

A Proposal For

XACML Extension Model and Its Schema

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This document proposes an XACML Extension Model that defines what portion of the XACML specification is a core and to what extent the XACML specification can be extended. Based on this proposal, XACML policy administrators can represent much broader access control policies by extending the core portion of the XACML specification. This extension model is designed to support an XACML extensibility property stated in the XACML charter. This proposal is based on the current language proposal document [2] but includes several modifications.

1. Glossary

(Terms described here are described for further communication in TC. Definitions may change.)

XACML Core - XACML Core represents a mandatory set of the XACML specification that must be supported in every XACML system. *XACML Core* consists of *XACML Core Semantics* and *XACML Core Schema*.

XACML Core Grant Policy - A policy that *XACML Core Semantics* supports. The semantics is defined as “if one or more rule(s) holds, then access is grant, otherwise access is denied.”

XACML Core Schema - A set of the XACML policy primitives that consists of applicablePolicy, policy, rule, precondition, postCondition, and other useful primitives such as principal and resource. (Appendix A shows a proposed XACML Core Schema.)

XACML Core Semantics - The semantics that determines the meaning of access control policies defined in the *XACML Core*. One instance of the XACML Core Semantics is *XACML Core Grant Policy*.

XACML Extension - XACML Extension represents a class of extensible XACML access control policies and semantics. XACML Extension (?MUST, SHOULD, MAY) support *XACML Core*. XACML Extension consists of *XACML Extension Semantics* and *XACML Extension Schema*.

XACML Extension Model - XACML Extension Model defines what portion of XACML specification is a core and to what extent the XACML specification can be extended.

29 **XACML Extension Schema** - Any XML schema that can be defined as an extension of *XACML*
30 *Core Schema*. XACML Extension Schema is defined by policy administrators. An extended
31 schema MAY differ from another extended schema. (Appendix B shows several extension
32 examples.)

33 **XACML Extension Semantics** - Semantics that determines the meaning of the user-defined
34 access control policies. XACML Extension Semantics is defined by policy administrators. An
35 extended semantic basis MAY differ from another extended semantic basis.

36 2. XACML Extension Model

37 Figure 1 shows an XACML Extension Model.

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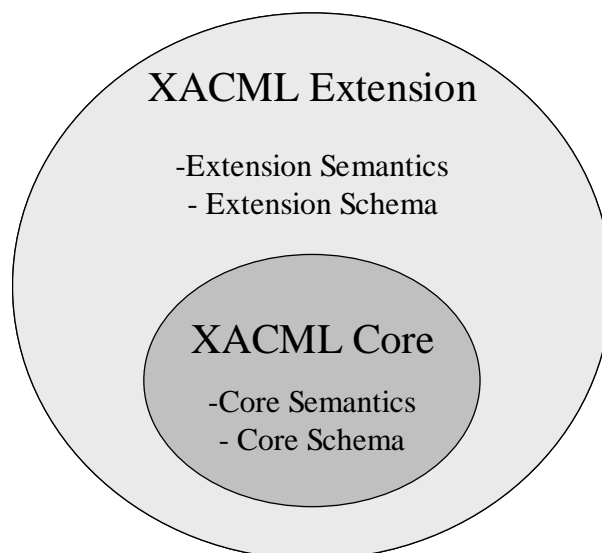
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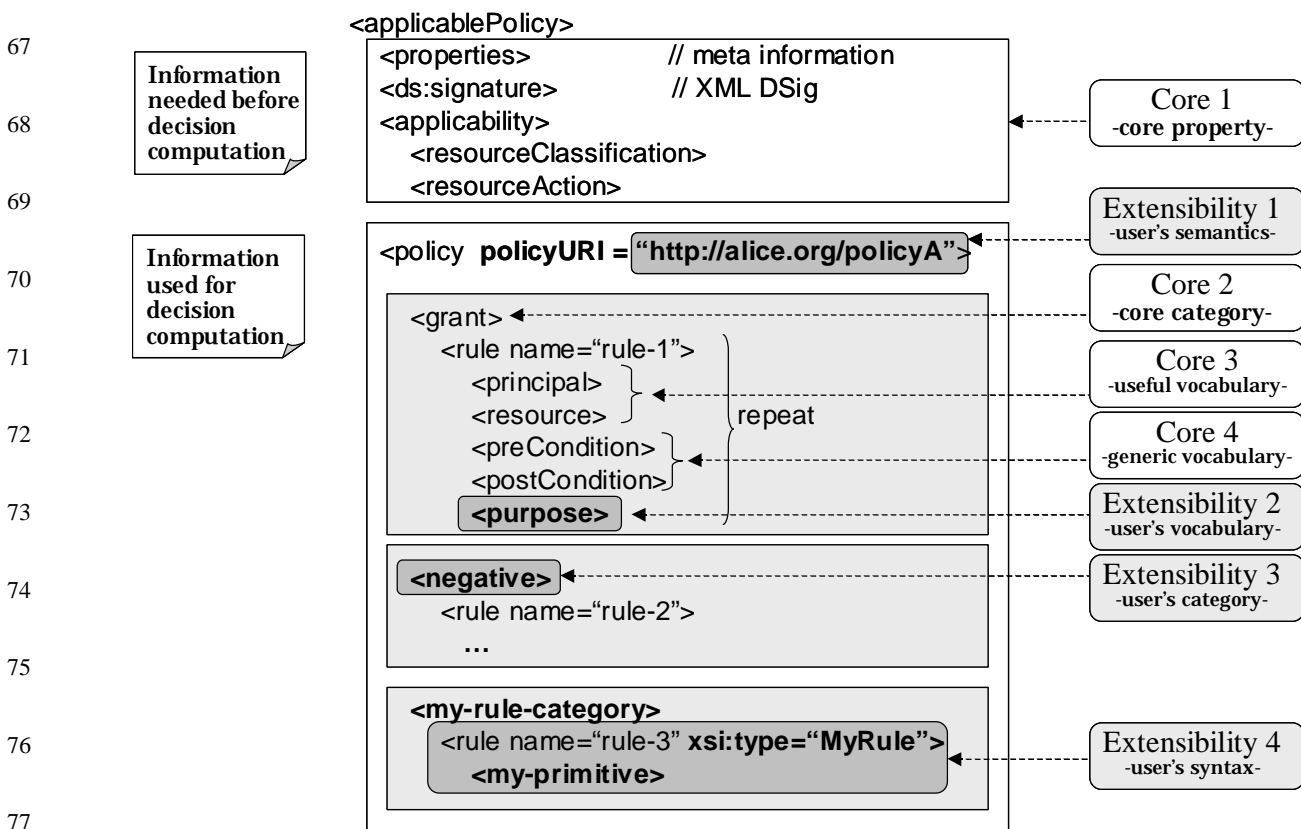
49 An XACML Core is a part of the XACML specification that consists of an XACML Core
50 Semantics and an XACML Core Schema. The XACML Core itself CANNOT be extended. The
51 XACML Core MAY not describe any specific algorithm that implements the XACML Core
52 Semantics. Algorithms for the XACML Core depend on each implementation.

53 An XACML Extension represents a class of extensible XACML-based access control policies. The
54 XACML Extension consists of an XACML Extension Semantics and an XACML Extension
55 Schema. The XACML Specification does not define any specific extension instance but only
56 defines a framework how to extend the XACML Core. Each policy instance extended from the
57 XACML Core is an instance of the XACML Extension. By this extension model, any policy

58 administrator who needs to specify local access control policies can define the semantics and the
 59 schema of their policies that conform to the XACML Specification. For the purpose of the XACML
 60 conformance, the algorithm implemented by each policy administrator (?MUST, SHOULD, MAY)
 61 support the XACML Core Semantics in addition to their local semantics. This restriction guarantees
 62 that every XACML system supports at least the semantics of the XACML Core. The extension
 63 schema MUST be an extension of the XACML Core Schema.

64 2.1 Overview of XACML Extensibility Property

65 The figure 2 shows the overview of the XACML Core and its extensibility property proposed in this
 66 document.



78 Figure 2. Overview of XACML Extensibility Property

79 2.2. Design Principles

80 Design principles of the XACML Extension Model is the following:

- 81 1. The XACML Core stringently defines the semantics and the schema of access control policy
 82 rules.

- 83 2. The XACML Core represents common functionalities described in the XACML Use Case
84 Summary document [1] and mailing-list discussion in proper, concise, and integral manner.
- 85 3. The XACML Extension provides a maximum extensibility with the XACML enough for as yet
86 unknown features. For this purpose, we assume a model of how should policies be extended.
87 This model avoids ad hoc extensions that might be done by users.
- 88 4. The extension to the XACML Core Schema is realized by the extensible functions of XML
89 Schema. It is desirable to apply flexible object-oriented design scheme.

90 **2.3. XACML Core**

91 The XACML Core consists of the XACML Core Semantics and the XACML Core Schema.

92 The XACML Core Semantics basically corresponds to the one described in the current XACML
93 language proposal [2]. The grant-based policy is stated as “if one or more rule(s) holds, then access
94 is grant, otherwise access is denied.” The semantic basis of each rule is represented as a set of
95 Boolean expressions such as equality and inequality. This intuitively means that if a set of Boolean
96 expressions of the specific rule holds, then that rule holds. If at least one rule in the policy holds,
97 then the PDP determines that access is grant. If none of the rule holds, then the PDP determines that
98 access is denied. We call this semantics an XACML Core Grant Policy. The XACML Core only
99 supports the XACML Core Grant Policy because most of the access control policies described in
100 the XACML Use Case Document can be described using only the XACML Core Grant Policy. This
101 decision is made to address the second design principle of the XACML Extension Model.

102 For the XACML Core Schema, we definitely need more schema primitives than the current draft
103 defines, because almost all the policies included in the XACML Use Case Summary document
104 consist of the equalities on principal attributes and resource attributes. A kind of the access-triple
105 syntax that consists of equality conditions of principal attributes and resource attributes make the
106 access control policy look more proper, concise, and familiar (we assume that an action classification
107 is specified in the applicability element.) The above primitives are created to address this issue.
108 Since the meaning of the added primitives is defined based on the Boolean semantics, it does not
109 destroy the XACML Core Semantics that corresponds to the semantic basis defined in the current
110 language proposal.

111 **2.4. XACML Extension**

112 The XACML Extension consists of an XACML Extension Semantics and an XACML Extension
113 Schema. The XACML Specification does not define any specific extension instance but only
114 defines a framework how to extend the XACML Core. It would be nice to include useful extension
115 examples.

116 The XACML Extension Semantics and Schema consists of the following extension points.

- 117 ● XACML Extension Semantics
- 118 1. User-defined semantics extension (mandatory)
- 119 2. User-defined algorithm extension (optional)

- 120 ● XACML Extension Schema
- 121 1. Rule category extension
- 122 2. Rule extension
- 123 3. Parameter restriction
- 124 4. Function/Predicate extension
- 125 5. Macro extension

126 The XACML Extension Semantics allows policy administrators to define the meaning of their local
127 access control policy. It consists of a mandatory user-defined semantics extension and an optional
128 algorithm extension. The user-defined semantic basis is identified by a unique URI. While there is
129 no need to specify algorithm information, policy administrators can specify implementation specific
130 information identified by a unique URI. Such flexibility satisfies the third design principle.

131 The XACML Extension Schema allows policy administrators to define the extended format of their
132 local access control policy. It consists of a rule category extension, a rule extension, a parameter
133 restriction, function/predicate extension, and a macro extension. This flexibility satisfies the third
134 design principle. We explain each extension point below.

- 135 1. The rule category extension is a first extensible point of the XACML Schema. The rule
136 category means a primitive element of the user-defined semantic basis and it allows policy
137 administrators to specify several semantic primitives under the policy element. Intuitively
138 speaking, the name of the rule category corresponds to a returned value of the policy
139 evaluation. For instance, the XACML Core uses the “grant” element for the default rule
140 category because “grant” is the result of the policy evaluation if at least one rule holds. In other
141 access control policies, “positive” and “negative” rule categories can represent the policy that
142 allows policy administrators to specify an explicit negative permission in the rule in addition to
143 the positive permission. In this case, the rule category could be defined as “positive” and
144 “negative”. More concrete examples are described in Appendix B.2, B.3, and B.4. Note that the
145 semantics of the extended rule category must be unambiguously handled by the user-defined
146 algorithm.

- 147 2. The rule extension is the second extensible point of the XACML Schema. The rule extension
148 means that policy administrators can add new elements in the rule element. For instance, the
149 XACML Core allows only “principal”, “resource”, “preCondition”, and “postCondition”
150 elements in the rule element. Using the rule extension, policy administrators can add arbitrary
151 elements such as “codeSource” and “purpose” in the rule element. This extension allows policy
152 administrators to use a local vocabulary of their policy domain. It could greatly improve
153 readability of the policy as well. Note that the semantics of the added elements in the rule
154 element must be unambiguously handled by the user-defined algorithm.

- 155 3. The parameter restriction is the third extensible point of the XACML Schema. The parameter
156 restriction allows policy administrators to specify this kind of restrictions on parameters in the

157 XACML Extension Schema. The notion of the parameter restriction is represented by XML
158 Schema Derivation function. (this proposal needs concrete examples for this extension)

159 4. The function and/or predicate extension are the fourth extensible point of XACML Schema. It
160 is defined in the current language proposal.

161 5. The macro extension is also mentioned in the current language proposal.

162 **2.5 Rule Priority**

163 When policy administrators think of the semantics of their access control policy rules, there is a
164 case that a priority is assigned to each rule to solve conflicts if multiple rules return different
165 decision values such as a positive and a negative. The XACML Extension does not provide any
166 functionality for implementing this kind of semantic basis. Instead, the XACML Core supports
167 more fundamental way to realize such semantics. In the XACML Core, each rule can have a name
168 attribute. Using this attribute, the user-defined algorithm can use the rule name to map to the rule
169 priorities locally defined in their algorithm.

170 **2.6 Policy Property**

171 Basically it is necessary to support user-defined meta-information about the policy. A few examples
172 of such meta-information would be 1) a list of the events when the access control policy can be
173 legally bypassed (this addresses the “breaking the class” requirement in the Clinical Record use
174 case), 2) a list of the exceptions that access control policy may return to the PDP, and 3) a condition
175 when and how the access control policy description should be digitally signed. They are so
176 application-specific that the contents of the meta-information are outside the scope of the XACML
177 Core. The XACML Core only provides a space for describing such meta-information. In this
178 proposal, a property element is added under the applicablePolicy element. Policy administrators can
179 put any information under the property element. The notion of this “any” information is represented
180 by “any” element placeholder of the XML Schema.

181 **2.7 XACML Extension Suite**

182 A XACML Extension Suite represents a notion of application-specific reusable policy components.
183 For example, if there is a useful set of policy components that works on a tree-based resource
184 hierarchy, people may use the whole extension components for their specific target domain. A set of
185 those components can be called XACML Extension Suite for AAA.

186 **2.8 Interoperability**

187 For the XACML Core, the interoperability is defined as “every XACML Core implementation must
188 output the same access decision in response to the same access request and environment values

189 based on the same access control policy rules.” Since the semantics and the schema are stringently
190 defined and no extension is allowed, the interoperability can be easily achieved.

191 For the XACML Extension, the situation is the opposite to the XACML Core because policy
192 administrators can extend the semantics of the policy as well as the schema of the policy. However,
193 two implementations A and B outputs the same access decision in response to the same access
194 request and environment values based on the same access control policy rules provided, the
195 implementations of A and B have the same value for the policy URI attribute specified in the policy
196 element and they shares the same XACML Extension schema.

197 **3. XACML Schema Representation**

198 We present each XACML schema primitive. The proposed XACML Schema is designed particularly
199 for supporting the extensible points in the schema described in the Section 2.4. For example, the
200 rule category extension is realized in the Rule Category element. The rule extension is realized in
201 the Rule element.

202 **3.1 Applicable Policy**

203 Applicable policy is identical to the one in the current language proposal except for the property
204 element described in the Section 2.6.

205 **3.2 Policy**

206 The policy element is an aggregation point of rule categories. This element determines a semantics
207 (and optionally an algorithm) and a schema for every rule described under this element. The
208 semantics of the policy is specified by a policyURI attribute. When the policyURI attribute is
209 omitted, the default XACML Core Grant Policy is assumed. The algorithm is optionally specified
210 by an algoURI attribute. The policy schema and its exact location can be identified using a
211 namespace definition and location definition of the XML Schema. The following schema defines
212 the policy element.

```
213  
214 <xs:element name="policy" type="Policy"/>  
215 <xs:complexType name="Policy">  
216   <xs:sequence>  
217     <xs:element name="ruleCategory" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>  
218   </xs:sequence>  
219   <xs:attribute name="policyURI" type="xs:anyURI" default="http://www.xacml.org/grantpolicy"/>  
220   <xs:attribute name="algoURI" type="xs:anyURI"/>  
221 </xs:complexType>
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222 A sample policy instance is described below:

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223  
224 <policy policyURI="http://www.xacml.com/grantpolicy" algoURI="http://www.xacml.com/algo"/>
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225 3.3 Rule Category

226 The rule category element is an important extension point of the XACML Schema as well as an
227 aggregation point of one or more rules. This element symbolically groups a set of rules that belongs
228 to a specific rule category such as “grant”, “positive”, “negative” and “onlyif”. The following
229 schema defines the rule category element.

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230  
231 <xs:element name="ruleCategory" type="RuleCategory" abstract="true"/>  
232 <xs:complexType name="RuleCategory">  
233   <xs:sequence>  
234     <xs:element name="rule" type="Rule" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>  
235   </xs:sequence>  
236 </xs:complexType>
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237 Note that the rule category element is defined as “abstract”. Thus, policy administrators MUST
238 substitute this element if they need to extend the semantics of the policies. Thus, the notion of the
239 rule category is represented by XML Schema Element Substitutiongroup function. Concrete extension
240 examples are described in Appendix B.2, B.3, and B.4. If the policy administrator uses the XACML
241 Core Grant Policy (XACML default rule category), no substitution is required. The XACML Core
242 has a pre-defined rule category “grant”.

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243  
244 <xs:element name="grant" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>
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245 The XACML Core Semantics defines the meaning of this “grant” rule category as “if at least one
246 rule in the policy holds, then the PDP determines that access is grant. if none of the rule holds, then
247 the PDP determines that access is denied.” If policy administrators need to modify the semantics of
248 this grant policy, the grant rule category element MUST not be used. A sample policy instance is
249 described below:

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250  
251 <policy policyURI="http://www.xacml.com/grantpolicy" />  
252 <grant>  
253   <rule name="rule-1" >  
254     <preCondition>...  
255     ...  
256   </rule>  
257 </grant>
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258 If the policy administrator does not need to extend the XACML Core Grant Policy but wants to
259 extend the XACML Core Schema by adding a new element e.g. “codesource”, it is required to
260 substitute the rule element. The rule element is described in the next section.

261 3.4 Rule

262 The rule element is an extension point of XACML Schema as well as an aggregation point of a set
263 of rule primitives. This element groups a set of rule primitives such as “principal” and
264 “preCondition” elements. The pre-defined rule elements consist of “principal”, “resource”,
265 “preCondition”, and “postcondition”. The following schema defines the rule element:

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267 <xs:element name="rule" type="Rule"/>
268 <xs:complexType name="Rule">
269   <xs:sequence>
270     <xs:element name="principal" type="PreconditionAlias" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
271     <xs:element name="resource" type="PreconditionAlias" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
272     <xs:element name="preCondition" type="PreCondition" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
273     <xs:element name="postCondition" type="PostCondition" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
274   </xs:sequence>
275   <xs:attribute name="name" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
276 </xs:complexType>

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277 If you need to add a new element, you MUST derive a new rule element by substituting the Rule
278 type. The notion of the rule extension is represented by XML Schema Type Substitution function.
279 The derived rule can contain the added element as well as all the pre-defined elements. Each
280 pre-defined primitive is optional. The example below shows how to derive the new rule that
281 contains “purpose” element:

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282
283 <xs:complexType name="PrivacyRule">
284   <xs:complexContent>
285     <xs:extension base="Rule">
286       <xs:sequence>
287         <xs:element name="purpose" type="Purpose"/>
288       </xs:sequence>
289     </xs:extension>
290   </xs:complexContent>
291 </xs:complexType>

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292 A sample policy instance is described below:

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293
294 <policy policyURI="http://www.privacy.com/" algoURI="http://www.privacy.com/algo"/>
295 <grant>
296   <rule name="rule-1" xsi:type="PrivacyRule">
297     <purpose>fulfilment</purpose>
298     <resource>...
299     <preCondition>...
300   </rule>
301 </grant>

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302 A concrete example is described in Appendix B.1.

303 3.5 Principal

304 This element is created to address the second design principle of the XACML Extension Model.
305 The principal element specifies conditions on the principal using simplified Boolean expression that
306 supports the conjunctive and/or disjunctive formula of equalities and/or inequalities. Note that this
307 limitation is not intrinsic, but rather derived from the use cases described in the XACML Use Case
308 Summary document and mailing list discussions. Almost all the policies can be specified only using
309 these simplified Boolean expressions. The semantics of this element is defined as a subset of the
310 semantics of the preCondition element. The preCondition is capable of specifying more
311 complicated conditions if the policy administrator needs to write them. The following schema
312 defines the principal element.
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314 <xs:element name="principal" type="PreconditionAlias" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
315 <xs:complexType name="PreconditionAlias">
316   <xs:sequence>
317     <xs:element name="simpleLogicalOperator" type="SimpleLogicalOperator" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
318   </xs:sequence>
319 </xs:complexType>
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321 <xs:element name="simpleLogicalOperator" type="SimpleLogicalOperator" abstract="true"/>
322 <xs:complexType name="SimpleLogicalOperator">
323   <xs:sequence>
324     <xs:element name="simpleExpression" type="SimpleExpression" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
325   </xs:sequence>
326 </xs:complexType>
327 <xs:element name="and" type="SimpleLogicalOperator" substitutionGroup="simpleLogicalOperator"/>
328 <xs:element name="or" type="SimpleLogicalOperator" substitutionGroup="simpleLogicalOperator"/>
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330 <xs:element name="simpleExpression" type="SimpleExpression" abstract="true"/>
331 <xs:complexType name="SimpleExpression">
332   <xs:sequence>
333     </xs:sequence>
334   <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:string"/>
335   <xs:attribute name="value" type="xs:string"/>
336 </xs:complexType>
337 <xs:element name="equality" type="SimpleExpression" substitutionGroup="simpleExpression"/>
338 <xs:element name="inequality" type="SimpleExpression" substitutionGroup="simpleExpression"/>

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339 A sample principal expression is described below:

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340
341 <principal>
342   <and>
343     <equality type="saml/Attribute/AttributeName/Role" value="InternalUser"/>
344     <equality type="saml/Attribute/AttributeName/Role" value="Manager"/>
345   </and>
346 </principal>

```

347 The above policy means that the principal should be an internal user and a manager at the same
348 time.

349 **3.6 Resource**

350 The resource element specifies one or more simplified Boolean expressions of the resource
351 condition. The element definition is similar to that of the principal element. A sample resource
352 expression is:

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354 <resource>
355   <or>
356     <equality type="environment/targetXML" value="//confidential"/>
357     <equality type="environment/targetXML" value="//secret"/>
358   </or>
359 </resource>

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360 The above policy means that the target XML element is confidential or secret at any level of the
361 target XML resource.

362 **3.7 Pre-condition**

363 Precondition is identical to the one in the current language proposal with minor modifications.

364 **3.8 Post-condition**

365 The semantics of the postcondition is not defined in the XACML Schema because people has not
366 yet been familiar with this notion. However, two use cases in [1] definitely require the
367 postcondition. Thus, the XACML Schema defines just a space for this notion as an optional
368 element called post condition that can contain any elements. The definition is:

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370 <xs:element name="postCondition" type="PostCondition" />  
371 <xs:complexType name="PostCondition">  
372   <xs:sequence>  
373     <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="skip"/>  
374   </xs:sequence>  
375 </xs:complexType>
```

376 **References**

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Appendix A - XACML Schema

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A.1 XACML Core Schema

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The following schema defines the XACML Core Schema. Since many schema definitions are overlapping with the current lanaguage proposal, we omit several type definitions such as PreCondision type.

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<xs:element name="applicablePolicy">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="properties" type="Properties" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
      <!--ds:signature element may be located here -->
      <xs:element name="applicability" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xs:complexType>
          <xs:sequence>
            <xs:element name="resourceClassification" type="xs:anyURI"/>
            <xs:element name="resourceAction" type="saml:Actions" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
          </xs:sequence>
        </xs:complexType>
      </xs:element>
      <xs:element name="policy" type="Policy"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<xs:complexType name="Properties">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="skip"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

<xs:element name="policy" type="Policy"/>
<xs:complexType name="Policy">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="ruleCategory" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attribute name="policyURI" type="xs:anyURI" default="http://www.xacml.org/grantpolicy"/>
  <xs:attribute name="algoURI" type="xs:anyURI"/>
</xs:complexType>

<xs:element name="ruleCategory" type="RuleCategory" abstract="true"/>
<xs:complexType name="RuleCategory">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="rule" type="Rule" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:element name="grant" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>

<xs:element name="rule" type="Rule"/>
<xs:complexType name="Rule">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="principal" type="PreconditionAlias" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xs:element name="resource" type="PreconditionAlias" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xs:element name="preCondition" type="PreCondition" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

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440     <xs:element name="postCondition" type="PostCondition" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
441   </xs:sequence>
442   <xs:attribute name="name" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
443 </xs:complexType>
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445 <xs:element name="postCondition" type="PostCondition" />
446 <xs:complexType name="PostCondition">
447   <xs:sequence>
448     <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="skip"/>
449   </xs:sequence>
450 </xs:complexType>
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452 <xs:complexType name="PreconditionAlias">
453   <xs:sequence>
454     <xs:element name="simpleLogicalOperator" type="SimpleLogicalOperator" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
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467 <xs:element name="simpleExpression" type="SimpleExpression" abstract="true"/>
468 <xs:complexType name="SimpleExpression">
469   <xs:sequence>
470   </xs:sequence>
471   <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:string"/>
472   <xs:attribute name="value" type="xs:string"/>
473 </xs:complexType>
474 <xs:element name="equality" type="SimpleExpression" substitutionGroup="simpleExpression"/>
475 <xs:element name="inequality" type="SimpleExpression" substitutionGroup="simpleExpression"/>

```

476 **Appendix B - XACML Extension Examples**

477 **B.1 J2SE Policy**

478 J2SE policy is based on the use case description posted on the XACML mailing-list [6]. Their
479 requirements are:

480 1. There must be a way in the policy language to express both a signer as well as a principal
481 within a rule. It has been suggested that one of the existing XACML attributes - environment,
482 resource, principal attributes could be used. Of the three the most logical one seems to be
483 principal attribute. But overloading of a principal attribute for both principals and signers makes
484 the authorization rules less clear.

485 2. There must be a way to express CodeSource (i.e. URL from where the code originated from
486 and/or the certificates used to sign the code).

487 This example shows a solution to the above requirements by adding three new primitives
488 “codesource”, “signer”, and “permission” elements in the rule element. The following schema
489 extension shows how to extend XACML Core Schema:

490

```
491 <xs:complexType name="J2SE">  
492   <xs:complexContent>  
493     <xs:extension base="Rule">  
494       <xs:sequence>  
495         <xs:element name="codesource" type="Codesource"/>  
496         <xs:element name="signer" type="Signer">  
497           <xs:element name="permission" type="Permission">  
498             </xs:sequence>  
499         </xs:extension>  
500       </xs:complexContent>  
501     </xs:complexType>
```

502 The example below shows a J2SE policy instance.

503

```
504 <policy policyURI="http://www.j2se.com/" algoURI="http://www.j2se.com/algo"/>  
505 <grant>  
506   <rule name="rule-1" xsi:type="J2SE">  
507     <codesource>file:c:/programs/myprogram.jar</codesource>  
508     <principal>com.j2se.com.J2SEPrincipal</principal>  
509     <signer>ABC.com</signer>  
510     <permission>javax.security.auth.AuthPermission "doAs"</permission>  
511   </rule>  
512 </grant>
```

513 (Since we assume here that the semantics of the J2SE policy is identical to the XACML Core Grant
514 Policy, there is no need to extend the rule category element. If not, a proper rule category must be
515 defined.)

516 B.2 Restriction-based Policy

517 An access control policy that allows a restriction-based control is described in [4]. It allows policy
518 administrators to specify “onlyif” rule. Since it needs a different semantic basis than the XACML
519 Core Grant Policy, the rule category element must be substituted. The example below shows a
520 substitution.

521

```
522 <xs:element name="onlyif" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>
```

523 Since the “onlyif” rule category needs an extended rule syntax, the rule element must also be
524 substituted. The example below shows a substitution.

525

```
526 <xs:complexType name="OnlyIf">  
527   <xs:complexContent>  
528     <xs:extension base="Rule">  
529       <xs:sequence>  
530         <xs:element name="restrictionCondition" type="PreCondition"/>  
531       </xs:sequence>  
532     </xs:extension>  
533   </xs:complexContent>
```

534 </xs:complexType>

535 The example below shows a policy instance of the “onlyif” rule category.

```
536
537 <policy policyURI="http://www.onlyif.com/" algoURI="http://www.onlyif.com/algo"/>
538 <onlyif>
539   <rule name="rule-2" xsi:type="OnlyIf">
540     <restrictionCondition>citizenship is 'UK'</restrictionCondition>
541     <principal>...
542     <resource>...
543     <preCondition>...
544   </rule>
545 </onlyif>
546
```

547 **B.3 Policy for XML Resources**

548 A fine-grained access control policy specification language for XML resource is proposed in [3]. It
549 allows policy administrators to specify “positive” and “negative” permissions. Final access decision
550 is determined by using user-defined meta policies such as a denial-takes precedence policy. The
551 XACML Extension allows policy administrators to write such policy by substituting the rule
552 category element. The example below shows the substitution.

```
553
554 <xs:element name="positive" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>
555 <xs:element name="negative" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>
```

556 The example below shows an policy instance.

```
557
558 <policy policyURI="http://www.xacl.com/policy/dtp" algoURI="http://www.xacl.com/algo"/>
559 <positive>
560   <rule name="rule-1">
561     <principal>...
562     <resource>...
563     <preCondition>...
564     <postCondition>...
565   </rule>
566 </positive>
567 <negative>
568   <rule name="rule-2">
569     <principal>...
570     <resource>...
571     <preCondition>...
572     <postCondition>...
573   </rule>
574 </negative>
```

575 **B.4 Logic-based Flexible Access Control Policy**

576 A logic-based flexible authorization framework and Authorization Specification Language (ASL) are
577 proposed in [5]. Multiple access control policies are described based on the semantics of the locally
578 stratified datalog. The XACML Extension allows policy administrators to write ASL-based policies

579 by substituting the rule category element by “cando”, “dercando”, and “do”. We need to extend the
580 rule element for the sign element. The example below shows the substitution.

```
581  
582 <xs:element name="cando" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>  
583 <xs:element name="dercando" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>  
584 <xs:element name="do" type="RuleCategory" substitutionGroup="ruleCategory"/>  
585  
586 <xs:complexType name="ASL">  
587   <xs:complexContent>  
588     <xs:extension base="Rule">  
589       <xs:sequence>  
590         <xs:element name="sign" type="Sign"/>  
591         <xs:element name="action" type="Action"/>  
592       </xs:sequence>  
593     </xs:extension>  
594   </xs:complexContent>  
595 </xs:complexType>
```

596 The example below shows an policy instance of this rule category.

```
597  
598 <policy policyURI="http://www.asl.com/" algoURI="http://www.asl.com/algo"/>  
599 <cando>  
600   <rule name="cando(Alice, //secret, +r) :- conditionA." xsi:type="ASL">  
601     <principal>Alice</principal>  
602     <resource>//secret</resource>  
603     <sign>+</sign>  
604     <action>r</action>  
605     <preCondition>conditionA</preCondition>  
606   </rule>  
607 </cando>  
608 <dercando>  
609   <rule name="dercando(X,Y,+Z) :- conditionB" xsi:type="ASL">  
610     <principal>X</principal>  
611     <resource>Y</resource>  
612     <sign>+</sign>  
613     <action>Z</action>  
614     <preCondition>conditionB</preCondition>  
615   </rule>  
616 </dercando>  
617 <do>  
618   <rule name="do(X,Y,+Z) :- conditionC." xsi:type="ASL">  
619     <principal>X</principal>  
620     <resource>Y</resource>  
621     <sign>+</sign>  
622     <action>Z</action>  
623     <preCondition>conditionC</preCondition>  
624   </rule>  
625 </do>
```