



# Web Services Reliable Messaging Policy Assertion (WS-RM Policy)

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## Abstract:

This specification describes a domain-specific policy assertion for WS-ReliableMessaging [WS-RM] that can be specified within a policy alternative as defined in WS-Policy Framework [WS-Policy].

By using the XML [XML], SOAP [SOAP 1.1], [SOAP 1.2] and WSDL [WSDL 1.1] extensibility models, the WS\* specifications are designed to be composed with each other to provide a rich Web services environment. This by itself does not provide a negotiation solution for Web services. This is a building block that is used in conjunction with other Web service and application-specific protocols to accommodate a wide variety of policy exchange models.

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# 1 Introduction

This specification defines a domain-specific policy assertion for reliable messaging for use with WS-Policy [WS-Policy] and WS-ReliableMessaging [WS-RM].

## 1.1 Goals and Requirements

### 1.1.1 Requirements

### 1.2 Notational Conventions

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

This specification uses the following syntax to define normative outlines for messages:

- The syntax appears as an XML instance, but values in italics indicate data types instead of values.
- Characters are appended to elements and attributes to indicate cardinality:
  - "?" (0 or 1)
  - "\*" (0 or more)
  - "+" (1 or more)
- The character "|" is used to indicate a choice between alternatives.
- The characters "[" and "]" are used to indicate that contained items are to be treated as a group with respect to cardinality or choice.
- An ellipsis (i.e. "...") indicates a point of extensibility that allows other child, or attribute, content. Additional children and/or attributes MAY be added at the indicated extension points but MUST NOT contradict the semantics of the parent and/or owner, respectively. If an extension is not recognized it SHOULD be ignored.
- XML namespace prefixes (See Section [Namespace](#)) are used to indicate the namespace of the element being defined.

### 1.3 Namespace

The XML namespace [XML-ns] URI that MUST be used by implementations of this specification is:

<http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200602>

Dereferencing the above URI will produce the Resource Directory Description Language [RDDL 2.0] document that describes this namespace.

Table 1 lists the XML namespaces that are used in this specification. The choice of any namespace prefix is arbitrary and not semantically significant.

The following namespaces are used in this document:

80 Table 1

Prefix	Namespace	Specification
wsdl	<a href="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/</a>	<a href="#">[WSDL 1.1]</a>
wsp	<a href="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy</a>	<a href="#">[WS-Policy]</a>
wsrmp	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200602">http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200602</a>	This specification.
wsu	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd</a>	WS-Security-Utility Schema

## 81 1.4 Compliance

82 An implementation is not compliant with this specification if it fails to satisfy one or more of the MUST or  
 83 REQUIRED level requirements defined herein. A SOAP Node MUST NOT use the XML namespace  
 84 identifier for this specification (listed in Section [Namespace](#)) within SOAP Envelopes unless it is compliant  
 85 with this specification.

86 Normative text within this specification takes precedence over normative outlines, which in turn take  
 87 precedence over the XML Schema [\[XML-Schema Part1\]](#), [\[XML-Schema Part2\]](#) descriptions.

## 2 RM Policy Assertions

WS-Policy Framework [WS-Policy] and WS-Policy Attachment [WS-PolicyAttachment] collectively define a framework, model and grammar for expressing the requirements, and general characteristics of entities in an XML Web services-based system. To enable an RM Destination and an RM Source to describe their requirements for a given Sequence, this specification defines a single RM policy assertion that leverages the WS-Policy framework.

### 2.1 Assertion Model

The RM policy assertion indicates that the RM Source and RM Destination MUST use WS-ReliableMessaging [WS-RM] to ensure reliable delivery of messages. Specifically, the WS-ReliableMessaging protocol determines invariants maintained by the reliable messaging endpoints and the directives used to track and manage the delivery of a Sequence of messages.

### 2.2 Normative Outline

The normative outline for the RM assertion is:

```
<wsrmp:RMAssertion [wsp:Optional="true"]? ... >
...
</wsrmp:RMAssertion>
```

The following describes additional, normative constraints on the outline listed above:

/wsrmp:RMAssertion

A policy assertion that specifies that WS-ReliableMessaging [WS-RM] protocol MUST be used for a Sequence.

/wsrmp:RMAssertion/@wsp:Optional="true"

Per WS-Policy [WS-Policy], this is compact notation for two policy alternatives, one with and one without the assertion. The intuition is that the behavior indicated by the assertion is optional, or in this case, that WS-ReliableMessaging MAY be used.

/wsrmp:RMAssertion/{any}

This is an extensibility mechanism to allow different (extensible) types of information, based on a schema, to be passed.

/wsrmp:RMAssertion/@{any}

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### 2.3 Assertion Attachment

The RM policy assertion is allowed to have the following Policy Subjects [WS-PolicyAttachment]:

- Endpoint Policy Subject
- Message Policy Subject

WS-PolicyAttachment defines a set of WSDL/1.1 [WSDL 1.1] policy attachment points for each of the above Policy Subjects. Since an RM policy assertion specifies a concrete behavior, it MUST NOT be attached to the abstract WSDL policy attachment points.

125 The following is the list of WSDL/1.1 elements whose scope contains the Policy Subjects allowed for an  
126 RM policy assertion but which MUST NOT have RM policy assertions attached:

- 127 • wsdl:message
- 128 • wsdl:portType/wsdl:operation/wsdl:input
- 129 • wsdl:portType/wsdl:operation/wsdl:output
- 130 • wsdl:portType/wsdl:operation/wsdl:fault
- 131 • wsdl:portType

132 The following is the list of WSDL/1.1 elements whose scope contains the Policy Subjects allowed for an  
133 RM policy assertion and which MAY have RM policy assertions attached:

- 134 • wsdl:port
- 135 • wsdl:binding
- 136 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:input
- 137 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:output
- 138 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:fault

139 ~~If the RM policy assertion appears in a policy expression attached to a wsdl:binding as well as to the~~  
140 ~~individual wsdl:binding-level message definitions(wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:input,~~  
141 ~~wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:output, wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:fault), the parameters in the~~  
142 ~~former MUST be used and the latter ignored.~~

143 ~~If the RM policy assertion appears in a policy expression attached to a wsdl:port as well as to the other~~  
144 ~~allowed WSDL/1.1 elements, the parameters in the former MUST be used and the latter ignored.~~

145 If an RM policy assertion is attached to any of:

- 146 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:input
- 147 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:output
- 148 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:fault

149 then an RM policy assertion, specifying wsp:Optional=true MUST be attached to the corresponding  
150 wsdl:binding or wsdl:port, indicating that the endpoint supports WS-RM. Any messages, regardless of  
151 whether they have an attached Message Policy Subject RM policy assertion, MAY be sent to that endpoint  
152 using WS-RM. Additionally, the receiving endpoint MUST NOT reject any message belonging to a  
153 Sequence, simply because there was no Message Policy Subject RM policy assertion attached to that  
154 message. There might be certain RM implementations that are incapable of applying RM QoS semantics  
155 on a per-message basis. In order to ensure the broadest interoperability, when an endpoint decorates its  
156 WSDL with RM policy assertions using Message Policy Subject, it must also be prepared to accept that all  
157 messages sent to that endpoint might be sent within the context of an RM Sequence, regardless of  
158 whether the corresponding wsdl:input, wsdl:output or wsdl:fault had an attached RM policy assertion.

159 Rather than turn away messages that were unnecessarily sent with RM semantics, the receiving endpoint  
160 described by the WSDL must accept these messages.

161 By attaching an RM policy assertion that specifies wsp:Optional="true" to the corresponding endpoint that  
162 has attached RM policy assertions at the Message Policy Subject level, the endpoint is describing the  
163 above constraint in policy.

164 In the case where an optional RM Assertion applies to an output message, there is no requirement on the  
165 client to support an RMD implementation

## 166 2.4 Assertion Example

167 Table 2 lists an example use of the RM policy assertion.

168 Table 2: Example policy with RM policy assertion

```
169 (01)<wsdl:definitions
170 (02)   targetNamespace="example.com"
171 (03)   xmlns:tns="example.com"
172 (04)   xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
173 (05)   xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy"
174 (06)   xmlns:wsrmp="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200602"
175 (07)   xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
176 wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">
177 (08)
178 (09)   <wsp:UsingPolicy wsdl:required="true" />
179 (10)
180 (11)   <wsp:Policy wsu:Id="MyPolicy" >
181 (12)     <wsrmp:RMAssertion/>
182
183 (13)   <!-- omitted assertions -->
184 (14) </wsp:Policy>
185 (15)
186 (16) <!-- omitted elements -->
187 (17)
188 (18) <wsdl:binding name="MyBinding" type="tns:MyPortType" >
189 (19)   <wsp:PolicyReference URI="#MyPolicy" />
190 (20)   <!-- omitted elements -->
191 (21) </wsdl:binding>
192 (22)
193 (23)</wsdl:definitions>
```

193 Line (09) in Table 2 indicates that WS-Policy [WS-Policy] is in use as a required extension.

194 Lines (11-14) are a policy expression that includes a RM policy assertion (Line 12) to indicate that WS-  
195 ReliableMessaging [WS-RM] must be used.

196 Lines (18-21) are a WSDL [WSDL 1.1] binding. Line (19) indicates that the policy in Lines (11-14) applies  
197 to this binding, specifically indicating that WS-ReliableMessaging must be used over all the messages in  
198 the binding.

### 3 Security Considerations

It is strongly RECOMMENDED that policies and assertions be signed to prevent tampering.

It is RECOMMENDED that policies SHOULD NOT be accepted unless they are signed and have an associated security token to specify the signer has proper claims for the given policy. That is, a relying party shouldn't rely on a policy unless the policy is signed and presented with sufficient claims to pass the relying parties acceptance criteria.

It should be noted that the mechanisms described in this document could be secured as part of a SOAP message using WS-Security [WSS] or embedded within other objects using object-specific security mechanisms.



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### 4.1 Normative

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#### [WS-PolicyAttachment]

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#### [WSDL 1.1]

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#### [XML]

W3C Recommendation, "[Extensible Markup Language \(XML\) 1.0 \(Second Edition\)](#)", October 2000.

#### [XML-ns]

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#### [XML-Schema Part1]

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#### [XML-Schema Part2]

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### 4.2 Non Normative

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261 A normative copy of the XML Schema [XML-Schema Part1, XML-Schema Part2] description for this  
262 specification may be retrieved from the following address:

263 <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200602/wsrmp-1.1-schema-200602.xsd>

264 The following copy is provided for reference.

```

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303 -->
304 <xs:schema xmlns:tns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200602"
305 xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
306 targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200602"
307 elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
308   <xs:element name="RMAssertion">
309     <xs:complexType>
310       <xs:sequence>
311         <xs:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"
312 maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
313       </xs:sequence>
314       <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
315     </xs:complexType>
316   </xs:element>
317 </xs:schema>

```

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