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# 1 Introduction

130 The [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) specification defines a standard set of [SOAP](#)  
131 extensions that implement message level integrity and confidentiality. This  
132 specification defines the use of Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)  
133 assertions as security tokens from the `<wsse:Security>` header block defined by the  
134 [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) specification.

## 1.1 Goals

136 The goal of this specification is to define the use of SAML V1.1 assertions in the  
137 context of [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) including for the purpose of securing [SOAP](#)  
138 messages and [SOAP](#) message exchanges. To achieve this goal, this profile describes  
139 how:

- 140 1. SAML assertions are carried in and referenced from `<wsse:security>` Headers.
- 141 2. SAML assertions are used with XML signature to bind the statements of the  
142 assertions (i.e. the claims) to a SOAP message.

### 1.1.1 Non-Goals

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

- 145 3. Defining SAML statement syntax or semantics.
- 146 4. Describing the use of SAML assertions other than for SOAP Message Security.
- 147 5. Describing the use of SAML V1.0 assertions with the [Web Services Security](#)  
148 ([WSS](#)): [SOAP Message Security](#) specification.

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## 149 2 Notations and Terminology

150 This section specifies the notations, namespaces, and terminology used in this  
151 specification.

### 152 2.1 Notational Conventions

153 The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT",  
154 "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this  
155 document are to be interpreted as described in RFC2119.

156 This document uses the notational conventions defined in the WS-Security SOAP  
157 Message Security document.

158 Namespace URIs (of the general form "some-URI") represent some application-  
159 dependent or context-dependent URI as defined in [RFC2396](#).

160 This specification is designed to work with the general [SOAP](#) message structure and  
161 message processing model, and should be applicable to any version of [SOAP](#). The  
162 current SOAP 1.2 namespace URI is used herein to provide detailed examples, but  
163 there is no intention to limit the applicability of this specification to a single version  
164 of [SOAP](#).

165 Readers are presumed to be familiar with the terms in the [Internet Security](#)  
166 [Glossary](#).

### 167 2.2 Namespaces

168 The appearance of the following [\[XML-ns\]](#) namespace prefixes in the examples within  
169 this specification should be understood to refer to the corresponding namespaces  
170 (from the following table) whether or not an XML namespace declaration appears in  
171 the example:

Prefix	Namespace
<b>S11</b>	<a href="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/</a>
S12	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope</a>
<b>ds</b>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#</a>
<b>xenc</b>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc">http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc</a>

<b>wsse</b>	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-01.xsd">http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-01.xsd</a>
<b>wsu</b>	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd</a>
<b>saml</b>	Urn: oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion
<b>samlp</b>	Urn: oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:protocol

172 **Table-1 Namespace Prefixes**

## 173 **2.3 Terminology**

174 This specification employs the terminology defined in the [WSS: SOAP Message](#)  
175 [Security](#) specification. Defined below are the definitions for additional terminology  
176 used in this specification.

177

178 Attesting Entity – the entity that provides the confirmation evidence that will be used  
179 to establish the correspondence between the subject of SAML subject statements (in  
180 SAML assertions) and SOAP message content.

181

182 Confirmation Method Identifier – the value within the `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>`  
183 element of a SAML subject statement that identifies the confirmation method to be  
184 used with the statement.

185

186 Subject Confirmation – the method used to establish the correspondence between  
187 the subject of SAML subject statements (in SAML assertions) and SOAP message  
188 content by verifying the confirmation evidence provided by an attesting entity.

189

190 SAML Assertion Authority - An abstract *system entity* that issues *assertions*.

191

192 Subject – A representation of the entity to which the claims in a SAML subject  
193 statement apply.



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## 194 3 Usage

195 This section defines the specific mechanisms and procedures for using SAML  
196 assertions as security tokens.

### 197 3.1 Processing Model

198 This specification extends the token-independent processing model defined by the  
199 [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) specification.

200 When a receiver processes a `<wsse:Security>` header containing or referencing  
201 SAML assertions, it selects, based on its policy, the signatures and assertions that it  
202 will process. It is assumed that a receiver's signature selection policy MAY rely on  
203 semantic labeling<sup>1</sup> of `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` elements occurring in the  
204 `<ds:KeyInfo>` elements within the signatures. It is also assumed that the assertions  
205 selected for validation and processing will include those referenced from the  
206 `<ds:KeyInfo>` and `<ds:SignedInfo>` elements of the selected signatures.

207 As part of its validation and processing of the selected assertions, the receiver MUST  
208 establish the relationship between the subject of each SAML subject statement (of  
209 the referenced SAML assertions) and the entity providing the evidence to satisfy the  
210 confirmation method defined for the statements (i.e. the attesting entity). Two  
211 methods for establishing this correspondence, `holder-of-key` and `sender-vouches`  
212 are described below. Systems implementing this specification MUST implement the  
213 processing necessary to support both of these subject confirmation methods.

### 214 3.2 Attaching Security Tokens

215 SAML assertions are attached to SOAP messages using [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#)  
216 by placing assertion elements or references to assertions inside a `<wsse:Security>`  
217 header. The following example illustrates a SOAP message containing a SAML  
218 assertion in a `<wsse:Security>` header.

```
219 <S12:Envelope>  
220 <S12:Header>  
221 <wsse:Security>  
222 <saml:Assertion  
223 AssertionID="_a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc">
```

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<sup>1</sup> The optional `Usage` attribute of the `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` element MAY be used to associate one or more semantic usage labels (as URIs) with a reference and thus use of a Security Token. Please refer to [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) for the details of this attribute.

```
224     IssueInstant="2003-04-17T00:46:02Z"
225     Issuer="www.opensaml.org"
226     MajorVersion="1"
227     MinorVersion="1"
228     . . .
229     </saml:Assertion>
230     . . .
231     </wsse:Security>
232 </S12:Header>
233 <S12:Body>
234     . . .
235 </S12:Body>
236 </S12:Envelope>
```

### 237 3.3 Identifying and Referencing Security Tokens

238 The [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) specification defines the  
239 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` element for referencing security tokens. Three  
240 forms of token references are defined by this element and the element schema  
241 includes provision for defining additional reference forms should they be necessary.  
242 The three forms of token references defined by the  
243 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` element are defined as follows:

- 244 • A key identifier reference – a generic element (i.e. `<wsse:KeyIdentifier>`) that  
245 conveys a security token identifier as an `<wsse:EncodedString>` and indicates in  
246 its attributes (as necessary) the key identifier type (i.e. the `ValueType`), the  
247 identifier encoding type (i.e. the `EncodingType`), and perhaps other parameters  
248 used to reference the security token.

249 When a key identifier is used to reference a SAML assertion, it MUST contain as  
250 its element value the corresponding SAML assertion identifier. The key identifier  
251 MUST also contain a `ValueType` attribute and the value of this attribute MUST be  
252 the `wsse:KeyIdentifier/@ValueType` from Table 2. The key identifier MUST  
253 NOT include an `EncodingType` attribute and the element content of the key  
254 identifier MUST be encoded as `xsi:string`.

255 When a key identifier is used to reference a V1.1 SAML Assertion that is not  
256 contained in the same message as the key identifier, a  
257 `<saml:AuthorityBinding>` element MUST be contained in the  
258 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` element containing the key identifier. The  
259 contents of the `<saml:AuthorityBinding>` element MUST contain values  
260 sufficient for the intended recipients of the `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` to  
261 acquire the identified assertion from the intended Authority. To this end, the  
262 value of the `AuthorityKind` attribute of the `<saml:AuthorityBinding>` element  
263 MUST be "samlp:AssertionIdReference". When a key Identifier is used to  
264 reference a V1.1 SAML Assertion contained in the same message as the key  
265 identifier, a `<saml:AuthorityBinding>` element MUST NOT be included in the  
266 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` containing the key identifier.

267 • A Direct or URI reference – a generic element (i.e. `<wsse:Reference>`) that  
268 identifies a security token by URI. If only a fragment identifier is specified, then  
269 the reference is to the security token within the document whose local identifier  
270 (e.g. `<wsu:Id>` attribute) matches the fragment identifier. Otherwise, the  
271 reference is to the (potentially external) security token identified by the URI.

272 This profile does not describe the use of Direct or URI references to reference  
273 V1.1 SAML Assertions.

274 • An Embedded reference – a reference that encapsulates a security token.

275 When an Embedded reference is used to encapsulate a SAML assertion, the SAML  
276 assertion MUST be included as a contained element within a `<wsse:Embedded>`  
277 element within a `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>`.

278 This specification describes how SAML assertions may be referenced in four contexts:

279 • A SAML assertion may be referenced directly from a `<wsse:Security>` header  
280 element. In this case, the assertion is being conveyed by reference in the  
281 message.

282 • A SAML assertion may be referenced from a `<ds:KeyInfo>` element of a  
283 `<ds:Signature>` element in a `<wsse:Security>` header. In this case, the  
284 assertion contains a subject statement with a `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>`  
285 element that identifies the key used in the signature calculation.

286 • A SAML assertion reference may be referenced from a `<ds:Reference>` element  
287 within the `<ds:SignedInfo>` element of a `<ds:Signature>` element in a  
288 `<wsse:Security>` header. In this case, the doubly-referenced assertion is signed  
289 by the containing signature.

290 • A SAML assertion reference may occur as encrypted content within an  
291 `<xenc:EncryptedData>` element referenced from a `<xenc:DataReference>`  
292 element within an `<xenc:ReferenceList>` element. In this case, the assertion  
293 reference (which may contain an embedded assertion) is encrypted.

294 In each of these contexts, the referenced assertion may be:

295 • local – in which case, it is included in the `<wsse:Security>` header containing  
296 the reference.

297 • remote – in which case it is not included in the `<wsse:Security>` header  
298 containing the reference, but may occur in another part of the SOAP message or  
299 may be available at the location identified by the reference which may be an  
300 assertion authority.

301 SAML key identifier references, with (in the case of remote references) a supporting  
302 `<saml:AuthorityBinding>` element are currently the best suited, of the  
303 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` forms, for expressing references to SAML  
304 assertions. A future version of [SAMLCore] is expected to facilitate remote references  
305 by Direct reference URI. The practice of referencing local SAML Assertions by Direct

306 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference> reference is not included in this profile because  
 307 doing so would require recognition of the <saml:AssertionID> attribute as an  
 308 identifier which would impose token dependent processing on the interpretation of  
 309 local Direct references.

Attribute	Value
wsse:KeyIdentifier/@ValueType	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID</a>

310 Table-2 ValueType Attribute Values

### 311 **3.3.1 SAML Assertion Referenced from Header or Element**

312 All conformant implementations MUST be able to process SAML assertion references  
 313 occurring in a <wsse:Security> header or in a header element other than a  
 314 signature to acquire the corresponding assertion. A conformant implementation  
 315 MUST be able to process any such reference independent of the confirmation method  
 316 of the referenced assertion.

317 A SAML assertion may be referenced from a <wsse:Security> header or from an  
 318 element (other than a signature) in the header. The following example demonstrates  
 319 the use of a key identifier in a <wsse:Security> header to reference a local SAML  
 320 assertion.

```

321 <S12:Envelope>
322 <S12:Header>
323 <wsse:Security>
324 <saml:Assertion
325   AssertionID="_a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc"
326   IssueInstant="2003-04-17T00:46:02Z"
327   Issuer="www.opensaml.org"
328   MajorVersion="1"
329   MinorVersion="1"
330   . . .
331 </saml:Assertion>
332 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR1">
333 <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id="..."
334   ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-
335 2004XX-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">
336   _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc
337 </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
338 </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
339 </wsse:Security>
340 </S12:Header>
341 <S12:Body>
342 . . .
343 </S12:Body>
344 </S12:Envelope>

```

345 A SAML assertion that exists outside of a <wsse:Security> header may be  
346 referenced from the <wsse:Security> header element by including (in the  
347 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>) a <saml:AuthorityBinding> element that  
348 defines the location, binding, and query that may be used to acquire the identified  
349 assertion at a SAML assertion authority or responder.

```
350 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR1">  
351 <saml:AuthorityBinding>  
352   Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:bindings:SOAP-binding"  
353   Location="http://www.opensaml.org/SAML-Authority"  
354   AuthorityKind= "samlp:AssertionIdReference"  
355 </saml:AuthorityBinding>  
356 <wsse:KeyIdentifier  
357   wsu:Id="..."  
358   ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-wss-  
359 saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">  
360   _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc  
361 </wsse:KeyIdentifier>  
362 </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

### 363 3.3.2 SAML Assertion Referenced from KeyInfo

364 All conformant implementations MUST be able to process SAML assertion references  
365 occurring in the <ds:KeyInfo> element of a <ds:Signature> element in a  
366 <wsse:Security> header as defined by the holder-of-key confirmation method.

367 The following example depicts the use of a key identifier to reference a local  
368 assertion from <ds:KeyInfo>.

```
369 <ds:KeyInfo>  
370 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR1">>  
371 <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id="..."  
372   ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-  
373 wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">  
374   _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc  
375 </wsse:KeyIdentifier>  
376 </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>  
377 </ds:KeyInfo>
```

378 The following example demonstrates the use of a <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>  
379 containing a key identifier and a <saml:AuthorityBinding> to communicate  
380 information (location, binding, and query) sufficient to acquire the identified  
381 assertion at an identified SAML assertion authority or responder.

```
382 <ds:KeyInfo>  
383 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR1">  
384 <saml:AuthorityBinding>  
385   Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:bindings:SOAP-binding"  
386   Location="http://www.opensaml.org/SAML-Authority"  
387   AuthorityKind= "samlp:AssertionIdReference"  
388 </saml:AuthorityBinding>  
389 <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id="..."
```

390  
391  
392  
393  
394  
395

```
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-  
wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">  
_a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc  
</wsse:KeyIdentifier>  
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>  
</ds:KeyInfo>
```

396 <ds:KeyInfo> elements may also occur in <xenc:EncryptedData> and  
397 <xenc:EncryptedKey> elements where they serve to identify the encryption key.  
398 <ds:KeyInfo> elements may also occur in <saml:SubjectConfirmation> elements  
399 where they identify a key that MUST be demonstrated to confirm the subject of the  
400 corresponding subject statement(s). Conformant implementations of this profile are  
401 not required to process SAML assertion references occurring within the  
402 <ds:keyInfo> elements within <xenc:EncryptedData>, <xenc:EncryptedKey>, or  
403 <saml:SubjectConfirmation><sup>2</sup> elements.

### 404 3.3.3 SAML Assertion Referenced from SignedInfo

405 Independent of the confirmation method of the referenced assertion, all conformant  
406 implementations MUST be able to process SAML assertions referenced by  
407 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference> from <ds:Reference> elements within the  
408 <ds:SignedInfo> element of a <ds:Signature> element in a <wsse:Security>  
409 header. Embedded references may be digested directly, thus effectively digesting the  
410 encapsulated assertion. Other <wsse:SecurityTokenReference> forms must be  
411 dereferenced for the referenced assertion to be digested.

412 The core specification, [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#), defines the STR Dereference  
413 transform to cause the replacement (in the digest stream) of a  
414 <wsse:SecurityTokenReference> with the contents of the referenced token. The  
415 STR Dereference transform MUST be specified and applied to digest any SAML  
416 assertion that is referenced by a <wsse:SecurityTokenReference> that is not an  
417 embedded reference. The STR Dereference transform SHOULD NOT be applied to an  
418 embedded reference.

419 The following example demonstrates the use of the STR Dereference transform to  
420 dereference a reference to a SAML Assertion (i.e. Security Token) such that the  
421 digest operation is performed on the security token not its reference.

422  
423  
424  
425  
426

```
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR1">  
<saml:AuthorityBinding  
Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:bindings:SOAP-binding"  
Location="http://www.opensaml.org/SAML-Authority"  
AuthorityKind="samlp:AssertionIdReference">
```

---

<sup>2</sup> A SAML Assertion referenced from the <ds:KeyInfo> element within a <saml:SubjectConfirmation> element MUST contain one or more holder-of-key confirmed subject statements each of which identifies a key that MAY be used to confirm the subject and any other claims of the referencing statement.

```

427 </saml:AuthorityBinding>
428 <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id="..."
429     ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-wss-
430 saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">
431     _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc
432 </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
433 </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
434     . . .
435 <ds:SignedInfo>
436   <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
437     Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
438   <ds:SignatureMethod
439     Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1" />
440   <ds:Reference URI="#STR1">
441     <Transforms>
442       <ds:Transform
443         Algorithm="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
444 wss-soap-message-security-1.0#STR-Transform" />
445       <wsse:TransformationParameters>
446         <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
447           Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
448       </wsse:TransformationParameters>
449     </ds:Transform>
450   </Transforms>
451   <ds:DigestMethod
452     Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1" />
453   <ds:DigestValue>...</ds:DigestValue>
454 </ds:Reference>
455 </ds:SignedInfo>

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456 Note that the URI appearing in the `<ds:Reference>` element identifies the  
457 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` element by its `wsu:Id` value. Also note that the  
458 STR Dereference transform MUST contain (in `<wsse:TransformationParameters>`) a  
459 `<ds:CanonicalizationMethod>` that defines the algorithm to be used to serialize the  
460 input node set (of the referenced assertion).

### 461 3.3.4 SAML Assertion Referenced from Encrypted Data 462 Reference

463 Independent of the confirmation method of the referenced assertion, all conformant  
464 implementations MUST be able to process SAML assertion references occurring as  
465 encrypted content within the `<xenc:EncryptedData>` elements referenced by Id  
466 from the `<xenc:DataReference>` elements of `<xenc:ReferenceList>` elements. An  
467 `<xenc:ReferenceList>` element may occur either as a top-level element in a  
468 Security header, or embedded within an `<xenc:EncryptedKey>` element. In either  
469 case, the `<xenc:ReferenceList>` identifies the encrypted content.

470 Such references are similar in format to the references that MAY appear in the  
471 `<ds:Reference>` element within `<ds:SignedInfo>`, except the STR Dereference  
472 transform does not apply. As shown in the following example, an encrypted  
473 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` (which may contain an embedded assertion) is

474 referenced from an `<xenc:DataReference>` by including the identifier of the  
 475 `<xenc:EncryptedData>` element that contains the encrypted  
 476 `<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>` in the `<xenc:DataReference>`.

```

477 <xenc:EncryptedData Id="EncryptedSTR1">
478   <ds:keyInfo>
479     . . .
480   </ds:KeyInfo>
481   <xenc:CipherData>
482     <xenc:CipherValue>...</xenc:CipherValue>
483   </xenc:CipherData>
484 </xenc:EncryptedData>
485 <xenc:ReferenceList>
486   <xenc:DataReference URI="#EncryptedSTR1"/>
487 </xenc:ReferenceList>
  
```

### 488 **3.4 Subject Confirmation of SAML Assertions**

489 The SAML profile of [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) requires that systems support the  
 490 holder-of-key and sender-vouches methods of subject confirmation. It is strongly  
 491 RECOMMENDED that an XML signature be used to establish the relationship between  
 492 the message and the subject statements of the attached assertions. This is especially  
 493 RECOMMENDED whenever the SOAP message exchange is conducted over an  
 494 unprotected transport.

495 Any processor of SAML assertions MUST conform to the required validation and  
 496 processing rules defined in the SAML specification [[SAMLCore](#)] including the  
 497 validation of assertion signatures, and the processing of `<saml:Condition>` elements  
 498 within Assertions.

499 The following table enumerates the mandatory subject confirmation methods and  
 500 summarizes their associated processing models:

<b>Mechanism</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED Processing Rules</b>
urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:holder-of-key	The attesting entity includes an XML Signature that can be verified with the key information in the <code>&lt;saml:ConfirmationMethod&gt;</code> of the subject statements of the SAML assertion referenced for keyInfo by the Signature.
urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:sender-vouches	The attesting entity, (presumed to be) different from the subject, vouches for the verification of the



	subject. The receiver MUST have an existing trust relationship with the attesting entity. The attesting entity MUST protect the Assertion (containing the subject statements) in combination with the message content against modification by another party. See also section 4.
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501 Note that the high level processing model described in the following sections does  
502 not differentiate between the attesting entity and the message sender as would be  
503 necessary to guard against replay attacks. The high-level processing model also does  
504 not take into account requirements for authentication of receiver by sender, or for  
505 message or assertion confidentiality. These concerns must be addressed by means  
506 other than those described in the high-level processing model (i.e. section 3.1).

### 507 **3.4.1 Holder-of-key Subject Confirmation Method**

508 The following sections describe the holder-of-key method of establishing the  
509 correspondence between a SOAP message and the subject of SAML assertions added  
510 to the SOAP message according to this specification.

#### 511 **3.4.1.1 Attesting Entity**

512 An attesting entity uses the holder-of-key confirmation method to demonstrate that  
513 it is authorized to act as the subject of the SAML subject statements containing the  
514 holder-of-key `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>` element. The subject statements that  
515 will be confirmed by the holder-of-key method MUST include the following  
516 `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>` element:

```
517 <saml:SubjectConfirmation>
518   <saml:ConfirmationMethod>
519     urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:holder-of-key
520   </saml:ConfirmationMethod>
521   <ds:KeyInfo>...</ds:KeyInfo>
522 </saml:SubjectConfirmation>
```

523 The `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>` element MUST include a `<ds:KeyInfo>` element  
524 that identifies the public or secret key<sup>3</sup> to be used to confirm the identity of the  
525 subject.

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<sup>3</sup>[SAMLCore] defines KeyInfo of SubjectConfirmation as containing a "cryptographic key held by the subject". Demonstration of this key is sufficient to establish who is (or may act as the) subject. Moreover, since it cannot be proven that a confirmation key is known (or known only) by the subject whose identity it establishes, requiring that the key be held by the subject is an untestable requirement that adds nothing to

526 To satisfy the associated confirmation method processing to be performed by the  
527 message receiver, the attesting entity MUST demonstrate knowledge of the  
528 confirmation key. The attesting entity MAY accomplish this by using the confirmation  
529 key to sign content within the message and by including the resulting  
530 `<ds:Signature>` element in the `<wsse:Security>` header. `<ds:Signature>`  
531 elements produced for this purpose MUST conform to the canonicalization and  
532 token pre-pending rules defined in the [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) specification.

533 SAML assertions that contain a holder-of-key `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>` element  
534 SHOULD contain a `<ds:Signature>` element that protects the integrity of the  
535 confirmation `<ds:KeyInfo>` established by the assertion authority.

536 The canonicalization method used to produce the `<ds:Signature>` elements used  
537 to protect the integrity of SAML assertions MUST support the validation of these  
538 `<ds:Signature>` elements in contexts (such as `<wsse:Security>` header elements)  
539 other than those in which the signatures were calculated.

### 540 **3.4.1.2 Receiver**

541 Of the SAML assertions it selects for processing, a message receiver MUST NOT  
542 accept assertions containing a holder-of-key `<saml:ConfirmationMethod>`, unless  
543 the receiver has validated the integrity of the assertions and the attesting entity has  
544 demonstrated knowledge of the key identified by the `<ds:keyInfo>` element of the  
545 `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>` element.

546 If the receiver determines that the attesting entity has demonstrated knowledge of a  
547 subject confirmation key, then the SAML assertions containing the confirmation key  
548 MAY be attributed to the attesting entity and any elements of the message whose  
549 integrity is protected by the subject confirmation key MAY be considered to have  
550 been provided by the subject.

### 551 **3.4.1.3 Example**

552 The following example illustrates the use of the holder-of-key subject confirmation  
553 method to establish the correspondence between the SOAP message and the subject  
554 of the SAML assertions in the `<wsse:Security>` header:

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555 <?xml:version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
556 <S12:Envelope>  
557   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"  
558   xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"  
559   <S12:Header>  
560     <wsse:Security>  
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```

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the strength of the confirmation mechanism. The OASIS Security Services Technical Committee has resolved to remove the phrase "held by the subject" from the definition of KeyInfo of SubjectConfirmation.

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<saml:Assertion
  AssertionID="_a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc"
  IssueInstant="2003-04-17T00:46:02Z"
  Issuer="www.opensaml.org"
  MajorVersion="1"
  MinorVersion="1"

xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion">
  <saml:Conditions>
    NotBefore="2002-06-19T16:53:33.173Z"
    NotOnOrAfter="2002-06-19T17:08:33.173Z"/>
  <saml:AttributeStatement>
    <saml:Subject>
      <saml:NameIdentifier
        NameQualifier="www.example.com"
        Format="...">
        uid=joe,ou=people,ou=saml-demo,o=baltimore.com
      </saml:NameIdentifier>
      <saml:SubjectConfirmation>
        <saml:ConfirmationMethod>
          urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:holder-of-key
        </saml:ConfirmationMethod>
        <ds:KeyInfo>
          <ds:KeyValue>...</ds:KeyValue>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
      </saml:SubjectConfirmation>
    </saml:Subject>
    <saml:Attribute
      AttributeName="MemberLevel"
      AttributeNamespace="http://www.oasis.open.
        org/Catalyst2002/attributes">
      <saml:AttributeValue>gold</saml:AttributeValue>
    </saml:Attribute>
    <saml:Attribute
      AttributeName="E-mail"
      AttributeNamespace="http://www.oasis.open.
        org/Catalyst2002/attributes">
      <saml:AttributeValue>joe@yahoo.com</saml:AttributeValue>
    </saml:Attribute>
  </saml:AttributeStatement>
  <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>
</saml:Assertion>

<ds:Signature>
  <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="#MsgBody">
      <ds:DigestMethod
        Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
      <ds:DigestValue>GyGsF0Pi4xPU...</ds:DigestValue>
    </ds:Reference>
  </ds:SignedInfo>
  <ds:SignatureValue>HJJWbvqW9E84vJVQk...</ds:SignatureValue>
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618     <ds:KeyInfo>
619         <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR1">
620             <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id="..."
621                 ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-
622                 2004XX-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">
623                 _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc
624             </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
625         </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
626     </ds:KeyInfo>
627 </ds:Signature>
628 </wsse:Security>
629 </S12:Header>
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631 <S12:Body wsu:Id="MsgBody">
632     <ReportRequest>
633         <TickerSymbol>SUNW</TickerSymbol>
634     </ReportRequest>
635 </S12:Body>
636 </S12:Envelope>

```

### 637 3.4.2 Sender-vouches Subject Confirmation Method

638 The following sections describe the sender-vouches method of establishing the  
639 correspondence between a SOAP message and the SAML assertions added to the  
640 SOAP message according to the SAML profile of [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#).

#### 641 3.4.2.1 Attesting Entity

642 An attesting entity uses the sender-vouches confirmation method to assert that it is  
643 acting on behalf of the subject of SAML subject statements containing a sender-  
644 vouches `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>` element. The subject statements that the  
645 attesting entity will confirm by the sender-vouches method MUST include the  
646 following `<saml:SubjectConfirmation>` element:

```

647 <saml:SubjectConfirmation>
648   <saml:ConfirmationMethod>
649     urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:sender-vouches
650   </saml:ConfirmationMethod>
651 </saml:SubjectConfirmation>

```

652 To satisfy the associated confirmation method processing of the receiver, the  
653 attesting entity MUST protect the vouched for SOAP message content such that the  
654 receiver can determine when it has been altered by another party. The attesting  
655 entity MUST also cause the vouched for subject statements (as necessary) and their  
656 binding to the message contents to be protected such that unauthorized modification  
657 can be detected. The attesting entity MAY satisfy these requirements by including in  
658 the corresponding `<wsse:Security>` header a `<ds:Signature>` element that it  
659 prepares by using its key to sign the relevant message content and assertions. As  
660 defined by the [XML Signature](#) specification, the attesting entity MAY identify its key  
661 by including a `<ds:KeyInfo>` element within the `<ds:Signature>` element.

662 A <ds:Signature> element produced for this purpose MUST conform to the  
663 canonicalization and token prepending rules defined in the [WSS: SOAP Message](#)  
664 [Security](#) specification.

### 665 **3.4.2.2 Receiver**

666 Of the SAML assertions it selects for processing, a message receiver MUST NOT  
667 accept assertions containing a sender-vouches <saml:ConfirmationMethod> unless  
668 the assertions and SOAP message content being vouched for are protected (as  
669 described above) by an attesting entity who is trusted by the receiver to act on  
670 behalf of the subject of the assertions.

### 671 **3.4.2.3 Example**

672 The following example illustrates an attesting entity's use of the sender-vouches  
673 subject confirmation method with an associated <ds:Signature> element to  
674 establish its identity and to assert that it has sent the message body on behalf of the  
675 subject(s) of the assertion referenced by "STR1".

676 The assertion referenced by "STR1" is not included in the message. "STR1" is  
677 referenced by <ds:reference> from <ds:SignedInfo>. The <ds:reference>  
678 includes the STR-transform to cause the assertion, not the  
679 <SecurityTokenReference> to be included in the digest calculation. "STR1" includes  
680 an <AuthorityBinding> element that utilizes the remote assertion referencing  
681 technique depicted in the example of section 3.3.3.

682 The SAML assertion embedded in the header and referenced by "STR2" from  
683 <ds:KeyInfo> corresponds to the attesting entity. The private key corresponding to  
684 the public confirmation key occurring in the assertion is used to sign together the  
685 message body and assertion referenced by "STR1".

```
686 <?xml:version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
687 <S12:Envelope>
688   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
689   xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
690   <S12:Header>
691     <wsse:Security>
692
693       <saml:Assertion
694         AssertionID="_a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc"
695         IssueInstant="2003-04-17T00:46:02Z"
696         Issuer="www.opensaml.org"
697         MajorVersion="1"
698         MinorVersion="1"
699         xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion">
700       <saml:Conditions>
701         NotBefore="2002-06-19T16:53:33.173Z"
702         NotOnOrAfter="2002-06-19T17:08:33.173Z"/>
703       <saml:AttributeStatement>
704         <saml:Subject>
705           <saml:NameIdentifier
```

```

706         NameQualifier="www.example.com"
707         Format="...">
708         uid=proxy,ou=system,ou=saml-demo,o=baltimore.com
709     </saml:NameIdentifier>
710     <saml:SubjectConfirmation>
711         <saml:ConfirmationMethod>
712             urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:holder-of-key
713         </saml:ConfirmationMethod>
714         <ds:KeyInfo>
715             <ds:KeyValue>...</ds:KeyValue>
716         </ds:KeyInfo>
717     </saml:SubjectConfirmation>
718 </saml:Subject>
719 <saml:Attribute
720     . . .
721 </saml:Attribute>
722     . . .
723 </saml:AttributeStatement>
724 </saml:Assertion>
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726     <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR1">
727         <saml:AuthorityBinding>
728             saml:Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:bindings:SOAP-
729 binding"
730             saml:Location="http://www.opensaml.org/SAML-Authority"
731             saml:AuthorityKind="samlp:AssertionIdReference"
732         </saml:AuthorityBinding>
733         <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id="..."
734             ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-
735 2004XX-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID">
736             _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdbe
737         </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
738     </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
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740     <ds:Signature>
741         <ds:SignedInfo>
742             <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
743                 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
744             <ds:SignatureMethod
745                 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1" />
746             <ds:Reference URI="#STR1">
747                 <Transforms>
748                     <ds:Transform
749                         Algorithm="http://docs.oasis-
750 open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#STR-
751 Transform" />
752                         <wsse:TransformationParameters>
753                             <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
754                                 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-
755 c14n#" />
756                             </wsse:TransformationParameters>
757                         </ds:Transform>
758                 </Transforms>
759                 <ds:DigestMethod
760                     Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1" />
761                 <ds:DigestValue>...</ds:DigestValue>

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762     </ds:Reference>
763     <ds:Reference URI="#MsgBody">
764         <ds:DigestMethod
765             Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
766         <ds:DigestValue>...</ds:DigestValue>
767     </ds:Reference>
768 </ds:SignedInfo>
769 <ds:SignatureValue>HJJWbvqW9E84vJVQk...</ds:SignatureValue>
770 <ds:KeyInfo>
771     <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STR2">
772         <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id="..."
773             ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-
774 2004XX-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertion-1.1">
775             _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc
776         </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
777     </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
778 </ds:KeyInfo>
779 </ds:Signature>
780 </wsse:Security>
781 </S12:Header>
782
783 <S12:Body wsu:Id="MsgBody">
784     <ReportRequest>
785         <TickerSymbol>SUNW</TickerSymbol>
786     </ReportRequest>
787 </S12:Body>
788 </S12:Envelope>

```

### 789 3.5 Error Codes

790 When a system that implements the SAML token profile of [WSS: SOAP Message](#)  
791 [Security](#) does not perform its normal processing because of an error detected during  
792 the processing of a security header, it MAY choose to report the cause of the error  
793 using the SOAP fault mechanism. The SAML token profile of [WSS: SOAP Message](#)  
794 [Security](#) does not require that SOAP faults be returned for such errors, and systems  
795 that choose to return faults SHOULD take care not to introduce any security  
796 vulnerabilities as a result of the information returned in error responses.

797 Systems that choose to return faults SHOULD respond with the error codes defined  
798 in the [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) specification. The RECOMMENDED  
799 correspondence between the common assertion processing failures and the error  
800 codes defined in [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) are defined in the following table:

Assertion Processing Error (faultString)	RECOMMENDED Error(Faultcode)
A referenced SAML assertion could not be retrieved.	wsse:SecurityTokenUnavailable
An assertion contains a <saml:Condition> element that the receiver does not	wsse:UnsupportedSecurityToken

understand.	
A signature within an assertion or referencing an assertion is invalid.	wsse:FailedCheck
The issuer of an assertion is not acceptable to the receiver.	wsse:InvalidSecurityToken
The receiver does not understand the extension schema used in an assertion.	wsse:UnsupportedSecurityToken

801 The preceding table defines fault strings and codes in a form suitable to be used with  
802 SOAP 1.1. The [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) specification describes how to map  
803 SOAP 1.1 fault constructs to the SOAP 1.2 fault constructs.



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804 **4 Threat Model and Countermeasures**  
805 **(Non-Normative)**

806 This document defines the mechanisms and procedures for securely attaching SAML  
807 assertions to SOAP messages. SOAP messages are used in multiple contexts,  
808 specifically including cases where the message is transported without an active  
809 session, the message is persisted, or the message is routed through a number of  
810 intermediaries. Such a general context of use suggests that users of this profile must  
811 be concerned with a variety of threats.

812 In general, the use of SAML assertions with [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) introduces  
813 no new threats beyond those identified for SAML or by the [WSS: SOAP Message](#)  
814 [Security](#) specification. The following sections provide an overview of the  
815 characteristics of the threat model, and the countermeasures that SHOULD be  
816 adopted for each perceived threat.

817 **4.1 Eavesdropping**

818 Eavesdropping is a threat to the SAML token profile of [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#)  
819 in the same manner as it is a threat to any network protocol. The routing of SOAP  
820 messages through intermediaries increases the potential incidences of  
821 eavesdropping. Additional opportunities for eavesdropping exist when SOAP  
822 messages are persisted.

823 To provide maximum protection from eavesdropping, assertions, assertion  
824 references, and sensitive message content SHOULD be encrypted such that only the  
825 intended audiences can view their content. This approach removes threats of  
826 eavesdropping in transit, but MAY not remove risks associated with storage or poor  
827 handling by the receiver.

828 Transport-layer security MAY be used to protect the message and contained SAML  
829 assertions and/or references from eavesdropping while in transport, but message  
830 content MUST be encrypted above the transport if it is to be protected from  
831 eavesdropping by intermediaries.

832 **4.2 Replay**

833 Reliance on authority protected (e.g. signed) assertions with a holder-of-key subject  
834 confirmation mechanism precludes all but a holder of the key from binding the  
835 assertions to a SOAP message. Although this mechanism effectively restricts data  
836 origin to a holder of the confirmation key, it does not, by itself, provide the means to  
837 detect the capture and resubmission of the message by other parties.

838 Assertions that contain a sender-vouches confirmation mechanism introduce another  
839 dimension to replay vulnerability if the assertions impose no restriction on the  
840 entities that may use or reuse the assertions.

841 Replay attacks can be detected by receivers if message senders include additional  
842 message identifying information (e.g. timestamps, nonces, and or recipient  
843 identifiers) within origin protected message content and receivers check this  
844 information against previously received values.

### 845 **4.3 Message Insertion**

846 The SAML token profile of [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) is not vulnerable to  
847 message insertion attacks.

### 848 **4.4 Message Deletion**

849 The SAML token profile of [WSS: SOAP Message Security](#) is not vulnerable to  
850 message deletion attacks.

### 851 **4.5 Message Modification**

852 Messages constructed according to this specification are protected from message  
853 modification if receivers can detect unauthorized modification of relevant message  
854 content. Therefore, it is strongly RECOMMENDED that all relevant and immutable  
855 message content be signed by an attesting entity. Receivers SHOULD only consider  
856 the correspondence between the subject of the SAML assertions and the SOAP  
857 message content to have been established for those portions of the message that are  
858 protected by the attesting entity against modification by another entity.

859 To ensure that message receivers can have confidence that received assertions have  
860 not been forged or altered since their issuance, SAML assertions appearing in or  
861 referenced from `<wsse:Security>` header elements MUST be protected against  
862 unauthorized modification (e.g. signed) by their issuing authority or the attesting  
863 entity (as the case warrants). It is strongly RECOMMENDED that an attesting entity  
864 sign any `<saml:Assertion>` elements that it is attesting for and that are not signed  
865 by their issuing authority.

866 Transport-layer security MAY be used to protect the message and contained SAML  
867 assertions and/or assertion references from modification while in transport, but  
868 signatures are required to extend such protection through intermediaries.

### 869 **4.6 Man-in-the-Middle**

870 Assertions with a holder-of-key subject confirmation method are not vulnerable to a  
871 MITM attack. Assertions with a sender-vouches subject confirmation method are

872 vulnerable to MITM attacks to the degree that the receiver does not have a trusted  
873 binding of key to the attesting entity's identity.

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## Appendix A: Revision History

Rev	Date	What
01	19-Sep-02	Initial draft produced by extracting SAML related content from [XML token]
02	23-Sep-02	Merged in content from SS TC submission
03	18-Nov-02	Resolved issues raised by TC
04	09-Dec-02	Refined confirmation mechanisms, and added signing example
05	15-Dec-02	Results of Baltimore F2F
06	21-Feb-03	Changed name to profile
07	05-May-03	Acknowledged contributors
07	05-May-03	Throughout document, Refined terminology to distinguish attesting entity from subject and sender, and to distinguish assertions from statements within assertions. Also modified sender-vouches to support traced vouching (by allowing for the use of a confirmation key)
08	09-Jun-03	Indicated reliance on conventions of core in "Notational Conventions"
08	09-Jun-03	In "Terminology", added definitions of new terms (attesting entity and confirmation method identifier), edited definition of Subject Confirmation, and replaced definition of sender with subject.
08	09-Jun-03	In "Subject Confirmation of SAML Assertions", added requirement that an attesting entity must protect unsigned sender-vouches confirmed assertions.
08	25-Nov-03	Added SAM v1.1 version distinction to "Abstract"
08	25-Nov-03	Editorial changes to "Introduction"
08	25-Nov-03	Reorganized non-normative text of requirements and goals sections
08	25-Nov-03	Removed Identification, Contact Information, Description, and Updates from "Usage".
08	25-Nov-03	Updated schema URIs and corrected

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		namespace prefixes in "Namespaces"
08	25-Nov-03	Updated SAML document references in "References" to point to v1.1. specs.
08	25-Nov-03	In Error codes, changed error processing such that it is optional and consistent with the recommendations in core.
08	25-Nov-03	Qualified "Threat Model and Counter-measures" as non-normative.
08	30-Nov-03	In "Identifying and Referencing Security Tokens", removed keyname references and added embedded references. Also removed editorial comment regarding using artifacts to reference assertions.
08	30-Nov-03	Made editorial changes to "Processing Model", including clarification (by footnote) of "semantic labeling"
08	30-Nov-03	Removed "Acknowledgments" as it duplicated preceding sections of the document
08	12-15-03	Added high level goals and non-goals
08	12-15-03	Added support for the use of (fragment) URI references to section 3.3
08	12-15-03	Specified default encoding type for SAML and fragment UR references to be xsi:string
08	12-15-03	Added two more contexts in which SAML assertions may be referenced; from within SubjectConfirmation elements and as encrypted data.
08	12-15-03	Made it a requirement of conformant implementations that they support the various methods of referencing SAML assertions
08	12-15-03	Added new sections to describe SAML assertion referenced from SubjectConfirmation and SAML assertion referenced from Encrypted Data reference.
09	01-27-04	Changed document identifier and location
09	01-27-04	Modified namespace table of section 2.2 to differentiate SOAP 1.1 and SOAP 1.2

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10	02-05-04	Changed all instances of wsu:id to wsu:Id
10	02-05-04	In section 3.4.2.1 beginning around line 705, removed the distinction of the "typical case where the assertion authority has NOT securely bound a key..." because we no longer expect sender-vouches to use a confirmation key.
10	3-29-04	Corrected STR transform URL to match change in core.
10	3-29-04	Removed from section 3.3.2 mention of use of KeyInfo with sender-vouches confirmation method.
10	3-29-04	Modified footnote in section 3.2 regarding usage attribute to reflect change from QNAMES to URIs.
10	3-29-04	Corrected signature algorithm in examples.
10	3-29-04	Corrected transforms syntax of example in section 3.3.3.
10	3-29-04	In section 3.3.3 recommended that STR dereference transform not be applied to embedded token references.
10	3-29-04	Removed requirement (from section 4.5 of Security Considerations) that assertion references be protected from unauthorized modification.
10	4-02-04	Removed namespace qualification from ValueType, URI, EncodingType, and Usage Attributes (mostly in examples). Also removed angle brackets.
10	4-05-04	Reworded initial paragraph of section 2.2 Namespaces such that it is not normative, and affords more flexibility in the form of the examples.
10	4-05-04	Removed namespace declarations from examples.
10	4-05-04	Corrected misspelling of "Authorty" in examples.
10	4-05-04	Modified processing rule for sender-vouches in Table of section 3.4 (to allow sender to vouch



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		for itself).
10	4-05-04	Editing changes to the error codes section. In particular, replaced the word "generated" with "returned", and rewrote the description of the mapping to 1.2 constructs.
10	4-05-04	Removed unused SAMLreqs and SAMLSecure from the references section.
10	4-06-04	Added footnote to explain optional support for SAML V1.0 assertions.
10	4-06-04	Removed section 3.3.4 "SAML Assertion referenced from SubjectConfirmation", as SAML is evolving in a manner that will make it unlikely that authorities will need to produce such assertions. Moved the description of SAML Assertions references occurring within KeyInfo of SubjectConfirmation to section 3.3.2 "SAML assertion referenced from KeyInfo"
10	4-06-04	From Section 3.3 "Identifying and referencing Security Tokens", removed referencing a SAML assertion from KeyInfo of SubjectConfirmation from the five contexts in which SAML assertions may be referenced.
10	4-06-04	Moved description of SAML Assertion references occurring within KeyInfo of SubjectConfirmation to section 3.3.2.
10	4-06-04	Added footnote to description of holder-of-key semantics in section 3.4.1.1 to describe interpretation of "held by the subject" phrase appearing in definition in <a href="#">[SAMLCore]</a> .
10	4-06-04	Updated contributors list
11	5-21-04	Moved " <a href="#">http://...documents.php</a> " URL from "Location" to "Document Repository (temporary):" which will be removed when document is available from "Location".
11	5-21-04	In section "1.1.1 Non-Goals", added new bullet to indicate that describing support for V1.0 assertions is outside the scope of the profile.
11	5-21-04	Changed SAMLAssertion-1.0 wsse:Reference/@ValueType to SAMLAssertion-1.1 in examples (lines 366, 611, and 752)

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11	5-21-04	Updated document, specification, and schema URL's to accommodate change to OASIS document URLs (i.e. <a href="http://www.docs.oasis-open.org">www.docs.oasis-open.org</a> changed to docs.oasis-open.org)
11	5-21-04	Removed SAMLAssertion-1.0 wsse:Reference/@ValueType from "Table-2 ValueType Attribute Values." Also removed footnote on table title.
11	5-21-04	Editorial correction made to the attributes of the NameIdentifier element in the examples (see lines 564 and 684).
11	5-21-04	In section 3.4, "Subject Confirmation of SAML Assertions" (line 485), changed the reference to be to [SAMLCore] for the definition of the validation and processing rules that apply to SAML assertions. Also (as the resolution to issue 275), extended the stated reliance (on [SAMLCore]) with "including the validation of assertion signatures, and the processing of <saml:Condition> elements within Assertions"
12	6-25-04	In section 3.4.2.3, clarified the description of the sender-vouches example.
13	6-30-04	Modified section 3.3 to describe the use of KeyIdentifiers as apposed to Direct references to reference SAML assertions.
13	6-30-04	In section 3.3 and 3.3.4 clarified the use of STRs from <xenc:DataReference>
13	6-3--04	Removed wsse:Reference/@ValueType from Table 2 of section 3.3, as the change to KeyIdentifiers rendered the ValueType unnecessary.
13	6-30-04	Changed the examples in sections 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.4, 3.4.1.3, and 3.4.2.3 to reflect the change from Direct references to KeyIdentifiers.
14	7-12-04	Corrected KeyIdentifier syntax of examples at lines 338, 376, 627, and 780.
15	7-19-04	Added clarification to sections 3.3.1, 3.3.2, and 3.3.4 to address issue 295b; that the profile include provision for the use of "Bearer"

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