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1 Introduction

The AS4 profile of the ebMS V3 OASIS standard is intended to achieve the same functionality as AS2, while leveraging the features of the recent ebMS V3 standard. The main features of interest are compatibility with Web services standards, message pulling capability, and a built-in Receipt mechanism.

Profiling ebMS V3 means:

- defining of a subset of ebMS V3 options to be supported by the AS4 handler,
- deciding which types of message exchanges must be supported, and how these exchanges should be conducted (level of security, binding to HTTP, etc.)
- deciding of AS4-specific message contents and practices (how to make use of the ebMS message header fields, in an AS4 context).
- deciding of some operational best practices, for the end-user.

The overall goal of a profile for a standard is to ensure interoperability by:

- Establishing particular usage and practices of the standard within a community of users,
- Defining the subset of features in this standard that needs to be supported by an implementation.

Two kinds of profiles are usually to be considered when profiling an existing standard:

1. **Conformance Profiles.** These define the different ways a product can conform to a standard, based on specific ways to use this standard. A conformance profile is usually associated with a specific conformance clause. Conformance profiles are of prime interest for product managers and developers: they define a precise subset of features to be supported.

2. **Usage Profiles** (also called Deployment Profiles). These define how a standard should be used by a community of users, in order to ensure best compatibility with business practices and interoperability. Usage profiles are of prime interest for IT end-users: they define how to configure the use of a standard (and related product) as well as how to bind this standard to business applications. A usage profile usually points at required or compatible conformance profile(s).

AS4 is defined as a combination of:

- A couple of AS4 Conformance Profiles (see section 2), that define the subset of ebMS V3 features to be supported by an AS4 implementation.
- An AS4 Usage Profile (section 4) that defines how to use an AS4-compliant implementation in order to achieve similar functions as specified in AS2.

Two AS4 conformance profiles (CP) are defined below:
(1) the AS4 ebHandler CP. This conformance profile supports both Sending and Receiving roles, and for each role both message pushing and message pulling.

(2) the AS4 light Client CP. This conformance profile supports both Sending and Receiving roles, but only message pushing for Sending and message pulling for Receiving. In other words, it does not support incoming HTTP requests, and may have no IP address.

Compatible existing conformance profiles for ebMS V3 are:

- Gateway RM V3 or Gateway RX V3: an MSH product implementing any of these profiles will also be conforming to the AS4 ebHandler CP (the reverse is not true).

NOTE: Full compliance to AS4 actually requires and/or authorizes a message handler to implement a few additional features beyond the above CPs. These features are described in Section 3.

1.1 Terminology

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be interpreted as described in IETF RFC 2119.

1.2 Normative References

1.3 Non-normative References


2 AS4 Conformance Profiles for ebMS V3

2.1 The AS4 ebHandler Conformance Profile

The AS4 ebHandler is identified by the URI:

http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/cprofiles/200809/as4ebhandler

2.1.1 Features Set

AS4 CP is defined as follows, using the table template and terminology provided in Appendix F ("Conformance") of the core ebXML Messaging Services V3.0 specification [ebMS3].

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<tr>
<th>Conformance Profile:</th>
<th>Profile summary: &quot;Sending+Receiving&quot; / &quot;AS4 eb Handler&quot; / Level 1 / HTTP1.1 + SOAP 1.2 + WSS1.1</th>
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<td>AS4 ebHandler</td>
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**Functional Aspects**

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<th>ebMS MEP</th>
<th>Profile Feature Set</th>
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<td>Support for all ebMS simple MEPs, in both Sender or Receiver role:</td>
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<td>● One-way / Push,</td>
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<td>Regardless of which MEP is used, the sending of an eb:Receipt message must be supported:</td>
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<td>● For the One-way / Push, both &quot;response&quot; and &quot;callback&quot; reply patterns must be supported.</td>
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<td>● For the One-way / Pull, the &quot;callback&quot; pattern is the only viable option, and the User message sender MUST be ready to accept an eb:Receipt either</td>
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<td>piggybacked on (or bundled with) a PullRequest, or piggybacked on another User Message, or sent separately. In all MEPs, the User message receiver</td>
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<td>MUST be able to send an eb:Receipt as a separate message (i.e. not piggybacked on a PullRequest message or on another User message). An MSH conforming</td>
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<td>to this profile is therefore NOT required to bundle an eb:Receipt with any other ebMS header or message body.</td>
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<td>Use of the ebbpsig:NonRepudiationInformation element (as defined in [ebBP-SIG]) MUST be supported as content for the eb:Receipt message, i.e. when</td>
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<td>conforming to this profile a Sending MSH must be able to create a Receipt with such a content, and a Receiving MSH must be able to process it.</td>
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<th>Reliability</th>
<th>Reception Awareness, defined as the ability for a Sending ebHandler to notify its application (message Producer) of lack of reception of an eb:Receipt related to a</th>
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sent message, MUST be supported. This implies support for: (a) correlating eb:Receipts with previously sent User messages, based on the ebMS message ID, (b) detection of a missing eb:Receipt for a sent message, (c) ability to report an error to the message Producer in case no eb:Receipt has been received for a sent message.

The semantics of sending back an eb:Receipt message is: a well-formed ebMS user message has been received and the MSH is taking responsibility for its processing, (no additional application-level delivery semantics, and no payload validation semantics).

No support for a WS reliable messaging specification is required although that is an option.

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<td>● Support for username / password token, digital signatures and encryption.</td>
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<td>● Support for content-only transforms.</td>
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<td>● Support for security of attachments required.</td>
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<td>● Support for message authorization at P-Mode level (see 7.10 in [ebMS3]) Authorization of the Pull signal - for a particular MPC - must be supported at minimum.</td>
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Two authorization options must be supported by an MSH in the Receiving role, and at least one of them in the Sending role:

- **Authorization Option 1**: Use of the WSS security header targeted to the "ebms" actor, as specified in section 7.10 of ebMS V3, with the wsse:UsernameToken profile. This header may either come in addition to the regular wsse security header (XMLDsig for authentication), or may be the sole wsse header, if a transport-level secure protocol such as SSL or TLS is used. An example of message is given in Appendix …

- **Authorization Option 2**: Use of a regular wsse security header (XMLDsig for authentication, use of X509), and no additional wsse security header targeted to "ebms". In that case, the MSH must be able to use the credential present in this security header for Pull authorization, i.e. to associate these with a specific MPC.

**NOTE on XMLDsig**: XMLDsig allows arbitrary XSLT Transformations when constructing the plaintext over which a signature or reference is created. Conforming applications that allow use of XSLT transformations when verifying either signatures or references are encouraged to maintain lists of "safe" transformations for a given partner, service, action and role combination. Static analysis of XSLT expressions with a human user audit is encouraged for trusting a given expression as "safe".

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<th>Error generation and reporting</th>
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<td>● Capability of the Receiving MSH to report errors from message processing, either as ebMS error messages or as Faults to the Sending MSH. The following modes of reporting to Sending MSH are supported: (a) sending error as a separate request</td>
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(ErrorHandling.Report.ReceiverErrorsTo=<URL of Sending MSH>), (b) sending error on the back channel of underlying protocol (ErrorHandling.Report.AsResponse="true").

- Capability to report to a third-party address (ErrorHandling.Report.ReceiverErrorsTo=<other address>).
- Capability of Sending MSH to report generated errors as notifications to the message producer (support for Report.ProcessErrorNotifyProducer="true") (e.g. delivery failure).
- Generated errors: All specified errors to be generated when applicable, except for EBMS:0010: On Receiving MSH, no requirement to generate error EBMS:0010 for discrepancies between message header and the following P-Mode features: P-Mode.reliability and P-Mode.security, but requirement to generate such error for other discrepancies.

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<th>Message Partition Channels</th>
<th>Support for additional message channels beside the default, so that selective pulling by a partner MSH is possible.</th>
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<th>Message packaging</th>
<th>• Support for attachments required.</th>
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<td>• Support for MessageProperties required.</td>
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<td>• Support for processing messages that contain both a signal message unit (eb:SignalMessage) and a user message unit (eb:UserMessage).</td>
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| Interoperability Parameters | **Transport**: HTTP 1.1  
**SOAP version**: 1.2  
**Reliability Specification**: none.  
**Security Specification**: WSS 1.1. When using the One-way / Pull MEP, the response message must use by default the same WSS version as the request message. Otherwise, the version to be applied to a message is specified in the P-Mode.security |

### 2.1.2 WS-I Conformance Profiles

The Web-Services Interoperability consortium has defined guidelines for interoperability of SOAP messaging implementations. In order to ensure maximal interoperability across different SOAP stacks, MIME and HTTP implementations, this conformance profile requires compliance with the following WS-I profiles:

- Basic Security Profile (BSP) 1.1 [WSIBSP11]
- Attachment Profile (AP) 1.0, [WSIAP10] with regard to the use of MIME and SwA.
Notes:

- Compliance with AP1.0 would normally require compliance with BP1.1, which in turn requires the absence of SOAP Envelope in the HTTP response of a One-Way (R2714). However, recent BP versions such as BP1.2 [WSIBP12] override this requirement. Consequently, the AS4 ebHandler conformance profile does not require conformance to these deprecated requirements inherited from BP1.1 (R2714, R1143) regarding the use of HTTP.

- The above WS-I profiles must be complied with within the scope of features exhibited by the AS4 ebHandler conformance profile. For example, since only SOAP 1.2 is required by AS4 ebHandler, the requirements from BSP 1.1 that depend on SOAP 1.1 would not apply. Similarly, none of the requirements for DESCRIPTION (WSDL) or REGDATA (UDDI) apply here, as these are not used.

This conformance profile may be refined in a future version to require conformance to the following WS-I profiles, once approved and published by WS-I:

- Basic Profile 2.0 (BP2.0)

### 2.1.3 Processing Mode Parameters

Summary of P-Mode parameters that must be supported by an implementation conforming to this profile. For each parameter, either:

- full support is required: an implementation is supposed to support the possible options for this parameter.
- Support for a subset of values is required.
- No support is required: an implementation is not required to support the features controlled by this parameter, and therefore not required to understand this parameter.

#### 0. General PMode parameters:

- **(PMode.ID: support not required)**
- **(PMode.Agreement: support not required)**
- **PMode.Initiator.Party: support required.**
- **PMode.Initiator.Role: support required.**
- **PMode.Responder.Party: support required.**
● **PMode.Responder.Role**: support required.


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1. **PMode[1].Protocol**:

- **PMode[1].Protocol.SOAPVersion**: support for SOAP 1.2.

2. **PMode[1].BusinessInfo**:

- **PMode[1].BusinessInfo.Service**: support required.
- **PMode[1].BusinessInfo.Action**: support required.
- **PMode[1].BusinessInfo.Properties[]**: support required.
- **(PMode[1].BusinessInfo.PayloadProfile[]): not required**
- **(PMode[1].BusinessInfo.PayloadProfile.maxSize: not required)**

3. **PMode[1].ErrorHandling**:

- **(PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.SenderErrorsTo**: support not required)
- **PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.ReceiverErrorsTo**: support required (for address of the MSH sending the message in error or for third-party).
- **PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.AsResponse**: support required (true/false).
- **PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.ProcessErrorNotifyProducer**: support required (true/false)
- **PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.DeliveryFailuresNotifyProducer**: support required (true/false)

4. **PMode[1].Reliability**:

- none.
5. PMode[1].Security:

- **PMode[1].Security.WSSVersion**: support required for: {1.1 }
- **PMode[1].Security.UsernameToken.username**: support required.
- **PMode[1].Security.UsernameToken.password**: support required.
- **PMode[1].Security.UsernameToken.Digest**: support required (true/false)
- **PMode[1].Security.PModeAuthorize**: support required (true/false)
- **PMode[1].Security.SendReceipt**: support required (true/false)
- **PMode[1].Security.SendReceipt.ReplyPattern**: support required (both “response” and “callback”)

2.2 The AS4 Light Client Conformance Profile

The AS4 light Client is identified by the URI:

http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/cprofiles/200809/as4lightclient

2.2.1 Feature Set

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<th>Conformance Profile:</th>
<th>Profile summary: &lt;“Sending+Receiving” / “lighthandler-rm” / Level 1 / HTTP1.1 + SOAP 1.1&gt;</th>
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| ebMS MEP           | Support for One-way / Push (as initiator), and One-way / Pull (as initiator). Regardless of which MEP is used, the sending of an eb:Receipt message must be supported:  
  ● For the One-way / Push, the “response” reply pattern must be supported.  
  ● For the One-way / Pull, the “callback” pattern is the only viable option, and the User message sender MUST be ready to accept an eb:Receipt either piggybacked on a PullRequest, or sent separately. The User message receiver MUST be able to send an eb:Receipt separately from the PullRequest.  
In all MEPs, the User message receiver MUST be able to send an eb:Receipt as a separate message (i.e. not piggybacked on a PullRequest message or on another User message). An MSH conforming to this profile is therefore NOT required to bundle an eb:Receipt with any other ebMS header or message body. However, when receiving a Receipt, an MSH conforming to this profile MUST be able to process an eb:Receipt bundled with an other ebMS message header or body. Use of the ebbpsig:NonRepudiationInformation element (as defined in [ebBP-SIG]) MUST be supported as content for the eb:Receipt message, i.e. when conforming to this profile a Sending MSH must be able to create a Receipt with such a content, and a Receiving MSH must be able to process it. |

| Reliability        | Reception Awareness, defined as the ability for a Sending light Client to notify its application (message Producer) of lack of reception of an eb:Receipt related to a sent message, MUST be supported. This implies support for:  
(a) correlating eb:Receipts with previously sent User messages, based on the ebMS message ID,  
(b) detection of a missing eb:Receipt for a sent message,  
(c) ability to report an error to the message Producer in case no eb:Receipt has been received for a sent message.  
The semantics of sending back an eb:Receipt message is: a well-formed ebMS user message has been received and the MSH is taking responsibility for its processing, (no additional application-level delivery semantics, and no payload validation semantics).  
No support for a WS reliable messaging specification is required although that is an option. |

| Security           | Both authorization options for message pulling (authorizing PullRequest for a particular MPC) described in the ebHandler conformance profile MUST be supported:  
1. Support for username / password token: minimal support for wss:UsernameToken profile in the Pull signal - for authorizing a particular MPC. |
Support for adding a WSS security header targeted to the “ebms” actor, as specified in section 7.10 of ebMS V3, with the wsse:UsernameToken profile. The use of transport-level secure protocol such as SSL or TLS is recommended.

2. Support for a regular wsse security header (XMLDsig for authentication, use of X509), and no additional wsse security header targeted to “ebms”,

| Error generation and reporting | Support for error notification to the local message producer (e.g. reported failure to deliver pushed messages). Ability to report message processing errors for pulled messages to the remote party via Error messages (such an error may be bundled with another pushed message or a Pull signal.). |
| Message Partition Channels | Sending on default message partition flow channel (no support for additional message partitions required.) |
| Message packaging | No support for attachments required – i.e. the payload will use the SOAP body-, no support for MessageProperties required |
| Interoperability Parameters | **Transport**: HTTP 1.1
**SOAP version**: 1.2
**Reliability Specification**: none.
**Security Specification**: WSS 1.1. |

### 2.2.2 WS-I Conformance Requirements

This conformance profile will require compliance with the following WS-I profile, once formally approved by WS-I (currently in Board approval draft status):

- Basic Profile 2.0 [WSIBP20]

Note: the above WS-I profile must be complied with within the scope of features exhibited by the AS4 Light Client ebMS conformance profile.

### 2.3 Conformance Profiles Compatibility

The AS4 profile is compatible with the following ebMS V3 conformance profiles, defined in [ebMS3-CP]:
• Gateway RM V2/3
• Gateway RM V3
• Gateway RX V2/3
• Gateway RX V3

AS4 may be deployed on any MSH that conforms to one of the above conformance profiles.
3 AS4 Additional Features

This section defines features that were not specified in ebMS V3 and therefore out of scope for the previous conformance profiles (ebHandler CP and Light Client CP). These features should be considered as additional capabilities that are either required by or made optional to AS4 implementations.

The profiling tables below can be used for adding user-defined profiling requirements to be adopted within a business community. Whenever the feature – or its profiling - is mandatory, the right-side column (Profile Requirement) will specify it.

3.1 Compression

Application payloads that are built in conformance with the SOAP Messages with Attachments [SOAPATTACH] specification may be compressed. Support for compression MUST then be provided by AS4 implementations. Compression of the SOAP envelope and/or payload containers within the SOAP Body of an ebMS Message is not supported.

To compress the payload(s) of a message build in conformance with the SOAP Messages with Attachments [SOAPATTACH] specification the GZIP [GZIP] compression algorithm MUST be used. Compression MUST be applied before payloads are attached to the SOAP Message.

The eb:PartInfo element in the message header that relates to the compressed message part, MUST have an eb:Property element with @name = "Compressed":

<eb:Property name="Compressed"/>

The content type of the compressed attachment MUST be "application/gzip".

These are indicators to the receiver that compression has been used on this part.

When compression, signature and encryption are required of the MSH, the message MUST be compressed prior to being signed and/or encrypted.

Packaging requirements:

- A eb:PartInfo/eb:PartProperties/eb:Property/@name="MimeType" value is RECOMMENDED to identify the mimetype of the payload before compression was applied.
- A eb:PartInfo/eb:PartProperties/eb:Property/@name="CharacterSet" value is RECOMMENDED to identify the character set of the payload before compression was applied.

Example:

<eb:PartInfo href="cid=foo@example.com" <mailto:cid=foo@example.com> >
<eb:PartProperties>
  <eb:Property name="MimeType">application/xml</eb:Property>
  <eb:Property name="CharacterSet">utf-8</eb:Property>
An additional PMode parameter is defined:

- **PMode[1].PayloadService.Compression**: \{true / false\}

  **True**: some attached payload(s) may be compressed over this MEP segment.

  **False** (default): no compression is used over this MEP segment.

NOTE: the requirement for Compression feature applies to both conformance profiles (AS4 ebHandler and AS4 light Client)

### 3.2 Reception Awareness features and Duplicate Detection

These capabilities are making use of the eb:Receipt as the sole type of acknowledgement that must be supported. Duplicate detection only relies on the eb:MessageInfo/eb:MessageId.

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<td>Reception awareness error handling (mandatory support)</td>
<td>Ability for the MSH expecting an eb:Receipt to generate an error in case no eb:Receipt has been received for a sent message. It is RECOMMENDED that this error be a new error: Code = EBMS:0301, Short Description = MissingReceipt, Severity = Failure, Category = Communication. Ability for the MSH expecting an eb:Receipt to report a MissingReceipt error to the message Producer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message Retry (Optional support)</td>
<td>Ability for a User message sender that has not received an expected eb:Receipt to resend the User message. If doing so, the eb:MessageInfo/eb:MessageId element of the resend message and of the original User message MUST be same. However, the eb:MessageInfo/eb:Timestamp MUST be different.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duplicate Detection (mandatory support)</td>
<td>Ability for the MSH receiving a User message to detect and/or eliminate duplicates based on eb:MessageInfo/eb:MessageId. If duplicates are just detected (not eliminated) then at the very least it is required that the Receiving MSH notifies its application (message Consumer) of the duplicates. For examples, these could be logged.</td>
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</table>
Related quantitative parameters (time window for the detection, or maximum message log size) are left for implementors to decide.

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NOTE: these requirements apply to both conformance profiles (AS4 ebHandler and AS4 light Client)

Four additional PMode parameters are defined:

- **PMode[1].ReceptionAwareness**: (true / false)
- **PMode[1].ReceptionAwareness.Replay**: (true / false)
- **PMode[1].ReceptionAwareness.Replay.Parameters**: (contains a composite string specifying: (a) maximum number of retries or some timeout, (b) frequency of retries or some retry rule). The string contains a sequence of parameters of the form: name=value, separated by either commas or ‘;’. Example: "maxretries=10,period=3000", in case the retry period is 3000 ms.
- **PMode[1].ReceptionAwareness.DuplicateDetection**: (true / false)
- **PMode[1].ReceptionAwareness.DetectDuplicates.Parameters**: (contains a composite string specifying either (a) maximum size of message log over which duplicate detection is supported, (b) maximum time window over which duplicate detection is supported). The string contains a sequence of parameters of the form: name=value, separated by either commas or ‘;’. Example: "maxsize=10Mb,checkwindow=7D", in case the duplicate check window is guaranteed of 7 days minimum.

### 3.3 Alternative Pull Authorization

In addition to the two authorization options described in the AS4 Conformance Profile (section 2.1.1), an implementation MAY optionally decide to support a third authorization technique, based on transient security (SSL or TLS).

SSL/TLS can provide certificate-based client authentication. Once the identity of the Pulling client is established, the Security module may pass this identity to the ebms module, which can then associate it with the right authorization entry, e.g. the set of MPCs this client is allowed to pull from.

This third authorization option – compatible with AS4 although not specified in ebMS Core V3 - relies on the ability of the ebms module to obtain the client credentials. This capability represents an (optional) new feature.

Pull request authentication service, there may be no need for any WS-Security headers in the Pull request at all.
3.4 Semantics of Receipt in AS4

The notion of Receipt in ebMS V3 is not associated with any particular semantics. However, when combined with security (signing), it is intended to support Non Repudiation of Receipt (NRR).

In AS4, the eb:Receipt message serves both as a business receipt (its content is profiled in Section 2), and as a reception indicator, being a key element of the reception awareness feature. No particular delivery semantics can be assumed however: the sending of an eb:Receipt only means the following, from a message processing viewpoint:

(a) The related ebMS user message has been received and is well-formed.
(b) The Receiving MSH is taking responsibility for processing this user message. However, no guarantee can be made that this user message will be ultimately delivered to its Consumer application (this responsibility lays however now on the Receiver side).

The meaning of NOT getting an expected Receipt, for the sender of a related user message, is one of the following:

1. The user message was lost and never received by the Receiving MSH.
2. The user message was received, but the eb:Receipt was never generated, e.g. due to a faulty configuration (PMode).
3. The user message was received, the eb:Receipt was sent back but was lost on the way.

See section 4.1.8 for AS4 usage rules about Receipts.

4 AS4 Usage Profile of ebMS 3.0

While the previous sections were describing messaging handler requirements for AS4 compliance (i.e. mostly intended for product developers), this section is about configuration and usage options.

This section is split in two major subsections:

- The AS4 Usage Rules: this section is stating the rules for using messaging features in an AS4-compliant way.
- The AS4 Usage Agreements: this section is reminding the users of what are the main options left open by the AS4 profiles, that they have to agree on in order to interoperate.

Both sections are about features that are under responsibility of the user when using an AS4-compliant product.
## 4.1 AS4 Usage Rules

### 4.1.1 Core Components / Modules to be Used

This table summarizes which functional modules in the ebMS V3 specification are required to be implemented by the AS4 profile, and whether or not these modules are actually profiled for AS4.

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<td>Usage: Required</td>
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<td>Profiled: Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes: This Profile only supports the One-Way/Push MEP (Sync and Async) and the One-Way/Pull MEP</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message Pulling and Partitioning (section 3)</td>
<td>Usage: Required</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Profiled: No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes: The profiling of QoS associated with Pulling is defined in another module. The MPC and pulling feature itself are not profiled.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Processing Modes (section 4)</td>
<td>Usage: Required</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Profiled: Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message Packaging (section 5)</td>
<td>Usage: Required</td>
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<td>Profiled: Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes: Default business process defines acceptable defaults for Role, Service, and Action. Bundling options for message headers (piggybacking) are restricted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Error Handling (section 6)</td>
<td>Usage: Required</td>
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<td>Profiled: Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes: Addition of some new Error Codes regarding Reception Awareness</td>
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<tr>
<td>Security Module (section 7)</td>
<td>Usage: Required</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Profiled: Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes: Guidance regarding which part(s) of the message may be encrypted and included in the signature. Further guidance on how to secure the PullRequest Signal and the preventing of replay attacks.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reliable Messaging Module (section 8)</td>
<td>Usage: Not Required</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Profiled: No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes: This profile does not require the use of the Reliable Messaging Module</td>
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using either WS-ReliableMessaging or WS-Reliability. It relies instead on eb:Receipts for supporting a light reliability feature called “Reception Awareness”.

4.1.2 Bundling rules

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<tr>
<td>Profiling Rule (a)</td>
<td>This profile supports the One-Way/Push MEP. Both synchronous and asynchronous transport channels for the response (eb:Receipt) are allowed by this profile, and Callback. When sending a Receipt for this MEP, a Receiving MSH conforming to this profile SHOULD NOT bundled the Receipt with any other ebMS message header or body.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Profiling Rule (b)</td>
<td>This profile supports the One-Way/Pull MEP. When sending a Receipt for this MEP, a Receiving MSH conforming to this profile SHOULD NOT bundled the Receipt with any other ebMS message header (including a PullRequest signal) or message body,</td>
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<td>Test References</td>
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4.1.3 Security Element

| Specification Feature | Use of WSS features |
| Specification Reference | ebMS v3.0, Section 7.1 |
| Profiling Rule (a) | When using digital signatures or encryption, an AS4 MSH implementation is REQUIRED to use the Web Services Security X.509 Certificate Token Profile [WSS11-X509]. |
### 4.1.4 Signing Messages

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**Profiling Rule (a)**
AS4 MSH implementations are **REQUIRED** to use Detached Signatures as defined by the XML Signature Specification [XMLDSIG] when signing AS4 user or signal messages. Enveloped Signatures as defined by [XMLDSIG] are not supported by or authorized in this profile.

**Profiling Rule (b)**
AS4 MSH implementations are **REQUIRED** to include the entire eb:Messaging SOAP header block and the SOAP Body in the signature.

### 4.1.5 Signing SOAP with Attachments Messages

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**Profiling Rule (a)**
AS4 MSH implementations are **REQUIRED** to use the Attachment-Content-Only transform when building application payloads using SOAP with Attachments [SOAPATTACH]. The Attachment-Complete transform is not supported by this profile.

**Profiling Rule (b)**
AS4 MSH implementations are **REQUIRED** to include the entire eb:Messaging header block and all MIME body parts of included payloads in the signature.
### 4.1.6 Encrypting Messages

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<td>Profiling Rule (a)</td>
<td>AS4 MSH implementations are <strong>SHALL NOT</strong> encrypt the eb:PartyInfo section of the eb:Messaging header. Other child elements of the eb:Messaging header <strong>MAY</strong> be encrypted or left unencrypted as defined by trading partner agreements or collaboration profiles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Profiling Rule (b)</td>
<td>If an AS4 user message is to be encrypted and the user-specified payload data is to be packaged in the SOAP Body, AS4 MSH implementations are <strong>REQUIRED</strong> to encrypt the SOAP Body.</td>
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### 4.1.7 Encrypting SOAP with Attachments Messages

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<tr>
<td>Profiling Rule (a)</td>
<td>If an AS4 user message is to be encrypted and the user-specified payload data is to be packaged in conformance with the [SOAPATTACH] specification, AS4 MSH implementations are <strong>REQUIRED</strong> to encrypt the MIME Body parts of included payloads.</td>
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### 4.1.8 Generating Receipts

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<td>ebMS v3.0, Section 5.2.3.3, eb:Messaging/eb:SignalMessage/eb:Receipt</td>
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### Profiling Rule (a): Receipts for reception awareness

When a Receipt is to be used solely as a reception indicator (for reception awareness), the sender of the Receipt MAY decide to not insert the ebbpsig:NonRepudiationInformation child element. No other element than ebbpsig:NonRepudiationInformation is allowed as child of eb:Receipt. If this element is not used, then eb:Receipt MUST be empty.

### Profiling Rule (b): Receipts for Non Repudiation of Receipt (NRR)

Non Repudiation of Receipt (NRR) requires eb:Receipt signals to be signed, and to contain digests of the original message parts for which NRR is required.

When signed receipts as requested in AS4 that make use of default conventions, the Sending message handler (i.e. sending messages for which signed receipts are expected) MUST identify message parts using Content-Id values in the MIME headers, and MUST sign the SOAP body and all attachments using the http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform within the SignedInfo References list.

As a reminder, the Sending message handler MUST not encrypt any signed content before signing (Section 7.6 in ebMS V3). If using compression in an attachment, the Sending message handler MUST sign the data after compression (see section 3.1). Variations from default conventions can be agreed to bilaterally, but conforming implementations are only required to provide receipts using the default conventions described in this section.

### Profiling Rule (c)

An AS4 message that has been digitally signed MUST be acknowledged with a message containing an eb:Receipt signal that itself is digitally signed. The eb:Receipt MUST contain the information necessary to provide nonrepudiation of receipt of the original message, as described in profiling rule (b).

NOTE: the digest(s) to be inserted in the ebbp:MessagePartNRInformation element(s) or the Receipt, related to the original message parts for which a receipt is required, may be obtained from the signature information of the original message (ds:SignedInfo element), as only those parts that have been signed are subject to NRR. This means a Receiving message handler may not have to compute digests outside its security module.

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### 4.1.9 MIME Header and Filename information

**Specification Feature**

Optional presence of a “filename” value in “Content-disposition” header on MIME body parts:
### Profiling Rule (a)

The "Content-disposition" header on MIME body parts, when used, MUST carry filename information. Implementations MUST support the setting (when sending) and reading (when receiving) of "Content-disposition" header.

### Profiling Rule (b)

When end users wish to supply filenames and have that information confidential, they SHOULD use TLS/SSL based encryption.

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#### 4.2 AS4 Usage Agreements

This section defines the operational aspect of the profile: configuration aspects that users have to agree on, mode of operation, etc.

All the user agreement options related to a specific type of message exchange instance (e.g. related to a specific type of business transaction) are controlled by the Processing Mode (PMode) parameters defined in the ebMS Core V3 specification. This section only lists the parameters that are particularly relevant to AS4.

#### 4.2.1 Controlling Content and Sending of Receipts

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<tr>
<td>Specification Reference</td>
<td>ebMS v3.0, Section 2.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Usage Profiling (a)</td>
<td>Must eb:Receipts be used for non-repudiation of receipt (NRR), or just act as reception awareness feature? For non-repudiation, the eb:Receipt element must contain a well-formed ebhp:NonRepudiationInformation element. This is indicated by the new PMode parameter: <strong>Pmode[1].Security.SendReceipt.NonRepudiation</strong> : value = 'true' (to be used for non-repudiation of receipt), value = 'false' (to be used simply for reception awareness).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Usage Profiling (b)</td>
<td>Receipts for One-Way/Push MEP: Both synchronous and asynchronous transport channels for the response (eb:Receipt) are allowed by this profile. and Callback)</td>
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</table>
This option is controlled by PMode parameter,

- **Pmode[1].Security.SendReceipt.ReplyPattern**: value = 'Response' (sending receipts on the HTTP response or back-channel).
- **Pmode[1].Security.SendReceipt.ReplyPattern**: value = 'Callback' (sending receipts using a separate connection.)

Usage Profiling (c)
Receipts for the One-Way/Pull MEP:

- **Pmode[1].Security.SendReceipt.ReplyPattern**: value = 'Callback' (sending receipts using a separate connection, and not bundled with PullRequest.)

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## 4.2.2 Error Handling Options

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<td>All Receiver-side error reporting options are left for users to agree on, including the choice not to report at all: <strong>PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.ReceiverErrorsTo</strong>: recommendation is to report such Receiver-side errors to the Sender. Otherwise: reporting URI that is different from sender URI? <strong>PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.AsResponse</strong>: recommendation for one-way messages (except when pulling is in use) is value=&quot;true&quot;: report errors on the back-channel of erroneous messages. Errors for pulled messages can only be reported on a separate connection. <strong>PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.ProcessErrorNotifyConsumer</strong>: (true / false) for controlling escalating the error to the application layer.</td>
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</table>
| Usage Profiling (a): Receiver-side error | what is the behavior of a Sender that failed to receive a Receipt (even after message retries)?
   (a) No error reporting (in case no reception awareness required).
   (b) Error reporting from the Sender MSH to its message Producer (application-level notification). Error type: EBMS:0301: MissingReceipt (see Section 3.2 in Additional Features.) |
| Usage Profiling (b): Reception Awareness errors | PMode parameter: **PMode[1].ErrorHandling.Report.MissingReceiptNotifyProducer**: (new) true if (b), false if (a) |
### 4.2.3 Securing the PullRequest

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<td>AS4 Conformance Profile authorization options (section 2.1.1)</td>
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**Usage Profiling (a):**

An AS4 Sending MSH may authenticate a Receiving MSH that sends a PullRequest in two ways:

(a) (Option 1 in 2.1.1) Use of the WSS security header targeted to the "ebms" actor, as specified in section 7.10 of ebMS V3, with the wsse:UsernameToken profile.

(b) (Option 2 in 2.1.1) by using [WSS11-X509] coupled with the Message Partition Channel that a Pull signal is accessing for pulling messages.

**PMode parameters:**

- **PMode.Initiator.Authorization:** must be set to true (the initiator of a Pull request must be authorized).
- **PMode.Initiator.Authorization.username:** (for option (a))
**4.2.4 Reception Awareness Parameters**

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<td>AS4 Profile: additional features (section 3)</td>
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**Usage Profiling (a): Sender options**

In case Reception Awareness is used: what is the behavior of a Sender that did not receive a Receipt?

- (c) No message replay.
- (d) Resend the message. Replay parameters: to agree on: (1) retry number, (2) retry frequency.

PMODE parameters (additional to those defined in ebMS Core V3):

- **PMODE[1].ReceptionAwareness**: (true / false)
- **PMODE[1].ReceptionAwareness.Replay**: (true / false)
- **PMODE[1].ReceptionAwareness.Replay.Parameters**: (contains a composite string specifying: (a) maximum number of retries or some timeout, (b) frequency of retries or some retry rule.)
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<th>Is duplicate detection enabled?</th>
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<td>(a) No. duplicates are not detected.</td>
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<td>(b) In addition to (a), a receiver detects and eliminates duplicates based on eb:MessageInfo/eb:MessageId.</td>
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PMode parameters (additional to those defined in ebMS Core V3):

- **PMode[1].ReceptionAwareness.DuplicateDetection**: (true / false)
- **PMode[1].ReceptionAwareness.DuplicateDetection.Parameters**

### Others

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#### 4.2.5 Default Values of Some PMode Parameters

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**Usage Profiling (a)**

- **PMode.MEP** parameter will be constrained to the following value:
  - [http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/oneWay](http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/oneWay)

**Usage Profiling (b)**

- **PMode.MEPbinding** parameter will be constrained to the following values:
  - [http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/push](http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/push)
  - [http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/pull](http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/pull)

**Usage Profiling (c)**

- **PMode.Initiator.Role** parameter will have the following default value:
  - [http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/initiator](http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/initiator)

**Usage Profiling (d)**

- **PMode.Responder.Role** parameter will have the following default value:
  - [http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/responder](http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/ebms/v3.0/ns/core/200704/responder)

**Usage Profiling (e)**

- **PMode[1].BusinessInfo.Service** parameter will have the following default value:
  - [http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/as4/200902/service](http://docs.oasis-open.org/ebxml-msg/as4/200902/service)
**4.2.6 HTTP Confidentiality and Security**

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<td>Is there a particular format for file names of CPAs, in case that file name is different from CPAlid value?</td>
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4.2.9 Additional Deployment or Operational Requirements

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Appendix A  Sample Messages

Receipts Samples

When the NonRepudiationInformation element is used in a Receipt, it contains a sequence of MessagePartNRInformation items for each message part for which evidence of non repudiation of receipt is being provided. In the normal default usage, these message parts are those that have been signed in the original message. Each message part is described with information defined by an XML Digital Signature Reference information item. The following example illustrates the ebMS V3 Signal Message header.

```xml
  <eb3:SignalMessage>
    <eb3:MessageInfo>
      <eb3:Timestamp>2009-11-06T08:00:09Z</eb3:Timestamp>
      <eb3:MessageId>orderreceipt@seller.com</eb3:MessageId>
      <eb3:RefToMessageId>orders123@buyer.com</eb3:RefToMessageId>
    </eb3:MessageInfo>
    <eb3:Receipt>
      <ebbp:NonRepudiationInformation>
        <ebbp:MessagePartNRInformation>
          <dsig:Reference URI="#5cb44655-5720-4cf4-a772-19cd480b0ad4"/>
          <dsig:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#"/>
          <dsig:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
          <dsig:DigestValue>o9QDCwWSiGVQACEsJH5nqkVE2s0=</dsig:DigestValue>
        </ebbp:MessagePartNRInformation>
        <ebbp:MessagePartNRInformation>
          <dsig:Reference URI="#cid:a1d7fd5-d67e-403a-ad92-3b9deff25d43@buyer.com"/>
          <dsig:Transform Algorithm="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform"/>
          <dsig:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
        </ebbp:MessagePartNRInformation>
      </ebbp:NonRepudiationInformation>
    </eb3:Receipt>
  </eb3:MessageInfo>
</eb3:Messaging>
```
For a signed receipt, a Web Services Security header signing over (at least) the signal header is required. An example WS-Security header is as follows:

```xml
<wsse:Security s:mustUnderstand="1" xmlns:wsse="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd"
xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
  <wsu:Timestamp wsu:Id="_1" xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">
    <wsu:Created>2009-11-06T08:00:10Z</wsu:Created>
    <wsu:Expires>2009-11-06T08:50:00Z</wsu:Expires>
  </wsu:Timestamp>
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">
    MIIFADCCBGmgAwIBAgIEOmitted=</wsse:BinarySecurityToken>

  <ds:Signature Id="_3" xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
    <ds:SignedInfo>
      <ds:CanonicalizationMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#"/>
      <ds:SignatureMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1"/>
      <ds:Reference URI="#ValueOfMessagingHeader">
        <ds:Transforms>
          <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#">
            <InclusiveNamespaces PrefixList="xsd" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#"/>
          </ds:Transform>
        </ds:Transforms>
        <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
      </ds:Reference>
    </ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:SignatureValue>rxAP4of8JCpUKOmitted=</ds:SignatureValue>
    <ds:KeyInfo>
  </ds:KeyInfo>
</wsse:Security>
```
  <wsse:Reference URI="#_2" ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</ds:KeyInfo>
</ds:Signature>
</wsse:Security>
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