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15 Abstract:

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

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

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59 1 Introduction

60 This specification defines a domain-specific policy assertion for reliable messaging for use with WS-Policy
61 and WS-ReliableMessaging.

62 1.1 Goals and Requirements

63 1.1.1 Requirements

64 1.2 Notational Conventions

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

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

- 69 • The syntax appears as an XML instance, but values in italics indicate data types instead of values.
- 70 • Characters are appended to elements and attributes to indicate cardinality:
 - 71 ○ "?" (0 or 1)
 - 72 ○ "*" (0 or more)
 - 73 ○ "+" (1 or more)
- 74 • The character "|" is used to indicate a choice between alternatives.
- 75 • The characters "[" and "]" are used to indicate that contained items are to be treated as a group
76 with respect to cardinality or choice.
- 77 • An ellipsis (i.e. "...") indicates a point of extensibility that allows other child, or attribute, content.
78 Additional children and/or attributes MAY be added at the indicated extension points but MUST
79 NOT contradict the semantics of the parent and/or owner, respectively. If an extension is not
80 recognized it SHOULD be ignored.
- 81 • XML namespace prefixes (See Section [1.3](#)) are used to indicate the namespace of the element
82 being defined.

83 Elements and Attributes defined by this specification are referred to in the text of this document using
84 XPath 1.0 [[XPATH 1.0](#)] expressions. Extensibility points are referred to using an extended version of this
85 syntax:

- 86 • An element extensibility point is referred to using {any} in place of the element name. This
87 indicates that any element name can be used, from any namespace other than the wsrn:
88 namespace.
- 89 • An attribute extensibility point is referred to using @{any} in place of the attribute name. This
90 indicates that any attribute name can be used, from any namespace other than the wsrn:
91 namespace.

92 1.3 Namespace

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

94 <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200608>

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

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

99 Table 1

| Prefix | Namespace | Specification |
|--------|---|----------------------------|
| wsdl | http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/ | [WSDL 1.1] |
| wsp | http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy | [WS-Policy] |
| wsrmp | http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200608 | This specification. |
| wsu | http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd | WS-Security-Utility Schema |

100 1.4 Compliance

101 An implementation is not compliant with this specification if it fails to satisfy one or more of the MUST or
102 REQUIRED level requirements defined herein. A SOAP Node MUST NOT use the XML namespace
103 identifier for this specification (listed in Section 1.3) within SOAP Envelopes unless it is compliant with this
104 specification.

105 Normative text within this specification takes precedence over normative outlines, which in turn take
106 precedence over the XML Schema [XML-Schema Part1, XML-Schema Part2] descriptions.

2 RM Policy Assertions

WS-Policy Framework 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 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"]? ... >
  <wsp:Policy>
    [ <wsrmp:SequenceSTR/> |
      <wsrmp:SequenceTransportSecurity/> ] ?
  </wsp:Policy>
  ...
</wsrmp:RMAssertion>
```

The following describes the content model of the RMAssertion element.

/wsrmp:RMAssertion

A policy assertion that specifies that WS-ReliableMessaging protocol MUST be used when sending messages.

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

Per 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/wsp:Policy

This required element allows for the inclusion of nested policy assertions.

/wsrmp:RMAssertion/wsp:Policy/wsrmp:SequenceSTR

When present, this assertion defines the requirement that an RM Sequence MUST be bound to an explicit token that is referenced from a wsse:SecurityTokenReference in the CreateSequence message. See section 2.5.1.

/wsrmp:RMAssertion/wsp:Policy/wsrmp:SequenceTransportSecurity

When present, this assertion defines the requirement that an RM Sequence MUST be bound to the session(s) of the underlying transport-level protocol used to carry the CreateSequence and CreateSequenceResponse message. See section 2.5.2.

/wsrmp:RMAssertion/{any}

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

148 /wsrmp:RMAssertion/@{any}

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

151 **2.3 Assertion Attachment**

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

- 153 ● Endpoint Policy Subject
- 154 ● Message Policy Subject

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

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

- 160 • wsdl:message
- 161 • wsdl:portType/wsdl:operation/wsdl:input
- 162 • wsdl:portType/wsdl:operation/wsdl:output
- 163 • wsdl:portType/wsdl:operation/wsdl:fault
- 164 • wsdl:portType

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

- 167 • wsdl:port
- 168 • wsdl:binding
- 169 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:input
- 170 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:output
- 171 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:fault

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

- 173 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:input
- 174 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:output
- 175 • wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation/wsdl:fault

176 then an RM policy assertion, specifying `wsp:Optional=true` MUST be attached to the corresponding
177 `wsdl:binding` or `wsdl:port`, indicating that the endpoint supports WS-RM. Any messages, regardless of
178 whether they have an attached Message Policy Subject RM policy assertion, MAY be sent to that endpoint
179 using WS-RM. Additionally, the receiving endpoint MUST NOT reject any message belonging to a
180 Sequence, simply because there was no Message Policy Subject RM policy assertion attached to that
181 message. There might be certain RM implementations that are incapable of applying RM Quality of
182 Service (QoS) semantics on a per-message basis. In order to ensure the broadest interoperability, when
183 an endpoint decorates its WSDL with RM policy assertions using Message Policy Subject, it MUST also

184 be prepared to accept that all messages sent to that endpoint might be sent within the context of an RM
185 Sequence, regardless of whether the corresponding wsdl:input, wsdl:output or wsdl:fault had an attached
186 RM policy assertion.

187 Rather than turn away messages that were unnecessarily sent with RM semantics, the receiving endpoint
188 described by the WSDL MUST accept these messages.

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

192 In the case where an optional RM Assertion applies to an output message, there is no requirement on the
193 client to support an RM Destination implementation

194 2.4 Assertion Example

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

196 Table 2: Example policy with RM policy assertion

```
197 (01) <wsdl:definitions  
198 (02)     targetNamespace="example.com"  
199 (03)     xmlns:tns="example.com"  
200 (04)     xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"  
201 (05)     xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy"  
202 (06)     xmlns:wsrmp="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200608"  
203 (07)     xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-  
204 wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">  
205 (08)  
206 (09) <wsp:UsingPolicy wsdl:required="true" />  
207 (10)  
208 (11) <wsp:Policy wsu:Id="MyPolicy" >  
209 (12)   <wsrmp:RMAssertion>  
210 (13)     <wsp:Policy/>  
211 (14)   </wsrmp:RMAssertion>  
212 (15)   <!-- omitted assertions -->  
213 (16) </wsp:Policy>  
214 (17)  
215 (18) <!-- omitted elements -->  
216 (19)  
217 (20) <wsdl:binding name="MyBinding" type="tns:MyPortType" >  
218 (21)   <wsp:PolicyReference URI="#MyPolicy" />  
219 (22)   <!-- omitted elements -->  
220 (23) </wsdl:binding>  
221 (24)  
222 (25) </wsdl:definitions>
```

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

224 Lines (11-16) are a policy expression that includes a RM policy assertion (lines 12-14) to indicate that WS-
225 ReliableMessaging must be used.

226 Lines (20-23) are a WSDL binding. Line (21) indicates that the policy in lines (11-16) applies to this
227 binding, specifically indicating that WS-ReliableMessaging must be used over all the messages in the
228 binding.

229 2.5 Sequence Security Policy

230 WS-SecurityPolicy [SecurityPolicy] provides a framework and grammar for expressing the security
231 requirements and characteristics of entities in a XML web services based system. The following
232 assertions MAY be used in conjunction with WS-SecurityPolicy to express additional security
233 requirements particular to RM Sequences.

234 2.5.1 RM Assertion with Sequence STR Assertion

235 This version of the RM assertion includes the requirement that an RM Sequence MUST be bound to an
236 explicit token that is referenced from a `wsse:SecurityTokenReference` in the `CreateSequence`
237 message.

238 This assertion MUST apply to [Endpoint Policy Subject]. The normative outline for this form of the
239 Sequence STR Assertion is:

```
240     <wsrmp:RMAssertion [wsp:Optional="true"]? ...>  
241         <wsp:Policy>  
242             <wsrmp:SequenceSTR/>  
243             <wsp:Policy>  
244         </wsrmp:RMAssertion>
```

245 The following describes the content model of the `SequenceSTR` element.

246 `/wsrmp:SequenceSTR`

247 A policy assertion that specifies security requirements which MUST be used with an RM Sequence that
248 are particular to WS-RM and beyond what can be expressed in WS-SecurityPolicy.

249 2.5.2 RM Assertion with Sequence Transport Security Assertion

250 This version of the RM assertion includes the requirement that an RM Sequence MUST be bound to the
251 session(s) of the underlying transport-level security protocol (e.g. SSL/TLS) used to carry the
252 `CreateSequence` and `CreateSequenceResponse` messages.

253 This assertion MUST apply to [Endpoint Policy Subject]. This assertion is effectively meaningless unless it
254 occurs in conjunction with the `sp:TransportBinding` assertion that requires the use of some transport-
255 level security mechanism (e.g. `sp:HttpsToken`).

256 The normative outline for this form of the RM Assertion with the Sequence Transport Security Assertion is:

```
257     <wsp:Policy>  
258         <wsp:>ExactlyOne</wsp:>  
259         <wsp:All>  
260             <wsrm:RMAssertion [wsp:Optional="true"]> ...>  
261                 <wsp:Policy>  
262                     <wsrmp:SequenceTransportSecurity/>  
263                 </wsp:Policy>  
264             </wsrm:RMAssertion>  
265             <sp:TransportBinding ...>  
266             ...  
267         </sp:TransportBinding>  
268         <wsp:All>  
269         <wsp:ExactlyOne>  
270     </wsp:Policy>
```

271 The following describes the content model of the `SequenceTransportSecurity` element.

272 `/wsrmp:SequenceTransportSecurity`

273 A policy assertion that specifies that any Sequences targeted to the indicated endpoint MUST be bound to
274 the underlying session(s) of the transport-level security used to carry messages related to the Sequence.

275 This form of the RM Assertion says that an endpoint MAY have RM as an option but always requires
276 HTTPS to be used. All the SequenceTransportSecurity assertion indicates is that RM's rules for protecting
277 the Sequence over TLS are followed.

278 **3 Security Considerations**

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

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

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

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380 Appendix B. XML Schema

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

383 <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200608/wsrmp-1.1-schema-200608.xsd>

384 The following copy is provided for reference.

```
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423 -->
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425 xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
426 targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200608"
427 elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
428   <xs:element name="RMAssertion">
429     <xs:complexType>
430       <xs:sequence>
431         <xs:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"
432 maxOccurs
433 </xs:sequence>
434       <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
435     </xs:complexType>
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436 </xs:element>
437 <xs:element name="SequenceSTR">
438   <xs:complexType>
439     <xs:sequence/>
440     <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
441   </xs:complexType>
442 </xs:element>
443 <xs:element name="SequenceTransportSecurity">
444   <xs:complexType>
445     <xs:sequence/>
446     <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
447   </xs:complexType>
448 </xs:element>
449 </xs:schema>
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450 Appendix C. Revision History

| Revision | Date | By Whom | What |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|---|
| wd-01.doc | 2005-07-06 | Ümit Yalçinalp | Initial version created based on submission by the authors. |
| 1.0-wd-01.swx | 2005-09-01 | Ümit Yalçinalp | Reformatted using Open Office |
| 1.1-wd-01.swx | 2005-09-18 | Ümit Yalçinalp | Applied resolution i001 Applied resolution i015/16 (doc identifier) Partial application of i017, final yyyy/mm required, changed doc URI to TBD pending yyyy/mm Deleted original copyright section |
| 1.1-wd-01.swx | 2005-10-02 | Anish Karmarkar | Applied resolution of i013 + minor editorial changes + fixed resolution of i017 |
| 1.1-wd-01.swx | 2005-10-04 | Ümit Yalçinalp | Applied actual value for yyyy/mm. Added resolution of i009 |
| 1.1-wd-01.swx | 2005-10-06 | Ümit Yalçinalp | Editorial fixes suggested by Anish Updated wd draft date to October 6th |
| 1.1-wd-01.swx | 2005-10-19 | Ümit Yalçinalp | Editorial change to remove .swx suffix from doc id |
| wd-02 | 2005-11-03 | Gilbert Pilz | Start wd-02 by changing title page from cd-01. |
| wd-02 | 2005-11-30 | Gilbert Pilz | i072 – editorial nits |
| wd-02 | 2005-11-30 | Gilbert Pilz | i074 - Use of [tcShortName] in artifact locations namespaces, etc |
| wd-02 | 2005-12-01 | Gilbert Pilz | Updated fix to i074 to remove trailing '/' from wsrmp namespace. |
| wd-02 | 2005-12-01 | Anish Karmarkar | Applied resolution for i022 |
| wd-02 | 2005-12-01 | Anish Karmarkar | Applied resolution for i024 |
| wd-02 | 2005-12-01 | Anish Karmarkar | Applied resolution for i054 |
| wd-02 | 2005-12-01 | Anish Karmarkar | Applied resolution of i073 |
| wd-2 | 2005-12-05 | Anish Karmarkar | Applied resolution of i055 |
| wd-2 | 2005-12-05 | Ümit Yalçinalp | Changed fixed date in footer to current date |
| wd-3 | 2005-12-21 | Doug Davis | Added i050 |
| wd-3 | 2005-12-23 | Ümit Yalçinalp | I057 resolution |

| Revision | Date | By Whom | What |
|----------|------------|-----------------|---|
| wd-3 | 2005-12-23 | Ümit Yalçınalp | Changed the ref to WS-RM to the WS-RX committee draft instead of original version Fixed Dug's email address |
| wd-3 | 2005-12-23 | Ümit Yalçınalp | I060 resolution |
| wd-03 | 2005-12-27 | Gilbert Pilz | Remove schema example and put it in its own artifact (wsrmp-1.1-schema-200510.xsd). Convert source file to OpenDocument format. Make line numbers all the same style. |
| wd-03 | 2005-12-28 | Anish Karmarkar | Included a section link to c:\temp\wsrmp-1.1-schema-200510.xsd |
| wd-03 | 2006-01-04 | Gilbert Pilz | Fixed formatting of included section. |
| wd-03 | 2006-01-05 | Gilbert Pilz | Fix closing tag of normative outline for RMAssertion. |
| wd-04 | 2006-11-11 | Doug Davis | Minor tweaks/typos |
| wd-05 | 2006-01-23 | Gilbert Pilz | Start wd-05 by accepting all changes from wd-04 |
| wd-06 | 2006-01-23 | Doug Davis | Minor typos found by Marc |
| wd-06 | 2006-02-14 | Doug Davis | Issue 075 resolution |
| wd-06 | 2006-02-14 | Doug Davis | Issues 086, 087 resolutions |
| wd-06 | 2006-02-15 | Gilbert Pilz | Issue 088; added link for namespace URI; added text describing link; added non-normative reference for RDDL 2.0 |
| wd-06 | 2006-02-17 | Anish Karmarkar | Removed a sentence in section 2.1 that talked about RM assertion parameters, as there aren't any. |
| wd-06 | 2006-02-17 | Anish Karmarkar | Change the namespace to 200602. |
| wd-07 | 2006-02-22 | Doug Davis | Accept all changes to create new WD Minor typo fixed – thanks to Paul Cotton |
| wd-07 | 2006-02-23 | Doug Davis | Added missing namespace table entries - MarcG |
| wd-07 | 2006-03-08 | Doug Davis | Issue 097 applied |
| wd-08 | 2006-04-11 | Doug Davis | Issue 021 applied |
| wd-08 | 2006-04-24 | Gilbert Pilz | Misc cleanups prior to publishing to TC. |
| wd-09 | 2006-05-29 | Gilbert Pilz | Issue 117 applied |
| wd-10 | 2006-06-05 | Gilbert Pilz | Accept all changes; bump WD number |
| wd-10 | 2006-06-07 | Doug Davis | Applied lots of minor edits from Marc Goodner |
| wd-10 | 2006-06-13 | Doug Davis | Applied a couple of minor edits |

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| wd-10 | 2006-07-21 | Doug Davis | Issues 122-124 applied |
| wd-10 | 2006-07-27 | Doug Davis | Copied list of TC members from RM spec (i134) |
| wd-10 | 2006-08-04 | Doug Davis | Updated old namespaces – found by PaulC |
| wd-10 | 2006-08-04 | Doug Davis | Verify all [refs] |
| wd-10 | 2006-08-04 | Doug Davis | Change namespace to 2006/08 |
| cd-04 | 2006-08-11 | Doug Davis | Issue 158 applied |
| cd-04 | 2006-08-16 | Gilbert Pilz | Fix date at 08/11/2006; formatting changes for better HTML rendering. |
| wd-11 | 2006-10-25 | Doug Davis | Accept all changes, update to wd11 |
| wd-11 | 2006-10-26 | Doug Davis | PR004 applied |
| wd-11 | 2007-01-26 | Doug Davis | PR037 applied |

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