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1 Introduction

The capture and expression of non-functional requirements is an important aspect of service definition and has an impact on SCA throughout the lifecycle of components and compositions. SCA provides a framework to support specification of constraints, capabilities and QoS expectations from component design through to concrete deployment. This specification describes the framework and its usage.

Specifically, this section describes the SCA policy association framework that allows policies and policy subjects specified using [WS-Policy](#) [WS-Policy] and [WS-PolicyAttachment](#) [WS-PolicyAttach], as well as with other policy languages, to be associated with SCA components.

This document should be read in conjunction with the [SCA Assembly Specification](#) [SCA-Assembly]. Details of policies for specific policy domains can be found in sections 7, 8 and 9.

1.1 Terminology

The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” in this document are to be interpreted as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#).

1.2 XML Namespaces

Prefixes and Namespaces used in this Specification

Prefix	XML Namespace	Specification
sca	<code>docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903</code> This is assumed to be the default namespace in this specification. xs:QNames that appear without a prefix are from the SCA namespace.	[SCA-Assembly]
acme	Some namespace; a generic prefix	
wsp	<code>http://www.w3.org/2006/07/ws-policy</code>	[WS-Policy]
xs	<code>http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema</code>	[XML Schema Datatypes]

Table 1-1: XML Namespaces and Prefixes

1.3 Normative References

- [RFC2119]** S. Bradner, *Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels*, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>, IETF RFC 2119, March 1997.
- [SCA-Assembly]** OASIS Committee Draft 03, “Service Component Architecture Assembly Model Specification Version 1.1”, March 2009.
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34		OASIS Committee Draft 01, "SCA Web Services Binding Specification Version 1.1", August 2008.
35		
36		http://docs.oasis-open.org/opencsa/sca-bindings/sca-wsbinding-1.1-spec-cd01.pdf
37		
38	[WSDL]	Web Services Description Language (WSDL) Version 2.0 Part 1: Core Language
39		– Appendix http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/CR-wsdl20-20060327/
40	[WS-AtomicTransaction]	
41		Web Services Atomic Transaction (WS-AtomicTransaction)
42		http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-tx/ws-atomic-transaction/2006/06/
43		
44	[WSDL-Ids]	SCA WSDL 1.1 Element Identifiers – forthcoming W3C Note
45		http://dev.w3.org/cvsweb/~checkout~/2006/ws/policy/wsdl11elementidentifiers.html
46		
47	[WS-Policy]	Web Services Policy (WS-Policy)
48		http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy
49	[WS-PolicyAttach]	Web Services Policy Attachment (WS-PolicyAttachment)
50		http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy-attachment
51	[XPath]	XML Path Language (XPath) Version 1.0.
52		http://www.w3.org/TR/xpath
53	[XML-Schema2]	XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes Second Edition XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes
54		Second Edition, Oct. 28 2004.
55		http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/

56 1.4 Naming Conventions

57 This specification follows some naming conventions for artifacts defined by the specification, as follows:

- 58 • For the names of elements and the names of attributes within XSD files, the names follow the
59 CamelCase convention, with all names starting with a lower case letter, e.g. <element
60 name="policySet" type="..."/>.
- 61 • For the names of types within XSD files, the names follow the CamelCase convention with all names
62 starting with an upper case letter, e.g. <complexType name="PolicySet">.
- 63 • For the names of intents, the names follow the CamelCase convention, with all names starting with a
64 lower case letter, EXCEPT for cases where the intent represents an established acronym, in which
65 case the entire name is in upper case. An example of an intent which is an acronym is the "SOAP"
66 intent.

67 2 Overview

68 2.1 Policies and PolicySets

69 The term **Policy** is used to describe some capability or constraint that can be applied to service
70 components or to the interactions between service components represented by services and references.
71 An example of a policy is that messages exchanged between a service client and a service provider have
72 to be encrypted, so that the exchange is confidential and cannot be read by someone who intercepts the
73 messages.

74 In SCA, services and references can have policies applied to them that affect the form of the interaction
75 that takes place at runtime. These are called **interaction policies**.

76 Service components can also have other policies applied to them, which affect how the components
77 themselves behave within their runtime container. These are called **implementation policies**.

78 How particular policies are provided varies depending on the type of runtime container for implementation
79 policies and on the binding type for interaction policies. Some policies can be provided as an inherent part
80 of the container or of the binding – for example a binding using the https protocol will always provide
81 encryption of the messages flowing between a reference and a service. Other policies can optionally be
82 provided by a container or by a binding. It is also possible that some kinds of container or kinds of binding
83 are incapable of providing a particular policy at all.

84 In SCA, policies are held in **policySets**, which can contain one or many policies, expressed in some
85 concrete form, such as WS-Policy assertions. Each policySet targets a specific binding type or a specific
86 implementation type. PolicySets are used to apply particular policies to a component or to the binding of a
87 service or reference, through configuration information attached to a component or attached to a
88 composite.

89 For example, a service can have a policy applied that requires all interactions (messages) with the service
90 to be encrypted. A reference which is wired to that service needs to support sending and receiving
91 messages using the specified encryption technology if it is going to use the service successfully.

92 In summary, a service presents a set of interaction policies, which it requires the references to use. In
93 turn, each reference has a set of policies, which define how it is capable of interacting with any service to
94 which it is wired. An implementation or component can describe its requirements through a set of
95 attached implementation policies.

96 2.2 Intents describe the requirements of Components, Services and 97 References

98 SCA **intents** are used to describe the abstract policy requirements of a component or the requirements of
99 interactions between components represented by services and references. Intents provide a means for
100 the developer and the assembler to state these requirements in a high-level abstract form, independent of
101 the detailed configuration of the runtime and bindings, which involve the role of application deployer.
102 Intents support late binding of services and references to particular SCA bindings, since they assist the
103 deployer in choosing appropriate bindings and concrete policies which satisfy the abstract requirements
104 expressed by the intents.

105 It is possible in SCA to attach policies to a service, to a reference or to a component at any time during
106 the creation of an assembly, through the configuration of bindings and the attachment of policy sets.
107 Attachment can be done by the developer of a component at the time when the component is written or it
108 can be done later by the deployer at deployment time. SCA recommends a late binding model where the
109 bindings and the concrete policies for a particular assembly are decided at deployment time.

110 SCA favors the late binding approach since it promotes re-use of components. It allows the use of
111 components in new application contexts, which might require the use of different bindings and different

112 concrete policies. Forcing early decisions on which bindings and policies to use is likely to limit re-use and
113 limit the ability to use a component in a new context.

114 For example, in the case of authentication, a service which requires the client to be authenticated can be
115 marked with an intent called "**clientAuthentication**". This intent marks the service as requiring the client
116 to be authenticated without being prescriptive about how it is achieved. At deployment time, when the
117 binding is chosen for the service (say SOAP over HTTP), the deployer can apply suitable policies to the
118 service which provide aspects of WS-Security and which supply a group of one or more authentication
119 technologies.

120 In many ways, intents can be seen as restricting choices at deployment time. If a service is marked with
121 the **confidentiality** intent, then the deployer has to use a binding and a policySet that provides for the
122 encryption of the messages.

123 The set of intents available to developers and assemblers can be extended by policy administrators. The
124 SCA Policy Framework specification does define a set of intents which address the infrastructure
125 capabilities relating to security, transactions and reliable messaging.

126 **2.3 Determining which policies apply to a particular wire**

127 Multiple policies can be attached to both services and to references. Where there are multiple policies,
128 they can be organized into policy domains, where each domain deals with some particular aspect of the
129 interaction. An example of a policy domain is confidentiality, which covers the encryption of messages
130 sent between a reference and a service. Each policy domain can have one or more policy. Where
131 multiple policies are present for a particular domain, they represent alternative ways of meeting the
132 requirements for that domain. For example, in the case of message integrity, there could be a set of
133 policies, where each one deals with a particular security token to be used: e.g. X509, SAML, Kerberos.
134 Any one of the tokens can be used - they will all ensure that the overall goal of message integrity is
135 achieved.

136 In order for a service to be accessed by a wide range of clients, it is good practice for the service to
137 support multiple alternative policies within a particular domain. So, if a service requires message
138 confidentiality, instead of insisting on one specific encryption technology, the service can have a policySet
139 which has a number of alternative encryption technologies, any of which are acceptable to the service.
140 Equally, a reference can have a policySet attached which defines the range of encryption technologies
141 which it is capable of using. Typically, the set of policies used for a given domain will reflect the
142 capabilities of the binding and of the runtime being used for the service and for the reference.

143 When a service and a reference are wired together, the policies declared by the policySets at each end of
144 the wire are matched to each other. SCA does not define how policy matching is done, but instead
145 delegates this to the policy language (e.g. WS-Policy) used for the binding. For example, where WS-
146 Policy is used as the policy language, the matching procedure looks at each domain in turn within the
147 policy sets and looks for 1 or more policies which are in common between the service and the reference.
148 When only one match is found, the matching policy is used. Where multiple matches are found, then the
149 SCA runtime can choose to use any one of the matching policies. No match implies that the configuration
150 is not valid and the deployer needs to take an action.

151 3 Framework Model

152 The SCA Policy Framework model is comprised of *intents* and *policySets*. Intents represent abstract
153 assertions and Policy Sets contain concrete policies that can be applied to SCA bindings and
154 implementations. The framework describes how intents are related to policySets. It also describes how
155 intents and policySets are utilized to express the constraints that govern the behavior of SCA bindings
156 and implementations. Both intents and policySets can be used to specify QoS requirements on services
157 and references.

158 The following section describes the Framework Model and illustrates it using Interaction Policies.
159 Implementation Policies follow the same basic model and are discussed later in section 1.5.

160 3.1 Intents

161 As discussed earlier, an *intent* is an abstract assertion about a specific Quality of Service (QoS)
162 characteristic that is expressed independently of any particular implementation technology. An intent is
163 thus used to describe the desired runtime characteristics of an SCA construct. Typically, intents are
164 defined by a policy administrator. See section [Policy Administrator] for a more detailed description of
165 SCA roles with respect to Policy concepts, their definition and their use. The semantics of an intent can
166 not always be available normatively, but could be expressed with documentation that is available and
167 accessible.

168 For example, an intent named *integrity* can be specified to signify that communications need to be
169 protected from possible tampering. This specific intent can be declared as a requirement by some SCA
170 artifacts, e.g. a reference. Note that this intent can be satisfied by a variety of bindings and with many
171 different ways of configuring those bindings. Thus, the reference where the intent is expressed as a
172 requirement could eventually be wired using either a web service binding (SOAP over HTTP) or with an
173 EJB binding that communicates with an EJB via RMI/IIOP.

174 Intents can be used to express requirements for *interaction policies* or *implementation policies*. The
175 *integrity* intent in the above example is used to express a requirement for an interaction policy.
176 Interaction policies are, typically, applied to a *service* or *reference*. They are meant to govern the
177 communication between a client and a service provider. Intents can also be applied to SCA component
178 implementations as requirements for *implementation policies*. These intents specify the qualities of
179 service that need to be provided by a container as it runs the component. An example of such an intent
180 could be a requirement that the component needs to run in a transaction.

181 If the configured instance of a binding is in conflict with the intents and policy sets selected for that
182 instance, the SCA runtime MUST raise an error. [POL30001]. For example, a web service binding which
183 requires the SOAP intent but which points to a WSDL binding that does not specify SOAP.

184 For convenience and conciseness, it is often desirable to declare a single, higher-level intent to denote a
185 requirement that could be satisfied by one of a number of lower-level intents. For example, the
186 **confidentiality** intent requires either message-level encryption or transport-level encryption.

187

188 Both of these are abstract intents because the representation of the configuration necessary to realize
189 these two kinds of encryption could vary from binding to binding, and each would also require additional
190 parameters for configuration.

191 An intent that can be completely satisfied by one of a choice of lower-level intents is
192 referred to as a *qualifiable intent*. In order to express such intents, the intent name can
193 contain a qualifier: a "." followed by a *xs:string* name. An intent name that includes a
194 qualifier in its name is referred to as a *qualified intent*, because it is "qualifying" how the
195 qualifiable intent is satisfied. A qualified intent can only qualify one qualifiable intent, so the
196 name of the qualified intent includes the name of the qualifiable intent as a prefix, for
197 example, **clientAuthentication.message**.

198 In general, SCA allows the developer or assembler to attach multiple qualifiers for a single
199 qualifiable intent to the same SCA construct. However, domain-specific constraints can prevent the use of
200 some combinations of qualifiers (from the same qualifiable intent).

201 Intents, their qualifiers and their defaults are defined using the pseudo schema in Snippet 3-1:

202

```
203 <intent name="xs:NCName"  
204     constrains = "list of QNames"?  
205     attachTo = "xs:string"?  
206     requires="list of QNames"?  
207     excludes="list of QNames"?  
208     mutuallyExclusive="boolean"?  
209     intentType="xs:string"? >  
210   <description> xs:string.</description?>  
211   <qualifier name = "xs:string" default = "xs:boolean" ?>*</qualifier?>  
212     <description> xs:string.</description?>  
213 </intent?>  
214
```

215 *Snippet 3-1: intent Pseudo-Schema*

216

217 Where the intent element has the following attributes:

- 218 • @name (1..1) - an NCName that defines the name of the intent. **The QName for an intent MUST be**
219 **unique amongst the set of intents in the SCA Domain.** [POL30002]
- 220 • @constrains (0..1) - a list of QNames that specifies the SCA constructs that this intent is meant to
221 configure. If a value is not specified for this attribute then the intent can apply to any SCA element.
222 Note that the "constrains" attribute can name an abstract element type, such as sca:binding in our
223 running example. This means that it will match against any binding used within an SCA composite
224 file. An SCA element can match @constrains if its type is in a substitution group.
- 225 • @attachTo (0..1) - a string which is an XPath 1.0 expression identifying one or more elements in the
226 Domain. It is used to declare which set of elements the policySet is actually attached to. The
227 contents of @attachTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 production Expr. [POL300xx] The XPath value of
228 the @attachTo attribute is evaluated against the "Deployed Composite Infoset" as described in
229 Appendix A "The Deployed Composites Infoset". See the section on "Attaching Intents and PolicySets
230 to SCA Constructs" for more details on how this attribute is used.
- 231 •
- 232 • @requires (0..1) - contains a list of QNames of intents which defines the set of all intents that the
233 referring intent requires. In essence, the referring intent requires all the intents named to be satisfied.
234 This attribute is used to compose an intent from a set of other intents. **Each QName in the @requires**
235 **attribute MUST be the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.** [POL30015] This use is further
236 described in [Section 3.3](#).
- 237 • @excludes (0..1) - a list of QNames of intents that cannot be used with this intent. Intents might
238 describe a policy that is incompatible or otherwise unrealizable when specified with other intents, and
239 therefore are considered to be mutually exclusive. **Each QName in the @excludes attribute MUST be**
240 **the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.** [POL30016]

241 Two intents are mutually exclusive when any of the following are true:

- 242 – One of the two intents lists the other intent in its @excludes list.
- 243 – Both intents list the other intent in their respective @excludes list.

244 Where one intent is attached to an element of an SCA composite and another intent is attached to
245 one of the element's parents, the intent(s) that are effectively attached to the element differs

246 depending on whether the two intents are mutually exclusive (see @excludes above and section 4.5
247 Usage of @requires attribute for specifying intents).

- 248 • @mutuallyExclusive (0..1) - a boolean with a default of "false". If this attribute is present and has a
249 value of "true" it indicates that the qualified intents defined for this intent are mutually exclusive.
- 250 • @intentType attribute (0..1) defines whether the intent is an interaction intent or an implementation
251 intent. A value of "interaction", which is the default value, indicates that the intent is an interaction
252 intent. A value of "implementation" indicates that the intent is an implementation intent.

253 One or more <qualifier> child elements can be used to define qualifiers for the intent. The attributes of
254 the qualifier element are:

- 255 • @name (1..1) - declares the name of the qualifier. **The name of each qualifier MUST be unique within**
256 **the intent definition.** [POL30005].
- 257 • @default (0..1) - a boolean value with a default value of "false". If @default="true" the particular
258 qualifier is the default qualifier for the intent. **If an intent has more than one qualifier, one and only**
259 **one MUST be declared as the default qualifier.** [POL30004]. **If only one qualifier for an intent is given**
260 **it MUST be used as the default qualifier for the intent.** [POL30025]
- 261 • qualifier/description (0..1) - an xs:string that holds a textual description of the qualifier.

262 For example, the **confidentiality** intent which has qualified intents called
263 **confidentiality.transport** and **confidentiality.message** can be defined as:

```
264  
265 <intent name="confidentiality" constrains="sca:binding">  
266   <description>  
267     Communication through this binding must prevent  
268     unauthorized users from reading the messages.  
269   </description>  
270   <qualifier name="transport">  
271     <description>Automatic encryption by transport  
272   </description>  
273   </qualifier>  
274   <qualifier name="message" default='true'>  
275     <description>Encryption applied to each message  
276   </description>  
277   </qualifier>  
278 </intent>
```

279 *Snippet 3-2: Example intent Definition*

280

281 All the intents in a SCA Domain are defined in a global, domain-wide file named definitions.xml. Details
282 of this file are described in the [SCA Assembly Model](#) [SCA-Assembly].

283 SCA normatively defines a set of core intents that all SCA implementations are expected to support, to
284 ensure a minimum level of portability. Users of SCA can define new intents, or extend the qualifier set of
285 existing intents. **An SCA Runtime MUST include in the Domain the set of intent definitions contained in**
286 **the Policy_Intent_Definitions.xml described in the appendix "Intent Definitions" of the SCA Policy**
287 **specification.** [POL30024] It is also good practice for the Domain to include concrete policies which satisfy
288 these intents (this may be achieved through the provision of appropriate binding types and
289 implementation types, augmented by policy sets that apply to those binding types and implementation
290 types).

291 The normatively defined intents in the SCA specification might evolve in future versions of this
292 specification. New intents could be added, additional qualifiers could be added to existing intents and the
293 default qualifier for existing intents could change. Such changes would cause the namespace for the SCA
294 specification to change.

295 3.2 Interaction Intents and Implementation Intents

296 An interaction intent is an intent designed to influence policy which applies to a service, a reference and
297 the wires that connect them. Interaction intents affect wire matching between the two ends of a wire
298 and/or the set of bytes that flow between the reference and the service when a service invocation takes
299 place.

300 Interaction intents typically apply to <binding/> elements.

301 An implementation intent is an intent designed to influence policy which applies to an implementation
302 artifact or to the relationship of that artifact to the runtime code which is used to execute the artifact.
303 Implementation intents do not affect wire matching between references and services, nor do they affect
304 the bytes that flow between a reference and a service.

305 Implementation intents often apply to <implementation/> elements, but they can also apply to <binding/>
306 elements, where the desire is to influence the activity of the binding implementation code and how it
307 interacts with the remainder of the runtime code for the implementation.

308 Interaction intents and implementation intents are distinguished by the value of the @intentType attribute
309 in the intent definition.

310 3.3 Profile Intents

311 An intent that is satisfied only by satisfying *all* of a set of other intents is called a **profile intent**. It can be
312 used in the same way as any other intent.

313 The presence of @requires attribute in the intent definition signifies that this is a profile intent. The
314 @requires attribute can include all kinds of intents, including qualified intents and other profile intents.
315 However, while a profile intent can include qualified intents, it cannot be a qualified intent. Thus, **the**
316 **name of a profile intent MUST NOT have a "." in it.** [POL30006]

317 Requiring a profile intent is semantically identical to requiring the list of intents that are listed in its
318 @requires attribute. **If a profile intent is attached to an artifact, all the intents listed in its @requires**
319 **attribute MUST be satisfied as described in section 4.12.** [POL30007]

320 An example of a profile intent is an intent called **messageProtection** which is a shortcut for specifying
321 both **confidentiality** and **integrity**, where **integrity** means to protect against modification, usually by
322 signing. The intent definition is shown in Snippet 3-3:

```
323  
324 <intent name="messageProtection"  
325     constrains="sca:binding"  
326     requires="confidentiality integrity">  
327     <description>  
328         Protect messages from unauthorized reading or modification.  
329     </description>  
330 </intent>
```

331 *Snippet 3-3: Example Profile Intent*

332 3.4 PolicySets

333 A **policySet** element is used to define a set of concrete policies that apply to some binding type or
334 implementation type, and which correspond to a set of intents provided by the policySet.

335 The pseudo schema for policySet is shown in Snippet 3-4:

```
336  
337 <policySet name="NCName"  
338     provides="listOfQNames"?  
339     appliesTo="xs:string"?  
340     attachTo="xs:string"?  
341     xmlns=http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903  
342     xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">
```



```

343 <policySetReference name="xs:QName" />*
344 <intentMap/>*
345 <xs:any>*
346 </policySet>

```

347 *Snippet 3-4: policySet Pseudo-Schema*

348

349 PolicySet has the attributes:

- 350 • @name (1..1) - the name for the policySet. The value of the @name attribute is the local part of a
- 351 QName. **The QName for a policySet MUST be unique amongst the set of policySets in the SCA**
- 352 **Domain.** [POL30017]
- 353 | — @appliesTo (0..1) - a string which is an XPath 1.0 expression identifying one or more SCA constructs
- 354 this policySet can configure. **The contents of @appliesTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 [XPATH]**
- 355 **production Expr.** [POL30018] The @appliesTo attribute uses the "Deployed Composites Infoset" as
- 356 described in [Appendix A The Deployed Composites Infoset](#)
- 357 | • [Section 4.4.1 "The Form of the @attachTo Attribute"](#).
- 358 • @attachTo (0..1) - a string which is an XPath 1.0 expression identifying one or more elements in the
- 359 Domain. It is used to declare which set of elements the policySet is actually attached to. **The**
- 360 **contents of @attachTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 production Expr.** [POL30019] [The XPath value of](#)
- 361 [the @attachTo attribute is evaluated against the "Deployed Composite Infoset" as described in The-](#)
- 362 [@attachTo attribute uses the "Deployed Composite Infoset" as described in as described in Appendix](#)
- 363 [A "The Deployed Composites Infoset", Section 4.4.1 "The Form of the @attachTo Attribute"](#). See the
- 364 section on ["Attaching Intents and PolicySets to SCA Constructs"](#) for more details on how this attribute
- 365 is used.
- 366 • @provides (0..1) - a list of intent QNames (that can be qualified), which declares the intents the
- 367 PolicySet provides.

368 PolicySet contains one or more of the element children

- 369 • intentMap element
- 370 • policySetReference element
- 371 • xs:any extensibility element

372 Any mix of the above types of elements, in any number, can be included as children of the policySet

373 element including extensibility elements. There are likely to be many different policy languages for

374 specific binding technologies and domains. In order to allow the inclusion of any policy language within a

375 policySet, the extensibility elements can be from any namespace and can be intermixed.

376 The SCA policy framework expects that [WS-Policy](#) will be a common policy language for expressing

377 interaction policies, especially for Web Service bindings. Thus a common usecase is to attach WS-

378 Policies directly as children of <policySet> elements; either directly as <wsp:Policy> elements, or as

379 <wsp:PolicyReference> elements or using <wsp:PolicyAttachment>. These three elements, and others,

380 can be attached using the extensibility point provided by the <xs:any> in the pseudo schema above. See

381 example below.

382 For example, the policySet element below declares that it provides

383 **serverAuthentication.message** and **reliability** for the "binding.ws" SCA binding.

```

384 <policySet name="SecureReliablePolicy"
385   provides="serverAuthentication.message exactlyOne"
386   appliesTo="//sca:binding.ws"
387   xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
388   xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">
389   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
390     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
391         "basic server authentication" -->

```

```

393     ...
394     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
395     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
396     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
397         "reliability" -->
398     ...
399     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
400 </policySet>

```

401 *Snippet 3-5: Example policySet Definition*

402

403 PolicySet authors need to be aware of the evaluation of the @appliesTo attribute in order to designate
404 meaningful values for this attribute. Although policySets can be attached to any element in an SCA
405 composite, the applicability of a policySet is not scoped by where it is attached in the SCA framework.
406 Rather, policySets always apply to either binding instances or implementation elements regardless of
407 where they are attached. In this regard, the SCA policy framework does not scope the applicability of the
408 policySet to a specific attachment point in contrast to other frameworks, such as WS-Policy.

409 When computing the policySets that apply to a particular element, the @appliesTo attribute of each
410 relevant policySet is checked against the element. If a policySet that is attached to an ancestor element
411 does not apply to the element in question, it is simply discarded.

412 With this design principle in mind, an XPath expression that is the value of an @appliesTo attribute
413 designates what a policySet applies to. Note that the XPath expression will always be evaluated against
414 the Domain Composite Infoset as described in Section 4.4.1 “The Form of the @attachTo Attribute”. The
415 policySet will apply to any child binding or implementation elements returned from the expression. So, for
416 example, appliesTo="//binding.ws" will match any web service binding. If
417 appliesTo="//binding.ws[@impl='axis']" then the policySet would apply only to web service bindings that
418 have an @impl attribute with a value of 'axis'.

419 When writing policySets, the author needs to ensure that the policies contained in the policySet always
420 satisfy the intents in the @provides attribute. Specifically, when using [WS-Policy](#) the optional attribute
421 and the exactlyOne operator can result in alternative policies and uncertainty as to whether a particular
422 alternative satisfies the advertised intents.

423 If the WS-Policy attribute optional = 'true' is attached to a policy assertion, it results in two policy
424 alternatives, one that includes and one that does not include the assertion. During wire validation it is
425 impossible to predict which of the two alternatives will be selected -if the absence of the policy assertion
426 does not satisfy the intent, then it is possible that the intent is not actually satisfied when the policySet is
427 used.

428 Similarly, if the WS-Policy operator exactlyOne is used, only one of the set of policy assertions within the
429 operator is actually used at runtime. If the set of assertions is intended to satisfy one or more intents, it is
430 vital to ensure that each policy assertion in the set actually satisfies the intent(s).

431 Note that section 4.10.1 on Wire Validity specifies that the strict version of the WS-Policy intersection
432 algorithm is used to establish wire validity and determine the policies to be used. The strict version of
433 policy intersection algorithm ignores the ignorable attribute on assertions. This means that the ignorable
434 facility of WS-Policy cannot be used in policySets.

435 For further discussion on attachment of policySets and the computation of applicable policySets, please
436 refer to [Section 4](#).

437 All the policySets in a SCA Domain are defined in a global, domain-wide file named definitions.xml.
438 Details of this file are described in the [SCA Assembly Model](#) [SCA-Assembly].

439 **3.4.1 IntentMaps**

440 Intent maps contain the concrete policies and policy subjects that are used to realize a specific intent that
441 is provided by the policySet.

442 The pseudo-schema for intentMaps is given in Snippet 3-6:

443
444
445
446
447
448

```
<intentMap provides="xs:QName">  
  <qualifier name="xs:string"?>  
    <xs:any>*</xs:any>  
  </qualifier>  
</intentMap>
```

449 *Snippet 3-6: intentMap Pseudo-Schema*

450

451 When a policySet element contains a set of intentMap children, the value of the @provides attribute of
452 each intentMap MUST correspond to an unqualified intent that is listed within the @provides attribute
453 value of the parent policySet element. [POL30008]

454 If a policySet specifies a qualifiable intent in the @provides attribute, and it provides an intentMap for the
455 qualifiable intent then that intentMap MUST specify all possible qualifiers for that intent. [POL30020]

456 For each qualifiable intent listed as a member of the @provides attribute list of a policySet element, there
457 MUST be no more than one corresponding intentMap element that declares the unqualified form of that
458 intent in its @provides attribute. In other words, each intentMap within a given policySet uniquely provides
459 for a specific intent. [POL30010]

460 The @provides attribute value of each intentMap that is an immediate child of a policySet MUST be
461 included in the @provides attribute of the parent policySet. [POL30021]

462 An intentMap element contains qualifier element children. Each qualifier element corresponds to a
463 qualified intent where the unqualified form of that intent is the value of the @provides attribute value of
464 the parent intentMap. The qualified intent is either included explicitly in the value of the enclosing
465 policySet's @provides attribute or implicitly by that @provides attribute including the unqualified form of
466 the intent.

467 A qualifier element designates a set of concrete policy attachments that correspond to a qualified intent.
468 The concrete policy attachments can be specified using wsp:PolicyAttachment element children or using
469 extensibility elements specific to an environment.

470 As an example, the policySet element in Snippet 3-7 declares that it provides **confidentiality** using the
471 @provides attribute. The alternatives (transport and message) it contains each specify the policy and
472 policy subject they provide. The default is "transport".

473

```
<policySet name="SecureMessagingPolicies"  
  provides="confidentiality"  
  appliesTo="binding.ws"  
  xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"  
  xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">  
  <intentMap provides="confidentiality" >  
    <qualifier name="transport">  
      <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
        <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
          "transport" alternative -->  
        ...  
      </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
      <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
        ...  
      </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
    </qualifier>  
    <qualifier name="message">  
      <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
        <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
          "message" alternative -->  
        ...  
      </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
    </qualifier>  
  </intentMap>
```

497

498 </policySet>

499 *Snippet 3-7: Example policySet with an intentMap*

500
501 PolicySets can embed policies that are defined in any policy language. Although WS-Policy is the most
502 common language for expressing interaction policies, it is possible to use other policy languages Snippet
503 3-8 is an example of a policySet that embeds a policy defined in a proprietary language. This policy
504 provides "serverAuthentication" for binding.ws.

505

```
506 <policySet name="AuthenticationPolicy"  
507   provides="serverAuthentication"  
508   appliesTo="binding.ws"  
509   xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
510   <e:policyConfiguration xmlns:e="http://example.com">  
511     <e:authentication type="X509"/>  
512     <e:trustedCAStore type="JKS"/>  
513     <e:keyStoreFile>Foo.jks</e:keyStoreFile>  
514     <e:keyStorePassword>123</e:keyStorePassword>  
515   </e:policyConfiguration>  
516 </policySet>
```

517
518 *Snippet 3-8: Example policySet Using a Proprietary Language*

519 3.4.2 Direct Inclusion of Policies within PolicySets

520 In cases where there is no need for defaults or overriding for an intent included in the @provides of a
521 policySet, the policySet element can contain policies or policy attachment elements directly without the
522 use of intentMaps or policy set references. There are two ways of including policies directly within a
523 policySet. Either the policySet contains one or more wsp:policyAttachment elements directly as children
524 or it contains extension elements (using xs:any) that contain concrete policies.

525 Following the inclusion of all policySet references, when a policySet element directly contains
526 wsp:policyAttachment children or policies using extension elements, the set of policies specified as
527 children **MUST satisfy all the intents expressed using the @provides attribute value of the policySet**
528 **element.** [POL30011] The intent names in the @provides attribute of the policySet can include names of
529 profile intents.

530 3.4.3 Policy Set References

531 A policySet can refer to other policySets by using sca:PolicySetReference element. This provides a
532 recursive inclusion capability for intentMaps, policy attachments or other specific mappings from different
533 domains.

534 When a policySet element contains policySetReference element children, the @name attribute of a
535 policySetReference element designates a policySet defined with the same value for its @name attribute.
536 Therefore, the @name attribute is a QName.

537 The set of intents in the @provides attribute of a referenced policySet **MUST be a subset of the set of**
538 **intents in the @provides attribute of the referencing policySet.** [POL30013] Qualified intents are a subset
539 of their parent qualifiable intent.

540 The usage of a policySetReference element indicates a copy of the element content children of the
541 policySet that is being referred is included within the referring policySet. If the result of inclusion results in
542 a reference to another policySet, the inclusion step is repeated until the contents of a policySet does not
543 contain any references to other policySets.

544 When a policySet is applied to a particular element, the policies in the policy set
545 include any standalone policies plus the policies from each intent map contained in the
546 PolicySet, as described below.

547 Note that, since the attributes of a referenced policySet are effectively removed/ignored by this process, it
548 is the responsibility of the author of the referring policySet to include any necessary intents in the
549 @provides attribute of the policySet making the reference so that the policySet correctly advertises its
550 aggregate policy.

551 The default values when using this aggregate policySet come from the defaults in the included policySets.
552 A single intent (or all qualified intents that comprise an intent) in a referencing policySet ought to be
553 included once by using references to other policySets.

554 Snippet 3-9 is an example to illustrate the inclusion of two other policySets in a policySet element:

555

```
556 <policySet name="BasicAuthMsgProtSecurity"  
557     provides="serverAuthentication confidentiality"  
558     appliesTo="binding.ws"  
559     xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
560   <policySetReference name="acme:ServerAuthenticationPolicies"/>  
561   <policySetReference name="acme:ConfidentialityPolicies"/>  
562 </policySet>
```

563 *Snippet 3-9: Example policySet Including Other policySets*

564

565 The policySet in Snippet 3-9 refers to policySets for **serverAuthentication** and
566 **confidentiality** and, by reference, provides policies and policy subject alternatives in these
567 domains.

568 If the policySets referred to in Snippet 3-9 have the following content:

569

```
570 <policySet name="ServerAuthenticationPolicies"  
571     provides="serverAuthentication"  
572     appliesTo="binding.ws"  
573     xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
574   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
575     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
576         "basic server authentication" -->  
577     ...  
578   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
579 </policySet>  
  
580  
581 <policySet name="acme:ConfidentialityPolicies"  
582     provides="confidentiality"  
583     bindings="binding.ws"  
584     xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">  
585   <intentMap provides="confidentiality" >  
586     <qualifier name="transport">  
587       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
588         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
589             "transport" alternative -->  
590         ...  
591       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
592     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
593     ...  
594   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
595 </qualifier>  
596   <qualifier name="message">  
597     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
598       <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
599           "message" alternative -->  
600       ...  
601     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
602 </qualifier>  
603 </intentMap>
```

604 </policySet>

605 *Snippet 3-10: Example Included policySets for Snippet 3-9*

606

607 The result of the inclusion of policySets via policySetReferences would be semantically
608 equivalent to Snippet 3-11.

609

```
610 <policySet name="BasicAuthMsgProtSecurity"
611   provides="serverAuthentication confidentiality" appliesTo="binding.ws"
612   xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">
613   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
614     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
615       "basic server authentication" -->
616     ...
617   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
618   <intentMap provides="confidentiality" >
619     <qualifier name="transport">
620       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
621         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
622           "transport" alternative -->
623         ...
624       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
625       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
626         ...
627       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
628     </qualifier>
629     <qualifier name="message">
630       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
631         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
632           "message" alternative -->
633         ...
634       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
635     </qualifier>
636   </intentMap>
637 </policySet>
```

638 *Snippet 3-11: Equivalent policySet*

4 Attaching Intents and PolicySets to SCA Constructs

639

640 This section describes how intents and policySets are associated with SCA constructs. It describes the
641 various attachment points and semantics for intents and policySets and their relationship to other SCA
642 elements and how intents relate to policySets in these contexts.

4.1 Attachment Rules — Intents

644 One or more intents can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and
645 composites. The attachment can be specified by using the following two mechanisms:

- 646 • Direct Attachment mechanism which is described in Section 4.2.
- 647 • External Attachment mechanism which is described in Section 4.3.

4.14.2 Direct Attachment of Intents

649 Intents can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and composites.
650 Intents are attached by using the **@requires** attribute or the <requires> child element. The @requires
651 attribute takes as its value a list of intent names. Similarly, the <requires> element takes as its value a list
652 of intent names. Intents can also be attached to interface definitions. For WSDL portType elements
653 (WSDL 1.1) the @requires attribute can be used to attach the list of intents that are needed by the
654 interface. Other interface languages can define their own mechanism for attaching a list of intents. **Any**
655 **intents attached to an interface definition artifact, such as a WSDL portType, MUST be added to the**
656 **intents attached to the service or reference to which the interface definition applies. If no intents are**
657 **attached to the service or reference then the intents attached to the interface definition artifact become**
658 **the only intents attached to the service or reference.** [POL40027]

659 Because intents specified on interfaces can be seen by both the provider and the client of a service, it is
660 appropriate to use them to specify characteristics of the service that both the developers of provider and
661 the client need to know.

662 For example:

663

```
664 <service requires="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2">  
665   <binding.xxx/>  
666   ...  
667 </service>  
668  
669 <reference requires="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2">  
670   <binding.xxx/>  
671   ...  
672 </reference>
```

673 *Snippet 4-1: Example of @requires on a service or a reference*

```
674 <service>  
675   <requires intents="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2" />  
676   <binding.xxx/>  
677   ...  
678 </service>  
679  
680 <reference>  
681   <requires intents="acme:IntentName1 acme:IntentName2" />  
682   <binding.xxx/>  
683   ...  
684 </reference>
```

685 *Snippet 4-2: Example of a <requires> subelement to attach intents to a service or a reference*

4.3 External Attachment of Intents

External Attachment of intents is used for deployment-time application of intents to SCA elements. It is called "external attachment" because the principle of the mechanism is that the place that declares the attachment is separate from the composite files that contain the elements. This separation provides the deployer with a way to attach intents without having to modify the artifacts where they apply.

An intent is attached to one or more elements through the @attachTo attribute of the intent.

During the deployment of SCA composites, all intents within the Domain with an @attachTo attribute MUST be evaluated to determine which intents are attached to the elements of the newly deployed composite. [POL400xx]

During the deployment of an SCA intent, the behavior of an SCA runtime MUST take ONE of the following forms:

- The intent is immediately attached to all deployed composites which satisfy the @attachTo attribute of the policySet.
- The intent is attached to a deployed composite which satisfies the @attachTo attribute of the intent when the composite is re-deployed. [POL400xx]

4.24.4 Attachment Rules - PolicySets

One or more policySets can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and composites. The attachment can be specified by using the following two mechanisms:

- **Direct Attachment** mechanism which is described in Section ~~4.3~~ 4.5.
- **External Attachment** mechanism which is described in Section ~~4.4~~ 4.6

SCA runtimes MUST support at least one of the Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms for policySet attachment. [POL40010] SCA implementations supporting only the External Attachment mechanism MUST ignore the policySetpolicy-sets that are applicable via the Direct Attachment mechanism. [POL40011] SCA implementations supporting only the Direct Attachment mechanism MUST ignore the policySetpolicy-sets that are applicable via the External Attachment mechanism. [POL40012] SCA implementations supporting both Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms MUST ignore policySetpolicy-sets applicable to any given SCA element via the Direct Attachment mechanism when there exist policySetpolicy-sets applicable to the same SCA element via the External Attachment mechanism [POL40001]

4.34.5 Direct Attachment of PolicySets

Direct Attachment of PolicySets can be achieved by

- Using the optional @policySets attribute of the SCA element
- Adding an optional child <policySetAttachment/> element to the SCA element

The policySets attribute takes as its value a list of policySet names.

For example:

```
<service> or <reference>...
  <binding.binding-type policySets="listOfQNames">
  </binding.binding-type>
  ...
</service> or </reference>
```

Snippet 4-3: Example of @policySets on a service

The <policySetAttachment/> element is an alternative way to attach a policySet to an SCA composite.

731

```
732 <policySetAttachment name="xs:QName" />
```

733 *Snippet 4-4: policySetAttachment Pseudo-Schema*

734

- 735 • @name (1..1) – the QName of a policySet.

736

737 For example:

738

```
739 <service> or <reference>...  
740   <binding.binding-type>  
741     <policySetAttachment name="sns:EnterprisePolicySet">  
742   </binding.binding-type>  
743   ...  
744 </service> or </reference>
```

745 *Snippet 4-5: Example of policySetAttachment in a service or reference*

746

747 Where an element has both a @policySets attribute and a <policySetAttachment/> child element, the
748 policySets declared by both are attached to the element.

749 The SCA Policy framework enables two distinct cases for utilizing intents and PolicySets:

- 750 • It is possible to specify QoS requirements by attaching abstract intents to an element at the time of
751 development. In this case, it is implied that the concrete bindings and policies that satisfy the abstract
752 intents are not assigned at development time but the intents are used **to select the concrete**
753 **Bindings and Policies** at deployment time. Concrete policies are encapsulated within policySets
754 that are applied during deployment using the external attachment mechanism. The intents associated
755 with a SCA element is the union of intents specified for it and its parent elements subject to the
756 detailed rules below.
- 757 • It is also possible to specify QoS requirements for an element by using both intents and concrete
758 policies contained in directly attached policySets at development time. In this case, it is possible **to**
759 **configure the policySets, by overriding the default settings in the specified policySets using**
760 **intents**. The policySets associated with a SCA element is the union of policySets specified for it and
761 its parent elements subject to the detailed rules below.

762

763 See also section 4.12.1 for a discussion of how intents are used to guide the selection and application of
764 specific policySets.

765 **4.44.6 External Attachment of PolicySets Mechanism**

766 ~~The~~ External Attachment ~~mechanism~~ for policySets is used for deployment-time application of policySets
767 and policies to SCA elements. It is called "external attachment" because the principle of the mechanism
768 is that the place that declares the attachment is separate from the composite files that contain the
769 elements. This separation provides the deployer with a way to attach policies and policySets without
770 having to modify the artifacts where they apply.

771 A PolicySet is attached to one or more elements in one of two ways:

772 a) through the @attachTo attribute of the policySet

773 b) through a reference (via policySetReference) from a policySet that uses the @attachTo attribute.

774 **During the deployment of SCA composites, all policySets within the Domain with an @attachTo attribute**
775 **MUST be evaluated to determine which policySets are attached to the elements of the newly deployed**
776 **composite.** [POL40013]

777 During the deployment of an SCA policySet, the behavior of an SCA runtime MUST take ONE of the
778 following forms:

- 779 • The policySet is immediately attached to all deployed composites which satisfy the @attachTo
780 attribute of the policySet.
- 781 • The policySet is attached to a deployed composite which satisfies the @attachTo attribute of the
782 policySet when the composite is re-deployed.

783 [POL40026]

784

785 ~~4.4.1 The Form of the @attachTo Attribute~~

786 ~~The @attachTo attribute of a policySet is an XPath1.0 expression identifying a SCA element to which the
787 policySet is attached.~~

788 ~~The XPath applies to the **Deployed Composites Infoset**—i.e. to all deployed SCA composite files [SCA-
789 Assembly] in the Domain, with the special characteristics:~~

- 790 ~~1.—The Domain is treated as a special composite, with a blank name—""~~
- 791 ~~2.—The @attachTo XPath expression is evaluated against the Deployed Composite Infoset following the
792 deployment of a deployment composite. Where one composite includes one or more other
793 composites, it is the including composite which is addressed by the XPath and its contents are the
794 result of preprocessing all of the include elements~~

795 ~~Where the policySet is intended to be specific to a particular component, the structuralURI [SCA-
796 Asssembly] of the component is used along with the URIRef() XPath function to attach a policySet to
797 a specific use of a nested component. The XPath expression can make use of the unique-
798 structuralURI to indicate specific use instances, where different policySets need to be used for those
799 different instances.~~

800 ~~Special case. Where the @attachTo attribute of a policySet is absent or is blank, the policySet cannot be
801 used on its own for external attachment. It can be used:~~

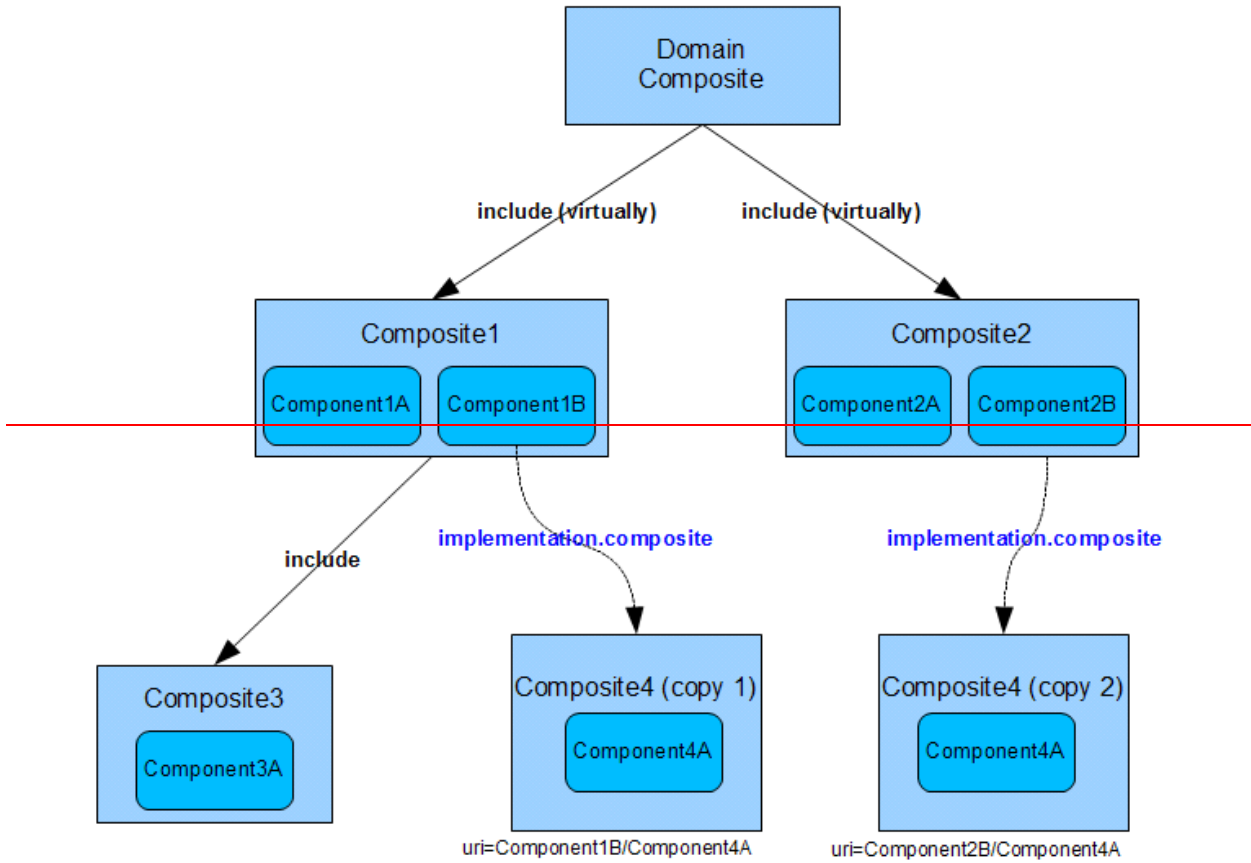
- 802 ~~1.—For direct attachment (using a @policySet attribute on an element or a <policySetAttachment/>
803 subelement)~~
- 804 ~~2.—By reference from another policySet element~~

805 ~~The SCA runtime MUST raise an error if the @attachTo XPath expression resolves to an SCA <property>
806 element, or any of its children. [POL40002]~~

807 ~~The XPath expression for the @attachTo attribute can make use of a series of XPath functions which
808 enable the expression to easily identify elements with specific characteristics that are not easily-
809 expressed with pure XPath. These functions enable:~~

- 810 ~~• the identification of elements to which specific intents apply.~~
811 ~~This permits the attachment of a policySet to be linked to specific intents on the target element—for
812 example, a policySet relating to encryption of messages can be targeted to services and references
813 which have the **confidentiality** intent applied.~~
- 814 ~~• the targeting of subelements of an interface, including operations and messages.~~
815 ~~This permits the attachment of a policySet to an individual operation or to an individual message
816 within an interface, separately from the policies that apply to other operations or messages in the
817 interface.~~
- 818 ~~• the targeting of a specific use of a component, through its unique structuralURI [SCA-Assembly].~~
819 ~~This permits the attachment of a policySet to a specific use of a component in one context, that can
820 be different from the policySet(s) that are applied to other uses of the same component.~~

821 ~~Detail of the available XPath functions is given in the section "XPath Functions for the @attachTo
822 Attribute".~~



824

825 *Figure 4-1 Example Domain Composite InfoSet*

826

827 The SCA Domain in Figure 4-1 has been constructed from the composites and components shown in the
 828 figure. Composite1 and Composite2 were deployed into the Domain as described in [SCA-Assembly].
 829 Composite3 is included in Composite1 using the SCA include mechanism described in [SCA-Assembly].
 830 Composite4 is used as an implementation of Components 1B and 2B. Following the deployment of all the
 831 composites, the Domain contains:

- 832 • 3 Composites that can be addressed as part of the Deployed Composites InfoSet: Composite1,
 833 Composite2 and Composite4.
- 834 • all the components shown in the diagram. Components 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A (twice) are leaf
 835 components.

836

837 The following snippets show example usage of the @attachTo attribute and provide the outcome based
 838 on the Domain in Figure 4-1.

839

```
840 1. //component[@name="Component4A"]
```

841 *Snippet 4-6: Example attachTo all Instances of a Name*

842

843 *attach to both instances of Component4A*

844

845 ~~2. //component[URIRef("Component2B/Component4A")]~~

846 ~~Snippet 4-7: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via a Path~~

847

848 ~~attach to the unique instance of Component4A when used by Component2B (Component2B is a~~
849 ~~component at the Domain level)~~

850

851 ~~3. //component[@name="Component3A"]/service[IntentRefs("intent1")]~~

852 ~~Snippet 4-8: Example attachTo Instances with an intent~~

853

854 ~~attach to the services of Component3A which have the intent "intent1" applied~~

855

856 ~~4. //component/binding.ws~~

857 ~~Snippet 4-9: Example attachTo Instances with a binding~~

858

859 ~~attach to the web services binding of all components with a service or reference with a Web services-~~
860 ~~binding~~

861

862 ~~5. /composite[@name=" "]/component[@name="Component1A"]~~

863 ~~Snippet 4-10: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via Path and Name~~

864

865 ~~attach to Component1A at the Domain level~~

866 **4.4.24.6.1 Cases Where Multiple PolicySets are attached to a Single** 867 **Artifact**

868 Multiple PolicySets can be attached to a single artifact. This can happen either as the result of one or
869 more direct attachments or as the result of one or more external attachments which target the particular
870 artifact.

871 **4.4.3 XPath Functions for the @attachTo Attribute**

872 ~~Utility functions are useful in XPath expressions where otherwise it would be complex to write the XPath-~~
873 ~~expression to identify the elements concerned.~~

874 ~~This particularly applies in SCA to Interfaces and the child parts of interfaces (operations and messages).~~
875 ~~XPath Functions exist for the following:~~

- 876 ~~• Picking out a specific interface~~
- 877 ~~• Picking out a specific operation in an interface~~
- 878 ~~• Picking out a specific message in an operation in an interface~~
- 879 ~~• Picking out artifacts with specific intents~~

880 **4.4.3.1 Interface Related Functions**

881 **InterfaceRef(InterfaceName)**

882 ~~picks out an interface identified by InterfaceName~~

883 **OperationRef(InterfaceName/OperationName)**

884 picks out the operation `OperationName` in the interface `InterfaceName`

885 **MessageRef(InterfaceName/OperationName/MessageName)**

886 picks out the message `MessageName` in the operation `OperationName` in the interface-
887 `InterfaceName`.

888 • "*" can be used for wildcarding of any of the names.

889 The interface is treated as if it is a WSDL interface (for other interface types, they are treated as if
890 mapped to WSDL using their regular mapping rules).

891 Examples of the Interface functions:

892

893 `InterfaceRef("MyInterface")`

894 *Snippet 4-11: Example use of InterfaceRef*

895

896 picks out an interface with the name "MyInterface"

897

898 `OperationRef("MyInterface/MyOperation")`

899 *Snippet 4-12: Example use of OperationRef with a Path*

900

901 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface named "MyInterface"

902

903 `OperationRef("*/MyOperation")`

904 *Snippet 4-13: Example use of OperationRef without a Path*

905

906 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" from any interface

907

908 `MessageRef("MyInterface/MyOperation/MyMessage")`

909 *Snippet 4-14: Example use of MessageRef with a Path*

910

911 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface
912 named "MyInterface"

913

914 `MessageRef("*/*/MyMessage")`

915 *Snippet 4-15: Example use of MessageRef with a Path with Wildcards*

916

917 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from any operation in any interface

918 **4.4.3.2 Intent Based Functions**

919 For the following intent-based functions, it is the total set of intents which apply to the artifact which are
920 examined by the function, including directly attached intents plus intents acquired from the structural
921 hierarchy and from the implementation hierarchy.

922 **IntentRefs(IntentList)**

923 picks out an element where the intents applied match the intents specified in the IntentList:

924

925 `IntentRefs("intent1")`

926 *Snippet 4-16: Example use of IntentRef*

927

928 picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached

929

```
930 IntentRefs(—"intent1 intent2"—)
```

931 *Snippet 4-17: Example use of IntentRef with Multiple intents*

932

933 picks out an artifact to which intents named "intent1" AND "intent2" are attached

934

```
935 IntentRefs(—"intent1 !intent2"—)
```

936 *Snippet 4-18: Example use of IntentRef with Not Operator*

937

938 picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached but NOT the intent named "intent2"

939 **4.4.3.3 URI Based Function**

940 The URIRef function is used to pick out a particular use of a nested component — ie where some Domain-
941 level component is implemented using a composite implementation, which in turn has one or more
942 components implemented with the composite (and so on to an arbitrary level of nesting):

943 **URIRef(URI)**

944 picks out the particular use of a component identified by the structuralURI string URI.

945 For a full description of structuralURIs, see the SCA Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly].

946 Example:

947

```
948 URIRef(—"top_comp_name/middle_comp_name/lowest_comp_name"—)
```

949 *Snippet 4-19: Example use of URIRef*

950

951 picks out the particular use of a component — where component lowest_comp_name is used within the
952 implementation of middle_comp_name within the implementation of the top-level (Domain level)-
953 component top_comp_name.

954 **4.54.7 Attaching Intents to SCA Elements**

955 A list of intents Intents can be attached to any SCA element by using the @requires attribute or the
956 <requires> subelement either directly or by external attachment as described in sections 4.2 and 4.3
957 above.

958 The intents which apply to a given element depend on include:

- 959 • the intents expressed in its @requires attribute and/or its <requires> subelement attached to it either
960 directly or externally.
- 961 • intents derived from the structural hierarchy of the element
- 962 • intents derived from the implementation hierarchy of the element

963 When computing the intents that apply to a particular element, the @constrains attribute of each relevant
964 intent is checked against the element. If the intent in question does not apply to that element it is simply
965 discarded.

966 Any two intents applied to a given element **MUST NOT** be mutually exclusive [POL40009]. Specific
967 examples are discussed later in this document.

968 4.5.14.7.1 Implementation Hierarchy of an Element

969 The **implementation hierarchy** occurs where a component configures an implementation and also
970 where a composite promotes a service or reference of one of its components. The implementation
971 hierarchy involves:

- 972 • a composite service or composite reference element is in the implementation hierarchy of the
973 component service/component reference element which they promote
- 974 • the component element and its descendent elements (for example, service, reference,
975 implementation) configure aspects of the implementation. Each of these elements is in the
976 implementation hierarchy of the **corresponding** element in the componentType of the
977 implementation.

978 Rule 1: The intents declared on elements lower in the implementation hierarchy of a given element MUST
979 be applied to the element. [POL40014] A qualifiable intent expressed lower in the hierarchy can be
980 qualified further up the hierarchy, in which case the qualified version of the intent MUST apply to the
981 higher level element. [POL40004]

982 4.5.24.7.2 Structural Hierarchy of an Element

983 The structural hierarchy of an element consists of its parent element, grandparent element and so on up
984 to the <composite/> element in the composite file containing the element.

985 As an example, for the composite in Snippet 4-16:

986

```
987 <composite name="C1" requires="i1">  
988   <service name="CS" promotes="X/S">  
989     <binding.ws requires="i2">  
990   </service>  
991   <component name="X">  
992     <implementation.java class="foo"/>  
993     <service name="S" requires="i3">  
994   </component>  
995 </composite>
```

996 *Snippet 4-6: Example Composite to Illustrate Structural Hierarchy*

997

998 - the structural hierarchy of the component service element with the name "S" is the component element
999 named "X" and the composite element named "C1". Service "S" has intent "i3" and also has the intent "i1"
1000 if i1 is not mutually exclusive with i3.

1001 Rule2: The intents declared on elements higher in the structural hierarchy of a given element MUST be
1002 applied to the element EXCEPT

- 1003 • if any of the inherited intents is mutually exclusive with an intent applied on the element, then the
1004 inherited intent MUST be ignored
- 1005 • if the overall set of intents from the element itself and from its structural hierarchy contains both an
1006 unqualified version and a qualified version of the same intent, the qualified version of the intent MUST
1007 be used.

1008 [POL40005]

1009 4.5.34.7.3 Combining Implementation and Structural Policy Data

1010 When there are intents present in both hierarchies implementation intents are calculated before the
1011 structural intents. In other words, when combining implementation hierarchy and structural hierarchy
1012 policy data, Rule 1 MUST be applied BEFORE Rule 2. [POL40015]

1013 Note that each of the elements in the hierarchy below a <component> element, such as <service/>,
1014 <reference/> or <binding/>, inherits intents from the equivalent elements in the componentType of the

1015 implementation used by the component. So the <service/> element of the <component> inherits any
1016 intents on the <service/> element with the same name in the <componentType> - and a <binding/>
1017 element under the service in the component inherits any intents on the <binding/> element of the service
1018 (with the same name) in the componentType. Errors caused by mutually exclusive intents appearing on
1019 corresponding elements in the component and on the componentType only occur when those elements
1020 match one-to-one. Mutually exclusive intents can validly occur on elements that are at different levels in
1021 the structural hierarchy (as defined in Rule 2).

1022 Note that it might often be the case that <binding/> elements will be specified in the structure under the
1023 <component/> element in the composite file (especially at the Domain level, where final deployment
1024 configuration is applied) - these elements might have no corresponding elements defined in the
1025 componentType structure. In this situation, the <binding/> elements don't acquire any intents from the
1026 componentType directly (ie there are no elements in the implementation hierarchy of the <binding/>
1027 elements), but those <binding/> elements will acquire intents "flowing down" their structural hierarchy as
1028 defined in Rule 2 - so, for example if the <service/> element is marked with @requires="confidentiality",
1029 the bindings of that service will all inherit that intent, assuming that they don't have their own exclusive
1030 intents specified.

1031 Also, for example, where say a component <service.../> element has an intent that is mutually exclusive
1032 with an intent in the componentType<service.../> element with the same name, it is an error, but this
1033 differs when compared with the case of the <component.../> element having an intent that is mutually
1034 exclusive with an intent on the componentType <service/> element - because they are at different
1035 structural levels: the intent on the <component/> is ignored for that <service/> element and there is no
1036 error.

1037 **4.5.44.7.4 Examples**

1038 As an example, consider the composite in [Snippet 4-21](#) ~~Snippet 4-17~~: [the snippet below](#):

1039

```
1040 <composite name="C1" requires="i1">  
1041   <service name="CS" promotes="X/S">  
1042     <binding.ws requires="i2">  
1043   </service>  
1044   <component name="X">  
1045     <implementation.java class="foo"/>  
1046     <service name="S" requires="i3">  
1047   </component>  
1048 </composite>
```

1049 *Snippet 4-7: Example composite with intents*

1050

1051 ...the component service with name "S" has the service named "S" in the componentType of
1052 the implementation in its implementation hierarchy, and the composite service named "CS"
1053 has the component service named "S" in its implementation hierarchy. Service "CS"
1054 acquires the intent "i3" from service "S" – and also gets the intent "i1" from its containing
1055 composite "C1" IF i1 is not mutually exclusive with i3.

1056 When intents apply to an element following the rules described and where no policySets are
1057 attached to the element, the intents for the element can be used to select appropriate
1058 policySets during deployment, using the external attachment mechanism.

1059 Consider the composite in Snippet 4-18:

1060

```
1061 <composite requires="confidentiality">  
1062   <service name="foo" .../>  
1063   <reference name="bar" requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
1064 </composite>
```

1065 *Snippet 4-8: Example reference with intents*

1066
1067 ...in this case, the composite declares that all of its services and references guarantee confidentiality in
1068 their communication, but the “bar” reference further qualifies that requirement to specifically require
1069 message-level security. The “foo” service element has the default qualifier specified for the confidentiality
1070 intent (which might be transport level security) while the “bar” reference has the **confidentiality.message**
1071 intent.

1072 Consider the variation in Snippet 4-19 where a qualified intent is specified at the composite level:

```
1073  
1074 <composite requires="confidentiality.transport">  
1075   <service name="foo" .../>  
1076   <reference name="bar" requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
1077 </composite>
```

1078 *Snippet 4-9: Example Qualified intents*

1079
1080 In this case, both the **confidentiality.transport** and the **confidentiality.message** intent
1081 are applied for the reference ‘bar’. If there are no bindings that support this combination, an
1082 error will be generated. However, since in some cases multiple qualifiers for the same intent
1083 can be valid or there might be bindings that support such combinations, the SCA
1084 specification allows this.

1085 It is also possible for a qualified intent to be further qualified. In our example, the
1086 **confidentiality.message** intent could be further qualified to indicate whether just the body of a message
1087 is protected, or the whole message (including headers) is protected. So, the second-level qualifiers might
1088 be “body” and “whole”. The default qualifier might be “whole”. If the “bar” reference from Snippet 4-19
1089 wanted only body confidentiality, it would state:

```
1090  
1091 <reference name="bar" requires="acme:confidentiality.message.body"/>
```

1092 *Snippet 4-10: Example Second Level Qualifier*

1093
1094 The definition of the second level of qualification for an intent follows the same rules. As with other
1095 qualified intents, the name of the intent is constructed using the name of the qualifiable intent, the
1096 delimiter “.”, and the name of the qualifier.

1097 **4.64.8 Usage of Intent and Policy Set Attachment together**

1098 As indicated above, it is possible to attach both intents and policySets to an SCA element during
1099 development. The most common use cases for attaching both intents and concrete policySets to an
1100 element are with binding and reference elements.

1101 When the @requires attribute or the <requires> subelement and one or both of the direct policySet
1102 attachment mechanisms are used together during development, it indicates the intention of the developer
1103 to configure the element, such as a binding, by the application of specific policySet(s) to this element.

1104 [The same behavior can be enabled by external attachment of intents and policySets.](#)

1105
1106 Developers who attach intents and policySets in conjunction with each other need to be aware of the
1107 implications of how the policySets are selected and how the intents are utilized to select specific
1108 intentMaps, override defaults, etc. The details are provided in the Section [Guided Selection of](#)
1109 [PolicySets using Intents.](#)

4.74.9 Intents and PolicySets on Implementations and Component Types

It is possible to specify intents and policySets within a component's implementation, which get exposed to SCA through the corresponding *component type*. How the intents or policies are specified within an implementation depends on the implementation technology. For example, Java can use an `@requires` annotation to specify intents.

The intents and policySets specified within an implementation can be found on the

`<sca:implementation.*>` and the `<sca:service>` and `<sca:reference>` elements of the component type.

[Snippet 4-25](#) ~~The for example below shows direct attachment of intents and policySets using the `@requires` and `@policySets` attributes:~~

```
<componentType>
  <implementation.* requires="listOfQNames" policySets="="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </implementation>
  <service name="myService" requires="listOfQNames"
    policySets="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </service>
  <reference name="myReference" requires="listOfQNames"
    policySets="="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </reference>
  ...
</componentType>
```

Snippet 4-11: Example of intents on an implementation

Intents expressed in the component type are handled according to the rule defined for the implementation hierarchy. See [Intent rule 2](#)

For explicitly listed policySets, the list in the component using the implementation can override policySets from the component type. **If a component has any policySets attached to it (by any means), then any policySets attached to the componentType MUST be ignored.** [POL40006]

4.84.10 Intents on Interfaces

Interfaces are used in association with SCA services and references. These interfaces can be declared in SCA composite files and also in SCA componentType files. The interfaces can be defined using a number of different interface definition languages which include WSDL, Java interfaces and C++ header files.

It is possible for some interfaces to be referenced from an implementation rather than directly from any SCA files. An example of this usage is a Java implementation class file that has a reference declared that in turn uses a Java interface defined separately. When this occurs, the interface definition is treated from an SCA perspective as part of the componentType of the implementation, logically being part of the declaration of the related service or reference element.

Both the declaration of interfaces in SCA and also the definitions of interfaces can carry policy-related information. In particular, both the declarations and the definitions can have either intents attached to them, or policySets attached to them - or both. For SCA declarations, the intents and policySets always apply to the whole of the interface (ie all operations and all messages within each operation). For interface definitions, intents and policySets can apply to the whole interface or they can apply only to specific operations within the interface or they can even apply only to specific messages within particular operations. (To see how this is done, refer to the places in the SCA specifications that deal with the relevant interface definition language)

1160 This means, in effect, that there are 4 places which can hold policy related information for interfaces:

- 1161 1. The interface definition file that is referenced from the component type.
- 1162 2. The interface declaration for a service or reference in the component type
- 1163 3. The interface definition file that is referenced from the component declaration in a composite
- 1164 4. The interface declaration within a component

1165 When calculating the set of intents and set of policySets which apply to either a service element or to a
1166 reference element of a component, intents and policySets from the interface definition and from the
1167 interface declaration(s) MUST be applied to the service or reference element and to the binding
1168 element(s) belonging to that element. [POL40016]

1169 The locations where interfaces are defined and where interfaces are declared in the componentType and
1170 in a component MUST be treated as part of the implementation hierarchy as defined in Section 4.5
1171 Attaching intents to SCA elements. [POL40019]

1172 4.94.11 BindingTypes and Related Intents

1173 SCA Binding types implement particular communication mechanisms for connecting components
1174 together. See detailed discussion in the [SCA Assembly Specification](#) [SCA-Assembly]. Some binding
1175 types can realize intents inherently by virtue of the kind of protocol technology they implement (e.g. an
1176 SSL binding would natively support confidentiality). For these kinds of binding types, it might be the case
1177 that using that binding type, without any additional configuration, provides a concrete realization of an
1178 intent. In addition, binding instances which are created by configuring a binding type might be able to
1179 provide some intents by virtue of their configuration. It is important to know, when selecting a binding to
1180 satisfy a set of intents, just what the binding types themselves can provide and what they can be
1181 configured to provide.

1182 The bindingType element is used to declare a class of binding available in a SCA Domain. The pseudo-
1183 schema for the bindingType element is shown in Snippet 4-22:

1184

```
1185 <bindingType type="NCName"  
1186     alwaysProvides="listOfQNames" ?  
1187     mayProvide="listOfQNames" ? />
```

1188 *Snippet 4-12: bindingTypePseudo-Schema*

1189

- 1190 • @type (1..1) – declares the NCName of the bindingType, which is used to form the QName of the
1191 bindingType. The QName of the bindingType MUST be unique amongst the set of bindingTypes in
1192 the SCA Domain. [POL40020]
- 1193 • @alwaysProvides (0..1) – a list of intent QNames that are natively provided. A natively provided intent
1194 is hard-coded into the binding implementation. The function represented by the intent cannot be
1195 turned off.
- 1196 • @mayProvides (0..1) – a list of intent QNames that are natively provided by the binding
1197 implementation, but which are activated only when present in the intent set that is applied to a binding
1198 instance.

1199 A binding implementation MUST implement all the intents listed in the @alwaysProvides and
1200 @mayProvides attributes. [POL40021]

1201 The kind of intents a given binding might be capable of providing, beyond these inherent intents, are
1202 implied by the presence of policySets that declare the given binding in their @appliesTo attribute.

1203 For example, if the policySet in Snippet 4-23 is available in a SCA Domain it says that the (example)
1204 foo:binding.ssl can provide “reliability” in addition to any other intents it might provide inherently.

1205

```
1206 <policySet name="ReliableSSL" provides="exactlyOnce"
```

```
1207     appliesTo="foo:binding.ssl">
1208     ...
1209 </policySet>
```

1210 *Snippet 4-13: Example policySet Applied to a binding*

1211 **4.104.12 Treatment of Components with Internal Wiring**

1212 This section discusses the steps involved in the development and deployment of a component and its
1213 relationship to selection of bindings and policies for wiring services and references.

1214 The SCA developer starts by defining a component. Typically, this contains services and references. It
1215 can also have intents [attacheddefined](#) at various locations within composite and component types as well
1216 as policySets [attacheddefined](#) at various locations.

1217 Both for ease of development as well as for deployment, the wiring constraints to relate services and
1218 references need to be determined. This is accomplished by matching constraints of the services and
1219 references to those of corresponding references and services in other components.

1220 In this process, the intents, and the policySets that apply to both sides of a wire play an important role. In
1221 addition, concrete policies need to be selected that satisfy the intents for the service and the reference
1222 and are also compatible with each other. For services and references that make use of bidirectional
1223 interfaces, the same determination of matching policySets also has to take place for callbacks.

1224 Determining compatibility of wiring plays an important role prior to deployment as well as during the
1225 deployment phases of a component. For example, during development, it helps a developer to determine
1226 whether it is possible to wire services and references using the `-policySets` available in the development
1227 environment. During deployment, the wiring constraints determine whether wiring can be achievable. It
1228 also aids in adding additional concrete policies or making adjustments to concrete policies in order to
1229 deliver the constraints. Here are the concepts that are needed in making wiring decisions:

- 1230 • The set of intents that individually apply to *each* service or reference.
- 1231 • When possible the intents that are applied to the service, the reference and callback (if any) at the
1232 other end of the wire. This set is called the *required intent set* and only applies when dealing with a
1233 wire connecting two components within the same SCA Domain. When external connections are
1234 involved, from clients or to services that are outside the SCA domain, intents are only available for the
1235 end of the connection that is inside the domain. See Section "[Preparing Services and References
1236 for External Connection](#)" for more details.
- 1237 • The policySets that apply to each service or reference.

1238 The set of provided intents for a binding instance is the union of the set of intents listed in the
1239 "alwaysProvides" attribute and the set of intents listed in the "mayProvides" attribute of its binding type.
1240 The capabilities represented by the "alwaysProvides" intent set are always present, irrespective of the
1241 configuration of the binding instance. Each capability represented by the "mayProvides" intent set is only
1242 present when the list of intents applied to the binding instance (either applied directly, or inherited)
1243 contains the particular intent (or a qualified version of that intent, if the intent set contains an unqualified
1244 form of a qualifiable intent). When an

1245 intent is directly provided by the binding type, there is no need to apply a policy set that provides that
1246 intent.

1247 When bidirectional interfaces are in use, the same process of selecting policySets to provide the intents is
1248 also performed for the callback bindings.

1249 **4.10.14.12.1 Determining Wire Validity and Configuration**

1250 The above approach determines the policySets that are used in conjunction with the binding instances
1251 listed for services and references. For services and references that are resolved using SCA wires, the
1252 policySets chosen on each side of the wire might or might not be compatible. The following approach is
1253 used to determine whether they are compatible and whether the wire is valid. If the wire uses a

1254 | bidirectional interface, then the following technique ensures that valid configured policySets can be found
1255 | for both directions of the bidirectional interface.

1256 | The SCA runtime MUST determine the compatibility of the policySets at each end of a wire using the
1257 | compatibility rules of the policy language used for those policySets. [POL40022] The policySets at each
1258 | end of a wire MUST be incompatible if they use different policy languages. [POL40023] However, there is
1259 | a special case worth mentioning:

- 1260 | • If both sides of the wire use identical policySets (by referring to the same policySet by its QName in
1261 | both sides of the wire), then they are compatible.

1262 | Where the policy language in use for a wire is WS-Policy, strict WS-Policy intersection MUST be used to
1263 | determine policy compatibility. [POL40024]

1264 | In order for a reference to connect to a particular service, the policies of the reference MUST intersect
1265 | with the policies of the service. [POL40025]

1266 | **4.114.13 Preparing Services and References for External** 1267 | **Connection**

1268 | Services and references are sometimes not intended for SCA wiring, but for communication with software
1269 | that is outside of the SCA domain. References can contain bindings that specify the endpoint address of
1270 | a service that exists outside of the current SCA domain. Services can specify bindings that can be
1271 | exposed to clients that are outside of the SCA domain.

1272 | Matching service/reference policies across the SCA Domain boundary MUST use WS-Policy compatibility
1273 | (strict WS-Policy intersection) if the policies are expressed in WS-Policy syntax. [POL40007] For other
1274 | policy languages, the policy language defines the comparison semantics.

1275 | For external services and references that make use of bidirectional interfaces, the same determination of
1276 | matching policies has to also take place for the callback.

1277 | The policies that apply to the service/reference are computed as discussed in [Guided Selection of](#)
1278 | [PolicySets using Intents](#).

1279 | **4.14 Deployment Guided Selection of PolicySets using Intents**

1280 | The SCA Assembly Specification [SCA-Assembly] describes how to gather together SCA
1281 | artifacts and deploy them to create executable components. This section discusses the Policy aspects of
1282 | deployment: how intents and policySets are gathered together, how intents are satisfied by the policies in
1283 | the policySets and the conditions under which redeployment becomes necessary as intents and
1284 | policySets change.

1285 | **4.12** When a composite is deployed, the SCA runtime has to re-evaluate the external attachment
1286 | XPath expression of every intent and policySet in the SCA Domain. For each intent To start the Policy
1287 | aspect of the deployment process, the intents that are available in the SCA domain, are examined and
1288 | the XPath expressions that are the values of their @attachTo attributes is are evaluated and the intent is
1289 | s are attached to the SCA elements selected by the @attachTo XPath expressions. Note that the
1290 | @attachTo attribute may be missing or its value may be empty, in which case no attachment is performed
1291 | for the parti for that particular intent. Following this, if external attachment of policySets is supported then
1292 | each, the policySet s that are available in the SCA domain isare examined; and the XPath expressions
1293 | that are the values -of their @attachTo attributes are evaluated and the policySets is are attached to the
1294 | SCA elements selected by the XPath expressions. If the @attachTo attribute is missing or its value is
1295 | empty, no attachment is performed for thate particular policySet.

1296 | When an intent is deployed and the SCA runtime supports external policySet attachment, the SCA
1297 | runtime has to re-evaluate the external attachment XPath expression of every policySet in the SCA
1298 | Domain.

1299 | The SCA runtime MUST raise an error if the value of the @attachTo XPath expression resolves to an
1300 | SCA <property> element, or any of its children. [POL40002]

1301
1302 If both intents as well as policySets need to be attached externally to SCA elements
1303 The intents MUST be attached before policySets [POL4xxxx]
1304
1305 The algorithm for matching intents with policySets is described in the following subsection.
1306 As discussed in SCA Assembly Specification [SCA-Assembly] artifacts in the SCA domain are in one
1307 of 3 states:
1308 1. Installed
1309 2. Deployed
1310 3. Running
1311 Intents and policySets may be managed separately from other SCA artifacts and may change while other
1312 artifacts are in one of the above states.
1313
1314 If an intent is added or removed from the set of intents known to an SCA domain or if the value of the
1315 @attachTo attribute of a known intent changes, or if a policySet is added or removed from the set of
1316 intents known to an SCA domain and external attachment of policySets is supported, or if the value of the
1317 @attachTo attribute of a known policySet changes and the composite is redeployed, redeployment would
1318 [DAB1] first perform external attachment of intents followed by external attachment of policySets (see
1319 [POL4xxxx] above). After this, the algorithm described below for matching intents with policySets would
1320 be run. This algorithm may succeed or fail, in that the set of intents in the domain may or may not be
1321 satisfied.
1322 If the algorithm fails, because one or more intents are left unsatisfied, an error will be raised and the
1323 deployer[DAB2] may wish to correct the error and attempt to redeploy[DAB3]. In this situation, no change
1324 SHOULD be made to deployed and implemented artifacts [POL4xxxx].
1325 p[DAB4]
1326 If the algorithm succeeds in that all intents are satisfied, then the policies attached to one or more
1327 deployed SCA elements may change. When policies are added, removed or replaced by deployment
1328 actions, the components whose policies are affected by these deployment actions MAY have their
1329 policies updated by the SCA runtime dynamically without the need to stop and restart those components.
1330 [POL4xxxx]. NOTE: Corresponds to [ASM12014]
1331 Where components are updated by deployment actions (their configuration is changed in some way,
1332 which includes changing the policies of component references), the new configuration MUST apply to all
1333 new instances of those components once the update is complete. [ASM12015] An SCA runtime MAY
1334 choose to maintain existing instances with the old configuration of components updated by deployment
1335 actions, but an SCA runtime MAY choose to stop and discard existing instances of those components.
1336 [ASM12016]
1337
1338
1339 ~~This section describes the selection of concrete policies that provide a set of intents~~
1340 ~~expressed for an element. The purpose is to construct the set of concrete policies that are attached to an~~
1341 ~~element taking into account the explicitly declared policySets that are attached to an element as well as~~
1342 ~~policySets that are externally attached. The aim is to satisfy all of the intents expressed for each element.~~
1343 ~~If the unqualified form of a qualifiable intent is attached to an element, it can be satisfied by a policySet~~
1344 ~~that specifies any one of qualified forms of the intent in the value of its @provides attribute, or it can be~~
1345 ~~satisfied by a policySet which @provides the unqualified form of the intent. If the qualified form of the~~
1346 ~~intent is attached to an element then it can be satisfied only by a policy that @provides that qualified form~~
1347 ~~of the intent.~~

1348 4.14.1 -Matching Intents and PolicySets

1349 This section describes the selection of concrete policies that provide the
1350 requirements expressed by the set of intents associated with an SCA element. The purpose is to
1351 construct the set of concrete policies that are attached to an element taking into account the explicitly
1352 declared policySets that are attached to an element as well as policySets that are externally attached.
1353 The aim is to satisfy all of the intents ~~applied to associated with~~ each element.

1354 If the unqualified form of a qualifiable intent is attached to an element, it can be satisfied by a
1355 policySet that specifies any one of qualified forms of the intent in the value of its @provides attribute, or it
1356 can be satisfied by a policySet which @provides the unqualified form of the intent. If the qualified form of
1357 the intent is attached to an element then it can be satisfied only by a policy that @provides that qualified
1358 form of the intent.

1359 4.12.1

1360 **Note:** In the following, the following rule is observed when an intent set is computed.

1361 When a profile intent is encountered in either a global @requires attribute, an intent/@requires attribute, a
1362 <requires> subelement or a policySet/@provides attribute, the profile intent is immediately replaced by
1363 the intents that it composes (i.e. all the intents that appear in the profile intent's @requires attribute). This
1364 rule is applied recursively until profile intents do not appear in an intent set. [This is stated generally here,
1365 in order to not have to restate this at multiple places].

1366 The **required intent set** that is attached to an element is:

- 1367 1. The set of intents ~~specified in the element's @requires attribute. attached to the element either by~~
1368 ~~direct attachment or external attachment via the mechanisms described in sections 4.2 and 4.3.~~
- 1369 2. add any intents found in any related interface definition or declaration, as described in the section
1370 [4.10 Intents on Interfaces](#).
- 1371 3. add any intents found on elements below the target element in its implementation hierarchy as
1372 defined in Rule 1 in Section 4.5
- 1373 4. add any intents ~~found in the @requires attributes and <requires> subelements of~~ attached to each
1374 ancestor element in the element's structural hierarchy as defined in [Rule 2](#) in Section 4.5
- 1375 5. ~~removeless~~ any intents that do not include the target element's type in their @constrains attribute.
- 1376 6. remove the unqualified version of an intent if the set also contains a qualified version of that intent

1377 **If the required intent set contains a mutually exclusive pair of intents the SCA runtime MUST reject the**
1378 **document containing the element and raise an error. [POL40017]**

1379 The **directly provided intent set** for an element is the set of intents listed in the @alwaysProvides
1380 attribute combined with the set of intents listed in the @mayProvides attribute of the bindingType or
1381 implementationType declaration for a binding or implementation element respectively.

1382 The **set of PolicySets attached to an element** include those **explicitly specified** using the @policySets
1383 attribute or the <policySetAttachment/> element and those which are **externally attached**.

1384 A policySet **applies to** a target element if the result of the XPath expression contained in the policySet's
1385 @appliesTo attribute, when evaluated against the document containing the target element, includes the
1386 target element. For example, @appliesTo="binding.ws[@impl='axis']" matches any binding.ws element
1387 that has an @impl attribute value of 'axis'.

1388 The set of **explicitly specified** policySets for an element is:

- 1389 1. The union of the policySets specified in the element's @policySets attribute and those specified in
1390 any <policySetAttachment/> child element(s).
- 1391 2. add the policySets declared in the @policySets attributes and <policySetAttachment/> elements from
1392 elements in the structural hierarchy of the element.
- 1393 3. remove any policySet where the policySet does not apply to the target element.
1394 *It is not an error for a policySet to be attached to an element to which it doesn't apply.*

1395 The set of **externally attached** policySets for an element is:

1396 1. Each <PolicySet/> in the Domain where the element is targeted by the @attachTo attribute of the
1397 policySet

1398 2. remove any policySet where the policySet does not apply to the target element.
1399 *It is not an error for a policySet to be attached to an element to which it doesn't apply.*

1400 A policySet **provides an intent** if any of the statements are true:

1401 1. The intent is contained in the **policySet** @provides list of the policySet.

1402 2. The intent is a qualified intent and the unqualified form of the intent is contained in the **policySet**
1403 @provides list of the policySet.

1404 3. The policySet @provides list contains a qualified form of the intent (where the intent is qualifiable).

1405 **All intents in the required intent set for an element SHOULD be provided by the directly provided intents**
1406 **set and the set of policySets that apply to the element.** [POL40018]

1407 If the combination of implementationType / bindingType / collection of policySets does not satisfy all of
1408 the intents which apply to the element, the configuration is not valid. However, an SCA Runtime can allow
1409 a deployer to force deployment even in the presence of such errors as long as a warning is issued or
1410 some other indication is provided that deployment has been forced. Details of the behavior of the
1411 deployer in such situations are not specified in this specification.

5 Implementation Policies

The basic model for Implementation Policies is very similar to the model for interaction policies described above. Abstract QoS requirements, in the form of intents, can be associated with SCA component implementations to indicate implementation policy requirements. These abstract capabilities are mapped to concrete policies via policySets at deployment time. Alternatively, policies can be associated directly with component implementations using policySets. Intents and policySets can be attached to associated-with-an implementation using any of the mechanisms described in section 4 above.

Snippet 5-1 shows how one way of associating intents can be associated with an implementation:

```
<component name="xs:NCName" ... >
  <implementation.* ... requires="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </implementation>
  ...
</component>
```

Snippet 5-1: Example of intents Associated with an implementation

If, for example, one of the intent names in the value of the @requires attribute is 'logging', this indicates that all messages to and from the component have to be logged. The technology used to implement the logging is unspecified. Specific technology is selected when the intent is mapped to a policySet (unless the implementation type has native support for the intent, as described in the next section). A list of implementation intents can also be specified by any ancestor element of the <sca:implementation> element. The effective list of implementation intents is the union of intents specified on the implementation element and all its ancestors.

In addition, one or more policySets can be specified directly by associating them with the implementation of a component.

```
<component name="xs:NCName" ... >
  <implementation.* ... policySets="="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </implementation>
  ...
</component>
```

Snippet 5-2: Example of policySets Associated with an implementation

Snippet 5-2 shows how intents and policySets can be specified on a component. It is also possible to specify intents and policySets within the implementation. How this is done is defined by the implementation type.

The intents and policy sets are specified on the <sca:implementation.*> element within the component type. This is important because intent and policy set definitions need to be able to specify that they constrain an appropriate implementation type.

```
<componentType>
  <implementation.* requires="listOfQNames" policySets="listOfQNames">
    ...
  </implementation>
  ...
</componentType>
```

1460 `</componentType>`

1461 *Snippet 5-3: intents and policySets Constraining an implementation*

1462
1463 When applying policies, the intents attached to the implementation are added to the intents attached to
1464 the using component. For the explicitly listed policySets, the list in the component can override policySets
1465 from the componentType.

1466 Some implementation intents are targeted at `<binding/>` elements rather than at `<implementation/>`
1467 elements. This occurs in cases where there is a need to influence the operation of the binding
1468 implementation code rather than the code directly related to the implementation itself. Implementation
1469 elements of this kind will have a `@constrains` attribute pointing to a binding element, with a `@intentType`
1470 of "implementation".

1471 5.1 Natively Supported Intents

1472 Each implementation type (e.g. `<sca:implementation.java>` or `<sca:implementation.bpel>`) has an
1473 **implementation type definition** within the SCA Domain. An implementation type definition is declared
1474 using an `implementationType` element within a `<definitions/>` declaration. The pseudo-schema for the
1475 `implementationType` element is shown in Snippet 5-4:

1476

```
1477 <implementationType type="QName"  
1478 alwaysProvides="listOfQNames"? mayProvide="listOfQNames"? />
```

1479 *Snippet 5-4: implementationType Pseudo-Schema*

1480

1481 The implementation Type element has the following attributes:

- 1482 • **name : QName (1..1)** - the name of the implementationType. The implementationType name attribute
1483 MUST be the QName of an XSD global element definition used for implementation elements of that
1484 type. [POL50001] For example: "sca:implementation.java".
- 1485 • **alwaysProvides : list of QNames (0..1)** - a set of intents. The intents in the alwaysProvides set are
1486 always provided by this implementation type, whether the intents are attached to the using
1487 component or not.
- 1488 • **mayProvide : list of QNames (0..1)** - a set of intents. The intents in the mayProvide set are provided
1489 by this implementation type if the intent in question is attached to the using component.

1490 5.2 Writing PolicySets for Implementation Policies

1491 | The `@appliesTo` and `@attachTo` attributes for a policySet takes an XPath expression that is applied to a
1492 service, reference, binding or an implementation element. For implementation policies, in most cases, all
1493 that is needed is the QName of the implementation type. Implementation policies can be expressed using
1494 any policy language (which is to say, any configuration language). For example, XACML or EJB-style
1495 annotations can be used to declare authorization policies. Other capabilities could be configured using
1496 completely proprietary configuration formats.

1497 | For example, a policySet declared to turn on trace-level logging for a BPEL component `could` be
1498 declared as is Snippet 5-5:

1499

```
1500 <policySet name="loggingPolicy" provides="acme:logging.trace"  
1501 appliesTo="sca:implementation.bpel" ...>  
1502 <acme:processLogging level="3"/>  
1503 </policySet>
```

1504 *Snippet 5-5: Example policySet Applied to implementation.bpel*

1505 **5.2.1 Non WS-Policy Examples**

1506 Authorization policies expressed in XACML [could](#) be used in the framework in two ways:

- 1507 1. Embed XACML expressions directly in the PolicyAttachment element using the extensibility elements
1508 discussed above, or
- 1509 2. Define WS-Policy assertions to wrap XACML expressions.

1510 For EJB-style authorization policy, [the same approach could be used](#):

- 1511 1. Embed EJB-annotations in the PolicyAttachment element using the extensibility elements discussed
1512 above, or
- 1513 2. Use the WS-Policy assertions defined as wrappers for EJB annotations.

1514 6 Roles and Responsibilities

1515 There are 4 roles that are significant for the SCA Policy Framework. The following is a list of the roles and
1516 the artifacts that the role creates:

- 1517 • Policy Administrator – policySet definitions and intent definitions
- 1518 • Developer – Implementations and component types
- 1519 • Assembler - Composites
- 1520 • Deployer – Composites and the SCA Domain (including the logical Domain-level composite)

1521 6.1 Policy Administrator

1522 An intent represents a requirement that a developer or assembler can make, which ultimately have to be
1523 satisfied at runtime. The full definition of the requirement is the informal text description in the intent
1524 definition.

1525 The **policy administrator**'s job is to both define the intents that are available and to define the policySets
1526 that represent the concrete realization of those informal descriptions for some set of binding type or
1527 implementation types. See the sections on intent and policySet definitions for the details of those
1528 definitions.

1529 6.2 Developer

1530 When it is possible for a component to be written without assuming a specific binding type for its services
1531 and references, then the **developer** uses intents to specify requirements in a binding neutral way.

1532 If the developer requires a specific binding type for a component, then the developer can specify bindings
1533 and policySets with the implementation of the component. Those bindings and policySets will be
1534 represented in the component type for the implementation (although that component type might be
1535 generated from the implementation).

1536 If any of the policySets used for the implementation include intentMaps, then the default choice for the
1537 intentMap can be overridden by an assembler or deployer by requiring a qualified intent that is present in
1538 the intentMap.

1539 6.3 Assembler

1540 An **assembler** creates composites. Because composites are implementations, an assembler is like a
1541 developer, except that the implementations created by an assembler are composites made up of other
1542 components wired together. So, like other developers, the assembler can specify intents or bindings or
1543 policySets on any service or reference of the composite.

1544 However, in addition the definition of composite-level services and references, it is also possible for the
1545 assembler to use the policy framework to further configure components within the composite. The
1546 assembler can add additional requirements to any component's services or references or to the
1547 component itself (for implementation policies). The assembler can also override the bindings or
1548 policySets used for the component. See the assembly specification's description of overriding rules for
1549 details on overriding.

1550 As a shortcut, an assembler can also specify intents and policySets on any element in the composite
1551 definition, which has the same effect as specifying those intents and policySets on every applicable
1552 binding or implementation below that element (where applicability is determined by the @appliesTo
1553 attribute of the policySet definition or the @constrains attribute of the intent definition).

1554 **6.4 Deployer**

1555 A **deployer** deploys implementations (typically composites) into the SCA Domain. It is the
1556 deployers job to make the final decisions about all configurable aspects of an implementation that is to be
1557 deployed and to make sure that all intents are satisfied.

1558 If the deployer determines that an implementation is correctly configured as it is, then the implementation
1559 can be deployed directly. However, more typically, the deployer will create a new composite, which
1560 contains a component for each implementation to be deployed along with any changes to the bindings or
1561 policySets that the deployer desires.

1562 When the deployer is determining whether the existing list of policySets is correct for a component, the
1563 deployer needs to consider both the explicitly listed policySets as well as the policySets that will be
1564 chosen according to the algorithm specified in [Guided Selection of PolicySets using Intents](#).

7 Security Policy

1565

1566 The SCA Security Model provides SCA developers the flexibility to specify the necessary level of security
1567 protection for their components to satisfy business requirements without the burden of understanding
1568 detailed security mechanisms.

1569 The SCA Policy framework distinguishes between two types of policies: *interaction policy* and
1570 *implementation policy*. Interaction policy governs the communications between clients and service
1571 providers and typically applies to Services and References. In the security space, interaction policy is
1572 concerned with client and service provider authentication and message protection requirements.
1573 Implementation policy governs security constraints on service implementations and typically applies to
1574 Components. In the security space, implementation policy concerns include access control, identity
1575 delegation, and other security quality of service characteristics that are pertinent to the service
1576 implementations.

1577 The SCA security interaction policy can be specified via intents or policySets. Intents represent security
1578 quality of service requirements at a high abstraction level, independent from security protocols, while
1579 policySets specify concrete policies at a detailed level, which are typically security protocol specific.

1580 The SCA security policy can be specified either in an SCA composite or by using the External Policy
1581 Attachment Mechanism or by annotations in the implementation code. Language-specific annotations are
1582 described in the respective language Client and Implementation specifications.

7.1 SCA Security Policy Intents

1583

1584 The SCA security specification defines the following intents to specify interaction policy:

1585 serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication, confidentiality, and integrity.

- 1586 • **serverAuthentication** – When *serverAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that
1587 the server is authenticated by the client. [POL70013]
- 1588 • **clientAuthentication** – When *clientAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that the
1589 client is authenticated by the server. [POL70014]
- 1590 • **authentication** – this is a profile intent that requires only clientAuthentication. It is included for
1591 backwards compatibility.
- 1592 • **mutualAuthentication** – this is a profile intent that includes the serverAuthentication and the
1593 clientAuthentication intents just described.
- 1594 • **confidentiality** – the confidentiality intent is used to indicate that the contents of a message are
1595 accessible only to those authorized to have access (typically the service client and the service
1596 provider). A common approach is to encrypt the message, although other methods are possible.
1597 When confidentiality is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that only authorized entities can view
1598 the contents of a message. [POL70009]
- 1599 • **integrity** – the integrity intent is used to indicate that assurance is that the contents of a message
1600 have not been tampered with and altered between sender and receiver. A common approach is to
1601 digitally sign the message, although other methods are possible. When *integrity* is present, an SCA
1602 Runtime MUST ensure that the contents of a message are not altered. [POL70010]

1603 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

7.2 Interaction Security Policy

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1605 Any one of the three security intents can be further qualified to specify more specific business
1606 requirements. Two qualifiers are defined by the SCA security specification: transport and message, which
1607 can be applied to any of the above three intent's.

1608 7.2.1 Qualifiers

1609 **transport** – the transport qualifier specifies that the qualified intent is realized at the transport or transfer
1610 layer of the communication protocol, such as HTTPS. When a serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication,
1611 confidentiality or integrity intent is qualified by message, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate
1612 serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication, confidentiality and integrity, respectively, to the message layer
1613 of the communication protocol. [POL70011]

1614 **message** – the message qualifier specifies that the qualified intent is realized at the message level of the
1615 communication protocol. When a serverAuthentication, clientAuthentication, confidentiality or integrity
1616 intent is qualified by message, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate serverAuthentication,
1617 clientAuthentication, confidentiality and integrity, respectively, to the message layer of the communication
1618 protocol. [POL70012]

1619

1620 Snippet 7-1 shows the usage of intents and qualified intents.

1621

```
1622 <composite name="example" requires="confidentiality">  
1623   <service name="foo"/>  
1624   ...  
1625   <reference name="bar" requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
1626 </composite>
```

1627 *Snippet 7-1: Example using Qualified Intents*

1628

1629 In this case, the composite declares that all of its services and references have to guarantee
1630 confidentiality in their communication by setting requires="confidentiality". This applies to the "foo"
1631 service. However, the "bar" reference further qualifies that requirement to specifically require message-
1632 level security by setting requires="confidentiality.message".

1633 7.3 Implementation Security Policy Intent

1634 The SCA Security specification defines the **authorization** intent to specify implementation policy.

1635 **authorization** – the authorization intent is used to indicate that a client needs to be authorized before
1636 being allowed to use the service. Being authorized means that a check is made as to whether any
1637 policies apply to the client attempting to use the service, and if so, those policies govern whether or not
1638 the client is allowed access. When **authorization** is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the client
1639 is authorized to use the service. [POL70001]

1640 This unqualified authorization intent implies that basic "Subject-Action-Resource" authorization support is
1641 required, where Subject may be as simple as a single identifier representing the identity of the client,
1642 Action may be a single identifier representing the operation the client intends to apply to the Resource,
1643 and the Resource may be a single identifier representing the identity of the Resource to which the Action
1644 is intended to be applied.

8 Reliability Policy

1645

1646 Failures can affect the communication between a service consumer and a service provider.

1647 Depending on the characteristics of the binding, these failures could cause messages to be redelivered,
1648 delivered in a different order than they were originally sent out or even worse, could cause messages to
1649 be lost. Some transports like JMS provide built-in reliability features such as “at least once” and “exactly
1650 once” message delivery. Other transports like HTTP need to have additional layers built on top of them to
1651 provide some of these features.

1652 The events that occur due to failures in communication can affect the outcome of the service invocation.
1653 For an implementation of a stock trade service, a message redelivery could result in a new trade. A client
1654 (i.e. consumer) of the same service could receive a fault message if trade orders are not delivered to the
1655 service implementation in the order they were sent out. In some cases, these failures could have dramatic
1656 consequences.

1657 An SCA developer can anticipate some types of failures and work around them in service
1658 implementations. For example, the implementation of a stock trade service could be designed to support
1659 duplicate message detection. An implementation of a purchase order service could have built in logic that
1660 orders the incoming messages. In these cases, service implementations don't need the binding layers to
1661 provide these reliability features (e.g. duplicate message detection, message ordering). However, this
1662 comes at a cost: extra complexity is built in the service implementation. Along with business logic, the
1663 service implementation has additional logic that handles these failures.

1664 Although service implementations can work around some of these types of failures, it is worth noting that
1665 workarounds are not always possible. A message can be lost or expire even before it is delivered to the
1666 service implementation.

1667 Instead of handling some of these issues in the service implementation, a better way is to use a binding
1668 or a protocol that supports reliable messaging. This is better, not just because it simplifies application
1669 development, it can also lead to better throughput. For example, there is less need for application-level
1670 acknowledgement messages. A binding supports reliable messaging if it provides features such as
1671 message delivery guarantees, duplicate message detection and message ordering.

1672 It is very important for the SCA developer to be able to require, at design-time, a binding or protocol that
1673 supports reliable messaging. SCA defines a set of policy intents that can be used for specifying reliable
1674 messaging Quality of Service requirements. These reliable messaging intents establish a contract
1675 between the binding layer and the application layer (i.e. service implementation or the service consumer
1676 implementation) (see below).

1677 8.1 Reliability Policy Intents

1678 Based on the use-cases described above, the following policy intents are defined:

1679 1. **atLeastOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a
1680 service consumer is delivered to the destination (i.e. service implementation). The message could be
1681 delivered more than once to the service implementation. **When *atLeastOnce* is present, an SCA
1682 Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation, and MAY deliver
1683 duplicates of a message to the service implementation. [POL80001]**

1684 The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a service
1685 implementation is delivered to the destination (i.e. service consumer). The message could be
1686 delivered more than once to the service consumer.

1687 2. **atMostOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a
1688 service consumer is not delivered more than once to the service implementation. The binding
1689 implementation does not guarantee that the message is delivered to the service implementation.
1690 **When *atMostOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MAY deliver a message to the destination service**

1691 implementation, and MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
1692 [POL80002]

1693 The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a service
1694 implementation is not delivered more than once to the service consumer. The binding implementation
1695 does not guarantee that the message is delivered to the service consumer.

1696 3. **ordered** – The binding implementation guarantees that the messages sent by a service client via a
1697 single service reference are delivered to the target service implementation in the order in which they
1698 were sent by the service client. This intent does not guarantee that messages that are sent by a
1699 service client are delivered to the service implementation. Note that this intent has nothing to say
1700 about the ordering of messages sent via different service references by a single service client, even if
1701 the same service implementation is targeted by each of the service references. **When ordered is**
1702 **present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver messages sent by a single source to a single destination**
1703 **service implementation in the order that the messages were sent by that source.** [POL80003]

1704 For service interfaces that involve messages being sent back from the service implementation to the
1705 service client (eg. a service with a callback interface), for this intent, the binding implementation
1706 guarantees that the messages sent by the service implementation over a given wire are delivered to
1707 the service client in the order in which they were sent by the service implementation. This intent does
1708 not guarantee that messages that are sent by the service implementation are delivered to the service
1709 consumer.

1710 4. **exactlyOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message sent by a service consumer is
1711 delivered to the service implementation. Also, the binding implementation guarantees that the
1712 message is not delivered more than once to the service implementation. **When exactlyOnce is**
1713 **present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation and**
1714 **MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.** [POL80004]

1715 The binding implementation guarantees that a message sent by a service implementation is delivered
1716 to the service consumer. Also, the binding implementation guarantees that the message is not
1717 delivered more than once to the service consumer.

1718 NOTE: This is a profile intent, which is composed of *atLeastOnce* and *atMostOnce*.

1719 This is the most reliable intent since it guarantees the following:

- 1720 – message delivery – all the messages sent by a sender are delivered to the service
1721 implementation (i.e. Java class, BPEL process, etc.).
- 1722 – duplicate message detection and elimination – a message sent by a sender is not processed
1723 more than once by the service implementation.

1724 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1725 How can a binding implementation guarantee that a message that it receives is delivered to the service
1726 implementation? One way to do it is by persisting the message and keeping redelivering it until it is
1727 processed by the service implementation. That way, if the system crashes after delivery but while
1728 processing it, the message will be redelivered on restart and processed again. Since a message could be
1729 delivered multiple times to the service implementation, this technique usually requires the service
1730 implementation to perform duplicate message detection. However, that is not always possible. Often
1731 times service implementations that perform critical operations are designed without having support for
1732 duplicate message detection. Therefore, they cannot *process* an incoming
1733 message more than once.

1734 Also, consider the scenario where a message is delivered to a service implementation that does not
1735 handle duplicates - the system crashes after a message is delivered to the service implementation but
1736 before it is completely processed. Does the underlying layer redeliver the message on restart? If it did
1737 that, there is a risk that some critical operations (e.g. sending out a JMS message or updating a DB table)
1738 will be executed again when the message is processed. On the other hand, if the underlying layer does
1739 not redeliver the message, there is a risk that the message is never completely processed.

1740 This issue cannot be safely solved unless all the critical operations performed by the service

1741 implementation are running in a transaction. Therefore, *exactlyOnce* cannot be assured without involving
1742 the service implementation. In other words, an *exactlyOnce* message delivery does not guarantee
1743 *exactlyOnce* message processing unless the service implementation is transactional. It's worth noting that
1744 this is a necessary condition but not sufficient. The underlying layer (e.g. binding implementation,
1745 container) would have to ensure that a message is not redelivered to the service implementation after the
1746 transaction is committed. As an example, a way to ensure it when the binding uses JMS is by making
1747 sure the operation that acknowledges the message is executed in the same transaction the service
1748 implementation is running in.

1749 **8.2 End-to-end Reliable Messaging**

1750 Failures can occur at different points in the message path: in the binding layer on the sender side, in the
1751 transport layer or in the binding layer on the receiver side. The SCA service developer doesn't really care
1752 where the failure occurs. Whether a message was lost due to a network failure or due to a crash of the
1753 machine where the service is deployed, is not that important. What is important is that the contract
1754 between the application layer (i.e. service implementation or service consumer) and the binding layer is
1755 not violated (e.g. a message that was successfully transmitted by a sender is always delivered to the
1756 destination; a message that was successfully transmitted by a sender is not delivered more than once to
1757 the service implementation, etc). It is worth noting that the binding layer could throw an exception when a
1758 sender (e.g. service consumer, service implementation) sends a message out. This is not considered a
1759 successful message transmission.

1760 In order to ensure the semantics of the reliable messaging intents, the entire message path, which is
1761 composed of the binding layer on the client side, the transport layer and the binding layer on the service
1762 side, has to be reliable.

1763 9 Transactions

1764 SCA recognizes that the presence or absence of infrastructure for ACID transaction coordination has a
1765 direct effect on how business logic is coded. In the absence of ACID transactions, developers have to
1766 provide logic that coordinates the outcome, compensates for failures, etc. In the presence of ACID
1767 transactions, the underlying infrastructure is responsible for ensuring the ACID nature of all interactions.
1768 SCA provides declarative mechanisms for describing the transactional environment needed by the
1769 business logic.

1770 Components that use a synchronous interaction style can be part of a single, distributed ACID transaction
1771 within which all transaction resources are coordinated to either atomically commit or rollback. The
1772 transmission or receipt of oneway messages can, depending on the transport binding, be coordinated as
1773 part of an ACID transaction as illustrated in the *OneWay Invocations* section below. Well-known, higher-
1774 level patterns such as store-and-forward queuing can be accomplished by composing transacted one-
1775 way messages with reliable-messaging policies.

1776 This document describes the set of abstract policy intents – both implementation intents and interaction
1777 intents – that can be used to describe the requirements on a concrete service component and binding
1778 respectively.

1779 9.1 Out of Scope

1780 The following topics are outside the scope of this document:

- 1781 • The means by which transactions are created, propagated and established as part of an execution
1782 context. These are details of the SCA runtime provider and binding provider.
- 1783 • The means by which a transactional resource manager (RM) is accessed. These include, but are not
1784 restricted to:
 - 1785 – abstracting an RM as an `sca:component`
 - 1786 – accessing an RM directly in a language-specific and RM-specific fashion
 - 1787 – abstracting an RM as an `sca:binding`

1788 9.2 Common Transaction Patterns

1789 In the absence of any transaction policies there is no explicit transactional behavior defined for the SCA
1790 service component or the interactions in which it is involved and the transactional behavior is
1791 environment-specific. An SCA runtime provider can choose to define an out of band default transactional
1792 behavior that applies in the absence of any transaction policies.

1793 Environment-specific default transactional behavior can be overridden by specifying transactional intents
1794 described in this document. The most common transaction patterns can be summarized:

1795 **Managed, shared global transaction pattern** – the service always runs in a global transaction context
1796 regardless of whether the requester runs under a global transaction. If the requester does run under a
1797 transaction, the service runs under the same transaction. Any outbound, synchronous request-response
1798 messages will – unless explicitly directed otherwise – propagate the service’s transaction context. This
1799 pattern offers the highest degree of data integrity by ensuring that any transactional updates are
1800 committed atomically

1801 **Managed, local transaction pattern** – the service always runs in a managed local transaction context
1802 regardless of whether the requester runs under a transaction. Any outbound messages will not propagate
1803 any transaction context. This pattern is advisable for services that wish the SCA runtime to demarcate
1804 any resource manager local transactions and do not require the overhead of atomicity.

1805 The use of transaction policies to specify these patterns is illustrated later in Table 9-2.

1806 9.3 Summary of SCA Transaction Policies

1807 This specification defines implementation and interaction policies that relate to transactional QoS in
1808 components and their interactions. The SCA transaction policies are specified as intents which represent
1809 the transaction quality of service behavior offered by specific component implementations or bindings.

1810 SCA transaction policy can be specified either in an SCA composite or annotatively in the implementation
1811 code. Language-specific annotations are described in the respective language binding specifications, for
1812 example the [SCA Java Common Annotations and APIs specification](#) [SCA-Java-Annotations].

1813 This specification defines the following implementation transaction policies:

- 1814 • `managedTransaction` – Describes the service component’s transactional environment.
- 1815 • `transactedOneWay` and `immediateOneWay` – two mutually exclusive intents that describe whether
1816 the SCA runtime will process `OneWay` messages immediately or will enqueue (from a client
1817 perspective) and dequeue (from a service perspective) a `OneWay` message as part of a global
1818 transaction.

1819 This specification also defines the following interaction transaction policies:

- 1820 • `propagatesTransaction` and `suspendsTransaction` – two mutually exclusive intents that describe
1821 whether the SCA runtime propagates any transaction context to a service or reference on a
1822 synchronous invocation.

1823 Finally, this specification defines a profile intent called `managedSharedTransaction` that combines the
1824 `managedTransaction` intent and the `propagatesTransaction` intent so that the ***managed, shared global***
1825 ***transaction pattern*** is easier to configure.

1826 9.4 Global and local transactions

1827 This specification describes “managed transactions” in terms of either “global” or “local” transactions. The
1828 “managed” aspect of managed transactions refers to the transaction environment provided by the SCA
1829 runtime for the business component. Business components can interact with other business components
1830 and with resource managers. The managed transaction environment defines the transactional context
1831 under which such interactions occur.

1832 9.4.1 Global transactions

1833 From an SCA perspective, a global transaction is a unit of work scope within which transactional work is
1834 atomic. If multiple transactional resource managers are accessed under a global transaction then the
1835 transactional work is coordinated to either atomically commit or rollback regardless using a 2PC protocol.
1836 A global transaction can be propagated on synchronous invocations between components – depending
1837 on the interaction intents described in this specification - such that multiple, remote service providers can
1838 execute distributed requests under the same global transaction.

1839 9.4.2 Local transactions

1840 From a resource manager perspective a resource manager local transaction (RMLT) is simply the
1841 absence of a global transaction. But from an SCA perspective it is not enough to simply declare that a
1842 piece of business logic runs without a global transaction context. Business logic might need to access
1843 transactional resource managers without the presence of a global transaction. The business logic
1844 developer still needs to know the expected semantic of making one or more calls to one or more resource
1845 managers, and needs to know when and/or how the resource managers local transactions will be
1846 committed. The term *local transaction containment* (LTC) is used to describe the SCA environment where
1847 there is no global transaction. The boundaries of an LTC are scoped to a remotable service provider
1848 method and are not propagated on invocations between components. Unlike the resources in a global
1849 transaction, RMLTs coordinated within a LTC can fail independently.

1850

1851 The two most common patterns for components using resource managers outside a global transaction
1852 are:

- 1853 • The application desires each interaction with a resource manager to commit after every interaction.
1854 This is the default behavior provided by the **noManagedTransaction** policy (defined below in
1855 Transaction implementation policy) in the absence of explicit use of RMLT verbs by the application.
- 1856 • The application desires each interaction with a resource manager to be part of an extended local
1857 transaction that is committed at the end of the method. This behavior is specified by the
1858 **managedTransaction.local** policy (defined below in Transaction implementation policy).

1859 While an application can use interfaces provided by the resource adapter to explicitly demarcate resource
1860 manager local transactions (RMLT), this is a generally undesirable burden on applications, which typically
1861 prefer all transaction considerations to be managed by the SCA runtime. In addition, once an application
1862 codes to a resource manager local transaction interface, it might never be redeployed with a different
1863 transaction environment since local transaction interfaces might not be used in the presence of a global
1864 transaction. This specification defines intents to support both these common patterns in order to provide
1865 portability for applications regardless of whether they run under a global transaction or not.

1866 9.5 Transaction implementation policy

1867 9.5.1 Managed and non-managed transactions

1868 The mutually exclusive **managedTransaction** and **noManagedTransaction** intents describe the
1869 transactional environment needed by a service component or composite. SCA provides transaction
1870 environments that are managed by the SCA runtime in order to remove the burden of coding transaction
1871 APIs directly into the business logic. The **managedTransaction** and **noManagedTransaction** intents
1872 can be attached to the `sca:composite` or `sca:componentType` elements.

1873 The mutually exclusive **managedTransaction** and **noManagedTransaction** intents are defined as
1874 follows:

- 1875 • **managedTransaction** – a managed transaction environment is necessary in order to run this
1876 component. The specific type of managedTransaction needed is not constrained. The valid qualifiers
1877 for this intent are mutually exclusive.
 - 1878 – **managedTransaction.global** – There has to be an atomic transaction in order to run this
1879 component. For a component marked with **managedTransaction.global**, the SCA runtime
1880 MUST ensure that a global transaction is present before dispatching any method on the
1881 component. [POL90003] The SCA runtime uses any transaction propagated from the client
1882 or else begins and completes a new transaction. See the **propagatesTransaction** intent
1883 below for more details.
 - 1884 – **managedTransaction.local** – indicates that the component cannot tolerate running as part
1885 of a global transaction. A component marked with **managedTransaction.local** MUST run
1886 within a local transaction containment (LTC) that is started and ended by the SCA runtime.
1887 [POL90004] Any global transaction context that is propagated to the hosting SCA runtime is
1888 not visible to the target component. Any interaction under this policy with a resource manager
1889 is performed in an extended resource manager local transaction (RMLT). Upon successful
1890 completion of the invoked service method, any RMLTs are implicitly requested to commit by
1891 the SCA runtime. Note that, unlike the resources in a global transaction, RMLTs so
1892 coordinated in a LTC can fail independently. If the invoked service method completes with a
1893 non-business exception then any RMLTs are implicitly rolled back by the SCA runtime. In this
1894 context a business exception is any exception that is declared on the component interface
1895 and is therefore anticipated by the component implementation. The manner in which
1896 exceptions are declared on component interfaces is specific to the interface type – for
1897 example, Java interface types declare Java exceptions, WSDL interface types define
1898 `wsdl:faults`. Local transactions MUST NOT be propagated outbound across remotable
1899 interfaces. [POL90006]

1900 • **noManagedTransaction** – indicates that the component runs without a managed transaction, under
1901 neither a global transaction nor an LTC. A transaction that is propagated to the hosting SCA runtime
1902 MUST NOT be joined by the hosting runtime on behalf of a component marked with
1903 noManagedtransaction. [POL90007] When interacting with a resource manager under this policy, the
1904 application (and not the SCA runtime) is responsible for controlling any resource manager local
1905 transaction boundaries, using resource-provider specific interfaces (for example a Java
1906 implementation accessing a JDBC provider has to choose whether a Connection is set to
1907 autoCommit(true) or else it has to call the Connection commit or rollback method). SCA defines no
1908 APIs for interacting with resource managers.

1909 • **(absent)** – The absence of a transaction implementation intent leads to runtime-specific behavior. A
1910 runtime that supports global transaction coordination can choose to provide a default behavior that is
1911 the managed, shared global transaction pattern but it is not mandated to do so.

1912 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1913 9.5.2 OneWay Invocations

1914 When a client uses a reference and sends a OneWay message then any client transaction context is not
1915 propagated. However, the OneWay invocation on the reference can itself be **transacted**. Similarly, from a
1916 service perspective, any received OneWay message cannot propagate a transaction context but the
1917 delivery of the OneWay message can be **transacted**. A **transacted** OneWay message is a one-way
1918 message that - because of the capability of the service or reference binding - can be enqueued (from a
1919 client perspective) or dequeued (from a service perspective) as part of a global transaction.

1920 SCA defines two mutually exclusive implementation intents, **transactedOneWay** and
1921 **immediateOneWay**, that determine whether OneWay messages are transacted or delivered immediately.

1922 Either of these intents can be attached to the sca:service or sca:reference elements or they can be
1923 attached to the sca:component element, indicating that the intent applies to any service or reference
1924 element children.

1925 The intents are defined as follows:

1926 • **transactedOneWay** – When a reference is marked as transactedOneWay, any OneWay invocation
1927 messages MUST be transacted as part of a client global transaction. [POL90008]
1928 If the client component is not configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not
1929 support transactional message sending, then a reference MUST NOT be marked as
1930 transactedOneWay. [POL90009] If a service is marked as transactedOneWay, any OneWay
1931 invocation message MUST be received from the transport binding in a transacted fashion, under the
1932 target service's global transaction. [POL90010] The receipt of the message from the binding is not
1933 committed until the service transaction commits; if the service transaction is rolled back the the
1934 message remains available for receipt under a different service transaction. If the component is not
1935 configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not support transactional message
1936 receipt, then a service MUST NOT be marked as transactedOneWay. [POL90011]

1937 • **immediateOneWay** – When applied to a reference indicates that any OneWay invocation messages
1938 MUST be sent immediately regardless of any client transaction. [POL90012] When applied to a
1939 service indicates that any OneWay invocation MUST be received immediately regardless of any
1940 target service transaction. [POL90013] The outcome of any transaction under which an
1941 immediateOneWay message is processed has no effect on the processing (sending or receipt) of that
1942 message.

1943 The absence of either intent leads to runtime-specific behavior. The SCA runtime can send or receive a
1944 OneWay message immediately or as part of any sender/receiver transaction. The results of combining
1945 this intent and the **managedTransaction** implementation policy of the component sending or receiving
1946 the transacted OneWay invocation are summarized low below in Table 9-1.

1947

transacted/immediate intent	managedTransaction (client or service implementation intent)	Results
transactedOneWay	managedTransaction.global	OneWay interaction (either client message enqueue or target service dequeue) is committed as part of the global transaction.
transactedOneWay	managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction	If a transactedOneWay intent is combined with the managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction implementation intents for either a reference or a service then an error MUST be raised during deployment. [POL90027]
immediateOneWay	Any value of managedTransaction	The OneWay interaction occurs immediately and is not transacted.
<absent>	Any value of managedTransaction	Runtime-specific behavior. The SCA runtime can send or receive a OneWay message immediately or as part of any sender/receiver transaction.

1948 Table 9-1 Transacted OneWay interaction intent

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1950 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1951 9.6 Transaction interaction policies

1952 The mutually exclusive **propagatesTransaction** and **suspendsTransaction** intents can be attached
 1953 either to an interface (e.g. Java annotation or WSDL attribute) or explicitly to an sca:service and
 1954 sca:reference XML element to describe how any client transaction context will be made available and
 1955 used by the target service component. Section 9.6.1 considers how these intents apply to service
 1956 elements and Section 9.6.2 considers how these intents apply to reference elements.

1957 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

1958 9.6.1 Handling Inbound Transaction Context

1959 The mutually exclusive **propagatesTransaction** and **suspendsTransaction** intents can be attached to
 1960 an sca:service XML element to describe how a propagated transaction context is handled by the SCA
 1961 runtime, prior to dispatching a service component. If the service requester is running within a transaction
 1962 and the service interaction policy is to propagate that transaction, then the primary business effects of the
 1963 provider's operation are coordinated as part of the client's transaction – if the client rolls back its
 1964 transaction, then work associated with the provider's operation will also be rolled back. This allows clients
 1965 to know that no compensation business logic is necessary since transaction rollback can be used.

1966 These intents specify a contract that has to be implemented by the SCA runtime. This aspect of a
 1967 service component is most likely captured during application design. The **propagatesTransaction** or
 1968 **suspendsTransaction** intent can be attached to sca:service elements and their children. The intents are
 1969 defined as follows:

- 1970 • **propagatesTransaction** – A service marked with propagatesTransaction MUST be dispatched under
 1971 any propagated (client) transaction. [POL90015] Use of the **propagatesTransaction** intent on a
 1972 service implies that the service binding MUST be capable of receiving a transaction context.
 1973 [POL90016] However, it is important to understand that some binding/policySet combinations that
 1974 provide this intent for a service will *need* the client to propagate a transaction context.

1975 In SCA terms, for a reference wired to such a service, this implies that the reference has to use either
 1976 the **propagatesTransaction** intent or a binding/policySet combination that does propagate a
 1977 transaction. If, on the other hand, the service does not *need* the client to provide a transaction (even
 1978 though it has the *capability* of joining the client's transaction), then some care is needed in the
 1979 configuration of the service. One approach to consider in this case is to use two distinct bindings on
 1980 the service, one that uses the **propagatesTransaction** intent and one that does not - clients that do
 1981 not propagate a transaction would then wire to the service using the binding without the
 1982 **propagatesTransaction** intent specified.

- 1983 • **suspendsTransaction** – A service marked with **suspendsTransaction** MUST NOT be dispatched
 1984 under any propagated (client) transaction. [POL90017]

1985 The absence of either interaction intent leads to runtime-specific behavior; the client is unable to
 1986 determine from transaction intents whether its transaction will be joined.

1987 The SCA runtime MUST ignore the **propagatesTransaction** intent for **OneWay** methods. [POL90025]

1988 These intents are independent from the implementation's **managedTransaction** intent and provides no
 1989 information about the implementation's transaction environment.

1990 The combination of these service interaction policies and the **managedTransaction** implementation
 1991 policy of the containing component completely describes the transactional behavior of an invoked service,
 1992 as summarized in Table 9-2:

1993

service interaction intent	managedTransaction (component implementation intent)	Results
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.global	Component runs in propagated transaction if present, otherwise a new global transaction. This combination is used for the managed, shared global transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns. This is equivalent to the managedSharedTransaction intent defined in section 9.6.3.
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction	A service MUST NOT be marked with "propagatesTransaction" if the component is marked with "managedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction" [POL90019]
suspendsTransaction	managedTransaction.global	Component runs in a new global transaction
suspendsTransaction	managedTransaction.local	Component runs in a managed local transaction containment. This combination is used for the managed, local transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns. This is the default behavior for a runtime that does not support global transactions.
suspendsTransaction	noManagedTransaction	Component is responsible for managing its own local transactional resources.

1994 Table 9-2 Combining service transaction intents

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1996 Note - the absence of either interaction or implementation intents leads to runtime-specific behavior. A
1997 runtime that supports global transaction coordination can choose to provide a default behavior that is the
1998 managed, shared global transaction pattern.

1999 9.6.2 Handling Outbound Transaction Context

2000 The mutually exclusive *propagatesTransaction* and *suspendsTransaction* intents can also be attached
2001 to an sca:reference XML element to describe whether any client transaction context is propagated to a
2002 target service when a synchronous interaction occurs through the reference. These intents specify a
2003 contract that has to be implemented by the SCA runtime. This aspect of a service component is most
2004 likely captured during application design.

2005 Either the *propagatesTransaction* or *suspendsTransaction* intent can be attached to sca:service
2006 elements and their children. The intents are defined as defined in Section 9.6.1.

2007 When used as a reference interaction intent, the meaning of the qualifiers is as follows:

- 2008 • **propagatesTransaction** – When a reference is marked with propagatesTransaction, any transaction
2009 context under which the client runs MUST be propagated when the reference is used for a request-
2010 response interaction [POL90020] The binding of a reference marked with propagatesTransaction has
2011 to be capable of propagating a transaction context. The reference needs to be wired to a service that
2012 can join the client's transaction. For example, any service with an intent that @requires
2013 *propagatesTransaction* can always join a client's transaction. The reference consumer can then be
2014 designed to rely on the work of the target service being included in the caller's transaction.
- 2015 • **suspendsTransaction** – When a reference is marked with suspendsTransaction, any transaction
2016 context under which the client runs MUST NOT be propagated when the reference is used.
2017 [POL90022] The reference consumer can use this intent to ensure that the work of the target service
2018 is not included in the caller's transaction. .
- 2019 • The absence of either interaction intent leads to runtime-specific behavior. The SCA runtime can
2020 choose whether or not to propagate any client transaction context to the referenced service,
2021 depending on the SCA runtime capability.

2022 These intents are independent from the client's *managedTransaction* implementation intent. The
2023 combination of the interaction intent of a reference and the *managedTransaction* implementation policy
2024 of the containing component completely describes the transactional behavior of a client's invocation of a
2025 service. Table 9-3 summarizes the results of the combination of either of these interaction intents with the
2026 *managedTransaction* implementation policy of the containing component.

2027

reference interaction intent	managedTransaction (client implementation intent)	Results
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.global	Target service runs in the client's transaction. This combination is used for the managed, shared global transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns.
propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.local or noManagedTransaction	A reference MUST NOT be marked with propagatesTransaction if component is marked with "ManagedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction" [POL90023]

suspendsTransaction	Any value of managedTransaction	The target service will not run under the same transaction as any client transaction. This combination is used for the managed, local transaction pattern described in Common Transaction Patterns.
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2028 *Table 9-3 Transaction propagation reference intents*

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 2030 Note - the absence of either interaction or implementation intents leads to runtime-specific behavior. A
 2031 runtime that supports global transaction coordination can choose to provide a default behavior that is the
 2032 managed, shared global transaction pattern.

2033 Table 9-4 shows the valid combination of interaction and implementation intents on the client and service
 2034 that result in a single global transaction being used when a client invokes a service through a reference.

2035

managedTransaction (client implementation intent)	reference interaction intent	service interaction intent	managedTransaction (service implementation intent)
managedTransaction.global	propagatesTransaction	propagatesTransaction	managedTransaction.global

2036 *Table 9-4 Intents for end-to-end transaction propagation*

2037
 2038 **Transaction context MUST NOT be propagated on OneWay messages.** [POL90024] The SCA runtime
 2039 ignores *propagatesTransaction* for OneWay operations.

2040 9.6.3 Combining implementation and interaction intents

2041 The **managed, local transaction pattern** can be configured quite easily by combining the
 2042 managedTransaction.global intent with the propagatesTransaction intent. This is illustrated in **Error!**
 2043 **Reference source not found..** In order to enable easier configuration of this pattern, a profile intent
 2044 called managedSharedTransaction is defined as in section **Error! Reference source not found..**

2045 9.6.4 Web services binding for propagatesTransaction policy

2046 Snippet 9-1 shows a policySet that provides the *propagatesTransaction* intent and applies to a Web
 2047 service binding (binding.ws). When used on a service, this policySet would require the client to send a
 2048 transaction context using the mechanisms described in the [Web Services Atomic Transaction](#) [WS-
 2049 AtomicTransaction] specification.

2050

```

2051 <policySet name="JoinsTransactionWS" provides="sca:propagatesTransaction"
2052           appliesTo="sca:binding.ws">
2053   <wsp:Policy>
2054     <wsat:ATAssertion
2055       xmlns:wsat="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-tx/wsat/2006/06"/>
2056   </wsp:Policy>
2057 </policySet>

```

2058 *Snippet 9-1: Example policySet Providing propagatesTransaction*

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10 Miscellaneous Intents

2060 The following are standard intents that apply to bindings and are not related to either security, reliable
2061 messaging or transactionality:

- 2062 • **SOAP** – The SOAP intent specifies that the SOAP messaging model is used for delivering messages.
2063 It does not require the use of any specific transport technology for delivering the messages, so for
2064 example, this intent can be supported by a binding that sends SOAP messages over HTTP, bare
2065 TCP or even JMS. If the intent is attached in an unqualified form then any version of SOAP is
2066 acceptable. Standard mutually exclusive qualified intents also exist for SOAP.1_1 and SOAP.1_2,
2067 which specify the use of versions 1.1 or 1.2 of SOAP respectively. When SOAP is present, an SCA
2068 Runtime MUST use the SOAP messaging model to deliver messages. [POL100001] When a SOAP
2069 intent is qualified with 1_1 or 1_2, then SOAP version 1.1 or SOAP version 1.2 respectively MUST be
2070 used to deliver messages. [POL100002]
- 2071 • **JMS** – The JMS intent does not specify a wire-level transport protocol, but instead requires that
2072 whatever binding technology is used, the messages are able to be delivered and received via the
2073 JMS API. When JMS is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and
2074 receive messages supports the JMS API. [POL100003]
- 2075 • **noListener** – This intent can only be used within the @requires attribute of a reference. The
2076 noListener intent MUST only be declared on a @requires attribute of a reference. [POL100004] It
2077 states that the client is not able to handle new inbound connections. It requires that the binding and
2078 callback binding be configured so that any response (or callback) comes either through a back
2079 channel of the connection from the client to the server or by having the client poll the server for
2080 messages. When noListener is present, an SCA Runtime MUST not establish any connection from a
2081 service to a client. [POL100005] An example policy assertion that would guarantee this is a WS-
2082 Policy assertion that applies to the <binding.ws> binding, which requires the use of WS-Addressing
2083 with anonymous responses (e.g. <wsaw:Anonymous>required</wsaw:Anonymous>” – see
2084 <http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-addr-wsdl/#anonelement>).
- 2085 • **asyncInvocation** – This intent can be attached to an operation or a complete interface, indicating
2086 that the operation(s) are long-running request-response operation(s) [SCA-Assembly]. It is also
2087 possible for a service to set the asyncInvocation intent when using an interface which is not marked
2088 with the asyncInvocation intent. This can be useful when reusing an existing interface definition that
2089 does not contain SCA information.
- 2090 • **EJB** - The EJB intent specifies that whatever wire-level transport technology is specified the
2091 messages are able to be delivered and received via the EJB API. When EJB is present, an SCA
2092 Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and receive messages supports the EJB API.
2093 [POL100006]

2094 The formal definitions of these intents are in the [Intent Definitions appendix](#).

2095 11 Conformance

2096 The XML schema available at the namespace URI, defined by this specification, is considered to be
2097 authoritative and takes precedence over the XML Schema defined in the appendix of this document.

2098 **An SCA runtime MUST reject a composite file that does not conform to the sca-policy-1.1.xsd schema.**
2099 [\[POL110001\]](#)

2100 An implementation that claims to conform to this specification MUST meet the following conditions:

- 2101 1. The implementation MUST conform to the SCA Assembly Model Specification [Assembly].
- 2102 2. SCA implementations MUST recognize the intents listed in Appendix B.1 of this specification. An
2103 implementationType / bindingType / collection of policySets that claims to implement a specific intent
2104 MUST process that intent in accord with any relevant Conformance Items in Appendix C related to
2105 the intent and the SCA Runtime options selected.
- 2106 3. With the exception of 2, the implementation MUST comply with all statements in [Appendix C](#):
2107 Conformance Items related to an SCA Runtime, notably all MUST statements have to be
2108 implemented.

A Defining the Deployed Composites Infoset

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The @attachTo attribute of an intent or a policySet is an XPath1.0 expression identifying SCA elements to which the intent or the policySet is attached. The XPath applies to the **Deployed Composites Infoset** for the SCA domain.

The Deployed Composites Infoset is constructed from all the deployed SCA composite files [SCA-Assembly] in the Domain, with the special characteristics:

4. The Domain is treated as a special composite, with a blank name - ""

5. The @attachTo/@ppliesTo XPath expression is evaluated against the Deployed Composite Infoset following the deployment of a deployment composite. Where one composite includes one or more other composites, it is the including composite which is addressed by the XPath and its contents are the result of preprocessing all of the include elements

Where the intent or policySet is intended to be specific to a particular component, the structuralURI [SCA-Assembly] of the component is used along with the URIRef() XPath function to attach a intent/policySet to a specific use of a nested component. The XPath expression can make use of the unique structuralURI to indicate specific use instances, where different intents/policySets need to be used for those different instances.

Special case. Where the @attachTo attribute of an intent or policySet is absent or is blank, the intent/policySet cannot be used on its own for external attachment. It can be used:

1. For direct attachment (using a @requires or @policySet attribute on an element or a <requires> or <policySetAttachment/> subelement)

2. For policySets by reference from another policySet element

The XPath expression for the @attachTo attribute can make use of a series of XPath functions which enable the expression to easily identify elements with specific characteristics that are not easily expressed with pure XPath. These functions enable:

- the identification of elements to which specific intents apply.

This permits the attachment of a policySet to be linked to specific intents on the target element - for example, a policySet relating to encryption of messages can be targeted to services and references which have the **confidentiality** intent applied.

- the targeting of subelements of an interface, including operations and messages.

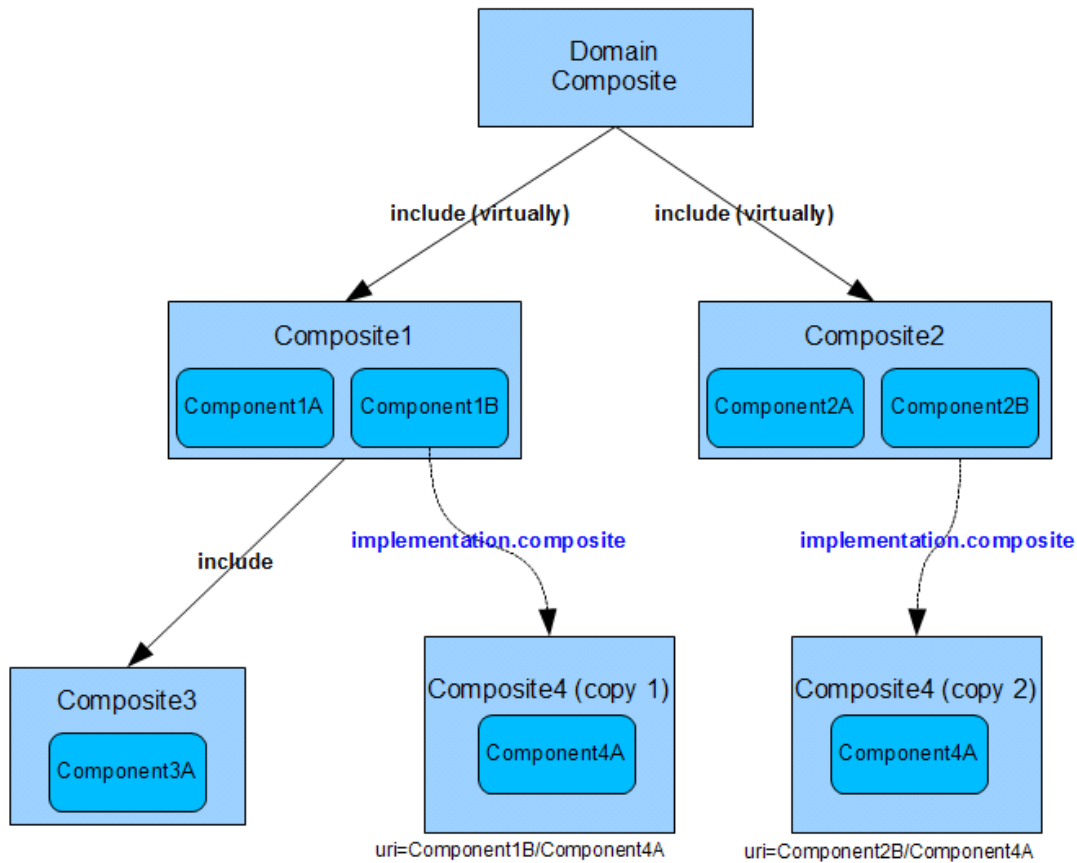
This permits the attachment of a intent/policySet to an individual operation or to an individual message within an interface, separately from the policies that apply to other operations or messages in the interface.

- the targeting of a specific use of a component, through its unique structuralURI [SCA-Assembly].

This permits the attachment of a intent/policySet to a specific use of a component in one context, that can be different from the policySet(s) that are applied to other uses of the same component.

Details of the available XPath functions is given in the section "XPath Functions for the @attachTo Attribute".

EXAMPLE:



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2151 *Figure A-1 Example Domain Composite Infoset*

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2153 The SCA Domain in Figure A-1 has been constructed from the composites and components shown in the
 2154 figure. Composite1 and Composite2 were deployed into the Domain as described in [SCA-Assembly].
 2155 Composite3 is included in Composite1 using the SCA include mechanism described in [SCA-Assembly].
 2156 Composite4 is used as an implementation of Components 1B and 2B. Following the deployment of all the
 2157 composites, the Domain contains:

- 2158 • 3 Composites that can be addressed as part of the Deployed Composites InfoSet; Composite1,
 2159 Composite2 and Composite4.
- 2160 • all the components shown in the diagram. Components 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A (twice) are leaf
 2161 components.

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2163 The following snippets show example usage of the @attachTo attribute and provide the outcome based
 2164 on the Domain in Figure A-1.

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```
1. //component[@name="Component4A"]
```

2167 *Snippet A-1:Example attachTo all Instances of a Name*

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2169 attach to both instances of Component4A

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2171 `2. //component[URIRef("Component2B/Component4A")]`

2172 *Snippet A-2: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via a Path*

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2174 attach to the unique instance of Component4A when used by Component2B (Component2B is a
2175 component at the Domain level)

2176
2177 `3. //component[@name="Component3A"]/service[IntentRefs("intent1")]`

2178 *Snippet A-3: Example attachTo Instances with an intent*

2179
2180 attach to the services of Component3A which have the intent "intent1" applied

2181
2182 `4. //component/binding.ws`

2183 *Snippet A-4: Example attachTo Instances with a binding*

2184
2185 attach to the web services binding of all components with a service or reference with a Web services
2186 binding

2187
2188 `5. /composite[@name=" "]/component[@name="Component1A"]`

2189 *Snippet A-5: Example attachTo a Specific Instance via Path and Name*

2190
2191 attach to Component1A at the Domain level

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2194 **A.1 XPath Functions for the @attachTo Attribute**

2195 This section defines utility functions that can be used in XPath expressions where otherwise it would be
2196 difficult to write the XPath expression to identify the elements concerned.

2197 This particularly applies in SCA to Interfaces and the child parts of interfaces (operations and messages).
2198 XPath Functions are defined below for the following:

- 2199 • Picking out a specific interface
- 2200 • Picking out a specific operation in an interface
- 2201 • Picking out a specific message in an operation in an interface
- 2202 • Picking out artifacts with specific intents

2203 **A.1.1 Interface Related Functions**

2204 **InterfaceRef(InterfaceName)**

2205 picks out an interface identified by InterfaceName

2206 **OperationRef(InterfaceName/OperationName)**

2207 picks out the operation OperationName in the interface InterfaceName

2208 **MessageRef(InterfaceName/OperationName/MessageName)**

2209 picks out the message MessageName in the operation OperationName in the interface
2210 InterfaceName.

2211 • "**" can be used for wildcarding of any of the names.

2212 The interface is treated as if it is a WSDL interface (for other interface types, they are treated as if
2213 mapped to WSDL using their regular mapping rules).

2214 Examples of the Interface functions:

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```
2216 InterfaceRef( "MyInterface" )
```

2217 Snippet A-6: Example use of InterfaceRef

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2219 picks out an interface with the name "MyInterface"

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```
2221 OperationRef( "MyInterface/MyOperation" )
```

2222 Snippet A-7: Example use of OperationRef with a Path

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2224 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface named "MyInterface"

2225

```
2226 OperationRef( "*/MyOperation" )
```

2227 Snippet A-8: Example use of OperationRef without a Path

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2229 picks out the operation named "MyOperation" from any interface

2230

```
2231 MessageRef( "MyInterface/MyOperation/MyMessage" )
```

2232 Snippet A-9: Example use of MessageRef with a Path

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2234 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from the operation named "MyOperation" within the interface
2235 named "MyInterface"

2236

```
2237 MessageRef( "*/*/MyMessage" )
```

2238 Snippet A-10: Example use of MessageRef with a Path with Wildcards

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2240 picks out the message named "MyMessage" from any operation in any interface

2241 **A.1.2 Intent Based Functions**

2242 For the following intent-based functions, it is the total set of intents which apply to the artifact which are
2243 examined by the function, including directly or externally attached intents plus intents acquired from the
2244 structural hierarchy and from the implementation hierarchy.

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2246 These functions cannot be used in the XPath value of the @attachTo attribute for intents

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2248 **IntentRefs(IntentList)**

2249 picks out an element where the intents applied match the intents specified in the IntentList:

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```
2251 IntentRefs( "intent1" )
```

2252 [Snippet A-11: Example use of IntentRef](#)

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2254 [picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached](#)

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```
2256 IntentRefs( "intent1 intent2" )
```

2257 [Snippet A-12: Example use of IntentRef with Multiple intents](#)

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2259 [picks out an artifact to which intents named "intent1" AND "intent2" are attached](#)

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```
2261 IntentRefs( "intent1 !intent2" )
```

2262 [Snippet A-13: Example use of IntentRef with Not Operator](#)

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2264 [picks out an artifact to which intent named "intent1" is attached but NOT the intent named "intent2"](#)

2265 **[A.1.3 URI Based Function](#)**

2266 [The URIRef function is used to pick out a particular use of a nested component – ie where some Domain](#)
2267 [level component is implemented using a composite implementation, which in turn has one or more](#)
2268 [components implemented with the composite \(and so on to an arbitrary level of nesting\):](#)

2269 **[URIRef\(URI \)](#)**

2270 [picks out the particular use of a component identified by the structuralURI string URI.](#)

2271 [For a full description of structuralURIs, see the SCA Assembly specification \[SCA-Assembly\].](#)

2272 [Example:](#)

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```
2274 URIRef( "top_comp_name/middle_comp_name/lowest_comp_name" )
```

2275 [Snippet A-15: Example use of URIRef](#)

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2277 [picks out the particular use of a component – where component lowest_comp_name is used within the](#)
2278 [implementation of middle_comp_name within the implementation of the top-level \(Domain level\)](#)
2279 [component top_comp_name.](#)

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2281

AB Schemas

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A.1B.1 sca-policy.xsd

```
2283 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2284 <!-- Copyright(C) OASIS(R) 2005,2009. All Rights Reserved.
2285 OASIS trademark, IPR and other policies apply. -->
2286 <schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
2287 targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
2288 xmlns:sca="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
2289 xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy"
2290 elementFormDefault="qualified">
2291
2292 <include schemaLocation="sca-core-1.1-schema-200803.xsd"/>
2293 <import namespace="http://www.w3.org/ns/ws-policy"
2294 schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/2007/02/ws-policy.xsd"/>
2295
2296 <element name="intent" type="sca:Intent"/>
2297 <complexType name="Intent">
2298 <sequence>
2299 <element name="description" type="string" minOccurs="0"
2300 maxOccurs="1" />
2301 <element name="qualifier" type="sca:IntentQualifier"
2302 minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
2303 <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"
2304 minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
2305 </sequence>
2306 <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
2307 <attribute name="constrains" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2308 use="optional" />
2309 <attribute name="requires" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2310 use="optional" />
2311 <attribute name="excludes" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2312 use="optional" />
2313 <attribute name="mutuallyExclusive" type="boolean"
2314 use="optional" default="false"/>
2315 <attribute name="intentType"
2316 type="sca:InteractionOrImplementation"
2317 use="optional" default="interaction"/>
2318 <attribute name="attachTo" type="string" use="optional"/>
2319
2320 <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax" />
2321 </complexType>
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2323 <complexType name="IntentQualifier">
2324 <sequence>
2325 <element name="description" type="string" minOccurs="0"
2326 maxOccurs="1" />
2327 </sequence>
2328 <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
2329 <attribute name="default" type="boolean" use="optional"
2330 default="false"/>
2331 </complexType>
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2333 <element name="requires">
2334 <complexType>
2335 <sequence minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2336 <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" />
2337 </sequence>
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2338         <attribute name="intents" type="sca:listOfQNames"
2339             use="required"/>
2340         <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2341     </complexType>
2342 </element>
2343
2344 <element name="policySet" type="sca:PolicySet"/>
2345 <complexType name="PolicySet">
2346     <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2347         <element name="policySetReference"
2348             type="sca:PolicySetReference"/>
2349         <element name="intentMap" type="sca:IntentMap"/>
2350         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2351     </choice>
2352     <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
2353     <attribute name="provides" type="sca:listOfQNames"/>
2354     <attribute name="appliesTo" type="string" use="optional"/>
2355     <attribute name="attachTo" type="string" use="optional"/>
2356     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2357 </complexType>
2358
2359 <element name="policySetAttachment">
2360     <complexType>
2361         <sequence minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2362             <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2363         </sequence>
2364         <attribute name="name" type="QName" use="required"/>
2365         <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2366     </complexType>
2367 </element>
2368
2369 <complexType name="PolicySetReference">
2370     <attribute name="name" type="QName" use="required"/>
2371     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2372 </complexType>
2373
2374 <complexType name="IntentMap">
2375     <choice minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2376         <element name="qualifier" type="sca:Qualifier"/>
2377         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2378     </choice>
2379     <attribute name="provides" type="QName" use="required"/>
2380     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2381 </complexType>
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2383 <complexType name="Qualifier">
2384     <sequence minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
2385         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2386     </sequence>
2387     <attribute name="name" type="string" use="required"/>
2388     <anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
2389 </complexType>
2390
2391 <simpleType name="listOfNCNames">
2392     <list itemType="NCName"/>
2393 </simpleType>
2394
2395 <simpleType name="InteractionOrImplementation">
2396     <restriction base="string">
2397         <enumeration value="interaction"/>
2398         <enumeration value="implementation"/>
2399     </restriction>
2400 </simpleType>

```

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```
</schema>
```

2403 *Snippet A-1SCA Policy Schema*

2404 BC XML Files

2405 This appendix contains normative XML files that are defined by this specification.

2406 B.1C.1 Intent Definitions

2407 Intent definitions are contained within a Definitions file called Policy_Intents_Definitions.xml, which
2408 contain a <definitions/> element as follows:

```
2409 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2410 <!-- Copyright(C) OASIS(R) 2005,2009. All Rights Reserved.
2411 OASIS trademark, IPR and other policies apply. -->
2412 <sca:definitions xmlns:sca="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903"
2413 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
2414 targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200903">
2415
2416 <!-- Security related intents -->
2417 <sca:intent name="serverAuthentication" constrains="sca:binding"
2418 intentType="interaction">
2419 <sca:description>
2420 Communication through the binding requires that the
2421 server is authenticated by the client
2422 </sca:description>
2423 <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true"/>
2424 <sca:qualifier name="message"/>
2425 </sca:intent>
2426
2427 <sca:intent name="clientAuthentication" constrains="sca:binding"
2428 intentType="interaction">
2429 <sca:description>
2430 Communication through the binding requires that the
2431 client is authenticated by the server
2432 </sca:description>
2433 <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true"/>
2434 <sca:qualifier name="message"/>
2435 </sca:intent>
2436
2437 <sca:intent name="authentication"
2438 requires="sca:clientAuthentication">
2439 <sca:description>
2440 A convenience intent to help migration
2441 </sca:description>
2442 </sca:intent>
2443
2444 <sca:intent name="mutualAuthentication"
2445 requires="sca:clientAuthentication sca:serverAuthentication">
2446 <sca:description>
2447 Communication through the binding requires that the
2448 client and server to authenticate each other
2449 </sca:description>
2450 </sca:intent>
2451
2452 <sca:intent name="confidentiality" constrains="sca:binding"
2453 intentType="interaction">
2454 <sca:description>
2455 Communication through the binding prevents unauthorized
2456 users from reading the messages
2457 </sca:description>
2458 <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true"/>
2459 <sca:qualifier name="message"/>
```

```

2460     </sca:intent>
2461
2462     <sca:intent name="integrity" constrains="sca:binding"
2463     intentType="interaction">
2464         <sca:description>
2465             Communication through the binding prevents tampering
2466             with the messages sent between the client and the service.
2467         </sca:description>
2468         <sca:qualifier name="transport" default="true" />
2469         <sca:qualifier name="message" />
2470     </sca:intent>
2471
2472     <sca:intent name="authorization" constrains="sca:implementation"
2473     intentType="implementation">
2474         <sca:description>
2475             Ensures clients are authorized to use services.
2476         </sca:description>
2477     </sca:intent>
2478
2479
2480 <!-- Reliable messaging related intents -->
2481     <sca:intent name="atLeastOnce" constrains="sca:binding"
2482     intentType="interaction">
2483         <sca:description>
2484             This intent is used to indicate that a message sent
2485             by a client is always delivered to the component.
2486         </sca:description>
2487     </sca:intent>
2488
2489     <sca:intent name="atMostOnce" constrains="sca:binding"
2490     intentType="interaction">
2491         <sca:description>
2492             This intent is used to indicate that a message that was
2493             successfully sent by a client is not delivered more than
2494             once to the component.
2495         </sca:description>
2496     </sca:intent>
2497
2498     <sca:intent name="exactlyOnce" requires="sca:atLeastOnce
2499     sca:atMostOnce"
2500     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="interaction">
2501         <sca:description>
2502             This profile intent is used to indicate that a message sent
2503             by a client is always delivered to the component. It also
2504             indicates that duplicate messages are not delivered to the
2505             component.
2506         </sca:description>
2507     </sca:intent>
2508
2509     <sca:intent name="ordered" constrains="sca:binding"
2510     intentType="interaction">
2511         <sca:description>
2512             This intent is used to indicate that all the messages are
2513             delivered to the component in the order they were sent by
2514             the client.
2515         </sca:description>
2516     </sca:intent>
2517
2518 <!-- Transaction related intents -->
2519     <sca:intent name="managedTransaction"
2520     excludes="sca:noManagedTransaction"
2521     mutuallyExclusive="true" constrains="sca:implementation"
2522     intentType="implementation">

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2523     <sca:description>
2524     A managed transaction environment is necessary in order to
2525     run the component. The specific type of managed transaction
2526     needed is not constrained.
2527     </sca:description>
2528     <sca:qualifier name="global" default="true">
2529         <sca:description>
2530         For a component marked with managedTransaction.global
2531         a global transaction needs to be present before dispatching
2532         any method on the component - using any transaction
2533         propagated from the client or else beginning and completing
2534         a new transaction.
2535         </sca:description>
2536     </sca:qualifier>
2537     <sca:qualifier name="local">
2538         <sca:description>
2539         A component marked with managedTransaction.local needs to
2540         run within a local transaction containment (LTC) that
2541         is started and ended by the SCA runtime.
2542         </sca:description>
2543     </sca:qualifier>
2544 </sca:intent>

2545
2546     <sca:intent name="noManagedTransaction"
2547     excludes="sca:managedTransaction"
2548     constrains="sca:implementation" intentType="implementation">
2549         <sca:description>
2550         A component marked with noManagedTransaction needs to run without
2551         a managed transaction, under neither a global transaction nor
2552         an LTC. A transaction propagated to the hosting SCA runtime
2553         is not joined by the hosting runtime on behalf of a
2554         component marked with noManagedtransaction.
2555         </sca:description>
2556 </sca:intent>

2557
2558     <sca:intent name="transactedOneWay" excludes="sca:immediateOneWay"
2559     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="implementation">
2560         <sca:description>
2561         For a reference marked as transactedOneWay any OneWay invocation
2562         messages are transacted as part of a client global
2563         transaction.
2564         For a service marked as transactedOneWay any OneWay invocation
2565         message are received from the transport binding in a
2566         transacted fashion, under the service's global transaction.
2567         </sca:description>
2568 </sca:intent>

2569
2570     <sca:intent name="immediateOneWay" excludes="sca:transactedOneWay"
2571     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="implementation">
2572         <sca:description>
2573         For a reference indicates that any OneWay invocation messages
2574         are sent immediately regardless of any client transaction.
2575         For a service indicates that any OneWay invocation is
2576         received immediately regardless of any target service
2577         transaction.
2578         </sca:description>
2579 </sca:intent>

2580
2581     <sca:intent name="propagatesTransaction"
2582     excludes="sca:suspendsTransaction"
2583     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="interaction">
2584         <sca:description>
2585         A service marked with propagatesTransaction is dispatched

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2586     under any propagated (client) transaction and the service binding
2587     needs to be capable of receiving a transaction context.
2588     A reference marked with propagatesTransaction propagates any
2589     transaction context under which the client runs when the
2590     reference is used for a request-response interaction and the
2591     binding of a reference marked with propagatesTransaction needs to
2592     be capable of propagating a transaction context.
2593         </sca:description>
2594     </sca:intent>
2595
2596     <sca:intent name="suspendsTransaction"
2597         excludes="sca:propagatesTransaction"
2598     constrains="sca:binding" intentType="interaction">
2599         <sca:description>
2600             A service marked with suspendsTransaction is not dispatched
2601             under any propagated (client) transaction.
2602             A reference marked with suspendsTransaction does not propagate
2603             any transaction context under which the client runs when the
2604             reference is used.
2605         </sca:description>
2606     </sca:intent>
2607
2608     <sca:intent name="managedSharedTransaction"
2609         requires="sca:managedTransaction.global
2610     sca:propagatesTransaction">
2611         <sca:description>
2612             Used to indicate that the component requires both the
2613             managedTransaction.global and the propagatesTransactions
2614             intents
2615         </sca:description>
2616     </sca:intent>
2617
2618     <!-- Miscellaneous intents -->
2619     <sca:intent name="asyncInvocation" constrains="sca:binding"
2620         intentType="interaction">
2621         <sca:description>
2622             Indicates that request/response operations for the
2623             interface of this wire are "long running" and must be
2624             treated as two separate message transmissions
2625         </sca:description>
2626     </sca:intent>
2627
2628     <sca:intent name="EJB" constrains="sca:binding"
2629         intentType="interaction">
2630         <sca:description>
2631             Specifies that the EJB API is needed to communicate with
2632             the service or reference.
2633         </sca:description>
2634     </sca:intent>
2635
2636     <sca:intent name="SOAP" constrains="sca:binding"
2637         intentType="interaction" mutuallyExclusive="true">
2638         <sca:description>
2639             Specifies that the SOAP messaging model is used for delivering
2640             messages.
2641         </sca:description>
2642         <sca:qualifier name="v1_1" default="true"/>
2643         <sca:qualifier name="v1_2"/>
2644     </sca:intent>
2645
2646     <sca:intent name="JMS" constrains="sca:binding"
2647         intentType="interaction">
2648         <sca:description>

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2649     Requires that the messages are delivered and received via the
2650     JMS API.
2651         </sca:description>
2652     </sca:intent>
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2654     <sca:intent name="noListener" constrains="sca:binding"
2655     intentType="interaction">
2656         <sca:description>
2657             This intent can only be used on a reference. Indicates that the
2658             client is not able to handle new inbound connections. The binding
2659             and callback binding are configured so that any
2660             response or callback comes either through a back channel of the
2661             connection from the client to the server or by having the client
2662             poll the server for messages.
2663         </sca:description>
2664     </sca:intent>
2665
2666 </sca:definitions>
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2667 *Snippet B-1: SCA intent Definitions*

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C.1D.1 Conformance Targets

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The conformance items listed in the section below apply to the following conformance targets:

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- Document artifacts (or constructs within them) that can be checked statically.

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- SCA runtimes, which we may require to exhibit certain behaviors.

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C.2D.2 Conformance Items

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This section contains a list of conformance items for the SCA Policy Framework specification.

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Conformance ID

Description

[POL30001]

If the configured instance of a binding is in conflict with the intents and policy sets selected for that instance, the SCA runtime MUST raise an error.

[POL30002]

The QName for an intent MUST be unique amongst the set of intents in the SCA Domain.

[POL30004]

If an intent has more than one qualifier, one and only one MUST be declared as the default qualifier.

[POL30005]

The name of each qualifier MUST be unique within the intent definition.

[POL30006]

the name of a profile intent MUST NOT have a "." in it.

[POL30007]

If a profile intent is attached to an artifact, all the intents listed in its @requires attribute MUST be satisfied as described in section 4.12.

[POL30008]

When a policySet element contains a set of intentMap children, the value of the @provides attribute of each intentMap MUST correspond to an unqualified intent that is listed within the @provides attribute value of the parent policySet element.

[POL30010]

For each qualifiable intent listed as a member of the @provides attribute list of a policySet element, there MUST be no more than one corresponding intentMap element that declares the unqualified form of that intent in its @provides attribute. In other words, each intentMap within a given policySet uniquely provides for a specific intent.

[POL30011]

Following the inclusion of all policySet references, when a policySet element directly contains wsp:policyAttachment children or policies using extension elements, the set of policies specified as children MUST satisfy all the intents expressed using the @provides attribute value of the policySet element.

[POL30013]

The set of intents in the @provides attribute of a referenced policySet MUST be a subset of the set of intents in the @provides attribute of the referencing policySet.

- [POL30015] Each QName in the @requires attribute MUST be the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.
- [POL30016] Each QName in the @excludes attribute MUST be the QName of an intent in the SCA Domain.
- [POL30017] The QName for a policySet MUST be unique amongst the set of policySets in the SCA Domain.
- [POL30018] The contents of @appliesTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 [XPATH] production *Expr*.
- [POL30019] The contents of @attachTo MUST match the XPath 1.0 production *Expr*.
- [POL30020] If a policySet specifies a qualifiable intent in the @provides attribute, and it provides an intentMap for the qualifiable intent then that intentMap MUST specify all possible qualifiers for that intent.
- [POL30021] The @provides attribute value of each intentMap that is an immediate child of a policySet MUST be included in the @provides attribute of the parent policySet.
- [POL30024] An SCA Runtime MUST include in the Domain the set of intent definitions contained in the Policy_Intent_Definitions.xml described in the appendix "Intent Definitions" of the SCA Policy specification.
- [POL30025] If only one qualifier for an intent is given it MUST be used as the default qualifier for the intent.
- [POL40001] SCA implementations supporting both Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms MUST ignore policy sets applicable to any given SCA element via the Direct Attachment mechanism when there exist policy sets applicable to the same SCA element via the External Attachment mechanism
- [POL40002] The SCA runtime MUST raise an error if the @attachTo XPath expression resolves to an SCA <property> element, or any of its children.
- [POL40004] A qualifiable intent expressed lower in the hierarchy can be qualified further up the hierarchy, in which case the qualified version of the intent MUST apply to the higher level element.
- [POL40005] Rule2: The intents declared on elements higher in the structural hierarchy of a given element MUST be applied to the element EXCEPT
- if any of the inherited intents is mutually exclusive with an intent applied on the element, then the inherited intent MUST be ignored
 - if the overall set of intents from the element itself and from its structural hierarchy contains both an unqualified version and a qualified version of the same intent, the qualified version of the intent MUST be used.
- [POL40006] If a component has any policySets attached to it (by any means), then any policySets attached to the componentType MUST be

- ignored.
- [POL40007] Matching service/reference policies across the SCA Domain boundary MUST use WS-Policy compatibility (strict WS-Policy intersection) if the policies are expressed in WS-Policy syntax.
- [POL40009] Any two intents applied to a given element MUST NOT be mutually exclusive
- [POL40010] SCA runtimes MUST support at least one of the Direct Attachment and External Attachment mechanisms for policySet attachment.
- [POL40011] SCA implementations supporting only the External Attachment mechanism MUST ignore the policy sets that are applicable via the Direct Attachment mechanism.
- [POL40012] SCA implementations supporting only the Direct Attachment mechanism MUST ignore the policy sets that are applicable via the External Attachment mechanism.
- [POL40013] During the deployment of SCA composites, all policySets within the Domain with an attachTo attribute MUST be evaluated to determine which policySets are attached to the newly deployed composite.
- [POL40014] The intents declared on elements lower in the implementation hierarchy of a given element MUST be applied to the element.
- [POL40015] when combining implementation hierarchy and structural hierarchy policy data, Rule 1 MUST be applied BEFORE Rule 2.
- [POL40016] When calculating the set of intents and set of policySets which apply to either a service element or to a reference element of a component, intents and policySets from the interface definition and from the interface declaration(s) MUST be applied to the service or reference element and to the binding element(s) belonging to that element.
- [POL40017] If the required intent set contains a mutually exclusive pair of intents the SCA runtime MUST reject the document containing the element and raise an error.
- [POL40018] All intents in the required intent set for an element SHOULD be provided by the directly provided intents set and the set of policySets that apply to the element.
- [POL40019] The locations where interfaces are defined and where interfaces are declared in the componentType and in a component MUST be treated as part of the implementation hierarchy as defined in Section 4.5 Attaching intents to SCA elements.
- [POL40020] The QName of the bindingType MUST be unique amongst the set of bindingTypes in the SCA Domain.
- [POL40021] A binding implementation MUST implement all the intents listed in the @alwaysProvides and @mayProvides attributes.
- [POL40022] The SCA runtime MUST determine the compatibility of the policySets at each end of a wire using the compatibility rules of

- the policy language used for those policySets.
- [POL40023] The policySets at each end of a wire MUST be incompatible if they use different policy languages.
- [POL40024] Where the policy language in use for a wire is WS-Policy, strict WS-Policy intersection MUST be used to determine policy compatibility.
- [POL40025] In order for a reference to connect to a particular service, the policies of the reference MUST intersect with the policies of the service.
- [POL40026] During the deployment of an SCA policySet, the behavior of an SCA runtime MUST take ONE of the following forms:
- The policySet is immediately attached to all deployed composites which satisfy the @attachTo attribute of the policySet.
 - The policySet is attached to a deployed composite which satisfies the @attachTo attribute of the policySet when the composite is re-deployed.
- [POL40027] Any intents attached to an interface definition artifact, such as a WSDL portType, MUST be added to the intents attached to the service or reference to which the interface definition applies. If no intents are attached to the service or reference then the intents attached to the interface definition artifact become the only intents attached to the service or reference.
- [POL50001] The implementationType name attribute MUST be the QName of an XSD global element definition used for implementation elements of that type.
- [POL70001] When *authorization* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the client is authorized to use the service.
- [POL70009] When *confidentiality* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that only authorized entities can view the contents of a message.
- [POL70010] When *integrity* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the contents of a message are not altered.
- [POL70011] When a *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* or *integrity* intent is qualified by *transport*, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* and *integrity*, respectively, to the transport layer of the communication protocol.
- [POL70012] When a *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* or *integrity* intent is qualified by *message*, an SCA Runtime MUST delegate *serverAuthentication*, *clientAuthentication*, *confidentiality* and *integrity*, respectively, to the message layer of the communication protocol.
- [POL70013] When *serverAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that the server is authenticated by the client.
- [POL70014] When *clientAuthentication* is present, an SCA runtime MUST ensure that the client is authenticated by the server.

- [POL80001] When *atLeastOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation, and MAY deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
- [POL80002] When *atMostOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MAY deliver a message to the destination service implementation, and MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
- [POL80003] When *ordered* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver messages sent by a single source to a single destination service implementation in the order that the messages were sent by that source.
- [POL80004] When *exactlyOnce* is present, an SCA Runtime MUST deliver a message to the destination service implementation and MUST NOT deliver duplicates of a message to the service implementation.
- [POL90003] For a component marked with `managedTransaction.global`, the SCA runtime MUST ensure that a global transaction is present before dispatching any method on the component.
- [POL90004] A component marked with `managedTransaction.local` MUST run within a local transaction containment (LTC) that is started and ended by the SCA runtime.
- [POL90006] Local transactions MUST NOT be propagated outbound across removable interfaces.
- [POL90007] A transaction that is propagated to the hosting SCA runtime MUST NOT be joined by the hosting runtime on behalf of a component marked with `noManagedtransaction`.
- [POL90008] When a reference is marked as `transactedOneWay`, any `OneWay` invocation messages MUST be transacted as part of a client global transaction.
- [POL90009] If the client component is not configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not support transactional message sending, then a reference MUST NOT be marked as `transactedOneWay`.
- [POL90010] If a service is marked as `transactedOneWay`, any `OneWay` invocation message MUST be received from the transport binding in a transacted fashion, under the target service's global transaction.
- [POL90011] If the component is not configured to run under a global transaction or if the binding does not support transactional message receipt, then a service MUST NOT be marked as `transactedOneWay`.
- [POL90012] When applied to a reference indicates that any `OneWay` invocation messages MUST be sent immediately regardless of any client transaction.
- [POL90013] When applied to a service indicates that any `OneWay` invocation MUST be received immediately regardless of any target service

	transaction.
[POL90015]	A service marked with <code>propagatesTransaction</code> MUST be dispatched under any propagated (client) transaction.
[POL90016]	Use of the <i>propagatesTransaction</i> intent on a service implies that the service binding MUST be capable of receiving a transaction context.
[POL90017]	A service marked with <code>suspendsTransaction</code> MUST NOT be dispatched under any propagated (client) transaction.
[POL90019]	A service MUST NOT be marked with "propagatesTransaction" if the component is marked with "managedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction"
[POL90020]	When a reference is marked with <code>propagatesTransaction</code> , any transaction context under which the client runs MUST be propagated when the reference is used for a request-response interaction
[POL90022]	When a reference is marked with <code>suspendsTransaction</code> , any transaction context under which the client runs MUST NOT be propagated when the reference is used.
[POL90023]	A reference MUST NOT be marked with <code>propagatesTransaction</code> if component is marked with "ManagedTransaction.local" or with "noManagedTransaction"
[POL90024]	Transaction context MUST NOT be propagated on <code>OneWay</code> messages.
[POL90025]	The SCA runtime MUST ignore the <code>propagatesTransaction</code> intent for <code>OneWay</code> methods.
[POL90027]	If a <code>transactedOneWay</code> intent is combined with the <code>managedTransaction.local</code> or <code>noManagedTransaction</code> implementation intents for either a reference or a service then an error MUST be raised during deployment.
[POL100001]	When <i>SOAP</i> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST use the SOAP messaging model to deliver messages.
[POL100002]	When a <i>SOAP</i> intent is qualified with <code>1_1</code> or <code>1_2</code> , then SOAP version 1.1 or SOAP version 1.2 respectively MUST be used to deliver messages.
[POL100003]	When <i>JMS</i> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and receive messages supports the JMS API.
[POL100004]	The <code>noListener</code> intent MUST only be declared on a <code>@requires</code> attribute of a reference.
[POL100005]	When <code>noListener</code> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST not establish any connection from a service to a client.
[POL100006]	When <i>EJB</i> is present, an SCA Runtime MUST ensure that the binding used to send and receive messages supports the EJB API.
[POL110001]	An SCA runtime MUST reject a composite file that does not conform to the <code>sca-policy-1.1.xsd</code> schema.

2676 Table C-1: SCA Policy Normative Statements

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