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90 1. Introduction

91 This document specifies security mechanisms for identity-based web services. This includes mechanisms for authen-
92 tication, integrity and confidentiality protection, and the means for sharing information necessary for authorization
93 decisions. The mechanisms build on accepted technologies including SSL/TLS, XML-Signature [XMLDsig] and
94 XML-Encryption [xmlenc-core], and SAML assertions. OASIS Web Services Security SOAP Message Security [wss-
95 sms11] compliant header elements are used for message level security, to communicate the relevant security
96 information, for example using SAML [SAMLCore11] or [SAMLCore2] assertions, along with the protected message.
97 A separate SAML Security Mechanism profile is defined for the use of SAML security tokens in conjunction with this
98 core document [LibertySecMech20SAML].

99 2. Overview of Identity-Based Web Services Authentication and 100 Authorization (Informative)

101 This document describes security mechanisms that may be used in conjunction with identity-based web services defined
102 by the Liberty Alliance standards. An identity-based web service is a particular type of a web service that acts upon
103 some resource to retrieve information about an identity, update information related to an identity, or perform some
104 action for the benefit of some identity. A resource is either data related to some identity or a service acting for the
105 benefit of some identity. Although this specification focuses on identity-based services, this does not imply that these
106 mechanisms may not also be used with other web services or that identity and non-identity based web service requests
107 may not be combined as needed by applications.

108 This specification assumes a model with the following parties: an invoker, a requester, a discovery service and a service
109 provider. An invoker is a principal whose identity is related to requesting an identity-based service. A requester is a
110 web services client that is making a service request. In many cases the requester is the same as the invoker, as in the
111 case where a web service client makes a web service request related to its own identity. An example where the invoker
112 is distinct from the requester is when a browser based client invokes an identity-based web service by delegating the
113 request to a web service client. In this case this requester acts on behalf of the browser client. The service provider
114 offers an identity-based web service and responses to web service requests. The Discovery Service provides a service
115 endpoint reference and possibly security tokens to the requester to enable the requester to reach the service provider
116 that offers the identity-based service.

117 In many cases, the requester directly interacts with the identity-based web service, and the identity-based web service
118 implements both the authorization policy decision point (PDP) and policy enforcement point (PEP). Under these cir-
119 cumstances the authorization decision should be made according to the policies of the service provider and MAY be
120 based on the identity of the invoker, the identity of the requester, the authentication context of the requester, the specific
121 resource being accessed, and other information known to the provider. In order to make a request to the service provider,
122 the requester may obtain a service endpoint reference from a Discovery Service. In this case the Discovery Service
123 may also make an authorization decision, and refuse to provide a service endpoint reference for services that are not
124 authorized by the Discovery Service.

125 In the case of delegation, the invoker may provide the requester with credentials that may be used in authorization
126 decisions. In this case an authentication assertion for the invoker may be included in the service request, allowing the
127 authorization decision at the service provider to be based not only on the identity of the service requester (the portal),
128 but also the invoker (the browser client). Such an assertion may be obtained through a SAML 2.0 profile that enables
129 authentication of the browser client to the service requester, or using a single sign-on service as outlined in the Liberty
130 ID-WSF Authentication Service and Single Sign-On Specification.

131 To access an appropriate identity-based service, a web service requester must first obtain a service endpoint reference
132 from a discovery service for the appropriate service provider. Which is appropriate is determined by the discovery
133 service, which knows which services are available, and it authorizes the service requester to contact. The service
134 endpoint reference may include the following:

- 135 • A list of allowed authentication mechanisms for interacting with the service provider. The service endpoint refer-
136 ence includes a list of authentication mechanism identifiers that each specify an allowed combination of peer and
137 message level authentication. These identifiers are defined in this specification.
- 138 • Security token instances that the client may use to access the service provider. Such tokens may include authenti-
139 cation or authorization tokens provided by the discovery service.
- 140 • Additional information relevant to future authorization decisions, such as the path through proxies taken by the
141 request so far. The discovery service may include such information in a security token, as described in this speci-
142 fication.

143 This specification also defines identity tokens, tokens that are used to convey additional identity information for a party
144 that is part of a transaction, but not necessarily the invoker and may not be present. The service provider may need to

145 make authorization decisions based on this additional information. An example is when Bob accesses a photo service
146 to access Alice's photos - Alice may not be present but her identity may need to be presented by Bob using an identity
147 token.

148 To summarize, access to an identity-based web service may be controlled at one or more points. One point is the
149 discovery service, which will only provide service endpoint references that are appropriate to the invoker and requester.
150 Another is at the service provider itself, which may also perform authorization decisions based on its knowledge and
151 the tokens presented to it with a request.

152 Material specific to specific tokens is in the Security Mechanism token profiles, in particular the SAML token profile
153 [\[LibertySecMech20SAML\]](#).

154 3. Notation and Terminology

155 This section specifies the notations, namespaces and terminology used throughout this specification. This specification
156 uses schema documents conforming to W3C XML Schema (see [Schema1-2]) and normative text to describe the syntax
157 and semantics of XML-encoded messages.

158 3.1. Notational Conventions

159 Note: Phrases and numbers in brackets [] refer to other documents; details of these references can be found in the
160 [References](#).

161 The key words "MUST," "MUST NOT," "REQUIRED," "SHALL," "SHALL NOT," "SHOULD," "SHOULD NOT,"
162 "RECOMMENDED," "MAY," and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119
163 [RFC2119].

164 These keywords are thus capitalized when used to unambiguously specify requirements over protocol and application
165 features and behavior that affect the interoperability and security of implementations. When these words are not cap-
166 italized, they are meant in their natural-language sense.

167 3.2. Namespace

168 The following namespaces are referred to in this document:

169 **Table 1. Namespaces**

Pre- fix	Namespace
sec:	urn:liberty:security:2006-08 This namespace is used for Liberty ID-WSF 2.0 Security Mechanisms.
sb:	urn:liberty:sb:2006-08 This namespace represents the Liberty SOAP Binding namespace (v2.0). It is defined in the Liberty SOAP Binding document, v2.0 [LibertySOAPBinding].
disco:	urn:liberty:disco:2006-08 This namespace represents the Liberty discovery service. It is defined in [LibertyDisco].
saml:	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion This namespace represents SAML 1.0 assertions. It is defined in [SAMLCore11].
saml 2:	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion The prefix saml2: stands namespace for the represents SAML v2 assertion2.0 namespace. It is defined in [SAMLCore2].
saml p2:	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol The prefix samlp2: stands for the SAML v2assertions- protocol namespace. It is defined in [SAMLCore2].

Pre-fix	Namespace
S:	<p><code>http://www.w3.org/2002/12/soap-envelope</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the SOAP 1.2 namespace. It is defined in [SOAPv1.2].</p>
ds:	<p><code>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the XML Signature namespace. It is defined in [XMLDsig].</p>
xenc:	<p><code>http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the XML Encryption namespace. It is defined in [xmlenc-core].</p>
wsa:	<p><code>http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the WS-Addressing namespace. It is defined in [WSAv1.0].</p>
wsse:	<p><code>http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the SOAP Message Security namespace. It is defined in [wss-sms11].</p>
wsse11:	<p><code>http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2005/xx/oasis-2005xx-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.1.xsd</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the SOAP Message Security v1.1 namespace. It is defined in [wss-sms11].</p>
wsu:	<p><code>http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the SOAP Message Security Utility namespace. It is defined in [wss-sms11].</p>
xs:	<p><code>http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the W3C XML schema namespace. It is defined in [Schema1-2].</p>
xsi:	<p><code>http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance</code></p> <p>This namespace represents the XML Schema instance namespace. It is defined in [Schema1-2].</p>

170 This specification uses the following typographical conventions in text:

171 • Elements and attributes: <Element>

172 • Data types: **A datatype**

173 • Constants: *A constant*

174 • Code:

175 <saml2:AuthnStatement...>

176 For readability, when an XML Schema type is specified to be xs:boolean, this document discusses the values as true
177 and false rather than "1" and "0."

178 **3.3. Terminology**

179 Definitions for Liberty-specific terms can be found in [[LibertyGlossary](#)].

180 The following terms are defined below as an aid in understanding the participants in the message exchanges

- 181 • Recipient -- entity which receives a message that is the ultimate processor of the message
- 182 • Sender -- the initial SOAP sender. A sender is a proxy when its identity differs from the invocation identity.
- 183 • Proxy -- entity whose authenticated identity, according to the recipient, differs from that of the entity making the
184 invocation.
- 185 • Trusted Authority -- a Trusted Third Party (TTP) that issues, and vouches for, SAML assertions
- 186 • Invocation Identity -- party invoking a service.
- 187 • Service -- invocation responder, providing a service. Ultimate message processor.

188 4. Security Requirements (Informative)

189 This section details the security requirements that this specification must support. This section first presents use case
190 scenarios envisioned for identity-based web services. We then follow-up the discussion with the requirements derived
191 from the usage scenarios.

192 4.1. Security Requirements Overview

193 There are multiple facets this security specification considers:

- 194 • Authentication of the sender
- 195 • When the sender is not the invocation identity, the proxy rights for sender to make a request on behalf of invocation
196 identity
- 197 • Authentication of the response
- 198 • Authentication context and session status of the interacting entity
- 199 • Authorization of invocation identity to access service or resource

200 Note that the authorization mechanism draws a distinction between the invocation identity and the identity of the initial
201 SOAP sender making a request to the identity web service. These two identities are referred to as the *invocation*
202 *identity* and the *sender identity*, respectively. In effect, this enables a constrained proxy authorization model.

203 The importance of the distinction between invocation and sender identity lies in the service's access control policies
204 whereby the service's decision to grant or deny access may be based on either or both identities. The degenerate case
205 is where the invocation identity is the same as the sender identity, in which case no distinction need be made.

206 Note that a browser-based user agent interacting with some service provider does not necessarily imply that the service
207 provider will use the user identity as the invocation identity. In some cases, the identity of the service provider may
208 still be used for invocation.

209 The above scenarios suggest a number of requirements in order to secure the exchange of information between par-
210 ticipants of the protocol. The following list summarizes the security requirements:

- 211 • Request Authentication
- 212 • Response Authentication
- 213 • Request/Response Correlation
- 214 • Replay Protection
- 215 • Integrity Protection
- 216 • Confidentiality Protection
- 217 • Privacy Protections
- 218 • Resource Access Authorization
- 219 • Proxy Authorization
- 220 • Mitigation of denial of service attack risks

221 4.2. Common Requirements

222 The following apply to all mechanisms in this specification, unless specifically noted by the individual mechanism.

- 223 • Messages may need to be kept confidential and inhibit unauthorized disclosure, either when in transit or when
224 stored persistently. Confidentiality may apply to the entire message, selected headers, payload, or XML portions
225 depending on application requirements.
- 226 • Messages may need to arrive at the intended recipient with data integrity. SOAP intermediaries may be authorized
227 to make changes, but no unauthorized changes should be possible without detection. Integrity requirements may
228 apply to the entire message, selected headers, payload, or XML portions depending on application requirements.
- 229 • The authentication of a message sender and/or initial sender may be required by a receiver to process the message.
230 Likewise, a sender may require authentication of the response.
- 231 • Protection against replay or substitution attacks on requests and/or responses may be needed.
- 232 • The privacy requirements of the participants with respect to how their information is shared or correlated must be
233 met.

234 4.3. Peer Authentication Requirements

235 The security mechanisms supported by this framework must allow for active and passive intermediaries to participate
236 in the message exchange between end entities. In some circumstances it is necessary to authenticate all active partic-
237 ipants in a message exchange.

238 Under certain conditions, two separate identities must be authenticated for a given request: the *invocation identity* and
239 the *sender identity*. The degenerate case is where the identity of the message sender is to be treated as the invocation
240 identity, and thus, no distinction between invocation identity and sender identity is required. In support of this scenario
241 the candidate mechanism to convey identity information is client-side X.509 v3 certificates based authentication over
242 a SSL 3.0 (see [SSL]) or TLS (see [RFC4346]) connection. Generally, this protocol framework may rely upon the
243 authentication mechanism of the underlying transfer or transport protocol binding to convey the identity of the com-
244 municating peers.

245 However for scenarios where the sender's messages are passing through one or more intermediaries, the sender must
246 explicitly convey its identity to the recipient by using a Web Services Security (WS-Security) token profile which
247 specifies processing semantics in support of Proof-of-Possession. For example, the Web Services Security SAML
248 Token Profile defines Proof-of-Possession processing semantics [wss-saml11]. Other possible bindings include Ker-
249beros where the session key is used to sign the request.

250 4.4. Message Correlation Requirements

251 The messages exchanged between participants of the protocol MAY require assurance that a response correlates to its
252 request. This may require integrity protection.

253 4.5. Privacy Requirements

254 Adequate privacy protections must be assured so as to inhibit the unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable
255 information. In addition, controls must be established so that personally identifiable information is not shared without
256 user notification and consent and so that applicable privacy regulations are followed. This may require prescriptive
257 steps to prevent collusion among participants in an identity network.

258 **4.6. Service Availability Requirements**

259 The system must maintain availability, requiring the implementation of techniques to prevent or reduce the risk of
260 attacks to deny or degrade service.

261 **4.7. Resource Access Authorization Requirements**

262 Previously we mentioned the notion of conveying both a *sender identity* and an *invocation identity*. In doing so the
263 framework accommodates a restricted proxy capability whereby a provider of an identity-based web service (the in-
264 termediate system entity or proxy) can act on behalf of another system entity (the subject) to access an identity-based
265 web service (the recipient). To be granted the right to proxy for a subject, the intermediate system entity may need to
266 interact with a trusted authority. Based on the authority's access control policies, the authority may generate and return
267 an assertion authorizing the provider to act on behalf of the subject to the recipient. This protocol framework can only
268 convey authoritative information regarding the identities communicated to other system entities. Even with the in-
269 volvement of a trusted authority that makes authorization decisions permitting a provider to access a web service on
270 behalf of another party, the final service provider should still implement a policy enforcement point.

271 5. Confidentiality and Privacy Mechanisms

272 Some of the service interactions described in this specification include the conveyance of information that is only
273 known by a trusted authority and the eventual recipient of a resource access request. This section specifies the schema
274 and measures to be employed to attain the necessary confidentiality and privacy controls.

275 5.1. Transport Layer Channel Protection

276 When communicating peers interact directly (*i.e.*, no active intermediaries in the message path) then transport layer
277 protection mechanisms may suffice to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the message exchange.

278 • Messages between sender and recipient **MUST** have their integrity protected and confidentiality **MUST** be ensured.
279 This requirement **MUST** be met with suitable SSL/TLS cipher suites. The security of the SSL or TLS session
280 depends on the chosen cipher suite. An entity that terminates an SSL or TLS connection needs to offer (or accept)
281 suitable cipher suites during the handshake. The following list of TLS 1.0 cipher suites (or their SSL 3.0 equivalent)
282 is **RECOMMENDED**.

- 283 • TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
- 284 • TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
- 285 • TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

286 The above list is not exhaustive. The recommended cipher suites are among the most commonly used. New cipher
287 suites using the Advanced Encryption Standard have been standardized by the IETF [RFC3268] and are just be-
288 ginning to appear in TLS implementations. It is anticipated that these AES-based cipher suites will be widely
289 adopted and deployed.

- 290 • TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_CBC_SHA
- 291 • TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_AES_CBC_SHA

292 For signing and verification of protocol messages, communicating entities **SHOULD** use certificates and private
293 keys that are distinct from the certificates and private keys applied for SSL or TLS channel protection.

294 • Other security protocols (*e.g.*, Kerberos, IPSEC) **MAY** be used as long as they implement equivalent security
295 measures.

296 5.2. Message Confidentiality Protection

297 In the presence of intermediaries, communicating peers **MUST** ensure that sensitive information is not disclosed to
298 unauthorized entities. To fulfill this requirement, peers **MUST** use the confidentiality mechanisms specified in [wss-
299 sms11] to encrypt the SOAP envelope <S:Body> content.

300 Please note that this mechanism does not fully address the privacy and confidentiality requirements of information
301 supplied by a trusted authority which is subsequently carried in the <S:Header> which is not to be revealed to the
302 entity interacting with the recipient. For example the authorization data may contain sensitive information. To accom-
303 modate this requirement the trusted authority and ultimate recipient **SHOULD** rely upon the mechanisms specified in
304 [Encrypted Name Identifiers \(Section 5.3.1\)](#).

305 5.3. Identifier Privacy Protection

306 Under certain usage scenarios the information conveyed by the Trusted Authority for consumption by the identity-
307 based web service may contain privacy sensitive data. However, this data generally passes through the system entity
308 accessing the particular identity-based web service. One example is the name identifier from the federated namespace

309 of the authority and the identity-based web service. Another sensitive data item may be the target identity header, which
310 may have message level encryption applied for confidentiality (SOAP Message Security encryption).

311 **5.3.1. Encrypted Name Identifiers**

312 The identifier conveyed in the subject **MUST** be resolvable in the namespace of the consuming service instance.
313 However, this requirement is in conflict with the need to protect the privacy of the identifier when the message passes
314 through intermediaries.

315 The Security Mechanisms SAML profile describes how to accomplish this.

316 6. Authentication and Integrity Mechanisms

317 This specification defines a set of authentication and integrity mechanisms, labeled by URIs, to support various security
318 requirements. Multiple mechanisms are specified accommodate various deployment scenarios. Authentication may be
319 performed at different protocol layers, or in combination, resulting in different properties. In addition, different mech-
320 anisms may be used at each layer. The two authentication layers that are specified in this document include:

- 321 • Peer Entity Authentication
- 322 • Message Authentication

323 These mechanisms may provide integrity, confidentiality and authentication, but the peer mechanism does not provide
324 end to end integrity or confidentiality in the presence of SOAP intermediaries.

325 In each case the URN is constructed in a manner to summarize various information about the mechanism, similar in
326 concept to SSL/TLS CipherSuites. In particular, the URN is created as follows: urn:liberty:security:DATE:PEER:
327 MESSAGE The DATE is associated with one or more versions of ID-WSF, and is defined in the form *yyyy-mm*. PEER
328 indicates the kind of peer authentication in effect (if any), and MESSAGE indicates the form of message authentication
329 (if any).

330 For either of the PEER or MESSAGE properties a value of "null" indicates that the particular security property is not
331 required by the mechanism.

332 The following DATE values have been defined:

333 **Table 2. Authentication Mechanism Versions**

DATE	ID-WSF version
<i>2003-08</i>	ID-WSF 1.0
<i>2004-04</i>	ID-WSF 1.0 Errata
<i>2005-02</i>	ID-WSF 1.1
<i>2006-08</i>	ID-WSF 2.0

334 New version URNs are only defined if necessary, otherwise earlier URNs should be used. Thus for given functionality,
335 the latest version URN should be used appropriate for the ID-WSF release.

336 The following PEER mechanisms have been defined:

337 **Table 3. Peer Authentication Mechanisms**

PEER	Mechanism
<i>null</i>	None
<i>TLS</i>	Peer recipient (SSL/TLS server) authentication
<i>ClientTLS</i>	Mutual Peer authentication

338 For the peer entity authentication property, the qualifier indirectly indicates which actor(s) is authenticated in a given
339 interaction.

340 The following MESSAGE mechanisms have been defined:

341 **Table 4. Message Authentication Mechanisms**

MESSAGE	Mechanism
<i>null</i>	None
<i>SAML</i>	Use of SAML 1.x assertions in conjunction with SOAP Message Security, as outlined in earlier versions of the Security Mechanisms specification.
<i>SAMLV2</i>	Use of SAML 2.0 assertions in conjunction with SOAP Message Security, as outlined in the Security Mechanisms SAML profile.
<i>X509</i>	SOAP Message Security X509 Token Profile invoker authentication
<i>Bearer</i>	Bearer token invoker authentication
<i>peerSAMLV2</i>	Use of SAML 2.0 assertions in conjunction with SOAP Message Security, with a PEER layer key as the confirmation key, for example the client SSL/TLS key. This mechanism is intended to be used when the message is not signed.

342 The MESSAGE authentication qualifier describes the security profile utilized to secure the message. Note that not all
 343 message layer authentication mechanisms require the token to be cryptographically bound to the message at the message
 344 layer. Bearer tokens, specifically, do not require the token to be bound to the message.

345 When SAML assertions are used for the SAMLV2, peerSAMLV2 or Bearer MESSAGE mechanisms, the following
 346 SAML 2.0 Confirmation Method attribute values correspond to the Security Mechanism identifiers:

347 **Table 5. Confirmation Methods for Mechanisms using SAML 2.0**

MESSAGE	SAML 2.0 Confirmation Method
<i>SAMLV2</i>	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:cm:holder-of-key
<i>Bearer</i>	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:cm:bearer
<i>peerSAMLV2</i>	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:cm:holder-of-key

348 The following table summarizes the authentication mechanism identifiers defined as of the publication of this speci-
 349 fication. Specifically, [SAMLCore11] based identifiers were defined in previous versions of this specification
 350 [LibertySecMech11] and [LibertySecMech12].

351

Table 6. Authentication Mechanisms

Mechanism	Peer Entity	Message
urn:liberty:security:2003-08:null:null	No	No
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:null:X509	No	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:null:SAML	No	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2006-08:null:SAMLV2	No	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:null:Bearer	No	Yes ¹
urn:liberty:security:2003-08:TLS:null	Recipient	No
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:TLS:X509	Recipient	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:TLS:SAML	Recipient	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2006-08:TLS:SAMLV2	Recipient	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:TLS:Bearer	Recipient	Yes ²
urn:liberty:security:2003-08:ClientTLS:null	Mutual	No
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:ClientTLS:X509	Mutual	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:ClientTLS:SAML	Mutual	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2006-08:ClientTLS:SAMLV2	Mutual	Yes
urn:liberty:security:2005-02:ClientTLS:Bearer	Mutual	Yes ²
urn:liberty:security:2006-08:ClientTLS:peerSAMLV2	Mutual	Yes ³

352 ¹ The bearer token is not bound to the message and is not protected by the TLS mechanism in this case.

353 ² The bearer token is not bound to the message at the SOAP Message layer. It is integrity and confidentiality protected by TLS for a single TLS link,
354 assuming correct ciphersuite use, but not protected end-end if the SOAP message traverses SOAP intermediaries.

355 ³ The SSL/TLS client key is also the message confirmation key in this case. This means the key to need not be expected within determine the SOAP
356 message conveyed as part of SOAP Message security key when this Security Mechanism URI is specified and used.

357 6.1. Authentication Mechanism Overview (Informative)

358 The above table depicts the various authentication mechanism identifiers and the authentication properties they exhibit.
359 A description of the setting in which a particular mechanism should be deployed is out of scope for this specification.
360 However, this section describes the characteristics of the class of mechanism and general circumstances whereby the
361 deployment of a given mechanism may be appropriate.

362 The identifier, *urn:liberty:security:2003-08:null:null*, does not exhibit any security properties and is defined here for
363 completeness. However one can envision a deployment setting in which access to a resource does not require rigor in
364 authenticating the entities involved in an interaction. For example, this might apply to a weather reporting service.

365 The peer entity authentication mechanisms defined by this specification leverage the authentication features supplied
366 by SSL 3.0 [SSL] or TLS [RFC4346]. The mechanism identifier describes whether the recipient ("TLS") is unilaterally

367 authenticated or whether each communicating peer ("ClientTLS") is mutually authenticated to the other peer. The peer
368 entity authentication mechanisms (Section 6.2) are best suited for direct message exchanges between end systems and
369 when the message exchange may be sufficiently trusted to not require additional attestation of the message payload.
370 However this does not obviate the processing of subject confirmation obligations but rather enables alternative and
371 potentially optimized processing rules. Such optimizations are a matter of security policy as it applies to the trust model
372 in place between communicating entities.

373 The message authentication mechanisms indicate which attestation profile is utilized to ensure the authenticity of a
374 message. These message authentication facilities aid the deployer in the presence of intermediaries. The different
375 message authentication mechanisms are suited (but not necessarily restricted) to different authorization models:

- 376 • The X.509 v3 Certificate mechanism (Section 6.4) is suited for message exchanges that generally rely upon message
377 authentication as the principle factor in allowing the recipient to make authorization decisions.
- 378 • The SAML Assertion mechanism (See the SechMech SAML profile [LibertySecMech20SAML]) is suited for
379 message exchanges that generally rely upon message authentication as well as the conveyance and attestation of
380 authorization information in order to allow the recipient to make authorization decisions.
- 381 • The Bearer mechanism (Section 6.5) is used to convey the authenticated identity of an invoker with a message.
382 The bearer token need not be bound to the message with a signature.

383 Each operational setting has its own security and trust requirements and in some settings the issuance of bearer tokens
384 by a security token service, such as [LibertyDisco] may greatly simplify the sender's processing obligations. For ex-
385 ample, when the Discovery service indicates that a bearer mechanism is supported and issues a bearer token, the sender
386 can simply populate the security header with the token and send the request. However this does not necessarily obviate
387 the requirement for the recipient to process and verify the bearer token. Such an optimization is a matter of security
388 policy as it applies to the trust model in place between the communicating entities.

389 Not all peer entity authentication and message authentication combinations make sense in a given setting. Again this
390 is a matter of security policy and the trust model policy accords. For example, in a conventional setting where peer
391 entity authentication is relied upon to ensure the authenticity, confidentiality and integrity of the transport in conjunction
392 with message authentication to assure message authorship, intent and retention of the act of attestation then the mech-
393 anism *urn:liberty:security:2005-02:ClientTLS:X509* is relevant. However, such a combination may make little sense
394 when peer entity authentication is relied upon to imply message authentication. For example, the mechanism *urn:*
395 *liberty:security:2005-02:ClientTLS:X509* seems equivalent to *urn:liberty:security:2003-08:ClientTLS:null* in such
396 a setting. A similar argument can be made for the SAML mechanisms (*urn:liberty:security:2005-02:ClientTLS:*
397 *SAML* or *urn:liberty:security:2006-08:ClientTLS:SAMLV2*). The relationship between the identity authenticated as
398 a result of peer entity authentication and the identity authenticated (or implied) from message authentication may
399 diverge and describe two distinct system entities for example, a system principal and a user principal respectively. The
400 identities may also be required to reflect the same system entities. This is a matter of deployment and operational policy
401 and is out of scope for this specification.

402 6.2. Peer Entity Authentication and Integrity

403 The Peer entity authentication mechanisms supported by this specification all rely upon the inherent security properties
404 of the TLS/SSL protocol (sometimes referred to as transport-level security); the different mechanisms are differentiated
405 by how the peers are authenticated. The mechanisms described below have distinct security properties regarding which
406 peers in a message exchange are authenticated. SSL/TLS transport level security is designed to provide integrity
407 protection in conjunction with authentication. Note that peer authentication may not provide adequate integrity, con-
408 fidentiality or authentication when SOAP intermediaries are part of the message path and end-to-end security is
409 required. In this case Message level security may be used in place of, or in conjunction with peer entity authentication,
410 as appropriate.

411 For the mechanisms that include both peer entity authentication and message authentication, optimizations regarding
412 attestation MAY be employed. For example, in environments where there is no requirement that a signature attesting

413 to the authenticity of the message be retained, then it may be sufficient to rely upon the security properties of peer
414 entity authentication to assure the integrity and authenticity of the message payload with no additional message layer
415 signature.

416 6.2.1. Unilateral Peer Entity Authentication

417 The semantics and processing rules for mechanisms with PEER having the value of TLS are described in this section.
418 These URIs support unilateral (recipient) peer entity authentication and are of the form: *urn:liberty:security:*
419 *2003-08:TLS:MESSAGE* where MESSAGE may vary depending on the message authentication mechanism deployed
420 (e.g., may be null, X509 etc).

421 The primary function of the TLS mechanism is to provide for the authentication of the receiving entity and to leverage
422 confidentiality and integrity features at the transport layer.

423 6.2.1.1. Processing Rules

424 These mechanisms MUST implement TLS/SSL end entity authentication in accordance with the TLS/SSL specifica-
425 tions and employing a cipher suite based on X.509 certificates, requiring the following:

- 426 • The sender MUST authenticate the recipient.
- 427 • The recipient MUST authenticate using X.509 v3 certificates by demonstrating possession of the key bound to its
428 certificate in accordance with the processing rules and semantics of the TLS/SSL protocol.
- 429 • Statements about CipherSuites are provided in [Channel Protection \(Section 5.1\)](#).

430 6.2.2. Mutual Peer Entity Authentication

431 The semantics and processing rules for mechanisms with PEER having the value of ClientTLS are described in this
432 section. These URIs support mutual (sender and recipient) peer entity authentication and are of the form: *urn:liber-*
433 *ty:security:2003-08:ClientTLS:MESSAGE* where MESSAGE may vary depending on the message authentication
434 mechanism deployed (e.g., may be null, X509 etc).

435 The primary function of these mechanisms is to provide for the mutual authentication of the communicating peers and
436 to leverage confidentiality and integrity features at the transport layer.

437 As noted in the previous section on unilateral message authentication, bearer mechanisms do not necessarily provide
438 message authentication and for this reason may be used in conjunction with mechanisms that do provide message
439 authentication. In this case the bearer token MUST be used to determine the invoker identity for authorization decisions.

440 6.2.2.1. Processing Rules

441 These mechanisms MUST implement TLS/SSL end entity authentication in accordance with the TLS/SSL specifica-
442 tions and employing a cipher suite based on X.509 certificates, requiring the following

- 443 • The sender MUST authenticate the recipient AND the recipient MUST authenticate the sender.
- 444 • The recipient MUST authenticate using X.509 v3 certificates by demonstrating possession of the key bound to its
445 certificate in accordance with the processing rules and semantics of the TLS/SSL protocol.
- 446 • The sender MUST authenticate using X.509 v3 certificates by demonstrating possession of the key bound to its
447 certificate in accordance with the processing rules and semantics of the TLS/SSL protocol.

448 Note that these X.509 certificates are those associated with SSL/TLS, and not necessarily associated with the WSS X.
449 509 token profile.

450 6.3. Message Authentication and Integrity

451 The non-null message authentication mechanisms prescribed by this specification generally rely upon the integrity
452 properties obtained by using the OASIS standard SOAP Message Security mechanism in conjunction with a specified
453 OASIS standard token profile. These mechanisms generally rely on the use of XML Signature technology as profiled
454 by the OASIS specifications.

455 Message authentication mechanisms have distinct security properties regarding authenticity of a given message. For
456 the mechanisms that include both peer entity authentication and message authentication, optimizations regarding at-
457 testation MAY be employed. For example, in environments where there is no requirement that a signature attesting to
458 the authenticity of the message be retained, then it may be sufficient to rely upon the security properties of peer entity
459 authentication to assure the integrity and authenticity of the message payload with no additional message layer signa-
460 ture.

461 The processing rules and requirements apply to all mechanisms used for Message Authentication where the token is
462 bound to the message (i.e., this section does not apply to bearer tokens when they are not bound to the message).
463 Additional requirements and processing rules may apply to a token as described for that specific token type, either in
464 this specification or in a SecMech profile.

465 The message authentication mechanisms described in SecMech and its profiles are unilateral. That is, only the sender
466 of the message is authenticated. It is not in the scope of this specification to suggest when response messages should
467 be authenticated, but it is worth noting that the WSS X.509 mechanisms defined in Section 6.4 could be relied upon
468 to authenticate any response message as well. Deployers should recognize, however, that independent authentication
469 of response messages does not provide the same message stream protection semantics as a mutual peer entity authen-
470 tication mechanism.

471 6.3.1. Token Container

472 A token container type is defined to provide a uniform means to convey tokens, and allows a Web Services Security
473 token to be directly contained in the container, or to be referenced from the container. A reference may be an external
474 reference to a token or a reference to another local token container.

475 The token container type (TokenType) may be used to define elements in the ID-WSF namespace, and including the
476 following has elements: InvokingIdentity also been element TargetIdentity used to element In define a <Token> element
477 in the security mechanisms namespace. This <sec:Token> and element may should be used in a number of ID-WSF
478 2.0 schema definitions, such as: locations:

- 479 • TheIdP security context container type used in the Discovery Service to profile EPRs, eases inputs
- 480 • ThePeople mapping input and output typesService for the Identity Mapping Service, and Responses
- 481 • TheLiberty's profile of the EPR-AddKnownEnt ityRequestType for in the PeopleMetadata SecurityContext Serv-
482 ice. element.

483 The following schema fragment describes the TokenType type and the corresponding <Token> element:

```

484
485     <!--
486     TokenType can refer to an external token using the ref attribute (no
487     element content) or contain a Web Services Security token, or a WSS
488     Security Token Reference (STR) element
489     -->
490
491 <xs:complexType name="TokenType">
492   <xs:sequence>
493     <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="lax"
494       minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
495   </xs:sequence>

```

```

496 <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:ID" use="optional" />
497 <xs:attribute name="ref" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional" />
498 <xs:attribute name="usage" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional" />
499 </xs:complexType>
500
501 <xs:element name="Token" type="sec:TokenType" />
502
503

```

504 This specification defines the following URN values for the usage attribute (others may be defined elsewhere):

- 505 • ~~urn:liberty:security:tokenusage:2006-08:InvocationIdentity~~ — ~~urn:liberty:security:tokenusage:2006-08:TargetIdentity~~
- 507 • urn:liberty:security:tokenusage:2006-08:SecurityToken

508 ~~In two URNs are used when the token is contained the token in an EPR would be used to create the corre-~~
509 ~~sponding SOAP header by the Discovery Service. The TargetIdentity usage indicates that InvocationIdentity would~~
510 ~~the token should be used to create an <sb: TargetIdentity>InvocationIdentity header, header block. Any the Tar-~~
511 ~~getIdentity token with the SecurityToken usage in an SecurityToken EPR is placed in a <wsse: Security> header~~
512 ~~block.~~

513 The following examples demonstrate the use of the <Token> element and the TokenType type:

- 514 • Token carrying a saml assertion:

```

515 <Token id="x123" >
516   <saml2:Assertion id="x345" ...>
517     ...
518   </saml2:Assertion>
519 </Token>
520
521

```

- 522 • Token referring to a Web Service Security token, either somewhere else in a message (local) or to an external token:

```

524 <Token id="local-referencel" ref="#123" />
525 ...
526 <Token id="external-referencel" ref="http://somehost/gettoken" />
527
528

```

529 When an element of token container type (e.g., a <Token> element) references a <Token> element the reference
530 MUST be to the <Token> element itself.

- 531 • Token carrying a Web Service Security security token reference (wsse:SecurityTokenReference) for an external token.

533 A security token reference MUST only be used within an element of TokenType when that element is to be
534 transmitted to a party as part of a web service message, and where that party will dereference the STR to locate the
535 security token. A security token reference MUST only be an external reference.

536 This reference would be used to support an "artifact"-like model, where the discovery service returns the STR in
537 the EPR and which the WSC places the STR (without dereference) into the security header of the message to the
538 WSP.

```

539 <Token id="x678" >
540   <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:ID="x789"
541     wsse:TokenType="http://...#SAMLV2.0" >
542     <wsse:Reference URI="https://...?ID=x2323" />
543   </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

544 </Token>
545
546

547 **6.3.2. Message Integrity rules for senders and receivers**

548 This section only applies if SOAP message security is used for a message bound to SOAP (i.e., is a "SOAP-bound-ID-
549 * message") according to the Liberty SOAP Binding (v2.0) [LibertySOAPBinding].

550 In this case the sender MUST create a single <ds:Signature> contained in the <wsse:Security> header and this
551 signature MUST reference all of the message components required to be signed.

552 In particular, this signature MUST reference the SOAP Body element (the element itself), the security token associated
553 with the signature, and all headers in the message that have been defined in the Liberty SOAP Bindings specification,
554 including both required and optional header blocks [LibertySOAPBinding].

555 An example security token is a <saml2:Assertion> element conveyed in the <wsse:Security> header.

556 The wsu:Timestamp header in the wsse:Security header block, the wsa:MessageID, wsa:RelatesTo, sb:Framework,
557 sb:Sender and sb:InvocationIdentity header blocks are examples of header elements that would be referenced in a
558 signature.

559 Note that care must be taken when constructing elements contained in Reference Parameters in Endpoint References,
560 as these will be promoted to SOAP header blocks. Effort should be taken to avoid conflicting or duplicate id attributes,
561 for example by using techniques to generate ids where it is highly likely that they are unique.

562 If the message is signed the sender MUST include the resultant XML signature in a <ds:Signature> element as a
563 child of the <wsse:Security> header.

564 The <ds:Signature> element MUST refer to the subject confirmation key with a <ds:KeyInfo> element. The
565 <ds:KeyInfo> element MUST include a <wsse:SecurityTokenReference> element so that the subject confir-
566 mation key can be located within the <wsse:Security> header. The inclusion of the reference SHOULD adhere to
567 the guidance specified in section 3.4.2 of [wss-saml11] (section 3.3.2 of [wss-saml]).

568 **6.3.3. Common Sender Processing Rules**

569 • The construction and decoration of the <wsse:Security> header element MUST adhere to the rules specified in
570 the [wss-sms11].

571 • The <wsse:Security> header element MUST have a mustUnderstand attribute with logical value true.

572 • The sender MUST place the message authentication security token as a direct child of the <wsse:Security>
573 element.

574 • The sender MUST follow the message integrity rules outlined in the previous section [Message Integrity rules for](#)
575 [senders and receivers \(Section 6.3.2\)](#) when message authentication mechanisms are used.

576 The following considerations do not apply to Bearer tokens:

577 • For deployment settings which REQUIRE independent message authentication, the obligation MUST be accom-
578 plished by signing the message body and portions of the header and placing the <ds:Signature> as a direct child
579 of the <wsse:Security> header.

580 For deployment settings which DO NOT REQUIRE independent message authentication then the subject confir-
581 mation obligation may be accomplished by correlating the certificate and key used to affect peer entity authenti-
582 cation with the certificate and key described by the message authentication token. To accommodate this, the
583 assertion issuing authority MUST construct the assertion such that the confirmation key can be unambiguously

584 verified to be the same certificate and key used in establishing peer entity authentication. This is necessary to
585 mitigate the threat of a certificate substitution attack. It is RECOMMENDED that the certificate or certificate chain
586 be bound to the subject confirmation key.

587 6.3.4. Common Recipient Processing Rules

588 • The recipient MUST locate the `<wsse:Security>` element for which it is the target. This MUST adhere to the
589 rules specified in WSS [wss-sms11] and the applicable WSS token profiles (e.g., [wss-saml] for SAML tokens).

590 • The `<wsse:Security>` header element MUST have a `mustUnderstand` attribute with logical value `true` and
591 the recipient must be able to process this header block according to WSS [wss-sms11] and the appropriate WSS
592 token profiles (e.g., for SAML the SAML token profile [wss-saml]).

593 • The recipient MUST locate the security token and the recipient MUST determine that it trusts the authority which
594 issued the token.

595 The recipient MUST validate the issuer's signature over the token. This validation MUST conform to the core
596 validation rules described in [XMLDsig]. The recipient SHOULD validate the trust semantics of the signing key,
597 as appropriate to the risk of incorrect authentication.

598 • If the message has been signed then the recipient MUST locate the `<ds:Signature>` element carried inside the
599 `<wsse:Security>` header.

600 Unless the security mechanism is `peerSAMLV2` the recipient MUST resolve the contents of the `<ds:KeyInfo>`
601 element carried within the `<ds:Signature>` and use the key it describes for validating the signed elements. When
602 the security mechanism is `peerSAMLV2` the key is the client key used in SSL/TLS client authentication.

603 • The sender MUST follow the message integrity rules outlined in the previous section [Message Integrity rules for](#)
604 [senders and receivers \(Section 6.3.2\)](#) when message authentication mechanisms are used.

605 6.4. WSS X.509 Token Authentication

606 The semantics and processing rules for mechanisms with MESSAGE having the value of X509 are described in this
607 section. These URIs support unilateral (sender) message authentication and are of the form:

608 • `urn:liberty:security:2003-08:PEER:X509` where PEER may vary depending on the peer authentication mecha-
609 nism deployed (e.g., may be null, TLS etc).

610 The WSS X509 message authentication mechanism uses the Web Services Security X.509 Certificate Token Profile
611 [wss-x509] as the means by which the message sender authenticates to the recipient. These message authentication
612 mechanisms are unilateral. That is, only the sender of the message is authenticated. It is not in the scope of this
613 specification to suggest when response messages should be authenticated but it is worth noting that this mechanism
614 could be relied upon to authenticate the response message as well. Deployers should recognize, however, that inde-
615 pendent authentication of response messages does not provide the same message stream protection semantics as a
616 mutual peer entity authentication mechanism would offer.

617 For deployment settings that require message authentication independent of peer entity authentication, then the sending
618 peer MUST perform message authentication by demonstrating proof of possession of the key associated with the X.
619 509 token. This key MUST be recognized by the recipient as belonging to the sending peer.

620 When the sender wields the subject confirmation key to sign elements of the message the signature ensures the au-
621 thenticity and integrity of the elements covered by the signature. However, this alone does not mitigate the threat of
622 replay, insertion and certain classes of message modification attacks. To secure the message from such threats, one of
623 the mechanisms which support peer entity authentication (see [Section 6.2](#)) MAY be used or the underlying SOAP
624 binding request processing model MUST address these threats.

625 6.4.1. Sender Processing Rules

626 These rules are in addition to the generic message authentication processing rules specified in this document.

- 627 • The sender MUST demonstrate possession of the private key associated with the signature generated in conjunction
628 with the WSS X509 token profile.

629 For deployment settings which REQUIRE independent message authentication, the obligation MUST be accom-
630 plished by signing portions of the message as appropriate and recording information in the <wss:Security>
631 header as outlined in [wss-sms11].

632 For deployment settings which DO NOT REQUIRE independent message authentication then the sender MUST
633 accomplish this obligation by decorating the security header with a <ds:KeyInfo> element bearing the certificate.
634 This MUST be unambiguously verified to be the same certificate and key used in establishing peer entity authen-
635 tication. This is necessary to mitigate the threat of a certificate substitution attack. Also note that this optimization
636 only applies to *ClientTLS:X509* mechanisms.

637 6.4.2. Recipient Processing Rules

- 638 • If the validation policy regards peer entity authentication sufficient for purposes of authentication then the recipient
639 MUST establish the correspondence of the certificate and key used to establish peer authentication with the cor-
640 responding key information conveyed in the message. This allows the message recipient to determine that the
641 message sender intended a particular transport authenticated identity to be used. Information relating the SSL/TLS
642 key to the message MAY be conveyed in the message using an OASIS SOAP Message Security X.509 security
643 token.

644 6.4.3. X.509 v3 Message Authentication

645 The following example demonstrates the X.509 v3 message authentication mechanism.

```

646 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
647 <s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
648   xmlns:sb="urn:liberty:sb:2006-08"
649   xmlns:pp="urn:liberty:id-sis-pp:2003-08"
650   xmlns:sec="urn:liberty:security:2006-08"
651   xmlns:wss="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd"
652   xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"
653   xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
654
655   <s:Header>
656     <!-- see Liberty SOAP Binding Specification for which headers
657       are required and optional -->
658
659     <wsa:MessageID wsu:Id="mid">...</wsa:MessageID>
660
661     <wsa:To wsu:Id="to">...</wsa:To>
662
663     <wsa:Action wsu:Id="action">...</wsa:Action>
664
665     <wss:Security mustUnderstand="1">
666
667       <wsu:Timestamp wsu:Id="ts">
668         <wsu:Created>2005-06-17T04:49:17Z</wsu:Created >
669       </wsu:Timestamp>
670
671       <wss:BinarySecurityToken
672         ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
673         wsu:Id="X509Token"
674         EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64
675         MIIB9zCCAWSgAwIBAgIQ...
676       </wss:BinarySecurityToken>

```

```

677
678 <ds:Signature xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
679   <ds:SignedInfo>
680
681     <!-- in general include a ds:Reference for each wsa: header
682         added according to SOAP binding -->
683
684     <!-- include the MessageID in the signature -->
685     <ds:Reference URI="#mid">...</ds:Reference>
686
687     <!-- include the To in the signature -->
688     <ds:Reference URI="#to">...</ds:Reference>
689
690     <!-- include the Action in the signature -->
691     <ds:Reference URI="#action">...</ds:Reference>
692
693     <!-- include the Timestamp in the signature -->
694     <ds:Reference URI="#ts">...</ds:Reference>
695
696     <!-- bind the security token (thwart cert substitution attacks) -->
697     <ds:Reference URI="#X509Token">
698       <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
699       <ds:DigestValue>Ru4cAfeBABE...</ds:DigestValue>
700     </ds:Reference>
701
702     <!-- bind the body of the message -->
703     <ds:Reference URI="#MsgBody">
704       <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
705       <ds:DigestValue>YgGfS0pi56pu...</ds:DigestValue>
706     </ds:Reference>
707   </ds:SignedInfo>
708   <ds:KeyInfo>
709     <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
710       <wsse:Reference URI="#X509Token" />
711     </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
712   </ds:KeyInfo>
713   <ds:SignatureValue>
714     HJJWbvqW9E84vJVQkjLLA6nNvBX7mY00TZhWbDFNDElgscSXZ5Ekw==
715   </ds:SignatureValue>
716 </ds:Signature>
717 </wsse:Security>
718 </s:Header>
719 <s:Body wsu:Id="MsgBody">
720   <pp:Modify>
721     <!-- this is an ID-SIS-PP Modify message -->
722   </pp:Modify>
723 </s:Body>
724 </s:Envelope>
725
726

```

6.5. Bearer Token Authentication

The Bearer mechanism is used to convey the authenticated identity of an invoker with a message. The mechanism is based on the presence of a *bearer token* in the security header of a message. A bearer token may include the endpoint reference for the discovery resource to which it applies, as well as the intended recipient of the assertion, so the scope of the assertion may be limited even though it is not bound to a specific message. In this situation, the bearer token is verified for authenticity and contributes to authorization decisions rather than being used to demonstrate the authenticity of the message.

The Bearer mechanism does not necessarily provide message authentication, since bearer tokens need not be bound to the message with a cryptographic signature. For this reason, if message authentication is desired a bearer mechanism may be used in conjunction with another mechanism used for message authentication, such as an X.509-based mech-

737 anism. In this case the Bearer mechanism **MUST** be used to determine the invocation identity. (If the message
738 authentication identity differs, it may be assumed to be the sender, who may be different from the invoker).

739 Bearer token functionality may be implemented using different types of tokens, including tokens defined in OASIS
740 SOAP Message Security [wss-sms11], such as WSS Binary Security Tokens (<wsse:BinarySecurityToken>),
741 and WSS Token profiles (X.509 token profile [wss-x509] or SAML token profiles [wss-saml11] for example). Custom
742 tokens or tokens which are subsequently profiled after this specification is finalized could still leverage the bearer
743 mechanism providing the wsse:ValueType is understood by the producer and consumer of the token. See the Custom
744 Bearer Token example (Section 6.5.3.1).

745 The use of a bearer authentication mechanism is specified using a SecMech URN with a MESSAGE value of
746 Bearer. Such a bearer authentication mechanism supports unilateral (invoker) entity authentication. The URN is of
747 the form urn:liberty:security:2003-08:PEER:Bearer. PEER may vary depending on the peer authentication mecha-
748 nism deployed (e.g., may be null, TLS etc). Note that such URIs indicate that a bearer mechanism is in use, but do not
749 specify which exact specific bearer token instance is in use (e.g., SAML 2 assertion, binary security token, etc).

750 The type of bearer token must either be recognized from the schema of the token, as for example with a SAML assertion,
751 or from a ValueType attribute associated with the token, as for example with a WSS BinarySecurityToken.

752 This section defines normative requirements that apply in general to all bearer tokens. Additional detailed normative
753 requirements and semantics related to a specific bearer token type may be defined in a profile for that type. A profile
754 is not always required.

755 Specifically, the SecMech SAML Profile [LibertySecMech20SAML] defines additional normative requirements when
756 using SAML 2 assertions as bearer tokens. This core document provides normative requirements on the use of Binary
757 Security Tokens, see Section 6.5.3.

758 The following are general normative statements regarding the use of bearer tokens:

- 759 • A SAML 2 assertion may be used directly as a bearer token, when placed within a (<wsse:Security>) header
760 block. This usage is defined in the SecMech SAML profile [LibertySecMech20SAML].
- 761 • A bearer token **MUST** appear within the <wsse:Security> header of a message. That <wsse:Security> header
762 **MUST** be targeted at the recipient SOAP node to be used in authorization decisions by that entity.
- 763 • Note that the integrity, authenticity or confidentiality of the bearer token may not be protected when the bearer
764 token is neither signed nor encrypted at the message layer and secure end-to-end transport is not used. For this
765 reason caution must be taken not to expose the token to unauthorized entities.

766 To secure a message from such threats, one of the mechanisms which support peer entity authentication with
767 integrity and confidentiality protections (see Section 6.2) **SHOULD** be used in conjunction with or instead of an
768 unprotected bearer mechanism.

- 769 • The sender and receiver processing rules that follow must be observed.

770 6.5.1. Sender Processing Rules

- 771 • The construction and decoration of the <wsse:Security> header element **MUST** adhere to the rules specified in
772 [wss-sms11].
- 773 • The sender **MUST** insert the bearer token as a direct child of the <wsse:Security> header and this header **MUST**
774 be targeted at the recipient.

775 6.5.2. Recipient Processing Rules

- 776 • The recipient MUST locate the <wsse:Security> element for which it is the SOAP target. This header MUST
777 adhere to the syntax and processing rules specified in [wss-sms11].
- 778 • The recipient MUST locate the bearer token by locating it as a direct child of the appropriate <wsse:
779 Security> header. The recipient can recognize the token by ValueType in the case of a Binary Security Token,
780 or by using its well known schema type.
- 781 • The recipient MUST process the token in accordance with the processing rules of the token type, as indicated by
782 its schema and namespace.

783 6.5.3. Binary Security Token Bearer Tokens

784 A bearer token MAY be a WSS Binary Security Token. The following normative requirements on the use of Binary
785 Security Tokens as bearer tokens must be met:

- 786 • The EncodingType attribute MUST be explicitly stated to be base64Binary.
- 787 • The ValueType MUST be present and indicate the format of the bearer token.

788 6.5.3.1. Custom Bearer Token Example (Informative)

789 This example depicts a custom security token being conveyed to the relying party. For such an example to function,
790 the producer and consumer of the custom token must understand and follow the proper processing rules associated
791 with the wsse:ValueType attribute.

```

792 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
793 <s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
794   xmlns:sb="urn:liberty:sb:2006-08"
795   xmlns:pp="urn:liberty:id-sis-pp:2003-08"
796   xmlns:sec="urn:liberty:security:2006-08"
797   xmlns:wss="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd"
798   xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"
799   xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/03/addressing">
800
801   <s:Header>
802     <!-- see Liberty SOAP Binding Specification for which headers
803       are required and optional -->
804
805     <wsa:MessageID wsu:Id="mid">...</wsa:MessageID>
806
807     <wsa:To wsu:Id="to">...</wsa:To>
808
809     <wsa:Action wsu:Id="action">...</wsa:Action>
810
811     <wsse:Security mustUnderstand="1">
812
813       <wsu:Timestamp wsu:Id="ts">
814         <wsu:Created>2005-06-17T04:49:17Z</wsu:Created >
815       </wsu:Timestamp>
816
817       <!-- Custom binary security token -->
818       <wsse:BinarySecurityToken
819         ValueType="anyNSPrefix:ServiceSessionContext"
820         EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss
821           -soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"
822         wsu:Id="bst" >
823         mQEMAZrniWkAAAEH9RWir0eKDkyFAB7PoFazx3ftp0vWwbbzqXdgcX8fpEqSrlv4
824         YqUc7OMiJcBtKBp3+jlD4HPUaurIqHA0vrDmMpm+sF2BnpND118f/mXCv3XbWhiL
825         xjl/M4y0CMAM/wBHT3xa17tWJwsZkDRLWxXP7wS1TXNjCThHzBL8gBKZRqNbcZlU
826         QXdp1/HIYQo5tIvCAM4pGk8nJFh6JrLsOEnT887aJRaasvBAAQ27C7D4Dmpt01aC

```

```

827 FqLEQ98/lt6nkFmf7oiuZkID++xQXn74LWovdNlki43VaSXWcQAjzCzirHSuVX1N
828 QvAsufa9Vghnry5Blxe2VzwitMDwiRCS/bpbRQAFebQmR2FyeSBGLiBFbGxpc29u
829 IDxnYXJ5LmVsbGlzb25Ac3VuLmNvbT6JARUDBRA0Z5icfpHfi79/fM0BARwaB/sG
830 YHj+fpvMgRZev/i0DyZX+s6YyMZKeJ4pVHeboFP7KaP0R+VvAP0qoJk+6ITUyX2w
831 R3equeJPMbWqmOA/EAYkYE/xcqrq2ddSq2SG43530/TTOFY+ENXttltVhBdJ79KLx
832 8fR2f9jLKJqQBuz2MRKpy5EdJlqmtHkQm/SGTKRz8uncs5BtmJxkAbskuSi6Ys24E
833 Pv0r97dw/UTfh7VM8+SA/hkCF6QVE1UzvgpKwEpho2DZiuzvvaFqv/tINZRHGhCg
834 TNLvz+5yYXSAY3nr8UPzNJ9QUXrsmzBGDSlppq3GO7kL0VHN//B/5GLSVcofzpa
835 xj/JP+41N4sDJGkyCWwqiQEeBBABAgAJBQI+d0xwAhkBAAoJEPCEJEL9ultFpMgH
836 9AzI8pmuPKxv3dQcuqZ+rJrsy2YyuuSkWpj97n5PFWvBGTSAu2+2wo3uLn8A596w
837 n4MVShTxs5C2rMKKZABJ80bqtbbS1tQaIJmPg47lqmnHjazeqbPfpwPqHzQ66cje
838 De/3qbxBd/rPXV2SiyECed0qRsbu90o3TonrJBOP6+Hs6jSkjGvQeJjvutuklMN
839 A9TOd0CKN1RiEUWl4zweF7cmHwJWyfC64l8pqMFLC7XrYE7pXAL2Y6pi8Ta5njGL
840 ldWryWzSDMCEun0t5wiuUYqZ+BXvyl1kp2iKmi56ioTg5UHxGJqr6oZONDwMDIhw
841 sI9v1kuHhJuWz8DZiZ0li7QgR2FyeSBFBGxpc29uIDxnZmVAaW50ZXJoYWNrLm5l
842 dD6JARQDBRA+d1WR8IkQkv26W0UBAXgsB/UROD8wayj9v7gMK3K9Idxk/3Kl6myl
843 m0Q5mzFkXoLZ6EJ3wZlpXteR9oeTo2F/5tJ0k9SFNaefFuiPVGz9y+idHHVKyQw
844 kDGG7YB5+fK1siebpUnIemvhngrUzLnmbOJDpBy+UukRGjRLhDsuEXN8fpgB27D
845 ddo2odK3lnR9OpRPGO/F2mkduatD28MMPVn4RpOKw8Nx7PIIxVPnTXGgfLY2PD00
846 Dk5he7KszA3rJul9Dof0Ii9nLHlOXiHwXWFx7le66vwlHCiAnwvpU8BXSeIgbKDA
847 ZzFMUHSKyTdMo9l+ByDk/jLsGsvZ6ltROShVWSw00rC8pKa3sVmSMY0C2dmZUBz
848 dW4uY29tiQETAwQP3plwvCUEJL9ultFAQGRDgfwmhqrrlACqYAr2a2yFoex0gIz
849 NrTQvMjRwW5Eyz0Gu9KM05ilsBIpIHCCa6LY/Y6rb0qsrP7Pu0Z082uuQALfPrzs
850 i4lHsZDOeKKAiw7G3bJO+fDpkwYPHC7YFObof45Y71BWO+OBfKrMb73zfgYYGKIc
851 tECofkVO3fvNHNEeDIEzhvY2o783JOGbdN34P5NcLre69eLPF3KNhonLQMVxlNmh
852 0kwl5rUckRPAPy4WgKv/VQEztXSPmx9t4x3jUjc+yDtSdvTnBmWEHUU3/Pn8TICa
853 XsvFX/55u0P0ntxFoila+0UpsCGrGpdzv1q7tRmFsf5aOP1Um79Qg10/5060Gkdh
854 cnkgRWxsaXNvbiA8Z2ZlQHN1bi5jb20+iQEUAWQP3pmAvCJEL9ultFAQF1twf0
855 CAY7B8Nb74w+mYYyHS+UXCrPQR2lvs5DjzuKooX7j6pJHDQqhfss24NLBvvpufZa
856 uTE27fDIx+HC0SK5cjGUTqoX/4nkMe+HM87vPcChbs3lTGT+yxVjyiQ9BIei5mX2
857 QT19RkS3ZDXNux32uONDRX7dykNX6fYkKRGserWHhdXlHppmmvLodKCK/sZkkqzf
858 VT4r9ytfpXBlueLOV93X8RUz4ecZcDm9e+IEG+pQjnvgrSgac1NrW5K/CJEOUJh
859 oGTrym0Ziutezhwr/gOeLVtkywsMgDr77gWZxRvw01wlogtUdTceurBIDANj+KVZ
860 vLkLTCaGAUNIjkiDDgti
861 =OuKj
862 </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
863
864 <ds:Signature xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
865   <!-- in general include a ds:Reference for each wsa: header
866     added according to SOAP binding -->
867
868   <!-- include the MessageID in the signature -->
869   <ds:Reference URI="#mid">...</ds:Reference>
870
871   <!-- include the To in the signature -->
872   <ds:Reference URI="#to">...</ds:Reference>
873
874   <!-- include the Action in the signature -->
875   <ds:Reference URI="#action">...</ds:Reference>
876
877   <!-- include the Timestamp in the signature -->
878   <ds:Reference URI="#ts">...</ds:Reference>
879
880   <!-- bind security token -->
881   <ds:Reference URI="#bst">...</ds:Reference>
882
883   <ds:Reference URI="#MsgBody">
884     <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
885     <ds:DigestValue>YgGfS0pi56pu...</ds:DigestValue>
886   </ds:Reference>
887 </ds:SignedInfo>
888   ...
889 </ds:Signature>
890
891 </wsse:Security>
892 </s:Header>
893 <s:Body wsu:Id="MsgBody">

```

```
894     <!-- payload -->
895     </s:Body>
896 </s:Envelope>
897
898
```

899 6.6. Identity Tokens

900 Identity Tokens are references to a principal that differ from an Authentication Token in that the Identity Token is
901 primarily used to convey an identity while an Authentication Token conveys both the Identity and the authentication
902 context of the user.

903 6.6.1. Identity Token Requirements

904 It is possible to use an Authentication token in the context where an Identity Token is needed (although the reverse is
905 not appropriate), but there are differences that should be considered:

- 906 • Identity tokens typically are long lived since they don't authenticate a user.
- 907 • Identity tokens represent a handle to be used to refer to the principal when the principal is not involved in a
908 transaction (such as when Bob attempts to view Alice's pictures -- Alice may not even be logged in, but Bob may
909 need a handle to pass to Alice's picture WSP so that the WSP knows who's pictures are being accessed).

910 Different mechanisms may be used to convey an identity including the following: ~~token.~~

- 911 • A SAML 2.0 assertion element (`saml2:Assertion`) may be used as ~~profiled~~an identity token. This usage is
912 defined in the **Security Mechanisms** SAML profile [LibertySecMech20SAML]. This A WSS Binary Security To-
913 ken may also be used as an identity token, ~~is a `saml2:Assertion`, it and not a `saml2:EncryptedAssertion`,~~
914 `saml2:NameID`, attribute or `saml2:EncryptedID`. definition.

- 915 • An A WSS SecurityTokenReference element may also be used ~~opaque~~to reference ~~value, for example~~token. Other
916 a `saml2:EncryptedAssertion`, `saml2:NameID`, XML or `saml2:EncryptedID`, WSS Binary definitions **Se-**
917 **curity Token**, or non-SAML ~~be~~ values.

918 Any identity token SHOULD be able to convey information needed for discovery. This is typically an endpoint ref-
919 erence.

920 An identity token must have an attribute of type IDType that may be used as a target of a ds:Reference, e.g., an xml:
921 id or wsu:Id attribute.

922 Normative details using SAML 2 assertions are given in the Security Mechanisms SAML profile [LibertySec-
923 Mech20SAML].

924 A WSS SecurityTokenReference element may also be used to reference an identity token.

925 6.6.2. Token Policy

926 The token policy describes the nature of the identity token to be returned upon an identity token request, generally
927 focusing on the nature of the identifier. Details are defined in [LibertyAuthn].

928 The <TokenPolicy> element is of complex type **TokenPolicyType**, and contains the following attributes and ele-
929 ments:

- 930 • **validUntil** [Optional]

931 Indicates the duration for which the ~~requestor~~token is expected ~~would like the token to be valid~~. The responder
932 MAY disregard the value in favor of its own policies.

933 • **issueTo** [Optional]

934 Identifies the party to whom the identity token should be issued, if not otherwise apparent from the request or policy
935 content. Note that this is usually not the party requesting the token, but generally a WSP the requester wishes to
936 access.

937 For example, a `samlp:NameIDPolicy` element may be included in the `TokenPolicy` element, and, in some cases,
938 the value of the associated `SPNameQualifier` attribute will already indicate the party to whom the token is being
939 issued, making use of `issueTo` unnecessary.

940 • **type** [Optional]

941 Specifies the type of identity token to be returned upon an identity token request. If no type is specified,
942 then which the type of token returned is Opaque and need not necessarily be understood by the requestor.

943 The value of the type attribute is a URI. The following are defined in this document:

944 • **SecMech-SAML-2.0-Assertion:**

945 • This MUST be a SAML 2.0 assertion (`saml2:Assertion`) as profiled in the Security Mechanisms SAML
946 Profile. This is ~~a token~~ `saml2:Assertion`, and ~~as not a~~ `saml:EncryptedAssertion`, `saml:NameID`,
947 or `saml:EncryptedID`, which are all considered Opaque types.

948 • ~~A outlined~~ `samlp2:NameIDPolicy` element SHOULD be included in the `TokenPolicy` element.

949 • URI value: `urn:liberty:security:2006-08:IdentityTokenType:SAML20Assertion`

950 • **Security**

951 **Opaque:**

952 • The format is not specified and may be any format chosen by the IdP including, but not limited to, ~~Meeha-~~
953 ~~nisms~~ SAML assertions, Encrypted Assertions, NameIDs, Encrypted NameIDs, WSS Binary Security
954 Tokens, or other forms. ~~profile:~~

955 • URI value: `urn:liberty:security:2006-08::IdentityTokenType:Opaque`

956 • **wantDSEPR** [Optional]

957 Specifies whether the requestor would like the token to include a WSF 2.0 Endpoint Reference for the Discovery
958 Service in a token returned by that Discovery Service. The default value is 'true'.

959 • **Any Attribute** [Zero or More]

960 Any attribute can be used to describe other characteristics of the desired identity token. The wildcard is necessary
961 because of the arbitrary nature of identity tokens.

962 • **Any Element** [Zero or More]

963 Any element can be used to describe other characteristics of the desired identity token. The wildcard is necessary
964 because of the arbitrary nature of identity tokens.

965 In the specific case of SAML-flavored identity tokens, a `<samlp2:NameIDPolicy>` element SHOULD be used.

```
966
967
968 <xs:complexType name="TokenPolicyType">
969   <xs:sequence>
970     <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"/>
971   </xs:sequence>
972   <xs:attribute name="validUntil" type="xs:dateTime" use="optional"/>
973   <xs:attribute name="issueTo" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
974   <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
975   <xs:attribute name="wantDSEPR" type="xs:boolean" use="optional" />
976   <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax" />
977 </xs:complexType>
978
979 <xs:element name="TokenPolicy" type="sec:TokenPolicyType"/>
980
981
```

982

Figure 1. Element <TokenPolicy> Schema Fragment

983 7. Message Authorization Mechanisms

984 The Message Authorization Model specifies OPTIONAL mechanisms to convey authorization and resource access
985 information (supplied by a trusted third party) that may be necessary to access a service. This facility, incorporated for
986 authorization purposes, serves a distinct and complementary function to the binding between subject and key that the
987 subject accomplishes for authentication purposes. However, it is possible to optimize the processing when the message
988 authentication mechanism utilizes the same subject confirmation key as the authorization mechanism and the key has
989 successfully been applied to ensure the integrity and authenticity of the message payload.

990 7.1. Authorization Mechanism Overview (Informative)

991 The authorization mechanism defined by this specification formalizes the generation and conveyance of authorization
992 information. In support of this mechanism a Trusted Third Party (TTP) may be relied upon to act as either a Policy
993 Information Point (PIP), a Policy Decision Point (PDP) and potentially a coarse grained Policy Enforcement Point
994 (PEP). As a PIP the authority may provide information useful in making a policy decision to the relying party. As a
995 PDP, the Trusted Third Party may make coarse access decisions, such as during the discovery process disallowing
996 discovery of a resource if not authorized. This requires strong assurance as to the authenticity of a peer subject. Given
997 the reliance of authorization upon authentication, this model aids in disseminating subject confirmation obligations,
998 identity information and access authorization data.

999 The authorization model supports the issuance of assertions that convey information regarding the resource to be
1000 accessed, the entity attempting to access the resource, the mechanism that the accessing entity must use to confirm its
1001 identity to the recipient and the ability for the sending entity to access the resource on behalf of another system entity.

1002 When one provider acts on behalf of an invoker, information about both the sender and invoker may be useful for a
1003 subsequent authorization decision and may need to be conveyed with the message, including information needed to
1004 verify both identities.

1005 7.2. Authorization Assertion Generation

1006 The Liberty Alliance Discovery service, [LibertyDisco], is a trusted service which enables the discovery of identity-
1007 based web services. The trusted authority [LibertyDisco] may issue an assertion, subsequently used when accessing
1008 the discovered identity-based web service (the resource).

1009 In addition to managing the registration and discovery of identity-based web services the trusted authority may act as
1010 a centralized policy information and decision point. The authority may issue assertions regarding authentication and
1011 authorization policies enforced for a given identity-based web service, resource and the identity of the sender. The
1012 makeup of this assertion reflects the information necessary to accommodate the authentication and authorization policy
1013 requirements.

1014 Specific processing rules are provided in the SecMech SAML profile.

1015 7.3. Provider Chaining

1016 Provider chaining refers to scenarios in which a service provider (WSP), upon receiving a request from a sender, itself
1017 ~~passes~~ sends a request to the ~~onto~~ next service provider. This may be done by forwarding ~~until~~ the destination request
1018 ~~it received, acting~~ reached. This ~~as~~ mechanism allows a proxy, or by generating ~~performed,~~ a new request. ~~provider~~
1019 ~~proxies~~ This may be done until ~~to~~ the destination service provider is reached.

1020 An example is a browser client accessing a portal that acts as a web service client on behalf of the browser client,
1021 accessing a web service provider that in turn passes the request to a second web service provider. When more than two
1022 web service providers are in the chain, information about the earlier web service providers may need to be explicitly
1023 recorded to enable the destination web service provider to make an appropriate authorization decision, since knowledge
1024 of the sender may not be enough information.

1025 Service providers may rely upon a security token passed with each request to make an authorization decision based on
 1026 authentication, authorization and possibly other information contained within the token. The security token is unique
 1027 to the service provider that consumes it, for example the principal ultimately invoking the destination service (the
 1028 assertion subject) is conveyed using a name identifier appropriate to the service provider.

1029 Note that the service provider itself may act as a policy decision point, or may use some other system entity as a policy
 1030 decision point. How authorization is implemented is outside the scope of this specification, apart from the information
 1031 conveyed in the message to enable such decisions.

1032 The security token is passed in the <wsse:Security> header in the SOAP header block, as part of the SOAP request
 1033 to a service provider. It is obtained by the service requestor as part of the discovery operation used to determine the
 1034 endpoint information for the web service provider to whom the request is sent. When the Discovery Service returns a
 1035 WS-Addressing endpoint reference (EPR) as profiled in the Discovery Service specification, it includes a security
 1036 assertion appropriate for the requestor to transmit to the web service provider. This assertion is signed by the assertion
 1037 issuer, e.g., the Discovery Service.

1038 When two or more WSPs are transited before reaching the destination WSP, a <TransitedProviderPath>
 1039 SHOULD be included in the security assertion by the Discovery Service. The normative details of how to do this using
 1040 SAML 2 assertions is given in the Security Mechanisms SAML profile [LibertySecMech20SAML].

1041 The <TransitedProviderPath> SHOULD capture the identity of all but the last transited provider. For example,
 1042 if there were three WSPs transited before reaching the final (fourth) WSP, it is only the first two that are recorded in
 1043 the <TransitedProviderPath>. To be meaningful in making an authorization decision, the provider path MUST
 1044 be recorded by a trusted party. In this case the trusted party is the Discovery Service that issues the token.

1045 The last transited provider need not be explicitly recorded in the <TransitedProviderPath> since it is known to
 1046 the message recipient as the sender of the message. The identity of this last transited provider MUST be recorded in
 1047 the assertion, however, for example as part of the SAML assertion confirmation method.

1048 The following table gives an example of the information contained in a token as it traverses a number of providers.
 1049 This shows the system entities (A-F) where A is assumed to be a web browser client, and B-F are WSPs. B-E also act
 1050 as WSCs and F the destination WSP.

1051

Table 7. Transited Providers

Party:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Assertion Contains:						
subject = principal = invoker		A(v)	A(w)	A(x)	A(y)	A(z)
sender(assertion confirmation method)			B	C	D	E
Provider Chain				(B)	(B,C)	(B,C,D)

1052 Each entry of this table shows the relevant content of the assertion as received by the party at the top of that column.
 1053 Thus, for example, WSP E receives an assertion showing that the invoker is A and that the sender is D. WSP E also
 1054 receives a provider chain showing that providers B and C were transited before the request reached D. Note that each
 1055 WSP may receive name identifiers that are unique to it and the sender, for example "y" instead of "A" for the invoker,
 1056 and possibly other name identifiers for the sender and provider chain than other WSPs would receive.

1057 When a WSP receives a request and determines that it must act as a WSC to send the request to another WSP, it looks
 1058 for a bootstrap EPR in the security token it received with the request. This EPR indicates how to reach a Discovery
 1059 Service for finding the next Web Service Provider, and this EPR includes a security token appropriate for the WSP to

1060 use in making a request to the DS. The DS may have included the `<TransitedProviderPath>` element in the
1061 `security` token contained in the bootstrap EPR, or may have included other information useful to the DS to perform
1062 the next step. Information that the DS may include is out of scope of this specification.

1063 The WSP then sends a query to this Discovery Service using the bootstrap security token it received, placing it in the
1064 `<wsse:Security>` header block (and providing confirmation as necessary). Upon receipt the Discovery Service may
1065 use this security token in conjunction with the identity of the WSP indicated by the token to create a
1066 `<TransitedProviderPath>` (if needed) to place in the security token provided with the EPR for the next WSP.

1067 When the Discovery Service creates the security token, it will map the name identifier of the assertion subject to a
1068 name identifier appropriate for the current WSP (soon to be WSC) and the next WSP. This is done to protect privacy.

1069 When the WSP receives the new token from the Discovery Service as part of the EPR, it sends it on to the recipient,
1070 which may be the destination WSP or a WSP that may act as a WSC to send the request to another WSP, repeating the
1071 process. Although the token issued by the discovery service has a name identifier for the same principal as the subject
1072 of the original assertion, the name identifier may be changed to maintain privacy. This token also contains the revised
1073 `<TransitedProviderPath>`. Each token is a new token, with updated Subject name identifier and path information
1074 and with a new Discovery Service signature.

1075 When a WSP acts as a WSC to send a request to the next WSP, it is the *sender*. Again, this sender identity may be
1076 expressed using a name identifier. The sender's identity is conveyed as part of the subject confirmation method, which
1077 includes the name identifier for the sender. This may use various confirmation methods, including sender-vouches,
1078 holder-of-key and bearer.

1079 When a `<TransitedProviderPath>` is used, a single `<TransitedProviderPath>` element MUST be used to
1080 contain the information about all of the transited WSPs, in a single element. (In earlier versions of ID-WSF, Security
1081 Mechanisms 1.2 and earlier [LibertySecMech12], the chain was expressed by a separate
1082 `<ProxyTransitedStatement>` for each proxy transited.)

1083 When a `<TransitedProviderPath>` is included in a token, it contains `<ProviderID>` elements to indicate the
1084 identity of each transited WSP to the recipient. Normative details are defined in the SecMech SAML profile [LibertySecMech20SAML].

1086 When requesting a token from the assertion provider, the WSP acting as a transited provider SHOULD convey its
1087 confirmation claim in the form of a SAML assertion carried as a security token within the security header of the request
1088 to the assertion issuing authority when requesting a token.

1089 The final service provider may make an authorization decision based on the information presented to it in the request,
1090 as well as information it knows. Including information about a transited WSP path may be useful to this authorization
1091 decision.

1092 Various tokens may be used to convey provider chaining information. SAML 2.0 assertions SHOULD be used. How
1093 SAML 2.0 assertions are to be used is outlined in the Security Mechanisms SAML profile [LibertySecMech20SAML].

1095 7.3.1. Supporting Schema

1096 7.3.1.1. TransitedProviderPath Schema

1097 The `<TransitedProviderPath>` is used to identify the WSPs that are transited, apart from the last WSP that is
1098 transited. The intended usage of this element is to provide the authorization decision point associated with the final
1099 service provider transited WSP path information necessary to make an authorization decision.

1100 The following schema fragment describes the structure of the `<TransitedProviderPath>` element.

1101
1102 `<xs:complexType name="TransitedProviderPathType">`

```
1103 <xs:sequence>
1104   <xs:element ref="sec:TransitedProvider" minOccurs="1"
1105             maxOccurs="unbounded" />
1106 </xs:sequence>
1107 </xs:complexType>
1108
1109 <xs:element name="TransitedProviderPath" type="sec:TransitedProviderPathType" />
1110
1111
```

1112 Note that a Discovery Service may decide to carry state information elsewhere in the assertion, for example in the
1113 Advice element of the SAML assertion. How this is done is outside the scope of this specification.

1114 7.3.1.2. TransitedProvider Schema

1115 A Discovery Service uses the <TransitedProvider> element to supply information about a single transited provider.

1116 The following schema fragment describes the structure of the <TransitedProvider> element.

```
1117
1118 <xs:complexType name="TransitedProviderType">
1119   <xs:simpleContent>
1120     <xs:extension base="xs:anyURI">
1121       <xs:attribute name="timeStamp" type="xs:dateTime"
1122                 use="optional" />
1123       <xs:attribute name="confirmationURI" type="xs:anyURI"
1124                 use="optional" />
1125     </xs:extension>
1126   </xs:simpleContent>
1127 </xs:complexType>
1128
1129 <xs:element name="TransitedProvider" type="sec:TransitedProviderType" />
1130
1131
```

1132 The semantics around the <TransitedProvider> element is as follows:

- 1133 • The URI value of the <TransitedProvider> element is a URI determined by the Discovery Service. Typically
1134 it will be a ProviderID as defined in the Discovery Service specification.
- 1135 • The OPTIONAL timestamp attribute is the time the message transited the provider. This is an approximate value
1136 since clock synchronization should not be expected to be accurate.
- 1137 • The confirmationURI indicates the confirmation method used by the transited provider to confirm its identity to
1138 the Discovery service when obtaining the EPR to send the request to the next WSP.

1139 7.4. Presenting Authorization Data

1140 Interactions with identity-based web services may rely on the conveyance of authorization information. In general, a
1141 trusted authority issues the authorization data. In such a setting the authorization information would be sent along with
1142 the identity-based web service request to the recipient. See [Authorization Assertion Generation \(Section 7.2\)](#) for details
1143 as to how this data is acquired and formulated.

1144 7.4.1. Processing Rules

- 1145 • The sender MUST authenticate to the recipient using one of the authentication mechanisms described in [Message](#)
1146 [Authentication and Integrity \(Section 6.3\)](#).

1147 It is RECOMMENDED that the sender authenticate using SAML assertion message authentication and specifically
1148 conform to the processing rules specified in the SecMech SAML profile.

1149 7.5. Consuming Authorization Data

1150 A recipient that exposes a resource typically makes access control decisions based on the invocation identity. Addi-
1151 tionally the recipient may also predicate access control policies upon the sender identity. The semantics of resource
1152 access authorization are described in [Presenting Authorization Data \(Section 7.4\)](#).

1153 Additional details related to the use of SAML 2.0 assertions are presented in the SecMech SAML profile.

1154 7.5.1. Processing Rules

- 1155 • The recipient MUST authenticate the sender using one of the mechanisms described in [Authentication and Integrity](#)
1156 [Mechanisms](#).

1157 Additional processing rules specific to the use of SAML 2.0 assertions are presented in the SecMech SAML profile.

1158 **8. Schema**

```

1159 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
1160
1161 <xs:schema targetNamespace="urn:liberty:security:2006-08"
1162     xmlns:xenc="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#"
1163     xmlns:saml2="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion"
1164     xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
1165     xmlns:sec="urn:liberty:security:2006-08"
1166     xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
1167     xmlns:wsse="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd"
1168     xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"
1169     elementFormDefault="qualified"
1170     attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
1171     <xs:import namespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion"
1172         schemaLocation="saml-schema-assertion-2.0.xsd"/>
1173     <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#"
1174         schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmlenc-core-20021210/xenc-schema.xsd"/>
1175     <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
1176         schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmldsig-core-20020212/xmldsig-core-schema.xsd"/>
1177     <xs:import
1178         namespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd"
1179         schemaLocation="wss-secext-1.0.xsd"/>
1180
1181     <xs:import
1182         namespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"
1183         schemaLocation="wss-util-1.0.xsd"/>
1184
1185     <xs:complexType name="TokenPolicyType">
1186         <xs:sequence>
1187             <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"/>
1188         </xs:sequence>
1189         <xs:attribute name="validUntil" type="xs:dateTime" use="optional"/>
1190         <xs:attribute name="issueTo" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
1191         <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
1192         <xs:attribute name="wantDSEPR" type="xs:boolean" use="optional" />
1193         <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax" />
1194     </xs:complexType>
1195
1196     <xs:element name="TokenPolicy" type="sec:TokenPolicyType"/>
1197
1198     <xs:complexType name="TransitedProviderType">
1199         <xs:simpleContent>
1200             <xs:extension base="xs:anyURI">
1201                 <xs:attribute name="timeStamp" type="xs:dateTime"
1202                     use="optional" />
1203                 <xs:attribute name="confirmationURI" type="xs:anyURI"
1204                     use="optional" />
1205             </xs:extension>
1206         </xs:simpleContent>
1207     </xs:complexType>
1208
1209     <xs:element name="TransitedProvider" type="sec:TransitedProviderType" />
1210
1211     <xs:complexType name="TransitedProviderPathType">
1212         <xs:sequence>
1213             <xs:element ref="sec:TransitedProvider" minOccurs="1"
1214                 maxOccurs="unbounded" />
1215         </xs:sequence>
1216     </xs:complexType>
1217
1218     <xs:element name="TransitedProviderPath" type="sec:TransitedProviderPathType"/>
1219     <!--
1220     TokenType can refer to an external token using the ref attribute (no
1221     element content) or contain a Web Services Security token, or a WSS
1222     Security Token Reference (STR) element

```

```
1223 -->
1224
1225 <xs:complexType name="TokenType">
1226   <xs:sequence>
1227     <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="lax"
1228       minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
1229   </xs:sequence>
1230   <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:ID" use="optional" />
1231   <xs:attribute name="ref" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional" />
1232   <xs:attribute name="usage" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional" />
1233 </xs:complexType>
1234
1235 <xs:element name="Token" type="sec:TokenType" />
1236
1237 </xs:schema>
```

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