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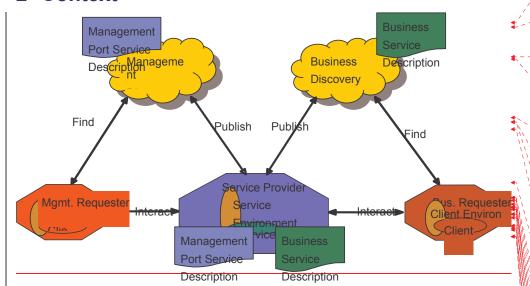
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## 3 Concepts

#### 3.1 MUWS Architecture Introduction

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The MUWS Architecture being addressed in this document consists of the pieces needed for management using Web Services of generic Information Technology resources. This requires that manageability of the manageable resource be presented via Web Services, whether or not the resource is a Web Service itself. The Introduction/Context section (Section 1) placed this work in the larger context of Web Services Architecture and following sections will provide more detail about the components of the MUWS Architecture.

#### 3.2 MUWS Architecture Scope

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The MUWS Architecture being defined consists of the Provider of Manageability via Web Services (which consists of the Web Services endpoint(s), service(s), and interface(s) that expose the manageability capabilities for the manageable resource), the Consumer of Manageability, and other required infrastructure.

In addition to providing detailed information on the components that make up the Provider of Manageability, this document will address other items. The following items require specific notes on which parts are in and out of scope for the MUWS Architecture:

The Consumer of Manageability (each manager which needs to manage some aspect of a manageable resource using MUWS is a consumer of Manageability). The Consumer must be able to make use of the manageability interface(s) provided by or on behalf of manageable resources. Conventional management applications that do not support MUWS will not be addressed at all in the MUWS Architecture. The Consumer of Manageability, like any Web Service consumer, must be able to send messages to, receive responses from, and possibly receive notifications from the manageability interface. There are no requirements imposed on the use of information received.

NOTE: It is important to note that not every Consumer will have the same capabilities. For example, some may be able to process WSDL dynamically, others may not. Some may only be able to do monitoring, others may be able to do monitoring and configuring. This MUWS Architecture will refer to the Consumer in a generic sense, not requiring any particular implementation to provide any particular capability.

The Manageable Resource. Trying not to change the resource, just specify manageability. No constraints or requirements will be placed on the actual resource itself. In particular, the constraints and requirements will be put on the manageability endpoint and manageability interface to properly provide what manageability capabilities are available for that manageable resource via Web Services. It is entirely possible for there to be manageability capabilities that are not directly supplied by the manageable resource, but are inferred or calculated by another entity and offered by the manageability endpoint.

Required infrastructure components. Examples include, but are not limited to, a Registry, a Policy Repository, or a Security service. They will be mentioned in the document where

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30 October 2003 Page 5 of 18 appropriate, and MUWS has requirements on these services, but they will not be defined here. Also, much of this work will be addressed via the MUWS Platform requirements.

#### 3.3 MUWS Architecture Concept Diagram

This Management Using Web Services specification defines how manageability of an arbitrary IT resource can be accessed via Web services. Thus, manageability is one possible quality of a resource. "Manageability is composed of a number of capabilities. Each capability has its own distinct semantics (e.g., could be expressed in a UML model). Therefore, a manageable resource composes a set of manageability capabilities. Figure ?, relates the concepts necessary for management using Web services.

According to the concepts in the WSDL specification, a Web service is an aggregate of endpoints each offering the service at an address and accessible according to a binding. A service has a number of interfaces that are realized by all of its endpoints. Each interface describes a set of named messages that could be exchanged and their format. Properly formatted messages could be sent to an endpoint's address in a way prescribed by the binding. A description (document, artifact) is composed of definitions of interfaces and services. A description may contain both or either of the definitions.

In accordance with the Web Services concepts expressed above, access to the manageability for a resource must be provided by an endpoint. We call such an endpoint a manageability endpoint. Implicitly, a manageability endpoint belongs to a manageability service, which has a number of manageability interfaces that are realized by manageability endpoints. Thus, a single manageability interface represents all or part of a manageability capability. Similarly, a single manageability capability may be represented in one or more interfaces. The semantics of a particular capability is represented in a set of possible message exchanges and rendered in message formats grouped into one or more interfaces.

For example, ability to offer metrics could be captured in a 'Metrics' UML model which is, therefore, an instance of the manageability capability concept. The semantics of offering metrics could be rendered from the UML model into a WSDL interface description defined in a "urn:wsdm:common:manageability:metrics" namespace. That would be an instance of the manageability interface concept.

This specification defines the base set of manageability capabilities that could be composed into a manageable resource or combined into aggregate capabilities. For example, a TotallyManagableResource uber-capability could be defined that includes all of the base manageability capabilities. Such aggregate capability could also be composed into a manageable resource, and in that sense, an aggregate capability is conceptually the same as any other capability. However, this specification does not currently attempt to define (identify) the aggregate capabilities and focuses on the definition of the base set.

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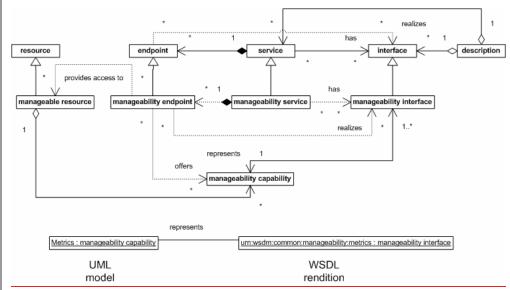


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#### **4.1 Logical Model**

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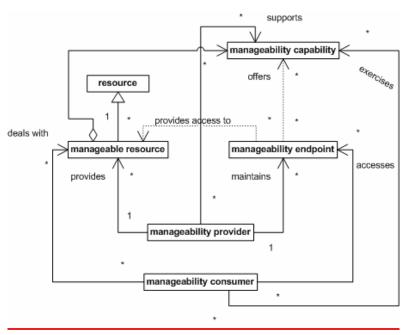
The manageability provider may provide manageability quality for many resources. In other words manageability provider may help many resources become manageable resources, instances of which belong to one instance of the provider. To do it, manageability provider maintains manageability endpoints which provide access to the manageable resources. According to the concepts definition, manageable resource is a resource with a number of manageability capabilities composed into it. In order to compose capabilities into the manageable resource, manageability provider supports the manageability capabilities that are are offered by the manageability endpoints. For example, manageability provider could embed a piece of code to support the manageability capabilities into a resource thus making a resource manageable. Provider may also support the capabilities by deploying resources in a container that could add manageability quality to all its resources.

The manageability consumers deal with (act upon) manageable resources. To 'deal with' in this context means to exert control and to obtain and interpret the information. In order to deal with (act upon) the manageable resource, consumers access manageability endpoints and exrecsise offered manageability capabilities. To 'exercise' in this context means to make use of the distinct semantics defined for a given manageability capability on the necessary manageable resource. Essentially, consumers exercise understanding of the sematics defined by a capability, but exercise it on the actual manageable resource. Technically, it translates into being able to use a distinct group of properties, operations, events and metadata by exchanging messages with the manageability endpoint.

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#### 4.2 Information Model

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The manageability provider may provide many manageable resources, instances of which belong to one instance of the provider. To do this, manageability provider maintains manageability endpoints which provide access to manageable resources. Manageable resource is a resource with a number of manageability capabilities composed into it. Manageability capabilities are explicitly supported by the manageability provider and are offered via manageability endpoints.

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#### 4.3 Roles

WSDM-MUWS-Architecture-Draft Copyright © OASIS Open 2003. All Rights Reserved. 30 October 2003 Page 9 of 18 This section documents the roles various components of the MUWS Architecture, as well as related components, will have during management using Web Services. It is not intended to constrain the locus of implementation, but instead is intended to document the required components and which actions each is required to take.

NOTE: One application implementation may have many roles or a full role may be implemented by a combination of many different applications.

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The major roles are Consumer of the Manageability Service and Provider of the Manageability Service. Related roles are Manageable Resource and related infrastructure components, such as a Directory.

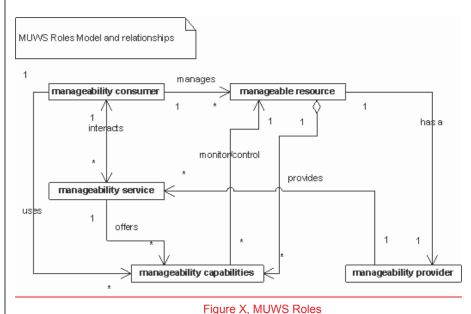
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There are also actions only referred to here, because there is no direct relationship to the manageability service, and standardization is not required. Such as getting a new manageability service or component up and running for the first time.

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## 4.3.1 Consumer of Manageability

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The Consumer of Manageability plays a role in the management of manageable resources.

Because the Manageability Service is a Web Service, the Consumer must follow the Web Services rules. Needs to do the following. Consume information, manage the resource (monitor, configure, etc). Needs to understand the resource. Using information provided by manageability. And to control and configure the resource using the manageability capabilities.

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The Consumer must send properly formatted messages (based on the WSDL describing the Formatted: No bullets or 205 service) to the appropriate Provider of the manageability service. . numbering 206 The Consumer must be able to locate the appropriate Provider for the manageable resource 207 being managed. 208 The Consumer must be able to receive responses from the Provider. 209 In order to receive Notifications, the Consumer must also provide a Web Service (making it a specialized Provider of a Notification Receipt Web Service) that supports receiving notifications 210 211 from the Provider and responds appropriately. 212 The Consumer may be capable of discovering manageable resources from a Provider which has 213 a relationship with another Provider or manageable resource or through a Directory. 214 The Consumer must follow the security requirements of the Provider and properly authenticate with the Provider as well as using interoperable confidentiality and integrity mechanisms. 215 Formatted: Indent: Left: 0" 216 Formatted: Heading 3.H3 4.3.2 Provider of Manageability 217 218 219 The Provider of Manageability plays the largest role in the management of manageable resources Deleted: the 220 via MUWS. The Provider supplies Manageability for a manageable resource. It provides Deleted: Service 221 sufficient information for Consumer according to the manageability capabilities of the resource. Deleted: the 222 And may assist with configuration. Deleted: Service 223 Provider of Manageability provides the manageability quality for a resource and therefore enables a resource to become a manageable resource. For example, Provider of Manageability may be 224 Comment: Needs to be more 225 code helping the resource expose its metrics via MUWS. definitive. Provider of Manageability 226 NOTE: The Provider may be implemented in the manageable resource or it may not. The makes a resource MUWS manageable. Provides the quality of 227 Provider may supply Manageability for more than one manageable resource. In other words, this manageability for the resource. 228 is not intended to constrain the locus of implementation. Deleted: the 229 The Provider must describe the Manageability provided for a manageable resource in WSDL. Deleted: Service 230 The Provider must be able to receive properly formatted messages as described in the WSDL. Formatted: No bullets or 231 The Provider must be able to respond to properly formatted messages appropriately. numbering 232 The Provider may be able to generate Notifications and send them to a Consumer as indicated by **Deleted:** Service 233 the Consumer or via the Consumer's WSDL. 234 The Provider must follow the security requirements of the environment. 235 Formatted: Heading 3,H3 236 4.3.3 Manageable Resource 237 238 The Manageable Resource must perform the business tasks it is normally required to do. 239 Because there are no restrictions on the locus of implementation, the manageable resource may 240 or may not implement the role of Provider of the Manageability Service. 241

#### **4.3.4** Infrastructure Components

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The Web Services Infrastructure Components are identified in this document as providing specific services that the Consumer or Provider requires in order to consume or provide the Manageability Service

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#### 4.4 Processing Model and Interaction Patterns

The compliant implementations of the roles defined in the logical model act according to the following basic processing rules:

#1: Manageability consumer and manageability provider have to understand information model in which semantics of a manageability capability is described. For example, it could be a UML model that expresses a group of properties, operations, events and metadata. Meaning of what model defines has to be equally understood by both parties.

#2: Manageability consumer exerts control over and obtains information about the manageable resource by exchanging messages with one or more manageability endpoints that provide access to the manageable resource.

#3: Manageability consumer has to be able to obtain the description of the manageability service, its endpoints and necessary manageability interfaces. Manageability provider has to be able to obtain description of the manageability interfaces for the capabilities it wants to support.

#4: Manageability consumer and manageability provider both have to equally understand how to establish which manageability interface corresponds to which manageability capability and vice versa.

#5: Manageability consumer establishes which capabilities are supported by the manageable resource either from the description of the manageability service or by exchanging messages with the manageability endpoint.

#6: Manageability consumer discovers necessary manageable resources by discovering manageable endpoints, reading their descriptions and exchanging messages as required. Manageability provider advertises/registers available manageability endpoints.

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1. The MC must determine the manageable resource to be managed

2. MP has a description of the information model for the manageability capabilities - access to which is provided via the MS. For each manageable resource that the MP is providing an MS for.

3. MC obtains the description of the appropriate MS and the associated information model

4. MC determines that it can interact - makes this possible

5. MC has endpoint reference for the appropriate endpoint with the capabilities that the MC wishes to use

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280 <u>Interaction:</u>

1. MC understands and meets the endpoint requirements for interaction

2. MC monitors and controls resource by exchanging messages with the MS]

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## **5 Implementation Architecture**

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