1251 policySets chosen on each side of the wire might or might not be compatible. The following approach is
1252 used to determine whether they are compatible and whether the wire is valid. If the wire

1253 uses a bidirectional interface, then the following technique ensures that valid configured
1254 policySets can be found for both directions of the bidirectional interface.

1255 The SCA runtime MUST determine the compatibility of the policySets at each end of a wire using the
1256 compatibility rules of the policy language used for those policySets. [POL40022] The policySets at each
1257 end of a wire MUST be incompatible if they use different policy languages. [POL40023] However, there is
1258 a special case worth mentioning:

- 1259 • If both sides of the wire use identical policySets (by referring to the same policySet by its QName in
1260 both sides of the wire), then they are compatible.

1261 Where the policy language in use for a wire is WS-Policy, strict WS-Policy intersection MUST be used to
1262 determine policy compatibility. [POL40024]

1263 In order for a reference to connect to a particular service, the policies of the reference MUST intersect
1264 with the policies of the service. [POL40025]

1265 4.114.13 Preparing Services and References for External 1266 Connection

1267 Services and references are sometimes not intended for SCA wiring, but for communication with software
1268 that is outside of the SCA domain. References can contain bindings that specify the endpoint address of
1269 a service that exists outside of the current SCA domain. Services can specify bindings that can be
1270 exposed to clients that are outside of the SCA domain.

1271 Matching service/reference policies across the SCA Domain boundary MUST use WS-Policy compatibility
1272 (strict WS-Policy intersection) if the policies are expressed in WS-Policy syntax. [POL40007] For other
1273 policy languages, the policy language defines the comparison semantics.

1274 For external services and references that make use of bidirectional interfaces, the same determination
1275 of matching policies has to also take place for the callback.

1276 The policies that apply to the service/reference are computed as discussed in [Guided Selection of
1277 PolicySets using Intents](#).

1278 4.14 Deployment ~~Guided Selection of PolicySets using Intents~~

1279 The SCA Assembly Specification [SCA-Assembly] describes how to gather together SCA
1280 artifacts and deploy them to create executable components. This section discusses the Policy aspects of
1281 deployment: how intents and policySets are gathered together, how intents are satisfied by the policies in
1282 the policySets and the conditions under which redeployment becomes necessary as intents and
1283 policySets change.

1284 **4.12** To start the Policy aspect of the deployment process, the intents that are available in the SCA
1285 domain are examined and the XPath expressions that are the values of their @attachTo attributes are
1286 evaluated and the intents are attached to the SCA elements selected by the XPath expressions. Note
1287 that the @attachTo attribute may be missing or its value may be empty, in which case no attachment is
1288 performed for the particular intent. Following this, if external attachment of policySets is supported, the
1289 policySets that are available in the SCA domain are examined and the XPath expressions that are the
1290 values of their @attachTo attributes are evaluated and the policySets are attached to the SCA elements
1291 selected by the XPath expressions. If the @attachTo attribute is missing or its value is empty, no
1292 attachment is performed for the particular policySet.

1293
1294 The SCA runtime MUST raise an error if the value of the @attachTo XPath expression resolves to an
1295 SCA <property> element, or any of its children. [POL40002]

1296
1297 If both intents as well as policySets need to be attached externally to SCA elements

1298 The intents MUST be attached before policySets [POL4xxxx]

1299
1300 The algorithm for matching intents with policySets is described in the following subsection.
1301 As discussed in SCA Assembly Specification [SCA-Assembly artifacts in the SCA domain are in one of
1302 3 states:
1303 1. Installed
1304 2. Deployed
1305 3. Running
1306 Intents and policySets may be managed separately from other SCA artifacts and may change while other
1307 artifacts are in one of the above states.

1308
1309 If an intent is added or removed from the set of intents known to an SCA domain or if the value of the
1310 @attachTo attribute of a known intent changes, then the relevant artifacts in the SCA domain must be
1311 redeployed by first performing external attachment of intents followed by external attachment of
1312 policySets (see [POL4xxxx] above. After this, the algorithm described below for matching intents with
1313 policySets must be run. This algorithm may succeed or fail, in that the set of intents in the domain may or
1314 may not be satisfied.

1315 If the algorithm fails, in that one or more intents are left unsatisfied, an error will be raised and the
1316 implementation may wish to correct the error and attempt to reeploy. No change SHOULD be made
1317 to the previously deployed and running artifacts [POL4xxxx].

1318 If the algorithm succeeds and all intents are satisfied a new deployed artifact is created. It is
1319 implementation defined whether or when this new deployed artifact replaces existing deployed and
1320 running artifacts.

1321 Similarly, if a policySet is added or removed from the set of policySets known to an SCA domain or if the
1322 value of the @attachTo attribute of a known policySet changes, then the relevant artifacts in the SCA
1323 domain must be redeployed by performing external attachment of policySets again. After this, the
1324 algorithm described below for matching intents with policySets must be run. This algorithm may succeed
1325 or fail, in that the set of intents in the domain may or may not be satisfied.

1326 If the algorithm fails, in that one or more intents are left unsatisfied, an error will be raised and the
1327 implementation may wish to correct the error and attempt to reeploy. No change SHOULD be made
1328 to the previously deployed and running artifacts [POL4xxxx].

1329 If the algorithm succeeds and all intents are satisfied a new deployed artifact is created. It is
1330 implementation defined whether or when this new deployed artifact replaces existing deployed and
1331 running artifacts.

1332
1333 ~~This section describes the selection of concrete policies that provide a set of intents~~
1334 ~~expressed for an element. The purpose is to construct the set of concrete policies that are attached to an~~
1335 ~~element taking into account the explicitly declared policySets that are attached to an element as well as~~
1336 ~~policySets that are externally attached. The aim is to satisfy all of the intents expressed for each element.~~
1337 ~~If the unqualified form of a qualifiable intent is attached to an element, it can be satisfied by a policySet~~
1338 ~~that specifies any one of qualified forms of the intent in the value of its @provides attribute, or it can be~~
1339 ~~satisfied by a policySet which @provides the unqualified form of the intent. If the qualified form of the~~
1340 ~~intent is attached to an element then it can be satisfied only by a policy that @provides that qualified form~~
1341 ~~of the intent.~~

1342 **4.14.1 -Matching Intents and PolicySets**

1343 This section describes the selection of concrete policies that provide the
1344 requirements expressed by the set of intents associated with an SCA element. The purpose is to
1345 construct the set of concrete policies that are attached to an element taking into account the explicitly

1346 declared policySets that are attached to an element as well as policySets that are externally attached.
1347 The aim is to satisfy all of the intents associated with each element.

1348 If the unqualified form of a qualifiable intent is attached to an element, it can be satisfied by a
1349 policySet that specifies any one of qualified forms of the intent in the value of its @provides attribute, or it
1350 can be satisfied by a policySet which @provides the unqualified form of the intent. If the qualified form of
1351 the intent is attached to an element then it can be satisfied only by a policy that @provides that qualified
1352 form of the intent.

1353 **4.12.1**

1354 **Note: In the following, the following rule is observed when an intent set is computed.**

1355 When a profile intent is encountered in either a global @requires attribute, an intent/@requires attribute, a
1356 <requires> subelement or a policySet/@provides attribute, the profile intent is immediately replaced by
1357 the intents that it composes (i.e. all the intents that appear in the profile intent's @requires attribute). This
1358 rule is applied recursively until profile intents do not appear in an intent set. [This is stated generally here,
1359 in order to not have to restate this at multiple places].

1360 The **required intent set** that is attached to an element is:

- 1361 1. The set of intents ~~specified in the element's @requires attribute, attached to the element either by~~
1362 direct attachment or external attachment via the mechanisms described in sections 4.2 and 4.3.
- 1363 2. add any intents found in any related interface definition or declaration, as described in the section
1364 4.10 Intents on Interfaces.
- 1365 3. add any intents found on elements below the target element in its implementation hierarchy as
1366 defined in Rule 1 in Section 4.5
- 1367 4. add any intents ~~found in the @requires attributes and <requires> subelements of attached to~~ each
1368 ancestor element in the element's structural hierarchy as defined in [Rule 2](#) in Section 4.5
- 1369 5. **removeless** any intents that do not include the target element's type in their @constrains attribute.
- 1370 6. remove the unqualified version of an intent if the set also contains a qualified version of that intent

1371 **If the required intent set contains a mutually exclusive pair of intents the SCA runtime MUST reject the**
1372 **document containing the element and raise an error.** [POL40017]

1373 The **directly provided intent set** for an element is the set of intents listed in the @alwaysProvides
1374 attribute combined with the set of intents listed in the @mayProvides attribute of the bindingType or
1375 implementationType declaration for a binding or implementation element respectively.

1376 The **set of PolicySets attached to an element** include those **explicitly specified** using the @policySets
1377 attribute or the <policySetAttachment/> element and those which are **externally attached**.

1378 A policySet **applies to** a target element if the result of the XPath expression contained in the policySet's
1379 @appliesTo attribute, when evaluated against the document containing the target element, includes the
1380 target element. For example, @appliesTo="binding.ws[@impl='axis']" matches any binding.ws element
1381 that has an @impl attribute value of 'axis'.

1382 The set of **explicitly specified** policySets for an element is:

- 1383 1. The union of the policySets specified in the element's @policySets attribute and those specified in
1384 any <policySetAttachment/> child element(s).
- 1385 2. add the policySets declared in the @policySets attributes and <policySetAttachment/> elements from
1386 elements in the structural hierarchy of the element.
- 1387 3. remove any policySet where the policySet does not apply to the target element.
1388 *It is not an error for a policySet to be attached to an element to which it doesn't apply.*

1389 The set of **externally attached** policySets for an element is:

- 1390 1. Each <PolicySet/> in the Domain where the element is targeted by the @attachTo attribute of the
1391 policySet
- 1392 2. remove any policySet where the policySet does not apply to the target element.
1393 *It is not an error for a policySet to be attached to an element to which it doesn't apply.*

1394 A policySet ***provides an intent*** if any of the statements are true:

- 1395 1. The intent is contained in the `policySet @provides` list of the policySet.
- 1396 2. The intent is a qualified intent and the unqualified form of the intent is contained in the `policySet`
1397 `@provides` list of the policySet.
- 1398 3. The policySet `@provides` list contains a qualified form of the intent (where the intent is qualifiable).

1399 **All intents in the required intent set for an element SHOULD be provided by the directly provided intents**
1400 **set and the set of policySets that apply to the element.** [POL40018]

1401 If the combination of implementationType / bindingType / collection of policySets does not satisfy all of
1402 the intents which apply to the element, the configuration is not valid. However, an SCA Runtime can allow
1403 a deployer to force deployment even in the presence of such errors as long as a warning is issued or
1404 some other indication is provided that deployment has been forced. Details of the behavior of the
1405 deployer in such situations are not specified in this specification.

5 Implementation Policies

1406

1407 The basic model for Implementation Policies is very similar to the model for interaction policies described
1408 above. Abstract QoS requirements, in the form of intents, can be associated with SCA component
1409 implementations to indicate implementation policy requirements. These abstract capabilities are mapped
1410 to concrete policies via policySets at deployment time. Alternatively, policies can be associated directly
1411 with component implementations using policySets. Intents and policySets can be associated with an
1412 implementation using any of the mechanisms described above.

1413 Snippet 5-1 shows how one way of associating intents ~~can be associated~~ with an implementation:

1414

1415

```
1416 <component name="xs:NCName" ... >  
1417   <implementation.* ... requires="listOfQNames">  
1418     ...  
1419   </implementation>  
1420   ...  
1421 </component>
```

1422 *Snippet 5-1: Example of intents Associated with an implementation*

1423

1424 If, for example, one of the intent names in the value of the @requires attribute is 'logging', this indicates
1425 that all messages to and from the component **have** to be logged. The technology used to implement the
1426 logging is unspecified. Specific technology is selected when the intent is mapped to a policySet (unless
1427 the implementation type has native support for the intent, as described in the next section). A list of
1428 implementation intents can ~~also~~ be specified by any ancestor element of the <sca:implementation>
1429 element. The effective list of implementation intents is the union of intents specified on the
1430 implementation element and all its ancestors.

1431 In addition, one or more policySets can be specified directly by associating them with the implementation
1432 of a component.

1433

```
1434 <component name="xs:NCName" ... >  
1435 <implementation.* ... policySets="="listOfQNames">  
1436   ...  
1437 </implementation>  
1438   ...  
1439 </component>
```

1440 *Snippet 5-2: Example of policySets Associated with an implemenation*

1441

1442 Snippet 5-2 shows how intents and policySets can be specified on a component. It is also possible to
1443 specify intents and policySets within the implementation. How this is done is defined by the
1444 implementation type.

1445 The intents and policy sets are specified on the <sca:implementation.*> element within the component
1446 type. This is important because intent and policy set definitions need to be able to specify that they
1447 constrain an appropriate implementation type.

1448

```
1449 <componentType>  
1450   <implementation.* requires="listOfQNames" policySets="listOfQNames">  
1451     ...  
1452   </implementation>  
1453   ...
```

1454 `</componentType>`

1455 *Snippet 5-3: intents and policySets Constraining an implementation*

1456

1457 When applying policies, the intents attached to the implementation are added to the intents attached to
1458 the using component. For the explicitly listed policySets, the list in the component can override policySets
1459 from the componentType.

1460 Some implementation intents are targeted at `<binding/>` elements rather than at `<implementation/>`
1461 elements. This occurs in cases where there is a need to influence the operation of the binding
1462 implementation code rather than the code directly related to the implementation itself. Implementation
1463 elements of this kind will have a `@constrains` attribute pointing to a binding element, with a `@intentType`
1464 of "implementation".

1465 5.1 Natively Supported Intents

1466 Each implementation type (e.g. `<sca:implementation.java>` or `<sca:implementation.bpel>`) has an
1467 **implementation type definition** within the SCA Domain. An implementation type definition is declared
1468 using an `implementationType` element within a `<definitions/>` declaration. The pseudo-schema for the
1469 `implementationType` element is shown in Snippet 5-4:

1470

```
1471 <implementationType type="QName"  
1472 alwaysProvides="listOfQNames"? mayProvide="listOfQNames"? />
```

1473 *Snippet 5-4: implementationType Pseudo-Schema*

1474

1475 The implementation Type element has the following attributes:

- 1476 • **name : QName (1..1)** - the name of the implementationType. The implementationType name attribute
1477 MUST be the QName of an XSD global element definition used for implementation elements of that
1478 type. [POL50001] For example: "sca:implementation.java".
- 1479 • **alwaysProvides : list of QNames (0..1)** - a set of intents. The intents in the alwaysProvides set are
1480 always provided by this implementation type, whether the intents are attached to the using
1481 component or not.
- 1482 • **mayProvide : list of QNames (0..1)** - a set of intents. The intents in the mayProvide set are provided
1483 by this implementation type if the intent in question is attached to the using component.

1484 5.2 Writing PolicySets for Implementation Policies

1485 | The `@appliesTo` and `@attachTo` attributes for a policySet takes an XPath expression that is applied to a
1486 service, reference, binding or an implementation element. For implementation policies, in most cases, all
1487 that is needed is the QName of the implementation type. Implementation policies can be expressed using
1488 any policy language (which is to say, any configuration language). For example, XACML or EJB-style
1489 annotations can be used to declare authorization policies. Other capabilities could be configured using
1490 completely proprietary configuration formats.

1491 | For example, a policySet declared to turn on trace-level logging for a BPEL component `could` be
1492 declared as is Snippet 5-5:

1493

```
1494 <policySet name="loggingPolicy" provides="acme:logging.trace"  
1495 appliesTo="sca:implementation.bpel" ...>  
1496 <acme:processLogging level="3"/>  
1497 </policySet>
```

1498 *Snippet 5-5: Example policySet Applied to implementation.bpel*

1499 **5.2.1 Non WS-Policy Examples**

1500 Authorization policies expressed in XACML [could](#) be used in the framework in two ways:

1501 1. Embed XACML expressions directly in the PolicyAttachment element using the extensibility elements
1502 discussed above, or

1503 2. Define WS-Policy assertions to wrap XACML expressions.

1504 For EJB-style authorization policy, [the same approach could be used](#):

1505 1. Embed EJB-annotations in the PolicyAttachment element using the extensibility elements discussed
1506 above, or

1507 2. Use the WS-Policy assertions defined as wrappers for EJB annotations.

1508 6 Roles and Responsibilities

1509 There are 4 roles that are significant for the SCA Policy Framework. The following is a list of the roles and
1510 the artifacts that the role creates:

- 1511 • Policy Administrator – policySet definitions and intent definitions
- 1512 • Developer – Implementations and component types
- 1513 • Assembler - Composites
- 1514 • Deployer – Composites and the SCA Domain (including the logical Domain-level composite)

1515 6.1 Policy Administrator

1516 An intent represents a requirement that a developer or assembler can make, which ultimately have to be
1517 satisfied at runtime. The full definition of the requirement is the informal text description in the intent
1518 definition.

1519 The **policy administrator**'s job is to both define the intents that are available and to define the policySets
1520 that represent the concrete realization of those informal descriptions for some set of binding type or
1521 implementation types. See the sections on intent and policySet definitions for the details of those
1522 definitions.

1523 6.2 Developer

1524 When it is possible for a component to be written without assuming a specific binding type for its services
1525 and references, then the **developer** uses intents to specify requirements in a binding neutral way.

1526 If the developer requires a specific binding type for a component, then the developer can specify bindings
1527 and policySets with the implementation of the component. Those bindings and policySets will be
1528 represented in the component type for the implementation (although that component type might be
1529 generated from the implementation).

1530 If any of the policySets used for the implementation include intentMaps, then the default choice for the
1531 intentMap can be overridden by an assembler or deployer by requiring a qualified intent that is present in
1532 the intentMap.

1533 6.3 Assembler

1534 An **assembler** creates composites. Because composites are implementations, an assembler is like a
1535 developer, except that the implementations created by an assembler are composites made up of other
1536 components wired together. So, like other developers, the assembler can specify intents or bindings or
1537 policySets on any service or reference of the composite.

1538 However, in addition the definition of composite-level services and references, it is also possible for the
1539 assembler to use the policy framework to further configure components within the composite. The
1540 assembler can add additional requirements to any component's services or references or to the
1541 component itself (for implementation policies). The assembler can also override the bindings or
1542 policySets used for the component. See the assembly specification's description of overriding rules for
1543 details on overriding.

1544 As a shortcut, an assembler can also specify intents and policySets on any element in the composite
1545 definition, which has the same effect as specifying those intents and policySets on every applicable
1546 binding or implementation below that element (where applicability is determined by the @appliesTo
1547 attribute of the policySet definition or the @constrains attribute of the intent definition).

1548 **6.4 Deployer**

1549 A **deployer** deploys implementations (typically composites) into the SCA Domain. It is the
1550 deployers job to make the final decisions about all configurable aspects of an implementation that is to be
1551 deployed and to make sure that all intents are satisfied.

1552 If the deployer determines that an implementation is correctly configured as it is, then the implementation
1553 can be deployed directly. However, more typically, the deployer will create a new composite, which
1554 contains a component for each implementation to be deployed along with any changes to the bindings or
1555 policySets that the deployer desires.

1556 When the deployer is determining whether the existing list of policySets is correct for a component, the
1557 deployer needs to consider both the explicitly listed policySets as well as the policySets that will be
1558 chosen according to the algorithm specified in [Guided Selection of PolicySets using Intents](#).

7 Security Policy

1559

1560 The SCA Security Model provides SCA developers the flexibility to specify the necessary level of security
1561 protection for their components to satisfy business requirements without the burden of understanding
1562 detailed security mechanisms.

1563 The SCA Policy framework distinguishes between two types of policies: **interaction policy** and
1564 **implementation policy**. Interaction policy governs the communications between clients and service
1565 providers and typically applies to Services and References. In the security space, interaction policy is
1566 concerned with client and service provider authentication and message protection requirements.
1567 Implementation policy governs security constraints on service implementations and typically applies to
1568 Components. In the security space, implementation policy concerns include access control, identity
1569 delegation, and other security quality of service characteristics that are pertinent to the service
1570 implementations.

1571 The SCA security interaction policy can be specified via intents or policySets. Intents represent security
1572 quality of service requirements at a high abstraction level, independent from security protocols, while
1573 policySets specify concrete policies at a detailed level, which are typically security protocol specific.

1574 The SCA security policy can be specified either in an SCA composite or by using the External Policy
1575 Attachment Mechanism or by annotations in the implementation code. Language-specific annotations are
1576 described in the respective language Client and Implementation specifications.

7.1 SCA Security Policy Intents

1577

1578 The SCA security specification defines the following intents to specify interaction policy:

1579 serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication, confidentiality, and integrity.

- 1580 • **serverAuthentication** – When *serverAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that
1581 the server is authenticated by the client. [POL70013]
- 1582 • **clientAuthentication** – When *clientAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that the
1583 client is authenticated by the server. [POL70014]
- 1584 • **authentication** – this is a profile intent that requires only clientAuthentication. It is included for
1585 backwards compatibility.
- 1586 • **mutualAuthentication** – this is a profile intent that includes the serverAuthentication and the
1587 clientAuthentication intents just described.
- 1588 • **confidentiality** – the confidentiality intent is used to indicate that the contents of a message are
1589 accessible only to those authorized to have access (typically the service client and the service
1590 provider). A common approach is to encrypt the message, although other methods are possible.
1591 When confidentiality is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that only authorized entities can view
1592 the contents of a message. [POL70009]
- 1593 • **integrity** – the integrity intent is used to indicate that assurance is that the contents of a message
1594 have not been tampered with and altered between sender and receiver. A common approach is to
1595 digitally sign the message, although other methods are possible. When *integrity* is present, an SCA
1596 Runtime MUST ensure that the contents of a message are not altered. [POL70010]

1597 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

7.2 Interaction Security Policy

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1599 Any one of the three security intents can be further qualified to specify more specific business
1600 requirements. Two qualifiers are defined by the SCA security specification: transport and message, which
1601 can be applied to any of the above three intent's.

1602 7.2.1 Qualifiers

1603 **transport** – the transport qualifier specifies that the qualified intent is realized at the transport or transfer
1604 layer of the communication protocol, such as HTTPS. When a serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication,
1605 confidentiality or integrity intent is qualified by message, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate
1606 serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication, confidentiality and integrity, respectively, to the message layer
1607 of the communication protocol. [POL70011]

1608 **message** – the message qualifier specifies that the qualified intent is realized at the message level of the
1609 communication protocol. When a serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication, confidentiality or integrity
1610 intent is qualified by message, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate serverAuthentication,
1611 clientAuthentication, confidentiality and integrity, respectively, to the message layer of the communication
1612 protocol. [POL70012]

1613

1614 Snippet 7-1 shows the usage of intents and qualified intents.

1615

```
1616 <composite name="example" requires="confidentiality">  
1617   <service name="foo"/>  
1618   ...  
1619   <reference name="bar" requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
1620 </composite>
```

1621 *Snippet 7-1: Example using Qualified Intents*

1622

1623 In this case, the composite declares that all of its services and references have to guarantee
1624 confidentiality in their communication by setting requires="confidentiality". This applies to the "foo"
1625 service. However, the "bar" reference further qualifies that requirement to specifically require message-
1626 level security by setting requires="confidentiality.message".

1627 7.3 Implementation Security Policy Intent

1628 The SCA Security specification defines the **authorization** intent to specify implementation policy.

1629 **authorization** – the authorization intent is used to indicate that a client needs to be authorized before
1630 being allowed to use the service. Being authorized means that a check is made as to whether any
1631 policies apply to the client attempting to use the service, and if so, those policies govern whether or not
1632 the client is allowed access. When **authorization** is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the client
1633 is authorized to use the service. [POL70001]

1634 This unqualified authorization intent implies that basic "Subject-Action-Resource" authorization support is
1635 required, where Subject may be as simple as a single identifier representing the identity of the client,
1636 Action may be a single identifier representing the operation the client intends to apply to the Resource,
1637 and the Resource may be a single identifier representing the identity of the Resource to which the Action
1638 is intended to be applied.

8 Reliability Policy

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1640 Failures can affect the communication between a service consumer and a service provider.

1641 Depending on the characteristics of the binding, these failures could cause messages to be redelivered,
1642 delivered in a different order than they were originally sent out or even worse, could cause messages to
1643 be lost. Some transports like JMS provide built-in reliability features such as “at least once” and “exactly
1644 once” message delivery. Other transports like HTTP need to have additional layers built on top of them to
1645 provide some of these features.

1646 The events that occur due to failures in communication can affect the outcome of the service invocation.
1647 For an implementation of a stock trade service, a message redelivery could result in a new trade. A client
1648 (i.e. consumer) of the same service could receive a fault message if trade orders are not delivered to the
1649 service implementation in the order they were sent out. In some cases, these failures could have dramatic
1650 consequences.

1651 An SCA developer can anticipate some types of failures and work around them in service
1652 implementations. For example, the implementation of a stock trade service could be designed to support
1653 duplicate message detection. An implementation of a purchase order service could have built in logic that
1654 orders the incoming messages. In these cases, service implementations don't need the binding layers to
1655 provide these reliability features (e.g. duplicate message detection, message ordering). However, this
1656 comes at a cost: extra complexity is built in the service implementation. Along with business logic, the
1657 service implementation has additional logic that handles these failures.

1658 Although service implementations can work around some of these types of failures, it is worth noting that
1659 workarounds are not always possible. A message can be lost or expire even before it is delivered to the
1660 service implementation.

1661 Instead of handling some of these issues in the service implementation, a better way is to use a binding
1662 or a protocol that supports reliable messaging. This is better, not just because it simplifies application
1663 development, it can also lead to better throughput. For example, there is less need for application-level
1664 acknowledgement messages. A binding supports reliable messaging if it provides features such as
1665 message delivery guarantees, duplicate message detection and message ordering.

1666 It is very important for the SCA developer to be able to require, at design-time, a binding or protocol that
1667 supports reliable messaging. SCA defines a set of policy intents that can be used for specifying reliable
1668 messaging Quality of Service requirements. These reliable messaging intents establish a contract
1669 between the binding layer and the application layer (i.e. service implementation or the service consumer
1670 implementation) (see below).

1671 8.1 Reliability Policy Intents

1672 Based on the use-cases described above, the following policy intents are defined:

1673 1. **atLeastOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a
1674 service consumer is delivered to the destination (i.e. service implementation). The message could be
1675 delivered more than once to the service implementation. **When *atLeastOnce* is present, an SCA
1676 Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation, and MAY deliver
1677 duplicates of a message to the service implementation. [POL80001]**

1678 The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a service
1679 implementation is delivered to the destination (i.e. service consumer). The message could be
1680 delivered more than once to the service consumer.

1681 2. **atMostOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a
1682 service consumer is not delivered more than once to the service implementation. The binding
1683 implementation does not guarantee that the message is delivered to the service implementation.
1684 **When *atMostOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MAY deliver a message to the destination service**

1685 implementation, and MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
1686 [POL80002]

1687 The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a service
1688 implementation is not delivered more than once to the service consumer. The binding implementation
1689 does not guarantee that the message is delivered to the service consumer.

1690 3. **ordered** – The binding implementation guarantees that the messages sent by a service client via a
1691 single service reference are delivered to the target service implementation in the order in which they
1692 were sent by the service client. This intent does not guarantee that messages that are sent by a
1693 service client are delivered to the service implementation. Note that this intent has nothing to say
1694 about the ordering of messages sent via different service references by a single service client, even if
1695 the same service implementation is targeted by each of the service references. **When ordered is**
1696 **present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver messages sent by a single source to a single destination**
1697 **service implementation in the order that the messages were sent by that source.** [POL80003]

1698 For service interfaces that involve messages being sent back from the service implementation to the
1699 service client (eg. a service with a callback interface), for this intent, the binding implementation
1700 guarantees that the messages sent by the service implementation over a given wire are delivered to
1701 the service client in the order in which they were sent by the service implementation. This intent does
1702 not guarantee that messages that are sent by the service implementation are delivered to the service
1703 consumer.

1704 4. **exactlyOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message sent by a service consumer is
1705 delivered to the service implementation. Also, the binding implementation guarantees that the
1706 message is not delivered more than once to the service implementation. **When exactlyOnce is**
1707 **present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation and**
1708 **MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.** [POL80004]

1709 The binding implementation guarantees that a message sent by a service implementation is delivered
1710 to the service consumer. Also, the binding implementation guarantees that the message is not
1711 delivered more than once to the service consumer.

1712 NOTE: This is a profile intent, which is composed of *atLeastOnce* and *atMostOnce*.

1713 This is the most reliable intent since it guarantees the following:

- 1714 – message delivery – all the messages sent by a sender are delivered to the service
1715 implementation (i.e. Java class, BPEL process, etc.).
- 1716 – duplicate message detection and elimination – a message sent by a sender is not processed
1717 more than once by the service implementation.

1718 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1719 How can a binding implementation guarantee that a message that it receives is delivered to the service
1720 implementation? One way to do it is by persisting the message and keeping redelivering it until it is
1721 processed by the service implementation. That way, if the system crashes after delivery but while
1722 processing it, the message will be redelivered on restart and processed again. Since a message could be
1723 delivered multiple times to the service implementation, this technique usually requires the service
1724 implementation to perform duplicate message detection. However, that is not always possible. Often
1725 times service implementations that perform critical operations are designed without having support for
1726 duplicate message detection. Therefore, they cannot *process* an incoming
1727 message more than once.

1728 Also, consider the scenario where a message is delivered to a service implementation that does not
1729 handle duplicates - the system crashes after a message is delivered to the service implementation but
1730 before it is completely processed. Does the underlying layer redeliver the message on restart? If it did
1731 that, there is a risk that some critical operations (e.g. sending out a JMS message or updating a DB table)
1732 will be executed again when the message is processed. On the other hand, if the underlying layer does
1733 not redeliver the message, there is a risk that the message is never completely processed.

1734 This issue cannot be safely solved unless all the critical operations performed by the service

1735 implementation are running in a transaction. Therefore, *exactlyOnce* cannot be assured without involving
1736 the service implementation. In other words, an *exactlyOnce* message delivery does not guarantee
1737 *exactlyOnce* message processing unless the service implementation is transactional. It's worth noting that
1738 this is a necessary condition but not sufficient. The underlying layer (e.g. binding implementation,
1739 container) would have to ensure that a message is not redelivered to the service implementation after the
1740 transaction is committed. As an example, a way to ensure it when the binding uses JMS is by making
1741 sure the operation that acknowledges the message is executed in the same transaction the service
1742 implementation is running in.

1743 **8.2 End-to-end Reliable Messaging**

1744 Failures can occur at different points in the message path: in the binding layer on the sender side, in the
1745 transport layer or in the binding layer on the receiver side. The SCA service developer doesn't really care
1746 where the failure occurs. Whether a message was lost due to a network failure or due to a crash of the
1747 machine where the service is deployed, is not that important. What is important is that the contract
1748 between the application layer (i.e. service implementation or service consumer) and the binding layer is
1749 not violated (e.g. a message that was successfully transmitted by a sender is always delivered to the
1750 destination; a message that was successfully transmitted by a sender is not delivered more than once to
1751 the service implementation, etc). It is worth noting that the binding layer could throw an exception when a
1752 sender (e.g. service consumer, service implementation) sends a message out. This is not considered a
1753 successful message transmission.

1754 In order to ensure the semantics of the reliable messaging intents, the entire message path, which is
1755 composed of the binding layer on the client side, the transport layer and the binding layer on the service
1756 side, has to be reliable.

1757 9 Transactions

1758 SCA recognizes that the presence or absence of infrastructure for ACID transaction coordination has a
1759 direct effect on how business logic is coded. In the absence of ACID transactions, developers have to
1760 provide logic that coordinates the outcome, compensates for failures, etc. In the presence of ACID
1761 transactions, the underlying infrastructure is responsible for ensuring the ACID nature of all interactions.
1762 SCA provides declarative mechanisms for describing the transactional environment needed by the
1763 business logic.

1764 Components that use a synchronous interaction style can be part of a single, distributed ACID transaction
1765 within which all transaction resources are coordinated to either atomically commit or rollback. The
1766 transmission or receipt of oneway messages can, depending on the transport binding, be coordinated as
1767 part of an ACID transaction as illustrated in the *OneWay Invocations* section below. Well-known, higher-
1768 level patterns such as store-and-forward queuing can be accomplished by composing transacted one-
1769 way messages with reliable-messaging policies.

1770 This document describes the set of abstract policy intents – both implementation intents and interaction
1771 intents – that can be used to describe the requirements on a concrete service component and binding
1772 respectively.

1773 9.1 Out of Scope

1774 The following topics are outside the scope of this document:

- 1775 • The means by which transactions are created, propagated and established as part of an execution
1776 context. These are details of the SCA runtime provider and binding provider.
- 1777 • The means by which a transactional resource manager (RM) is accessed. These include, but are not
1778 restricted to:
 - 1779 – abstracting an RM as an `sca:component`
 - 1780 – accessing an RM directly in a language-specific and RM-specific fashion
 - 1781 – abstracting an RM as an `sca:binding`

1782 9.2 Common Transaction Patterns

1783 In the absence of any transaction policies there is no explicit transactional behavior defined for the SCA
1784 service component or the interactions in which it is involved and the transactional behavior is
1785 environment-specific. An SCA runtime provider can choose to define an out of band default transactional
1786 behavior that applies in the absence of any transaction policies.

1787 Environment-specific default transactional behavior can be overridden by specifying transactional intents
1788 described in this document. The most common transaction patterns can be summarized:

1789 **Managed, shared global transaction pattern** – the service always runs in a global transaction context
1790 regardless of whether the requester runs under a global transaction. If the requester does run under a
1791 transaction, the service runs under the same transaction. Any outbound, synchronous request-response
1792 messages will – unless explicitly directed otherwise – propagate the service’s transaction context. This
1793 pattern offers the highest degree of data integrity by ensuring that any transactional updates are
1794 committed atomically

1795 **Managed, local transaction pattern** – the service always runs in a managed local transaction context
1796 regardless of whether the requester runs under a transaction. Any outbound messages will not propagate
1797 any transaction context. This pattern is advisable for services that wish the SCA runtime to demarcate
1798 any resource manager local transactions and do not require the overhead of atomicity.

1799 The use of transaction policies to specify these patterns is illustrated later in Table 9-2.

1800 9.3 Summary of SCA Transaction Policies

1801 This specification defines implementation and interaction policies that relate to transactional QoS in
1802 components and their interactions. The SCA transaction policies are specified as intents which represent
1803 the transaction quality of service behavior offered by specific component implementations or bindings.

1804 SCA transaction policy can be specified either in an SCA composite or annotatively in the implementation
1805 code. Language-specific annotations are described in the respective language binding specifications, for
1806 example the [SCA Java Common Annotations and APIs specification](#) [SCA-Java-Annotations].

1807 This specification defines the following implementation transaction policies:

- 1808 • `managedTransaction` – Describes the service component’s transactional environment.
- 1809 • `transactedOneWay` and `immediateOneWay` – two mutually exclusive intents that describe whether
1810 the SCA runtime will process `OneWay` messages immediately or will enqueue (from a client
1811 perspective) and dequeue (from a service perspective) a `OneWay` message as part of a global
1812 transaction.

1813 This specification also defines the following interaction transaction policies:

- 1814 • `propagatesTransaction` and `suspendsTransaction` – two mutually exclusive intents that describe
1815 whether the SCA runtime propagates any transaction context to a service or reference on a
1816 synchronous invocation.

1817 Finally, this specification defines a profile intent called `managedSharedTransaction` that combines the
1818 `managedTransaction` intent and the `propagatesTransaction` intent so that the ***managed, shared global***
1819 ***transaction pattern*** is easier to configure.

1820 9.4 Global and local transactions

1821 This specification describes “managed transactions” in terms of either “global” or “local” transactions. The
1822 “managed” aspect of managed transactions refers to the transaction environment provided by the SCA
1823 runtime for the business component. Business components can interact with other business components
1824 and with resource managers. The managed transaction environment defines the transactional context
1825 under which such interactions occur.

1826 9.4.1 Global transactions

1827 From an SCA perspective, a global transaction is a unit of work scope within which transactional work is
1828 atomic. If multiple transactional resource managers are accessed under a global transaction then the
1829 transactional work is coordinated to either atomically commit or rollback regardless using a 2PC protocol.
1830 A global transaction can be propagated on synchronous invocations between components – depending
1831 on the interaction intents described in this specification - such that multiple, remote service providers can
1832 execute distributed requests under the same global transaction.

1833 9.4.2 Local transactions

1834 From a resource manager perspective a resource manager local transaction (RMLT) is simply the
1835 absence of a global transaction. But from an SCA perspective it is not enough to simply declare that a
1836 piece of business logic runs without a global transaction context. Business logic might need to access
1837 transactional resource managers without the presence of a global transaction. The business logic
1838 developer still needs to know the expected semantic of making one or more calls to one or more resource
1839 managers, and needs to know when and/or how the resource managers local transactions will be
1840 committed. The term *local transaction containment* (LTC) is used to describe the SCA environment where
1841 there is no global transaction. The boundaries of an LTC are scoped to a remotable service provider
1842 method and are not propagated on invocations between components. Unlike the resources in a global
1843 transaction, RMLTs coordinated within a LTC can fail independently.

1844

1845 The two most common patterns for components using resource managers outside a global transaction
1846 are:

- 1847 • The application desires each interaction with a resource manager to commit after every interaction.
1848 This is the default behavior provided by the **noManagedTransaction** policy (defined below in
1849 Transaction implementation policy) in the absence of explicit use of RMLT verbs by the application.
- 1850 • The application desires each interaction with a resource manager to be part of an extended local
1851 transaction that is committed at the end of the method. This behavior is specified by the
1852 **managedTransaction.local** policy (defined below in Transaction implementation policy).

1853 While an application can use interfaces provided by the resource adapter to explicitly demarcate resource
1854 manager local transactions (RMLT), this is a generally undesirable burden on applications, which typically
1855 prefer all transaction considerations to be managed by the SCA runtime. In addition, once an application
1856 codes to a resource manager local transaction interface, it might never be redeployed with a different
1857 transaction environment since local transaction interfaces might not be used in the presence of a global
1858 transaction. This specification defines intents to support both these common patterns in order to provide
1859 portability for applications regardless of whether they run under a global transaction or not.

1860 9.5 Transaction implementation policy

1861 9.5.1 Managed and non-managed transactions

1862 The mutually exclusive **managedTransaction** and **noManagedTransaction** intents describe the
1863 transactional environment needed by a service component or composite. SCA provides transaction
1864 environments that are managed by the SCA runtime in order to remove the burden of coding transaction
1865 APIs directly into the business logic. The **managedTransaction** and **noManagedTransaction** intents
1866 can be attached to the `sca:composite` or `sca:componentType` elements.

1867 The mutually exclusive **managedTransaction** and **noManagedTransaction** intents are defined as
1868 follows:

- 1869 • **managedTransaction** – a managed transaction environment is necessary in order to run this
1870 component. The specific type of managedTransaction needed is not constrained. The valid qualifiers
1871 for this intent are mutually exclusive.
 - 1872 – **managedTransaction.global** – There has to be an atomic transaction in order to run this
1873 component. For a component marked with **managedTransaction.global**, the SCA runtime
1874 MUST ensure that a global transaction is present before dispatching any method on the
1875 component. [POL90003] The SCA runtime uses any transaction propagated from the client
1876 or else begins and completes a new transaction. See the **propagatesTransaction** intent
1877 below for more details.
 - 1878 – **managedTransaction.local** – indicates that the component cannot tolerate running as part
1879 of a global transaction. A component marked with **managedTransaction.local** MUST run
1880 within a local transaction containment (LTC) that is started and ended by the SCA runtime.
1881 [POL90004] Any global transaction context that is propagated to the hosting SCA runtime is
1882 not visible to the target component. Any interaction under this policy with a resource manager
1883 is performed in an extended resource manager local transaction (RMLT). Upon successful
1884 completion of the invoked service method, any RMLTs are implicitly requested to commit by
1885 the SCA runtime. Note that, unlike the resources in a global transaction, RMLTs so
1886 coordinated in a LTC can fail independently. If the invoked service method completes with a
1887 non-business exception then any RMLTs are implicitly rolled back by the SCA runtime. In this
1888 context a business exception is any exception that is declared on the component interface
1889 and is therefore anticipated by the component implementation. The manner in which
1890 exceptions are declared on component interfaces is specific to the interface type – for
1891 example, Java interface types declare Java exceptions, WSDL interface types define
1892 `wsdl:faults`. Local transactions MUST NOT be propagated outbound across remotable
1893 interfaces. [POL90006]

- 1894 • **noManagedTransaction** – indicates that the component runs without a managed transaction, under
1895 neither a global transaction nor an LTC. A transaction that is propagated to the hosting SCA runtime
1896 MUST NOT be joined by the hosting runtime on behalf of a component marked with
1897 noManagedtransaction. [POL90007] When interacting with a resource manager under this policy, the
1898 application (and not the SCA runtime) is responsible for controlling any resource manager local
1899 transaction boundaries, using resource-provider specific interfaces (for example a Java
1900 implementation accessing a JDBC provider has to choose whether a Connection is set to
1901 autoCommit(true) or else it has to call the Connection commit or rollback method). SCA defines no
1902 APIs for interacting with resource managers.
 - 1903 • **(absent)** – The absence of a transaction implementation intent leads to runtime-specific behavior. A
1904 runtime that supports global transaction coordination can choose to provide a default behavior that is
1905 the managed, shared global transaction pattern but it is not mandated to do so.
- 1906 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1907 9.5.2 OneWay Invocations

1908 When a client uses a reference and sends a OneWay message then any client transaction context is not
1909 propagated. However, the OneWay invocation on the reference can itself be **transacted**. Similarly, from a
1910 service perspective, any received OneWay message cannot propagate a transaction context but the
1911 delivery of the OneWay message can be **transacted**. A **transacted** OneWay message is a one-way
1912 message that - because of the capability of the service or reference binding - can be enqueued (from a
1913 client perspective) or dequeued (from a service perspective) as part of a global transaction.

1914 SCA defines two mutually exclusive implementation intents, **transactedOneWay** and
1915 **immediateOneWay**, that determine whether OneWay messages are transacted or delivered immediately.

1916 Either of these intents can be attached to the sca:service or sca:reference elements or they can be
1917 attached to the sca:component element, indicating that the intent applies to any service or reference
1918 element children.

1919 The intents are defined as follows:

- 1920 • **transactedOneWay** – When a reference is marked as transactedOneWay, any OneWay invocation
1921 messages MUST be transacted as part of a client global transaction. [POL90008]
1922 If the client component is not configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not
1923 support transactional message sending, then a reference MUST NOT be marked as
1924 transactedOneWay. [POL90009] If a service is marked as transactedOneWay, any OneWay
1925 invocation message MUST be received from the transport binding in a transacted fashion, under the
1926 target service's global transaction. [POL90010] The receipt of the message from the binding is not
1927 committed until the service transaction commits; if the service transaction is rolled back the the
1928 message remains available for receipt under a different service transaction. If the component is not
1929 configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not support transactional message
1930 receipt, then a service MUST NOT be marked as transactedOneWay. [POL90011]
- 1931 • **immediateOneWay** – When applied to a reference indicates that any OneWay invocation messages
1932 MUST be sent immediately regardless of any client transaction. [POL90012] When applied to a
1933 service indicates that any OneWay invocation MUST be received immediately regardless of any
1934 target service transaction. [POL90013] The outcome of any transaction under which an
1935 immediateOneWay message is processed has no effect on the processing (sending or receipt) of that
1936 message.

1937 The absence of either intent leads to runtime-specific behavior. The SCA runtime can send or receive a
1938 OneWay message immediately or as part of any sender/receiver transaction. The results of combining
1939 this intent and the **managedTransaction** implementation policy of the component sending or receiving
1940 the transacted OneWay invocation are summarized low.below in Table 9-1.

1941

transacted/immediate intent	managedTransaction (client or service implementation intent)	Results
transactedOneWay	managedTransaction.global	OneWay interaction (either client message enqueue or target service dequeue) is committed as part of the global transaction.
transactedOneWay	managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction	If a transactedOneWay intent is combined with the managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction implementation intents for either a reference or a service then an error MUST be raised during deployment. [POL90027]
immediateOneWay	Any value of managedTransaction	The OneWay interaction occurs immediately and is not transacted.
<absent>	Any value of managedTransaction	Runtime-specific behavior. The SCA runtime can send or receive a OneWay message immediately or as part of any sender/receiver transaction.

1942 Table 9-1 Transacted OneWay interaction intent

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1944 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1945 9.6 Transaction interaction policies

1946 The mutually exclusive **propagatesTransaction** and **suspendsTransaction** intents can be attached
 1947 either to an interface (e.g. Java annotation or WSDL attribute) or explicitly to an sca:service and
 1948 sca:reference XML element to describe how any client transaction context will be made available and
 1949 used by the target service component. Section 9.6.1 considers how these intents apply to service
 1950 elements and Section 9.6.2 considers how these intents apply to reference elements.

1951 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1952 9.6.1 Handling Inbound Transaction Context

1953 The mutually exclusive **propagatesTransaction** and **suspendsTransaction** intents can be attached to
 1954 an sca:service XML element to describe how a propagated transaction context is handled by the SCA
 1955 runtime, prior to dispatching a service component. If the service requester is running within a transaction
 1956 and the service interaction policy is to propagate that transaction, then the primary business effects of the
 1957 provider's operation are coordinated as part of the client's transaction – if the client rolls back its
 1958 transaction, then work associated with the provider's operation will also be rolled back. This allows clients
 1959 to know that no compensation business logic is necessary since transaction rollback can be used.

1960 These intents specify a contract that has to be implemented by the SCA runtime. This aspect of a
 1961 service component is most likely captured during application design. The **propagatesTransaction** or
 1962 **suspendsTransaction** intent can be attached to sca:service elements and their children. The intents are
 1963 defined as follows:

- 1964 • **propagatesTransaction** – A service marked with **propagatesTransaction** MUST be dispatched under
 1965 any propagated (client) transaction. [POL90015] Use of the **propagatesTransaction** intent on a
 1966 service implies that the service binding MUST be capable of receiving a transaction context.
 1967 [POL90016] However, it is important to understand that some binding/policySet combinations that
 1968 provide this intent for a service will *need* the client to propagate a transaction context.

1969 In SCA terms, for a reference wired to such a service, this implies that the reference has to use either
 1970 the **propagatesTransaction** intent or a binding/policySet combination that does propagate a
 1971 transaction. If, on the other hand, the service does not *need* the client to provide a transaction (even
 1972 though it has the *capability* of joining the client's transaction), then some care is needed in the
 1973 configuration of the service. One approach to consider in this case is to use two distinct bindings on
 1974 the service, one that uses the **propagatesTransaction** intent and one that does not - clients that do
 1975 not propagate a transaction would then wire to the service using the binding without the
 1976 **propagatesTransaction** intent specified.

- 1977 • **suspendsTransaction** – A service marked with **suspendsTransaction** MUST NOT be dispatched
 1978 under any propagated (client) transaction. [POL90017]

1979 The absence of either interaction intent leads to runtime-specific behavior; the client is unable to
 1980 determine from transaction intents whether its transaction will be joined.

1981 The SCA runtime MUST ignore the **propagatesTransaction** intent for **OneWay** methods. [POL90025]

1982 These intents are independent from the implementation's **managedTransaction** intent and provides no
 1983 information about the implementation's transaction environment.

1984 The combination of these service interaction policies and the **managedTransaction** implementation
 1985 policy of the containing component completely describes the transactional behavior of an invoked service,
 1986 as summarized in Table 9-2:

1987

service interaction intent	managedTransaction (component implementation intent)	Results
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.global	Component runs in propagated transaction if present, otherwise a new global transaction. This combination is used for the managed, shared global transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns. This is equivalent to the managedSharedTransaction intent defined in section 9.6.3.
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction	A service MUST NOT be marked with "propagatesTransaction" if the component is marked with "managedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction" [POL90019]
suspendsTransaction	managedTransaction.global	Component runs in a new global transaction
suspendsTransaction	managedTransaction.local	Component runs in a managed local transaction containment. This combination is used for the managed, local transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns. This is the default behavior for a runtime that does not support global transactions.
suspendsTransaction	noManagedTransaction	Component is responsible for managing its own local transactional resources.

1988 Table 9-2 Combining service transaction intents

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1990 Note - the absence of either interaction or implementation intents leads to runtime-specific behavior. A
1991 runtime that supports global transaction coordination can choose to provide a default behavior that is the
1992 managed, shared global transaction pattern.

1993 9.6.2 Handling Outbound Transaction Context

1994 The mutually exclusive *propagatesTransaction* and *suspendsTransaction* intents can also be attached
1995 to an sca:reference XML element to describe whether any client transaction context is propagated to a
1996 target service when a synchronous interaction occurs through the reference. These intents specify a
1997 contract that has to be implemented by the SCA runtime. This aspect of a service component is most
1998 likely captured during application design.

1999 Either the *propagatesTransaction* or *suspendsTransaction* intent can be attached to sca:service
2000 elements and their children. The intents are defined as defined in Section 9.6.1.

2001 When used as a reference interaction intent, the meaning of the qualifiers is as follows:

- 2002 • **propagatesTransaction** – When a reference is marked with propagatesTransaction, any transaction
2003 context under which the client runs MUST be propagated when the reference is used for a request-
2004 response interaction [POL90020] The binding of a reference marked with propagatesTransaction has
2005 to be capable of propagating a transaction context. The reference needs to be wired to a service that
2006 can join the client's transaction. For example, any service with an intent that @requires
2007 *propagatesTransaction* can always join a client's transaction. The reference consumer can then be
2008 designed to rely on the work of the target service being included in the caller's transaction.
- 2009 • **suspendsTransaction** – When a reference is marked with suspendsTransaction, any transaction
2010 context under which the client runs MUST NOT be propagated when the reference is used.
2011 [POL90022] The reference consumer can use this intent to ensure that the work of the target service
2012 is not included in the caller's transaction. .
- 2013 • The absence of either interaction intent leads to runtime-specific behavior. The SCA runtime can
2014 choose whether or not to propagate any client transaction context to the referenced service,
2015 depending on the SCA runtime capability.

2016 These intents are independent from the client's *managedTransaction* implementation intent. The
2017 combination of the interaction intent of a reference and the *managedTransaction* implementation policy
2018 of the containing component completely describes the transactional behavior of a client's invocation of a
2019 service. Table 9-3 summarizes the results of the combination of either of these interaction intents with the
2020 *managedTransaction* implementation policy of the containing component.

2021

reference interaction intent	managedTransaction (client implementation intent)	Results
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.global	Target service runs in the client's transaction. This combination is used for the managed, shared global transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns.
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction	A reference MUST NOT be marked with propagatesTransaction if component is marked with "ManagedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction" [POL90023]

suspendsTransaction	Any value of managedTransaction	The target service will not run under the same transaction as any client transaction. This combination is used for the managed, local transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns.
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2022 *Table 9-3 Transaction propagation reference intents*

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 2024 Note - the absence of either interaction or implementation intents leads to runtime-specific behavior. A
 2025 runtime that supports global transaction coordination can choose to provide a default behavior that is the
 2026 managed, shared global transaction pattern.

2027 Table 9-4 shows the valid combination of interaction and implementation intents on the client and service
 2028 that result in a single global transaction being used when a client invokes a service through a reference.

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managedTransaction (client implementation intent)	reference interaction intent	service interaction intent	managedTransaction (service implementation intent)
managedTransaction.global	propagatesTransaction	propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.global

2030 *Table 9-4 Intents for end-to-end transaction propagation*

2031
 2032 **Transaction context MUST NOT be propagated on OneWay messages.** [POL90024] The SCA runtime
 2033 ignores *propagatesTransaction* for OneWay operations.

2034 9.6.3 Combining implementation and interaction intents

2035 The **managed, local transaction pattern** can be configured quite easily by combining the
 2036 managedTransaction.global intent with the propagatesTransaction intent. This is illustrated in **Error!**
 2037 **Reference source not found..** In order to enable easier configuration of this pattern, a profile intent
 2038 called managedSharedTransaction is defined as in section **Error! Reference source not found..**

2039 9.6.4 Web services binding for propagatesTransaction policy

2040 Snippet 9-1 shows a policySet that provides the *propagatesTransaction* intent and applies to a Web
 2041 service binding (binding.ws). When used on a service, this policySet would require the client to send a
 2042 transaction context using the mechanisms described in the [Web Services Atomic Transaction](#) [WS-
 2043 AtomicTransaction] specification.

2044

```

2045 <policySet name="JoinsTransactionWS" provides="sca:propagatesTransaction"
2046           appliesTo="sca:binding.ws">
2047   <wsp:Policy>
2048     <wsat:ATAssertion
2049       xmlns:wsat="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-tx/wsat/2006/06"/>
2050   </wsp:Policy>
2051 </policySet>

```

2052 *Snippet 9-1: Example policySet Providing propagatesTransaction*

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10 Miscellaneous Intents

2054 The following are standard intents that apply to bindings and are not related to either security, reliable
2055 messaging or transactionality:

- 2056 • **SOAP** – The SOAP intent specifies that the SOAP messaging model is used for delivering messages.
2057 It does not require the use of any specific transport technology for delivering the messages, so for
2058 example, this intent can be supported by a binding that sends SOAP messages over HTTP, bare
2059 TCP or even JMS. If the intent is attached in an unqualified form then any version of SOAP is
2060 acceptable. Standard mutually exclusive qualified intents also exist for SOAP.1_1 and SOAP.1_2,
2061 which specify the use of versions 1.1 or 1.2 of SOAP respectively. When SOAP is present, an SCA
2062 Runtime MUST use the SOAP messaging model to deliver messages. [POL100001] When a SOAP
2063 intent is qualified with 1_1 or 1_2, then SOAP version 1.1 or SOAP version 1.2 respectively MUST be
2064 used to deliver messages. [POL100002]
- 2065 • **JMS** – The JMS intent does not specify a wire-level transport protocol, but instead requires that
2066 whatever binding technology is used, the messages are able to be delivered and received via the
2067 JMS API. When JMS is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and
2068 receive messages supports the JMS API. [POL100003]
- 2069 • **noListener** – This intent can only be used within the @requires attribute of a reference. The
2070 noListener intent MUST only be declared on a @requires attribute of a reference. [POL100004] It
2071 states that the client is not able to handle new inbound connections. It requires that the binding and
2072 callback binding be configured so that any response (or callback) comes either through a back
2073 channel of the connection from the client to the server or by having the client poll the server for
2074 messages. When noListener is present, an SCA Runtime MUST not establish any connection from a
2075 service to a client. [POL100005] An example policy assertion that would guarantee this is a WS-
2076 Policy assertion that applies to the <binding.ws> binding, which requires the use of WS-Addressing
2077 with anonymous responses (e.g. <wsaw:Anonymous>required</wsaw:Anonymous>” – see
2078 <http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-addr-wsdl/#anonelement>).
- 2079 • **asyncInvocation** – This intent can be attached to an operation or a complete interface, indicating
2080 that the operation(s) are long-running request-response operation(s) [SCA-Assembly]. It is also
2081 possible for a service to set the asyncInvocation intent when using an interface which is not marked
2082 with the asyncInvocation intent. This can be useful when reusing an existing interface definition that
2083 does not contain SCA information.
- 2084 • **EJB** - The EJB intent specifies that whatever wire-level transport technology is specified the
2085 messages are able to be delivered and received via the EJB API. When EJB is present, an SCA
2086 Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and receive messages supports the EJB API.
2087 [POL100006]

2088 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

2089 11 Conformance

2090 The XML schema available at the namespace URI, defined by this specification, is considered to be
2091 authoritative and takes precedence over the XML Schema defined in the appendix of this document.

2092 An SCA runtime MUST reject a composite file that does not conform to the sca-policy-1.1.xsd schema.
2093 [POL110001]

2094 An implementation that claims to conform to this specification MUST meet the following conditions:

- 2095 1. The implementation MUST conform to the SCA Assembly Model Specification [Assembly].
- 2096 2. SCA implementations MUST recognize the intents listed in Appendix B.1 of this specification. An
2097 implementationType / bindingType / collection of policySets that claims to implement a specific intent
2098 MUST process that intent in accord with any relevant Conformance Items in Appendix C related to
2099 the intent and the SCA Runtime options selected.
- 2100 3. With the exception of 2, the implementation MUST comply with all statements in [Appendix C](#):
2101 Conformance Items related to an SCA Runtime, notably all MUST statements have to be
2102 implemented.

A Defining the Deployed Composites Infoset

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The @attachTo attribute of an intent or a policySet is an XPath1.0 expression identifying SCA elements to which the intent or the policySet is attached. The XPath applies to the **Deployed Composites Infoset** for the SCA domain.

The Deployed Composites Infoset is constructed from all the deployed SCA composite files [SCA-Assembly] in the Domain, with the special characteristics:

4. The Domain is treated as a special composite, with a blank name - ""

5. The @attachTo/@ppliesTo XPath expression is evaluated against the Deployed Composite Infoset following the deployment of a deployment composite. Where one composite includes one or more other composites, it is the including composite which is addressed by the XPath and its contents are the result of preprocessing all of the include elements

Where the intent or policySet is intended to be specific to a particular component, the structuralURI [SCA-Assembly] of the component is used along with the URIRef() XPath function to attach a intent/policySet to a specific use of a nested component. The XPath expression can make use of the unique structuralURI to indicate specific use instances, where different intents/policySets need to be used for those different instances.

Special case. Where the @attachTo attribute of an intent or policySet is absent or is blank, the intent/policySet cannot be used on its own for external attachment. It can be used:

1. For direct attachment (using a @requires or @policySet attribute on an element or a <requires> or <policySetAttachment/> subelement)

2. For policySets by reference from another policySet element

The XPath expression for the @attachTo attribute can make use of a series of XPath functions which enable the expression to easily identify elements with specific characteristics that are not easily expressed with pure XPath. These functions enable:

- the identification of elements to which specific intents apply.

This permits the attachment of a policySet to be linked to specific intents on the target element - for example, a policySet relating to encryption of messages can be targeted to services and references which have the **confidentiality** intent applied.

- the targeting of subelements of an interface, including operations and messages.

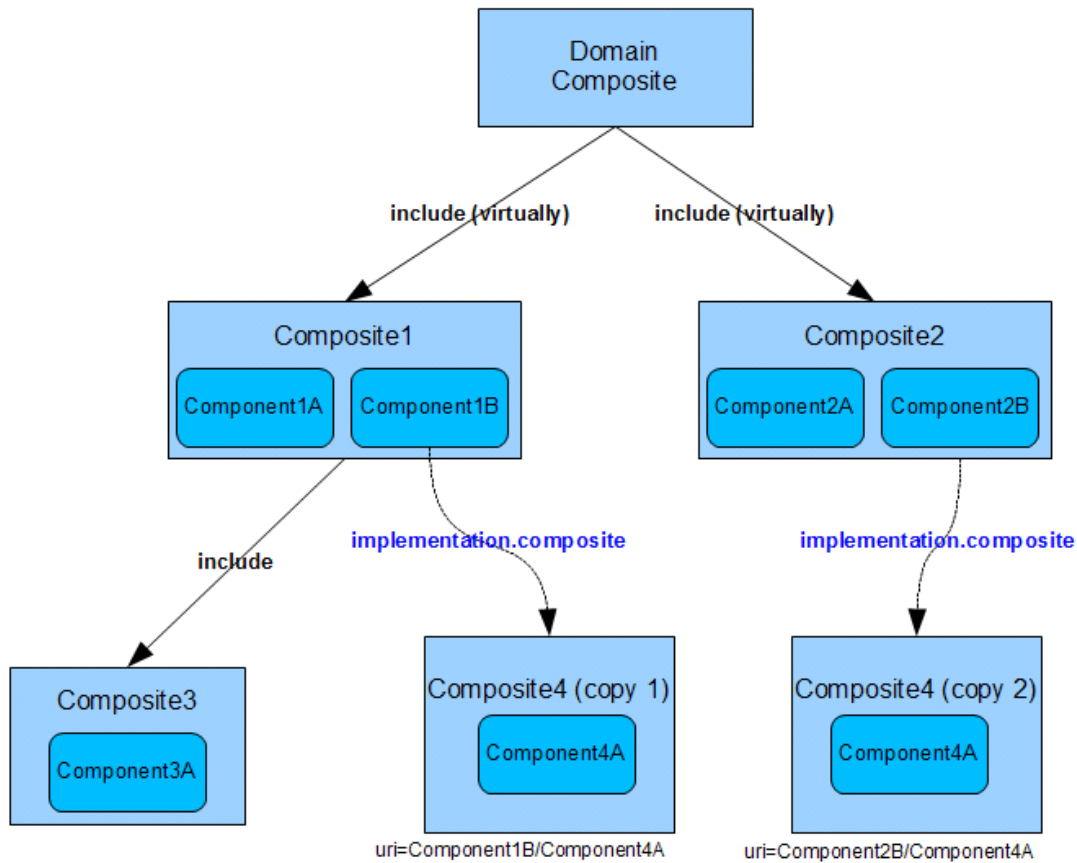
This permits the attachment of a intent/policySet to an individual operation or to an individual message within an interface, separately from the policies that apply to other operations or messages in the interface.

- the targeting of a specific use of a component, through its unique structuralURI [SCA-Assembly].

This permits the attachment of a intent/policySet to a specific use of a component in one context, that can be different from the policySet(s) that are applied to other uses of the same component.

Details of the available XPath functions is given in the section "XPath Functions for the @attachTo Attribute".

EXAMPLE:



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2145 *Figure A-1 Example Domain Composite Infoset*

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2147 The SCA Domain in Figure A-1 has been constructed from the composites and components shown in the
 2148 figure. Composite1 and Composite2 were deployed into the Domain as described in [SCA-Assembly].
 2149 Composite3 is included in Composite1 using the SCA include mechanism described in [SCA-Assembly].
 2150 Composite4 is used as an implementation of Components 1B and 2B. Following the deployment of all the
 2151 composites, the Domain contains:

- 2152 • 3 Composites that can be addressed as part of the Deployed Composites InfoSet; Composite1,
 2153 Composite2 and Composite4.
- 2154 • all the components shown in the diagram. Components 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A (twice) are leaf
 2155 components.

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2157 The following snippets show example usage of the @attachTo attribute and provide the outcome based
 2158 on the Domain in Figure A-1.

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```
1. //component[@name="Component4A"]
```

2161 *Snippet A-1:Example attachTo all Instances of a Name*

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2163 attach to both instances of Component4A

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2165 `2. //component[URIRef("Component2B/Component4A")]`

2166 *Snippet A-2: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via a Path*

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2168 attach to the unique instance of Component4A when used by Component2B (Component2B is a
2169 component at the Domain level)

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2171 `3. //component[@name="Component3A"]/service[IntentRefs("intent1")]`

2172 *Snippet A-3: Example attachTo Instances with an intent*

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2174 attach to the services of Component3A which have the intent "intent1" applied

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2176 `4. //component/binding.ws`

2177 *Snippet A-4: Example attachTo Instances with a binding*

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2179 attach to the web services binding of all components with a service or reference with a Web services
2180 binding

2181
2182 `5. /composite[@name=" "]/component[@name="Component1A"]`

2183 *Snippet A-5: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via Path and Name*

2184
2185 attach to Component1A at the Domain level

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2188 **A.1 XPath Functions for the @attachTo Attribute**

2189 This section defines utility functions that can be used in XPath expressions where otherwise it would be
2190 difficult to write the XPath expression to identify the elements concerned.

2191 This particularly applies in SCA to Interfaces and the child parts of interfaces (operations and messages).
2192 XPath Functions are defined below for the following:

- 2193 • Picking out a specific interface
- 2194 • Picking out a specific operation in an interface
- 2195 • Picking out a specific message in an operation in an interface
- 2196 • Picking out artifacts with specific intents

2197 **A.1.1 Interface Related Functions**

2198 **InterfaceRef(InterfaceName)**

2199 picks out an interface identified by InterfaceName

2200 **OperationRef(InterfaceName/OperationName)**

2201 picks out the operation OperationName in the interface InterfaceName

2202 **MessageRef(InterfaceName/OperationName/MessageName)**

2203 picks out the message MessageName in the operation OperationName in the interface
2204 InterfaceName.

2205 • "*" can be used for wildcarding of any of the names.

2206 The interface is treated as if it is a WSDL interface (for other interface types, they are treated as if
2207 mapped to WSDL using their regular mapping rules).

2208 Examples of the Interface functions:

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```
2210 InterfaceRef( "MyInterface" )
```

2211 *Snippet A-6: Example use of InterfaceRef*

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2213 picks out an interface with the name "MyInterface"

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```
2215 OperationRef( "MyInterface/MyOperation" )
```

2216 *Snippet A-7: Example use of OperationRef with a Path*

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2218 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface named "MyInterface"

2219

```
2220 OperationRef( "*/MyOperation" )
```

2221 *Snippet A-8: Example use of OperationRef without a Path*

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2223 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" from any interface

2224

```
2225 MessageRef( "MyInterface/MyOperation/MyMessage" )
```

2226 *Snippet A-9: Example use of MessageRef with a Path*

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2228 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface
2229 named "MyInterface"

2230

```
2231 MessageRef( "*/*/MyMessage" )
```

2232 *Snippet A-10: Example use of MessageRef with a Path with Wildcards*

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2234 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from any operation in any interface

2235 **A.1.2 Intent Based Functions**

2236 For the following intent-based functions, it is the total set of intents which apply to the artifact which are
2237 examined by the function, including directly or externally attached intents plus intents acquired from the
2238 structural hierarchy and from the implementation hierarchy.

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2240 These functions cannot be used in the XPath value of the @attachTo attribute for intents

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2242 **IntentRefs(IntentList)**

2243 picks out an element where the intents applied match the intents specified in the IntentList:

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```
2245 IntentRefs( "intent1" )
```

2246 [Snippet A-11: Example use of IntentRef](#)

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2248 [picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached](#)

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```
2250 IntentRefs( "intent1 intent2" )
```

2251 [Snippet A-12: Example use of IntentRef with Multiple intents](#)

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2253 [picks out an artifact to which intents named "intent1" AND "intent2" are attached](#)

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```
2255 IntentRefs( "intent1 !intent2" )
```

2256 [Snippet A-13: Example use of IntentRef with Not Operator](#)

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2258 [picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached but NOT the intent named "intent2"](#)

2259 **A.1.3 URI Based Function**

2260 [The URIRef function is used to pick out a particular use of a nested component – ie where some Domain](#)
2261 [level component is implemented using a composite implementation, which in turn has one or more](#)
2262 [components implemented with the composite \(and so on to an arbitrary level of nesting\):](#)

2263 **URIRef(URI)**

2264 [picks out the particular use of a component identified by the structuralURI string URI.](#)

2265 [For a full description of structuralURIs, see the SCA Assembly specification \[SCA-Assembly\].](#)

2266 [Example:](#)

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```
2268 URIRef( "top_comp_name/middle_comp_name/lowest_comp_name" )
```

2269 [Snippet A-15: Example use of URIRef](#)

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2271 [picks out the particular use of a component – where component lowest_comp_name is used within the](#)
2272 [implementation of middle_comp_name within the implementation of the top-level \(Domain level\)](#)
2273 [component top_comp_name.](#)

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AB Schemas

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A.1B.1 sca-policy.xsd

```
2277 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2278 <!-- Copyright(C) OASIS(R) 2005,2009. All Rights Reserved.
2279 OASIS trademark, IPR and other policies apply. -->
2280 <schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
2281 targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
2282 xmlns:sca="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
2283 xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy"
2284 elementFormDefault="qualified">
2285
2286 <include schemaLocation="sca-core-1.1-schema-200803.xsd"/>
2287 <import namespace="http://www.w3.org/ns/ws-policy"
2288 schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/2007/02/ws-policy.xsd"/>
2289
2290 <element name="intent" type="sca:Intent"/>
2291 <complexType name="Intent">
2292 <sequence>
2293 <element name="description" type="string" minOccurs="0"
2294 maxOccurs="1" />
2295 <element name="qualifier" type="sca:IntentQualifier"
2296 minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
2297 <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"
2298 minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
2299 </sequence>
2300 <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
2301 <attribute name="constrains" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2302 use="optional" />
2303 <attribute name="requires" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2304 use="optional" />
2305 <attribute name="excludes" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2306 use="optional" />
2307 <attribute name="mutuallyExclusive" type="boolean"
2308 use="optional" default="false"/>
2309 <attribute name="intentType"
2310 type="sca:InteractionOrImplementation"
2311 use="optional" default="interaction"/>
2312 <attribute name="attachTo" type="string" use="optional"/>
2313
2314 <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax" />
2315 </complexType>
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2317 <complexType name="IntentQualifier">
2318 <sequence>
2319 <element name="description" type="string" minOccurs="0"
2320 maxOccurs="1" />
2321 </sequence>
2322 <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
2323 <attribute name="default" type="boolean" use="optional"
2324 default="false"/>
2325 </complexType>
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2327 <element name="requires">
2328 <complexType>
2329 <sequence minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2330 <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" />
2331 </sequence>
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2332         <attribute name="intents" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2333             use="required"/>
2334         <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2335     </complexType>
2336 </element>
2337
2338 <element name="policySet" type="sca:PolicySet"/>
2339 <complexType name="PolicySet">
2340     <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2341         <element name="policySetReference"
2342             type="sca:PolicySetReference"/>
2343         <element name="intentMap" type="sca:IntentMap"/>
2344         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2345     </choice>
2346     <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
2347     <attribute name="provides" type="sca:listOfQNames"/>
2348     <attribute name="appliesTo" type="string" use="optional"/>
2349     <attribute name="attachTo" type="string" use="optional"/>
2350     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2351 </complexType>
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2353 <element name="policySetAttachment">
2354     <complexType>
2355         <sequence minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2356             <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2357         </sequence>
2358         <attribute name="name" type="QName" use="required"/>
2359         <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2360     </complexType>
2361 </element>
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2363 <complexType name="PolicySetReference">
2364     <attribute name="name" type="QName" use="required"/>
2365     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2366 </complexType>
2367
2368 <complexType name="IntentMap">
2369     <choice minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2370         <element name="qualifier" type="sca:Qualifier"/>
2371         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2372     </choice>
2373     <attribute name="provides" type="QName" use="required"/>
2374     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2375 </complexType>
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2377 <complexType name="Qualifier">
2378     <sequence minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2379         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2380     </sequence>
2381     <attribute name="name" type="string" use="required"/>
2382     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2383 </complexType>
2384
2385 <simpleType name="listOfNCNames">
2386     <list itemType="NCName"/>
2387 </simpleType>
2388
2389 <simpleType name="InteractionOrImplementation">
2390     <restriction base="string">
2391         <enumeration value="interaction"/>
2392         <enumeration value="implementation"/>
2393     </restriction>
2394 </simpleType>

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```
</schema>
```

2397 *Snippet A-1SCA Policy Schema*

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BC XML Files

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This appendix contains normative XML files that are defined by this specification.

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B.1C.1 Intent Definitions

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Intent definitions are contained within a Definitions file called Policy_Intents_Definitions.xml, which

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contain a <definitions/> element as follows:

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2404 <!-- Copyright(C) OASIS(R) 2005,2009. All Rights Reserved.
2405 OASIS trademark, IPR and other policies apply. -->
2406 <sca:definitions xmlns:sca="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
2407 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
2408 targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">
2409
2410 <!-- Security related intents -->
2411 <sca:intent name="serverAuthentication" constrains="sca:binding"
2412 intentType="interaction">
2413 <sca:description>
2414 Communication through the binding requires that the
2415 server is authenticated by the client
2416 </sca:description>
2417 <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true"/>
2418 <sca:qualifier name="message"/>
2419 </sca:intent>
2420
2421 <sca:intent name="clientAuthentication" constrains="sca:binding"
2422 intentType="interaction">
2423 <sca:description>
2424 Communication through the binding requires that the
2425 client is authenticated by the server
2426 </sca:description>
2427 <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true"/>
2428 <sca:qualifier name="message"/>
2429 </sca:intent>
2430
2431 <sca:intent name="authentication"
2432 requires="sca:clientAuthentication">
2433 <sca:description>
2434 A convenience intent to help migration
2435 </sca:description>
2436 </sca:intent>
2437
2438 <sca:intent name="mutualAuthentication"
2439 requires="sca:clientAuthentication sca:serverAuthentication">
2440 <sca:description>
2441 Communication through the binding requires that the
2442 client and server to authenticate each other
2443 </sca:description>
2444 </sca:intent>
2445
2446 <sca:intent name="confidentiality" constrains="sca:binding"
2447 intentType="interaction">
2448 <sca:description>
2449 Communication through the binding prevents unauthorized
2450 users from reading the messages
2451 </sca:description>
2452 <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true"/>
2453 <sca:qualifier name="message"/>
```

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2454     </sca:intent>
2455
2456     <sca:intent name="integrity" constrains="sca:binding"
2457 intentType="interaction">
2458         <sca:description>
2459             Communication through the binding prevents tampering
2460             with the messages sent between the client and the service.
2461         </sca:description>
2462         <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true" />
2463         <sca:qualifier name="message" />
2464     </sca:intent>
2465
2466     <sca:intent name="authorization" constrains="sca:implementation"
2467 intentType="implementation">
2468         <sca:description>
2469             Ensures clients are authorized to use services.
2470         </sca:description>
2471     </sca:intent>
2472
2473
2474 <!-- Reliable messaging related intents -->
2475     <sca:intent name="atLeastOnce" constrains="sca:binding"
2476 intentType="interaction">
2477         <sca:description>
2478             This intent is used to indicate that a message sent
2479             by a client is always delivered to the component.
2480         </sca:description>
2481     </sca:intent>
2482
2483     <sca:intent name="atMostOnce" constrains="sca:binding"
2484 intentType="interaction">
2485         <sca:description>
2486             This intent is used to indicate that a message that was
2487             successfully sent by a client is not delivered more than
2488             once to the component.
2489         </sca:description>
2490     </sca:intent>
2491
2492     <sca:intent name="exactlyOnce" requires="sca:atLeastOnce
2493 sca:atMostOnce"
2494 constrains="sca:binding" intentType="interaction">
2495         <sca:description>
2496             This profile intent is used to indicate that a message sent
2497             by a client is always delivered to the component. It also
2498             indicates that duplicate messages are not delivered to the
2499             component.
2500         </sca:description>
2501     </sca:intent>
2502
2503     <sca:intent name="ordered" constrains="sca:binding"
2504 intentType="interaction">
2505         <sca:description>
2506             This intent is used to indicate that all the messages are
2507             delivered to the component in the order they were sent by
2508             the client.
2509         </sca:description>
2510     </sca:intent>
2511
2512 <!-- Transaction related intents -->
2513     <sca:intent name="managedTransaction"
2514         excludes="sca:noManagedTransaction"
2515         mutuallyExclusive="true" constrains="sca:implementation"
2516     intentType="implementation">

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2517         <sca:description>
2518         A managed transaction environment is necessary in order to
2519         run the component. The specific type of managed transaction
2520         needed is not constrained.
2521         </sca:description>
2522         <sca:qualifier name="global" default="true">
2523             <sca:description>
2524             For a component marked with managedTransaction.global
2525             a global transaction needs to be present before dispatching
2526             any method on the component - using any transaction
2527             propagated from the client or else beginning and completing
2528             a new transaction.
2529             </sca:description>
2530         </sca:qualifier>
2531         <sca:qualifier name="local">
2532             <sca:description>
2533             A component marked with managedTransaction.local needs to
2534             run within a local transaction containment (LTC) that
2535             is started and ended by the SCA runtime.
2536             </sca:description>
2537         </sca:qualifier>
2538     </sca:intent>
2539
2540     <sca:intent name="noManagedTransaction"
2541     excludes="sca:managedTransaction"
2542     constrains="sca:implementation" intentType="implementation">
2543         <sca:description>
2544         A component marked with noManagedTransaction needs to run without
2545         a managed transaction, under neither a global transaction nor
2546         an LTC. A transaction propagated to the hosting SCA runtime
2547         is not joined by the hosting runtime on behalf of a
2548         component marked with noManagedtransaction.
2549         </sca:description>
2550     </sca:intent>
2551
2552     <sca:intent name="transactedOneWay" excludes="sca:immediateOneWay"
2553     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="implementation">
2554         <sca:description>
2555         For a reference marked as transactedOneWay any OneWay invocation
2556         messages are transacted as part of a client global
2557         transaction.
2558         For a service marked as transactedOneWay any OneWay invocation
2559         message are received from the transport binding in a
2560         transacted fashion, under the service's global transaction.
2561         </sca:description>
2562     </sca:intent>
2563
2564     <sca:intent name="immediateOneWay" excludes="sca:transactedOneWay"
2565     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="implementation">
2566         <sca:description>
2567         For a reference indicates that any OneWay invocation messages
2568         are sent immediately regardless of any client transaction.
2569         For a service indicates that any OneWay invocation is
2570         received immediately regardless of any target service
2571         transaction.
2572         </sca:description>
2573     </sca:intent>
2574
2575     <sca:intent name="propagatesTransaction"
2576     excludes="sca:suspendsTransaction"
2577     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="interaction">
2578         <sca:description>
2579         A service marked with propagatesTransaction is dispatched

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2580     under any propagated (client) transaction and the service binding
2581     needs to be capable of receiving a transaction context.
2582     A reference marked with propagatesTransaction propagates any
2583     transaction context under which the client runs when the
2584     reference is used for a request-response interaction and the
2585     binding of a reference marked with propagatesTransaction needs to
2586     be capable of propagating a transaction context.
2587         </sca:description>
2588     </sca:intent>
2589
2590     <sca:intent name="suspendsTransaction"
2591         excludes="sca:propagatesTransaction"
2592     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="interaction">
2593         <sca:description>
2594             A service marked with suspendsTransaction is not dispatched
2595             under any propagated (client) transaction.
2596             A reference marked with suspendsTransaction does not propagate
2597             any transaction context under which the client runs when the
2598             reference is used.
2599         </sca:description>
2600     </sca:intent>
2601
2602     <sca:intent name="managedSharedTransaction"
2603         requires="sca:managedTransaction.global
2604     sca:propagatesTransaction">
2605         <sca:description>
2606             Used to indicate that the component requires both the
2607             managedTransaction.global and the propagatesTransactions
2608             intents
2609         </sca:description>
2610     </sca:intent>
2611
2612     <!-- Miscellaneous intents -->
2613     <sca:intent name="asyncInvocation" constrains="sca:binding"
2614         intentType="interaction">
2615         <sca:description>
2616             Indicates that request/response operations for the
2617             interface of this wire are "long running" and must be
2618             treated as two separate message transmissions
2619         </sca:description>
2620     </sca:intent>
2621
2622     <sca:intent name="EJB" constrains="sca:binding"
2623         intentType="interaction">
2624         <sca:description>
2625             Specifies that the EJB API is needed to communicate with
2626             the service or reference.
2627         </sca:description>
2628     </sca:intent>
2629
2630     <sca:intent name="SOAP" constrains="sca:binding"
2631         intentType="interaction" mutuallyExclusive="true">
2632         <sca:description>
2633             Specifies that the SOAP messaging model is used for delivering
2634             messages.
2635         </sca:description>
2636         <sca:qualifier name="v1_1" default="true"/>
2637         <sca:qualifier name="v1_2"/>
2638     </sca:intent>
2639
2640     <sca:intent name="JMS" constrains="sca:binding"
2641         intentType="interaction">
2642         <sca:description>

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2643     Requires that the messages are delivered and received via the
2644     JMS API.
2645     </sca:description>
2646 </sca:intent>
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2648     <sca:intent name="noListener" constrains="sca:binding"
2649 intentType="interaction">
2650     <sca:description>
2651     This intent can only be used on a reference. Indicates that the
2652     client is not able to handle new inbound connections. The binding
2653     and callback binding are configured so that any
2654     response or callback comes either through a back channel of the
2655     connection from the client to the server or by having the client
2656     poll the server for messages.
2657     </sca:description>
2658 </sca:intent>
2659
2660 </sca:definitions>
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2661 *Snippet B-1: SCA intent Definitions*

2662 **GD Conformance**

2663 **C.1D.1 Conformance Targets**

2664 The conformance items listed in the section below apply to the following conformance targets:

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- Document artifacts (or constructs within them) that can be checked statically.
 - SCA runtimes, which we may require to exhibit certain behaviors.
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2667 **C.2D.2 Conformance Items**

2668 This section contains a list of conformance items for the SCA Policy Framework specification.

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Conformance ID	Description
[POL30001]	If the configured instance of a binding is in conflict with the intents and policy sets selected for that instance, the SCA runtime MUST raise an error.
[POL30002]	The QName for an intent MUST be unique amongst the set of intents in the SCA Domain.
[POL30004]	If an intent has more than one qualifier, one and only one MUST be declared as the default qualifier.
[POL30005]	The name of each qualifier MUST be unique within the intent definition.
[POL30006]	the name of a profile intent MUST NOT have a "." in it.
[POL30007]	If a profile intent is attached to an artifact, all the intents listed in its @requires attribute MUST be satisfied as described in section 4.12.
[POL30008]	When a policySet element contains a set of intentMap children, the value of the @provides attribute of each intentMap MUST correspond to an unqualified intent that is listed within the @provides attribute value of the parent policySet element.
[POL30010]	For each qualifiable intent listed as a member of the @provides attribute list of a policySet element, there MUST be no more than one corresponding intentMap element that declares the unqualified form of that intent in its @provides attribute. In other words, each intentMap within a given policySet uniquely provides for a specific intent.
[POL30011]	Following the inclusion of all policySet references, when a policySet element directly contains wsp:policyAttachment children or policies using extension elements, the set of policies specified as children MUST satisfy all the intents expressed using the @provides attribute value of the policySet element.
[POL30013]	The set of intents in the @provides attribute of a referenced policySet MUST be a subset of the set of intents in the @provides attribute of the referencing policySet.

- [POL30015] Each QName in the @requires attribute MUST be the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.
- [POL30016] Each QName in the @excludes attribute MUST be the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.
- [POL30017] The QName for a policySet MUST be unique amongst the set of policySets in the SCA Domain.
- [POL30018] The contents of @appliesTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 [XPATH] production *Expr*.
- [POL30019] The contents of @attachTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 production *Expr*.
- [POL30020] If a policySet specifies a qualifiable intent in the @provides attribute, and it provides an intentMap for the qualifiable intent then that intentMap MUST specify all possible qualifiers for that intent.
- [POL30021] The @provides attribute value of each intentMap that is an immediate child of a policySet MUST be included in the @provides attribute of the parent policySet.
- [POL30024] An SCA Runtime MUST include in the Domain the set of intent definitions contained in the Policy_Intent_Definitions.xml described in the appendix "Intent Definitions" of the SCA Policy specification.
- [POL30025] If only one qualifier for an intent is given it MUST be used as the default qualifier for the intent.
- [POL40001] SCA implementations supporting both Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms MUST ignore policy sets applicable to any given SCA element via the Direct Attachment mechanism when there exist policy sets applicable to the same SCA element via the External Attachment mechanism
- [POL40002] The SCA runtime MUST raise an error if the @attachTo XPath expression resolves to an SCA <property> element, or any of its children.
- [POL40004] A qualifiable intent expressed lower in the hierarchy can be qualified further up the hierarchy, in which case the qualified version of the intent MUST apply to the higher level element.
- [POL40005] Rule2: The intents declared on elements higher in the structural hierarchy of a given element MUST be applied to the element EXCEPT
- if any of the inherited intents is mutually exclusive with an intent applied on the element, then the inherited intent MUST be ignored
 - if the overall set of intents from the element itself and from its structural hierarchy contains both an unqualified version and a qualified version of the same intent, the qualified version of the intent MUST be used.
- [POL40006] If a component has any policySets attached to it (by any means), then any policySets attached to the componentType MUST be

- ignored.
- [POL40007] Matching service/reference policies across the SCA Domain boundary MUST use WS-Policy compatibility (strict WS-Policy intersection) if the policies are expressed in WS-Policy syntax.
- [POL40009] Any two intents applied to a given element MUST NOT be mutually exclusive
- [POL40010] SCA runtimes MUST support at least one of the Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms for policySet attachment.
- [POL40011] SCA implementations supporting only the External Attachment mechanism MUST ignore the policy sets that are applicable via the Direct Attachment mechanism.
- [POL40012] SCA implementations supporting only the Direct Attachment mechanism MUST ignore the policy sets that are applicable via the External Attachment mechanism.
- [POL40013] During the deployment of SCA composites, all policySets within the Domain with an attachTo attribute MUST be evaluated to determine which policySets are attached to the newly deployed composite.
- [POL40014] The intents declared on elements lower in the implementation hierarchy of a given element MUST be applied to the element.
- [POL40015] when combining implementation hierarchy and structural hierarchy policy data, Rule 1 MUST be applied BEFORE Rule 2.
- [POL40016] When calculating the set of intents and set of policySets which apply to either a service element or to a reference element of a component, intents and policySets from the interface definition and from the interface declaration(s) MUST be applied to the service or reference element and to the binding element(s) belonging to that element.
- [POL40017] If the required intent set contains a mutually exclusive pair of intents the SCA runtime MUST reject the document containing the element and raise an error.
- [POL40018] All intents in the required intent set for an element SHOULD be provided by the directly provided intents set and the set of policySets that apply to the element.
- [POL40019] The locations where interfaces are defined and where interfaces are declared in the componentType and in a component MUST be treated as part of the implementation hierarchy as defined in Section 4.5 Attaching intents to SCA elements.
- [POL40020] The QName of the bindingType MUST be unique amongst the set of bindingTypes in the SCA Domain.
- [POL40021] A binding implementation MUST implement all the intents listed in the @alwaysProvides and @mayProvides attributes.
- [POL40022] The SCA runtime MUST determine the compatibility of the policySets at each end of a wire using the compatibility rules of

- the policy language used for those policySets.
- [POL40023] The policySets at each end of a wire MUST be incompatible if they use different policy languages.
- [POL40024] Where the policy language in use for a wire is WS-Policy, strict WS-Policy intersection MUST be used to determine policy compatibility.
- [POL40025] In order for a reference to connect to a particular service, the policies of the reference MUST intersect with the policies of the service.
- [POL40026] During the deployment of an SCA policySet, the behavior of an SCA runtime MUST take ONE of the following forms:
- The policySet is immediately attached to all deployed composites which satisfy the @attachTo attribute of the policySet.
 - The policySet is attached to a deployed composite which satisfies the @attachTo attribute of the policySet when the composite is re-deployed.
- [POL40027] Any intents attached to an interface definition artifact, such as a WSDL portType, MUST be added to the intents attached to the service or reference to which the interface definition applies. If no intents are attached to the service or reference then the intents attached to the interface definition artifact become the only intents attached to the service or reference.
- [POL50001] The implementationType name attribute MUST be the QName of an XSD global element definition used for implementation elements of that type.
- [POL70001] When *authorization* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the client is authorized to use the service.
- [POL70009] When *confidentiality* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that only authorized entities can view the contents of a message.
- [POL70010] When *integrity* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the contents of a message are not altered.
- [POL70011] When a *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* or *integrity* intent is qualified by *transport*, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* and *integrity*, respectively, to the transport layer of the communication protocol.
- [POL70012] When a *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* or *integrity* intent is qualified by *message*, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* and *integrity*, respectively, to the message layer of the communication protocol.
- [POL70013] When *serverAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that the server is authenticated by the client.
- [POL70014] When *clientAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that the client is authenticated by the server.

- [POL80001] When *atLeastOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation, and MAY deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
- [POL80002] When *atMostOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MAY deliver a message to the destination service implementation, and MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
- [POL80003] When *ordered* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver messages sent by a single source to a single destination service implementation in the order that the messages were sent by that source.
- [POL80004] When *exactlyOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation and MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
- [POL90003] For a component marked with `managedTransaction.global`, the SCA runtime MUST ensure that a global transaction is present before dispatching any method on the component.
- [POL90004] A component marked with `managedTransaction.local` MUST run within a local transaction containment (LTC) that is started and ended by the SCA runtime.
- [POL90006] Local transactions MUST NOT be propagated outbound across remotable interfaces.
- [POL90007] A transaction that is propagated to the hosting SCA runtime MUST NOT be joined by the hosting runtime on behalf of a component marked with `noManagedtransaction`.
- [POL90008] When a reference is marked as `transactedOneWay`, any `OneWay` invocation messages MUST be transacted as part of a client global transaction.
- [POL90009] If the client component is not configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not support transactional message sending, then a reference MUST NOT be marked as `transactedOneWay`.
- [POL90010] If a service is marked as `transactedOneWay`, any `OneWay` invocation message MUST be received from the transport binding in a transacted fashion, under the target service's global transaction.
- [POL90011] If the component is not configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not support transactional message receipt, then a service MUST NOT be marked as `transactedOneWay`.
- [POL90012] When applied to a reference indicates that any `OneWay` invocation messages MUST be sent immediately regardless of any client transaction.
- [POL90013] When applied to a service indicates that any `OneWay` invocation MUST be received immediately regardless of any target service

	transaction.
[POL90015]	A service marked with <code>propagatesTransaction</code> MUST be dispatched under any propagated (client) transaction.
[POL90016]	Use of the <i>propagatesTransaction</i> intent on a service implies that the service binding MUST be capable of receiving a transaction context.
[POL90017]	A service marked with <code>suspendsTransaction</code> MUST NOT be dispatched under any propagated (client) transaction.
[POL90019]	A service MUST NOT be marked with "propagatesTransaction" if the component is marked with "managedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction"
[POL90020]	When a reference is marked with <code>propagatesTransaction</code> , any transaction context under which the client runs MUST be propagated when the reference is used for a request-response interaction
[POL90022]	When a reference is marked with <code>suspendsTransaction</code> , any transaction context under which the client runs MUST NOT be propagated when the reference is used.
[POL90023]	A reference MUST NOT be marked with <code>propagatesTransaction</code> if component is marked with "ManagedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction"
[POL90024]	Transaction context MUST NOT be propagated on <code>OneWay</code> messages.
[POL90025]	The SCA runtime MUST ignore the <code>propagatesTransaction</code> intent for <code>OneWay</code> methods.
[POL90027]	If a <code>transactedOneWay</code> intent is combined with the <code>managedTransaction.local</code> or <code>noManagedTransaction</code> implementation intents for either a reference or a service then an error MUST be raised during deployment.
[POL100001]	When <i>SOAP</i> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST use the SOAP messaging model to deliver messages.
[POL100002]	When a <i>SOAP</i> intent is qualified with <code>1_1</code> or <code>1_2</code> , then SOAP version 1.1 or SOAP version 1.2 respectively MUST be used to deliver messages.
[POL100003]	When <i>JMS</i> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and receive messages supports the JMS API.
[POL100004]	The <code>noListener</code> intent MUST only be declared on a <code>@requires</code> attribute of a reference.
[POL100005]	When <code>noListener</code> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST not establish any connection from a service to a client.
[POL100006]	When <i>EJB</i> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and receive messages supports the EJB API.
[POL110001]	An SCA runtime MUST reject a composite file that does not conform to the <code>sca-policy-1.1.xsd</code> schema.

2670 Table C-1: SCA Policy Normative Statements

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