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### Abstract:

This document defines the services and protocols for an ebXML Registry

A separate document, ebXML Registry: Information Model [ebRIM], defines the types of metadata and content that can be stored in an ebXML Registry.

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# 404 1 Introduction

405 An ebXML Registry is an information system that securely manages any content type and the  
406 standardized metadata that describes it.

407 The ebXML Registry provides a set of services that enable sharing of content and metadata between  
408 organizational entities in a federated environment. An ebXML Registry may be deployed within an  
409 application server, a web server or some other service container. The registry MAY be available to clients  
410 as a public, semi-public or private web site.

411 This document defines the services provided by an ebXML Registry and the protocols used by clients of  
412 the registry to interact with these services.

413 A separate document, ebXML Registry: Information Model [ebRIM], defines the types of metadata and  
414 content that can be stored in an ebXML Registry.

## 415 1.1 Audience

416 The target audience for this specification is the community of software developers who are:

- 417 • Implementers of ebXML Registry Services
- 418 • Implementers of ebXML Registry Clients

## 419 1.2 Terminology

420 The key words MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT,  
421 RECOMMENDED, MAY, and OPTIONAL in this document are to be interpreted as described in IETF RFC  
422 2119 [RFC2119].

423 The term “*repository item*” is used to refer to content (e.g., an XML document or a DTD) that resides in a  
424 repository for storage and safekeeping. Each repository item is described by a RegistryObject instance.  
425 The RegistryObject catalogs the RepositoryItem with metadata.

## 426 1.3 Notational Conventions

427 Throughout the document the following conventions are employed to define the data structures used. The  
428 following text formatting conventions are used to aide readability:

### 429 1.3.1 UML Diagrams

430 Unified Modeling Language [UML] diagrams are used as a way to concisely describe concepts. They are  
431 not intended to convey any specific Implementation or methodology requirements.

### 432 1.3.2 Identifier Placeholders

433 Listings may contain values that reference ebXML Registry objects by their id attribute. These id values  
434 uniquely identify the objects within the ebXML Registry. For convenience and better readability, these key  
435 values are replaced by meaningful textual variables to represent such id values.

436 For example, the placeholder in the listing below refers to the unique id defined for an example Service  
437 object:

438

```
439 <rim:Service id="${EXAMPLE_SERVICE_ID}">
```

### 440 1.3.3 Constants

441 Constant values are printed in the Courier New font always, regardless of whether they are defined  
442 by this document or a referenced document.

443 **1.3.4 Bold Text**

444 Bold text is used in listings to highlight those aspects that are most relevant to the issue being  
445 discussed. In the listing below, an example value for the contentLocator slot is shown in italics if  
446 that is what the reader should focus on in the listing:

```
447  
448 <rim:Slot name="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-  
449 regrep:rim:RegistryObject:contentLocator">  
450 ...  
451 </rim:Slot>
```

452

453 **1.3.5 Example Values**

454 These values are represented in *italic* font. In the listing below, an example value for the  
455 contentLocator slot is shown in italics:

```
456  
457 <rim:Slot name="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-  
458 regrep:rim:RegistryObject:contentLocator">  
459 <rim:ValueList>  
460 <rim:Value>http://example.com/myschema.xsd</rim:Value>  
461 </rim:ValueList>  
462 </rim:Slot>
```

463

464 **1.4 XML Schema Conventions**

465 This specification uses schema documents conforming to W3C XML Schema [Schema1] and normative  
466 text to describe the syntax and semantics of XML-encoded objects and protocol messages. In cases of  
467 disagreement between the ebXML Registry schema documents and schema listings in this specification,  
468 the schema documents take precedence. Note that in some cases the normative text of this specification  
469 imposes constraints beyond those indicated by the schema documents.

470 Conventional XML namespace prefixes are used throughout this specification to stand for their respective  
471 namespaces as follows, whether or not a namespace declaration is present in the example. The use of  
472 these namespace prefixes in instance documents is non-normative. However, for consistency and  
473 understandability instance documents SHOULD use these namespace prefixes.

474 **1.4.1 Schemas Defined by ebXML Registry**

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Prefix	XML Namespace	Comments
rim:	urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:rim:3.0	This is the Registry Information Model namespace [ebRIM]. The prefix is generally elided in mentions of Registry Information Model elements in text.
rs:	urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:rs:3.0	This is the ebXML Registry namespace that defines base types for registry service requests and responses [ebRS]. The prefix is generally elided in mentions of ebXML Registry protocol-related elements in text.
query:	urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:query:3.0	This is the ebXML Registry query namespace that is used in the query protocols used between clients and the QueryManager service [ebRS].

Prefix	XML Namespace	Comments
lcm:	urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:lcm:3.0	This is the ebXML Registry Life Cycle Management namespace that is used in the life cycle management protocols used between clients and the LifeCycleManager service [ebRS].
cms:	urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:cms:3.0	This is the ebXML Registry Content Management Services namespace that is used in the content management protocols used between registry and pluggable content management services [ebRS].

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477 **1.4.2 Schemas Used By ebXML Registry**

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Prefix	XML Namespace	Comments
saml:	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion	This is the SAML V2.0 assertion namespace [SAMLCore]. The prefix is generally elided in mentions of SAML assertion-related elements in text.
samlp:	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol	This is the SAML V2.0 protocol namespace [SAMLCore]. The prefix is generally elided in mentions of XML protocol-related elements in text.
ecp:	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:profiles:SSO:ecp	This is the SAML V2.0 Enhanced Client Proxy profile namespace, specified in this document and in a schema [SAMLECP-xsd].
ds:	http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#	This is the XML Signature namespace [XMLSig].
xenc:	http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#	This is the XML Encryption namespace [XMLEnc].
SOAP-ENV:	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope	This is the SOAP V1.1 namespace [SOAP1.1].
paos:	urn:liberty:paos:2003-08	This is the Liberty Alliance PAOS (reverse SOAP) namespace.
xsi:	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance	This namespace is defined in the W3C XML Schema specification [Schema1] for schema-related markup that appears in XML instances.
wsse:	http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd	This namespace is defined by the Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security 1.0 specification [WSS-SMS]. It is used by registry to secure soap message communication.

Prefix	XML Namespace	Comments
wsu:	http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd	This namespace is defined by the Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security 1.0 specification [WSS-SMS]. It is used by registry to secure soap message communication.

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## 480 1.5 Registry Actors

481 This section describes the various actors who interact with the registry.

Actor	Description
Registry Operator	An organization that operates an ebXML Registry and makes its services available.
Registry Administrator	A privileged user of the registry that is responsible for performing administrative tasks necessary for the ongoing operation of the registry. Such a user is analogous to a “super user” that is authorized to perform <i>any</i> action.
Registry Guest	A user of the registry whose identity is not known to the registry. Such a user has limited privileges within the registry.
Registered User	A user of the registry whose identity is known to the registry as an authorized user of the registry.
Submitter	A user that submits content and or metadata to the registry. A Submitter <b>MUST</b> be a Registered User.
Registry Client	A software program that interacts with the registry using registry protocols.

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## 483 1.6 Registry Use Cases

484 Once deployed, the ebXML Registry provides generic content and metadata management services and as  
485 such supports an open-ended and broad set of use cases. The following are some common use cases  
486 that are being addressed by ebXML Registry.

- 487 • Web Services Registry: publish, management, discovery and reuse of web service descriptions in  
488 WSDL, ebXML CPPA and other forms.
- 489 • Controlled Vocabulary Registry: Enables publish, management, discovery and reuse of controlled  
490 vocabularies including taxonomies, code lists, ebXML Core Components, XML Schema and UBL  
491 schema.
- 492 • Business Process Registry: Enables publish, management, discovery and reuse of Business Process  
493 specifications such as ebXML BPSS, BPEL and other forms.
- 494 • Electronic Medical Records Repository
- 495 • Geological Information System (GIS) Repository that stores GIS data from sensors

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## 497 1.7 Registry Architecture

498 The following figure provides a simplified view of the architecture of the ebXML Registry.

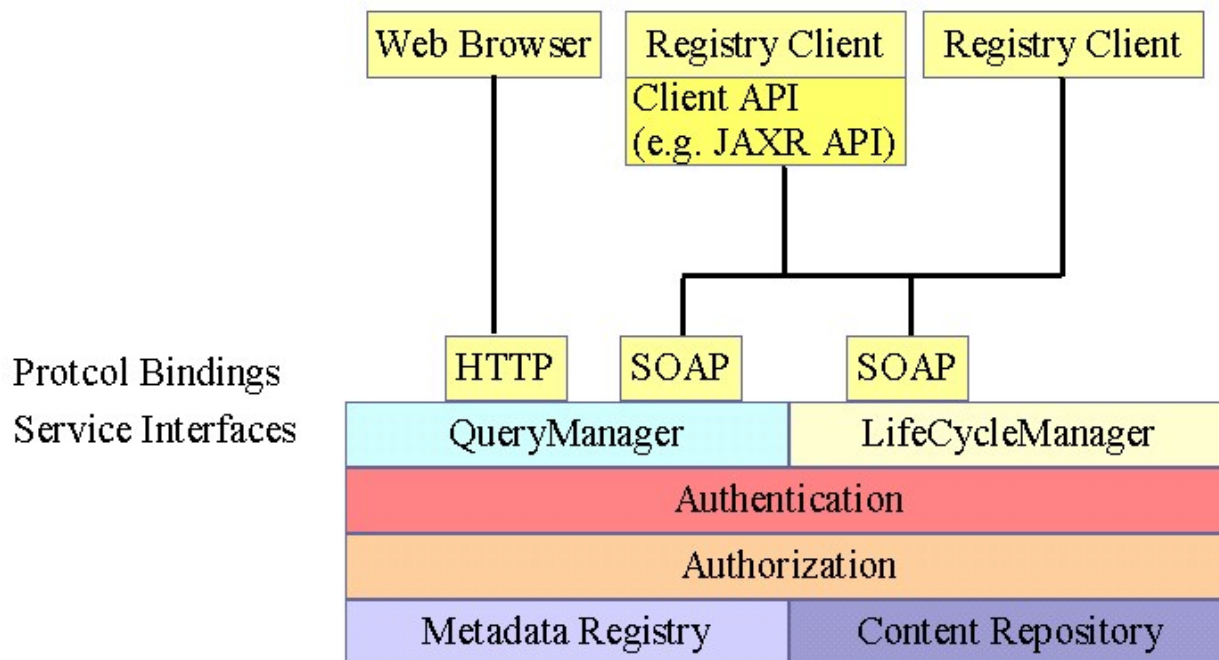


Figure 1: Simplified View of ebXML Registry Architecture

## 501 1.7.1 Registry Clients

502 A Registry Client is a software program that interacts with the registry using registry protocols. The  
 503 Registry Client MAY be a Graphical User Interface (GUI), software service or agent. The Registry Client  
 504 typically accesses the registry using SOAP 1.1 with Attachments [SwA] protocol.

505 A Registry Client may run on a client machine or may be a web tier service running on a server and may  
 506 accessed by a web browser. In either case the Registry Client interacts with the registry using registry  
 507 protocols.

### 508 1.7.1.1 Client API

509 A Registry client MAY access a registry interface directly. Alternatively, it MAY use a registry client API  
 510 such as the Java API for XML Registries [JAXR] to access the registry. Client APIs such as [JAXR]  
 511 provide programming convenience and are typically specific to a programming language.

## 512 1.7.2 Registry Service Interfaces

513 The ebXML Registry consists of the following service interfaces:

- 514 • A LifecycleManager interface that provides a collection of operations for end-to-end lifecycle  
 515 management of metadata and content within the registry. This includes publishing, update, approval  
 516 and deletion of metadata and content.
- 517 • A QueryManager interface that provides a collection of operations for the discovery and retrieval of  
 518 metadata and content within the registry.

519 [RS-Interface-WSDL] provides an abstract (protocol neutral) definition of these Registry Service  
 520 interfaces in WSDL format.

## 521 1.7.3 Service Interface: Protocol Bindings

522 This specification defines the following concrete protocol binding for the abstract service interfaces of the  
 523 ebXML Registry:

- 524           • SOAP Binding that allows a Registry Client to access the registry using SOAP 1.1 with  
525            Attachments [SwA]. [RS-Bindings-WSDL] defines the binding of the abstract Registry Service  
526            interfaces to the SOAP protocol in WSDL format.
- 527           • HTTP Binding that allows a Web Browser client to access the registry using HTTP 1.1  
528            protocol.
- 529   Additional bindings may be defined in the future as needed by the community.

#### 530   **1.7.4   Authentication and Authorization**

531   A Registry Client SHOULD be authenticated by the registry to determine the identity associated with them.  
532   Typically, this is the identity of the user associated with the Registry Client. Once the registry determines  
533   the identity it MUST perform authorization and access control checks before permitting the Registry  
534   Client's request to be processed.

#### 535   **1.7.5   Metadata Registry and Content Repository**

536   An ebXML Registry is both a registry of metadata and a repository of content. A typical ebXML Registry  
537   implementation uses some form of persistent store such as a database to store its metadata and content.  
538   Architecturally, registry is distinct from the repository. However, all access to the registry as well as  
539   repository is through the operations defined by the Registry Service interfaces.



## 2 Registry Protocols

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541 This chapter introduces the registry protocols supported by the registry service interfaces. Specifically it  
542 introduces the generic message exchange patterns that are common to all registry protocols.

### 2.1 Requests and Responses

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544 Specific registry request and response messages derive from common types defined in XML Schema in  
545 [RR-RS-XSD]. The Registry Client sends an element derived from **RegistryRequestType** to a registry,  
546 and the registry generates an element adhering to or deriving from **RegistryResponseType**, as shown  
547 next.

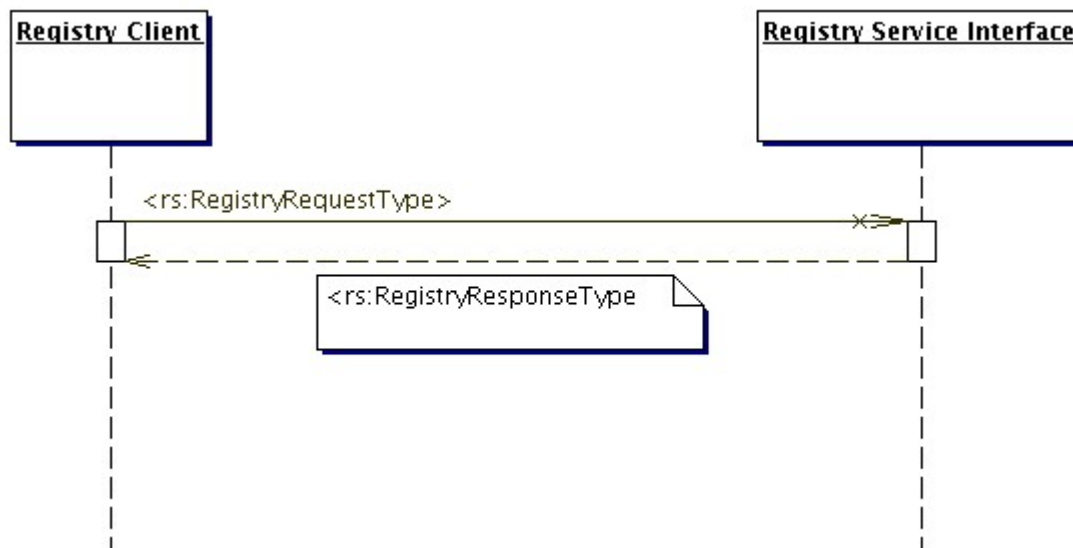


Figure 2: Registry Protocol Request-Response Pattern

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550 Throughout this section, text mentions of elements and types are indicated with a namespace prefix. The  
551 namespace prefix conventions are defined in the “Introduction” chapter.

552 Each registry request is atomic and either succeeds or fails in entirety. In the event of success, the registry  
553 sends a RegistryResponse with a status of “Success” back to the client. In the event of failure, the registry  
554 sends a RegistryResponse with a status of “Failure” back to the client. In the event of an immediate  
555 response for an asynchronous request, the registry sends a RegistryResponse with a status of  
556 “Unavailable” back to the client. Failure occurs when one or more Error conditions are raised in the  
557 processing of the submitted objects. Warning messages do not result in failure of the request.

#### 2.1.1 RegistryRequestType

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559 The RegistryRequestType type is used as a common base type for all registry request messages.

##### 2.1.1.1 Syntax:

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```
561 <complexType name="RegistryRequestType">
562   <sequence>
563     <!-- every request may be extended using Slots. -->
564     <element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0" name="RequestSlotList"
565 type="rim:SlotListType"/>
566   </sequence>
567   <attribute name="id" type="anyURI" use="required"/>
568   <!--Comment may be used by requestor to describe the request. Used in
569 VersionInfo.comment-->
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```
<attribute name="comment" type="string" use="optional"/>
</complexType>
<element name="RegistryRequest" type="tns:RegistryRequestType"/>
```

573 **2.1.1.2 Parameters:**

- 574     ▪ **comment:** This parameter allows the requestor to specify a string value that describes  
575     the action being performed by the request. This parameter is used by the “Registry  
576     Managed Version Control” feature of the registry.
- 577     ▪ **id:** This parameter specifies a request identifier that is used by the corresponding  
578     response to correlate the response with its request. It MAY also be used to correlate a  
579     request with another related request. The value of the id parameter MUST abide by the  
580     same constraints as the value of the id attribute for the <rim:IdentifiableType> type.
- 581     ▪ **RequestSlotList:** This parameter specifies a collection of Slot instances. A  
582     RegistryRequestType MAY include Slots as an extensibility mechanism that provides a  
583     means of adding additional attributes to the request in form of Slots. The use of registry  
584     implementation specific slots MUST be ignored silently by a registry that does not support  
585     such Slots and MAY not be interoperable across registry implementations.  
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587 **2.1.1.3 Returns:**

588 All RegistryRequests return a response derived from the common RegistryResponseType base type.

589 **2.1.1.4 Exceptions:**

590 The following exceptions are common to all registry protocol requests:

- 591     ▪ **AuthorizationException:** Indicates that the requestor attempted to perform an operation  
592     for which he or she was not authorized.
- 593     ▪ **InvalidRequestException:** Indicates that the requestor attempted to perform an  
594     operation that was semantically invalid.
- 595     ▪ **SignatureValidationException:** Indicates that a Signature specified for the request failed  
596     to validate.
- 597     ▪ **TimeoutException:** Indicates that the processing time for the request exceeded a  
598     registry specific limit.
- 599     ▪ **UnsupportedCapabilityException:** Indicates that this registry did not support the  
600     capability required to service the request.

601 In addition to above exceptions there are additional exceptions defined by [WSS-SMS] that a registry  
602 protocol request MUST return when certain errors occur during the processing of the <wsse:Security>  
603 SOAP Header element.

604 **2.1.2 RegistryRequest**

605 RegistryRequest is an element whose base type is RegistryRequestType. It adds no additional elements  
606 or attributes beyond those described in RegistryRequestType. The RegistryRequest element MAY be  
607 used by a registry to support implementation specific registry requests.

608 **2.1.3 RegistryResponseType**

609 The RegistryResponseType type is used as a common base type for all registry responses.

610 **2.1.3.1 Syntax:**

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```
<complexType name="RegistryResponseType">
  <sequence>
    <!-- every response may be extended using Slots. -->
```

```

614     <element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0" name="ResponseSlotList"
615     type="rim:SlotListType"/>
616     <element minOccurs="0" ref="tns:RegistryErrorList"/>
617   </sequence>
618   <attribute name="status" type="rim:referenceURI" use="required"/>
619   <!-- id is the request id for the request for which this is a
620   response -->
621   <attribute name="requestId" type="anyURI" use="optional"/>
622 </complexType>
623 <element name="RegistryResponse" type="tns:RegistryResponseType"/>

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### 624 2.1.3.2 Parameters:

- 625 • **status:** The status attribute is used to indicate the status of the request. The value of the
- 626 status attribute MUST be a reference to a ClassificationNode within the canonical
- 627 ResponseStatusType ClassificationScheme as described in [ebRIM]. A Registry MUST
- 628 support the status types as defined by the canonical ResponseStatusType
- 629 ClassificationScheme. The canonical ResponseStatusType ClassificationScheme may be
- 630 extended by adding additional ClassificationNodes to it.

631 The following canonical values are defined for the ResponseStatusType  
632 ClassificationScheme:

- 633 • **Success** - This status specifies that the request was successful.
- 634 • **Failure** - This status specifies that the request encountered a failure. One or more
- 635 errors MUST be included in the RegistryErrorList in this case or returned as a SOAP
- 636 Fault.
- 637 • **Unavailable** – This status specifies that the response is not yet available. This may
- 638 be the case if this RegistryResponseType represents an immediate response to an
- 639 asynchronous request where the actual response is not yet available.
- 640 • **requestId:** This parameter specifies the id of the request for which this is a response. It
- 641 matches value of the id attribute of the corresponding RegistryRequestType.
- 642 • **ResponseSlotList:** This parameter specifies a collection of Slot instances. A
- 643 RegistryResponseType MAY include Slots as an extensibility mechanism that provides a
- 644 means of adding dynamic attributes in form of Slots. The use of registry implementation
- 645 specific slots MUST be ignored silently by a Registry Client that does not support such
- 646 Slots and MAY not be interoperable across registry implementations.
- 647 • **RegistryErrorList:** This parameter specifies an optional collection of RegistryError
- 648 elements in the event that there are one or more errors that were encountered while the
- 649 registry processed the request for this response. This is described in more detail in 6.9.4.

### 650 2.1.4 RegistryResponse

651 RegistryResponse is an element whose base type is RegistryResponseType. It adds no additional  
652 elements or attributes beyond those described in RegistryResponseType. RegistryResponse is used by  
653 many registry protocols as their response.

### 654 2.1.5 RegistryErrorList

655 A RegistryErrorList specifies an optional collection of RegistryError elements in the event that there are  
656 one or more errors that were encountered while the registry processed a request.

#### 657 2.1.5.1 Syntax:

```

658 <element name="RegistryErrorList">
659   <complexType>
660     <complexContent>

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661     <restriction base="{http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema}anyType">
662         <sequence>
663             <element ref="rs:RegistryError" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
664         </sequence>
665         <attribute name="highestSeverity" type="rim:referenceURI" />
666     </restriction>
667 </complexContent>
668 </complexType>
669 </element>

```

## 670 2.1.5.2 Parameters:

- 671 ▪ *highestSeverity*: This parameter specifies the ErrorType for the highest severity  
672 RegistryError in the RegistryErrorList. Values for highestSeverity are defined by ErrorType  
673 in .
  - 674 ▪ *RegistryError*: A RegistryErrorList has one or more RegistryErrors. A RegistryError  
675 specifies an error or warning message that is encountered while the registry processes a  
676 request. RegistryError is defined in 2.1.6.
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## 678 2.1.6 RegistryError

679 A RegistryError specifies an error or warning message that is encountered while the registry processes a  
680 request.

### 681 2.1.6.1 Syntax:

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682 <element name="RegistryError">
683     <complexType>
684         <simpleContent>
685             <extension base="string">
686                 <attribute name="codeContext" type="string" use="required"/>
687                 <attribute name="errorCode" type="string" use="required"/>
688                 <attribute default="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-
689 regrep:ErrorSeverityType:Error" name="severity" type="rim:referenceURI"
690 />
691                 <attribute name="location" type="string" use="optional"/>
692             </extension>
693         </simpleContent>
694     </complexType>
695 </element>

```

### 696 2.1.6.2 Parameters:

- 697 ▪ *codeContext*: This attribute specifies a string that indicates contextual text that provides  
698 additional detail to the errorCode. For example, if the errorCode is  
699 InvalidRequestException the codeContext MAY provide the reason why the request was  
700 invalid.
- 701 ▪ *errorCode*: This attribute specifies a string that indicates the error that was encountered.  
702 Implementations MUST set this attribute to the Exception or Error as defined by this  
703 specification (e.g. InvalidRequestException).
- 704 ▪ *severity*: This attribute indicates the severity of error that was encountered. The value of  
705 the severity attribute MUST be a reference to a ClassificationNode within the canonical  
706 ErrorSeverityType ClassificationScheme as described in [ebRIM]. A Registry MUST  
707 support the error severity types as defined by the canonical ErrorSeverityType  
708 ClassificationScheme. The canonical ErrorSeverityType ClassificationScheme may be  
709 extended by adding additional ClassificationNodes to it.

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The following canonical values are defined for the ErrorSeverityType ClassificationScheme:

- **Error** – An Error is a fatal error encountered by the registry while processing a request. A registry MUST return a status of Failure in the RegistryResponse for a request that encountered Errors during its processing.
- **Warning** – A Warning is a non-fatal error encountered by the registry while processing a request. A registry MUST return a status of Success in the RegistryResponse for a request that only encountered Warnings during its processing and encountered no Errors.
- *location*: This attribute specifies a string that indicated where in the code the error occurred. Implementations SHOULD show the stack trace and/or, code module and line number information where the error was encountered in code.

## 3 SOAP Binding

This chapter defines the SOAP protocol binding for the ebXML Registry service interfaces. The SOAP binding enables access to the registry over the SOAP 1.1 with Attachments [SwA] protocol. The complete SOAP Binding is described by the following WSDL description files:

- ebXML Registry Service Interfaces: Abstract Definition [RR-INT-WSDL]
- ebXML Registry Service Interfaces: SOAP Binding [RR-SOAPB-WSDL]
- ebXML Registry Service Interfaces: SOAP Service [RR-SOAPS-WSDL]

### 3.1 ebXML Registry Service Interfaces: Abstract Definition

In [RR-INT-WSDL], each registry Service Interface is mapped to an abstract WSDL portType as follows:

- A portType is defined for each Service Interface:

```
<portType name="QueryManagerPortType">
  ...
</portType>
<portType name="LifecycleManagerPortType">
  ...
</portType>
```

- Within each portType an operation is defined for each protocol supported by the service interface:

```
<portType name="QueryManagerPortType">
  <operation name="submitAdhocQuery">
    ...
  </operation>
</portType>
```

- Within each operation the request and response message for the corresponding protocol are defined as input and output for the operation:

```
<portType name="QueryManagerPortType">
  <operation name="submitAdhocQuery">
    <input message="tns:msgAdhocQueryRequest" />
    <output message="tns:msgAdhocQueryResponse" />
  </operation>
</portType>
```

- For each message used in an operation a message element is defined that references the element corresponding to the registry protocol request or response message from the XML Schema for the registry service interface [RR-LCM-XSD], [RR-QM-XSD]:

```
<message name="msgAdhocQueryRequest">
  <part element="query:AdhocQueryRequest"
    name="partAdhocQueryRequest" />
</message>
<message name="msgAdhocQueryResponse">
  <part element="query:AdhocQueryResponse"
    name="partAdhocQueryResponse" />
</message>
```

### 3.2 ebXML Registry Service Interfaces SOAP Binding

In [RR-SOAPB-WSDL], a SOAP Binding is defined for the registry service interfaces as follows:

- 771 • For each portType corresponding to a registry service interface and defined in [RR-INT-WSDL] a  
772 <binding> element is defined which has name <ServiceInterfaceName>Binding
- 773 • The <binding> element references the portType defined in [RR-INT-WSDL] via its type attribute
- 774 • The <soap:binding> extension element uses the “document” style
- 775 • An operation element is defined for each protocol defined for the service interface. The operation name  
776 relates to the protocol request message.
- 777 • The <soap:operation> extension element has <input> and <output> elements that have <soap:body>  
778 elements with use="literal".

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```

780     <binding name="QueryManagerBinding"
781     type="interfaces:QueryManagerPortType">
782       <soap:binding style="document"
783       transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
784       <operation name="submitAdhocQuery">
785         <soap:operation soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-
786         regrep:wSDL:registry:bindings:3.0:QueryManagerPortType#submitAdhocQuery"/
787       >
788         <input>
789           <soap:body use="literal"/>
790         </input>
791         <output>
792           <soap:body use="literal"/>
793         </output>
794       </operation>
795     </binding>

```

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### 797 3.3 ebXML Registry Service Interfaces SOAP Service Template

798 In [RR-SOAPS-WSDL], a non-normative template is provided for a WSDL Service that uses the SOAP  
799 Binding from the registry service interfaces as follows:

- 800 • A single service element defines the concrete ebXML Registry SOAP Service. The template uses the  
801 name “ebXMLRegistrySOAPSvc”.
- 802 • The service element includes a port definitions, where each port corresponds with one of the service  
803 interfaces defined for the registry. Each port includes an HTTP URL for accessing that port specified by  
804 the location attribute of the <soap:address> element. The HTTP URL to the SOAP Service MUST  
805 conform to the pattern <base URL>/soap where <base URL> MUST be the same as the value of the  
806 home attribute of the instance of the Registry class defined by [ebRIM] that represents this registry.
- 807 • Each port definition also references a SOAP binding element described in the previous section.

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```

809     <service name="ebXMLRegistrySOAPSvc">
810       <port binding="bindings:QueryManagerBinding" name="QueryManagerPort">
811         <soap:address location="http://your.server.com/soap"/>
812       </port>
813       <port binding="bindings:LifeCycleManagerBinding"
814       name="LifeCycleManagerPort">
815         <soap:address location="http://your.server.com/soap"/>
816       </port>
817     </service>

```

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### 819 3.4 Mapping of Exception to SOAP Fault

820 The registry protocols defined in this specification include the specification of Exceptions that a registry  
821 MUST return when certain exceptional conditions are encountered during the processing of the protocol  
822 request message. A registry MUST return Exceptions specified in registry protocol messages as SOAP

823 Faults as described in this section. In addition a registry MUST conform to [WSI-BP] when generating the  
 824 SOAP Fault. A registry MUST NOT sign a SOAP Fault message it returns.  
 825 The following table provides details on how a registry MUST map exceptions to SOAP Faults.  
 826

SOAP Fault Element	Description	Example
faultcode	The faultCode MUST be present and MUST be the name of the Exception qualified by the URN prefix: <b>urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:exception:</b>	<i>urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:exception:ObjectNotFoundException</i>
faultstring	The faultstring MUST be present and SHOULD provide some information explaining the nature of the exception.	<i>Object with id urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:ExtrinsicObject:zeusDescription not found in registry.</i>
detail	At least one detail element MUST be present. The detail element SHOULD include the stack trace and/or, code module and line number information where the Exception was encountered in code. If the Exception has nested Exceptions within it then the registry SHOULD include the nested exceptions as nested detail elements within the top level detail element.	
faultactor	At least one faultactor MUST be present. The first faultactor MUST be the base URL of the registry.	<i>http://example.server.com:8080/omars/registry</i>

*Table 1: Mapping a Registry Exception to SOAP Fault*



## 4 HTTP Binding

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828 This chapter defines the HTTP protocol binding for the ebXML Registry abstract service interfaces. The  
829 HTTP binding enables access to the registry over the HTTP 1.1 protocol.

830 The HTTP interface provides multiple options for accessing RegistryObjects and RepositoryItems via the  
831 HTTP protocol. These options are:

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- 833 • RPC Encoding URL: Allows client access to objects via a URL that is based on encoding a  
834 Remote Procedure Call (RPC) to a registry interface as an HTTP protocol request.
- 835 • Submitter Defined URL: Allows client access to objects via Submitter defined URLs.
- 836 • File Path Based URL: Allows clients access to objects via a URL based upon a file path derived  
837 from membership of object in a RegistryPackage membership hierarchy.

838 Each of the above methods has its advantages and disadvantages and each method may be better suited  
839 for different use cases as illustrated by table below:

840

HTTP Access Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
RPC Encoding URL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The URL is constant and deterministic</li><li>• Submitter need not explicitly assign URL</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The URL is long and not human-friendly to remember</li></ul>
Submitter Defined URL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very human-friendly URL</li><li>• Submitter may assign any URL</li><li>• The URL is constant and deterministic</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submitter must explicitly assign URL</li><li>• Requires additional resources in the registry</li></ul>
File Path Based URL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submitter need not explicitly assign URL</li><li>• Intuitive URL that is based upon a familiar file / folder metaphor</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The URL is NOT constant and deterministic</li><li>• Requires placing objects as members in RegistryPackages</li></ul>

Table 2: Comparison of HTTP Access Methods

### 4.1 HTTP Interface URL Pattern

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842 The HTTP URLs used by the HTTP Binding MUST conform to the pattern `<base URL>/http/<url suffix>`  
843 where `<base URL>` MUST be the same as the value of the `home` attribute of the instance of the Registry  
844 class defined by [ebRIM] that represents this registry. The `<url suffix>` depends upon the HTTP Access  
845 Method and various request specific parameters that will be described later in this chapter.

### 4.2 RPC Encoding URL

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847 The RPC Encoding URL method of the HTTP interface maps the operations defined by the abstract  
848 registry interfaces to the HTTP protocol using an RPC style. It defines how URL parameters are used to  
849 specify the interface, method and invocation parameters needed to invoke an operation on a registry  
850 interface such as the QueryManager interface.

851 The RPC Encoding URL method also defines how an HTTP response is used to carry the response  
852 generated by the operation specified in the request.

#### 4.2.1 Standard URL Parameters

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854 The following table specifies the URL parameters supported by RPC Encoding URLs. A Registry MAY  
855 implement additional URL parameters in addition to these parameters. Note that the URL Parameter

856 names MUST be processed by the registry in a case-insensitive manner while the parameter values  
 857 MUST be processed in a case-sensitive manner.

URL Parameter	Required	Description	Example
interface	YES	Defines the service interface that is the target of the request.	QueryManager
method	YES	Defines the method (operation) within the interface that is the target of the request.	getRegistryObject
param-<key>	NO	Defines named parameters to be passed into a method call. Note that some methods require specific parameters.	param-id= <i>urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:ExtrinsicObject:zeusDescription</i>

Table 3: Standard URL Parameters

## 858 4.2.2 QueryManager Binding

859 A registry MUST support a RPC Encoded URL HTTP binding to QueryManager service interface. To  
 860 specify the QueryManager interface as its target, the *interface* parameter of the URL MUST be  
 861 "QueryManager." In addition the following URL parameters are defined by the QueryManager HTTP  
 862 Interface.

863

Method	Parameter	Return Value	HTTP Request Type
getRegistryObject	id	The RegistryObject that matches the specified id.	GET
getRepositoryItem	id	The RepositoryItem that matches the specified id. Note that a RepositoryItem may be arbitrary content (e.g. a GIF image).	GET

Table 4: RPC Encoded URL: Query Manager Methods

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865 Note that in the examples that follow, name space declarations are omitted to conserve space. Also note  
 866 that some lines may be wrapped due to lack of space.

### 867 4.2.2.1 Sample getRegistryObject Request

868 The following example shows a getRegistryObject request.

869

```
870 GET /http?interface=QueryManager&method=getRegistryObject&param-  
871 id= urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:ExtrinsicObject:zeusDescription  
872 HTTP/1.1
```

873

### 874 4.2.2.2 Sample getRegistryObject Response

875 The following example shows an ExtrinsicObject, which is a concrete sub-class of RegistryObject being  
 876 returned as a response to the getRegistryObject method invocation.

877

```
878 HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
879 Content-Type: text/xml
```

```
880 Content-Length: 555
881
882 <?xml version="1.0"?>
883 <ExtrinsicObject
884   id =
885   "urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:ExtrinsicObject:zeusDescription"
886   objectType="{OBJECT_TYPE}">
887   ...
888 </ExtrinsicObject>
```

889

### 890 **4.2.2.3 Sample getRepositoryItem Request**

891 The following example shows a getRepositoryItem request.

892

```
893 GET /http?interface=QueryManager&method=getRepositoryItem&param-
894 id= urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:ExtrinsicObject:zeusDescription
895 HTTP/1.1
```

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### 897 **4.2.2.4 Sample getRepositoryItem Response**

898 The following example assumes that the repository item was a Collaboration Protocol Profile as defined by  
899 [ebCPP]. It could return any type of content (e.g. a GIF image).

900

```
901 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
902 Content-Type: text/xml
903 Content-Length: 555
904
905 <?xml version="1.0"?>
906 <CollaborationProtocolProfile>
907   ...
908 </CollaborationProtocolProfile>
```

909

### 910 **4.2.3 LifeCycleManager HTTP Interface**

911 The RPC Encoded URL mechanism of the HTTP Binding does not support the LifeCycleManager  
912 interface. The reason is that the LifeCycleManager operations require HTTP POST which is already  
913 supported by the SOAP binding.

## 914 **4.3 Submitter Defined URL**

915 A Submitter MAY specify zero or more Submitter defined URLs for a RegistryObject or RepositoryItem.  
916 These URLs MAY then be used by clients to access the object using the GET request of the HTTP  
917 protocol. Submitter defined URLs serve as an alternative to the RPC Encoding URL defined by the HTTP  
918 binding for the QueryManager interface. The benefit of Submitter defined URLs is that objects are made  
919 accessible via a URL that is meaningful and memorable to the user. The cost of Submitter defined URLs  
920 is that the Submitter needs to specify the Submitter defined URL and that the Submitter defined URL  
921 takes additional storage resources within the registry.

922 Consider the examples below to see how Submitter defined URLs compare with the URL defined by the  
923 HTTP binding for the QueryManager interface.

924 Following is a sample URL defined by the HTTP binding for the QueryManager interface to access a  
925 RegistryObject that is an ExtrinsicObject describing a GIF image:

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```
http://localhost:8080/ebxmlrr/registry/http/?interface=QueryManager&method=getRegistryObject&param-id=urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:ExtrinsicObject:zeusDescription
```

The same RegistryObject (an ExtrinsicObject) may be accessed via the following Submitter defined URL:

```
http://localhost:8080/ebxmlrr/registry/http/pictures/nikola/zeus.xml
```

Following is a sample URL defined by the HTTP binding for the QueryManager interface to access a repository item that is a GIF image:

```
http://localhost:8080/ebxmlrr/registry/http/?interface=QueryManager&method=getRepositoryItem&param-id=urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:ExtrinsicObject:zeusDescription
```

The same repository item may be accessed via the following Submitter defined URL:

```
http://localhost:8080/ebxmlrr/registry/http/pictures/nikola/zeus.jpg
```

### 4.3.1 Submitter defined URL Syntax

A Submitter MUST specify a Submitter defined URL as a URL suffix that is relative to the base URL of the registry. The URL suffix for a Submitter defined URL MUST be unique across all Submitter defined URLs defined for all objects within a registry.

The use of relative URLs is illustrated as follows:

- **Base URL for Registry:** <http://localhost:8080/ebxml/registry>
- **Implied Prefix URL for HTTP interface:** <http://localhost:8080/ebxml/registry/http>
- **Submitter Defined URL suffix:** /pictures/nikola/zeus
- **Complete URL:** <http://localhost:8080/ebxmlrr/registry/http/pictures/nikola/zeus>

### 4.3.2 Assigning URL to a RegistryObject

A Submitter MAY assign one or more Submitter defined URLs to a RegistryObject.

The Submitter defined URL(s) MAY be assigned by the Submitter using a canonical slot on the RegistryObject. The Slot is identified by the name:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rim:RegistryObject:locator
```

Each value in the collection of values for this Slot specifies a Submitter defined URL suffix for that

972 RegistryObject. The registry MUST return the RegistryObject when the HTTP client sends an HTTP GET  
973 request whose URL matches any of the URLs specified within the locator Slot (if any) for that  
974 RegistryObject.

### 975 **4.3.3 Assigning URL to a Repository Item**

976 A Submitter MAY assign one or more Submitter defined URLs to a Repository Item.  
977 The Submitter defined URL(s) may be assigned by the Submitter using a canonical slot on the  
978 ExtrinsicObject for the repository item. The Slot is identified by the name:

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981  
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```
urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rim:RegistryObject:contentLocator
```

983 Each value in the collection of values for this Slot specifies a Submitter defined URL suffix for the  
984 RepositoryItem associated with the ExtrinsicObject. The registry MUST return the RepositoryItem when  
985 the HTTP client sends an HTTP GET request whose URL matches any of the URLs specified within the  
986 contentLocator slot (if any) for the ExtrinsicObject for that RepositoryItem.

## 987 **4.4 File Path Based URL**

988 The File Path Based URL mechanism enables HTTP clients to access RegistryObjects and  
989 RepositoryItems using a URL that is derived from the RegistryPackage membership hierarchy for the  
990 RegistryObject or RepositoryItem.

### 991 **4.4.1 File Folder Metaphor**

992 The RegistryPackage class as defined by [eBRIM] enables objects to be structurally organized by a  
993 RegistryPackage membership hierarchy. As such, a RegistryPackage serves a role similar to that of a  
994 Folder within the File and Folder metaphor that is common within filesystems in most operating systems.  
995 Similarly, the members of a RegistryPackage serve a role similar to the files within a folder in the File and  
996 Folder metaphor.

997 In this file-folder metaphor, a Submitter creates a RegistryPackage to create the functional equivalent of a  
998 folder and creates a RegistryObject to create the functional equivalent of a file. The Submitter adds a  
999 RegistryObjects as a member of a RegistryPackage to create the functional equivalent of adding a file to a  
1000 folder.

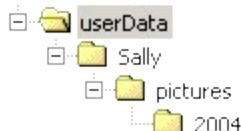
### 1001 **4.4.2 File Path of a RegistryObject**

1002 Each RegistryObject has an implicit *file path*. The file path of a RegistryObject is a path structure similar to  
1003 the Unix file path structure. The file path is composed of file path segments. Analogous to the Unix file  
1004 path, the last segment within the file path represents the RegistryObject, while preceding segments  
1005 represent the RegistryPackage(s) within the membership hierarchy of the RegistryObject. Each segment  
1006 consists of the *name* of the RegistryPackage or the RegistryObject. Because the name attribute is of type  
1007 InternationalString the path segment matches the name of an object within a specific locale.

#### 1008 **4.4.2.1 File Path Example**

1009 Consider the example where a registry has a RegistryPackage hierarchy as illustrated below using the  
1010 name of the objects in locale "en\_US":

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1012

Figure 3: Example Registry Package Hierarchy

1013 Now let us assume that the RegistryPackage named “2004” has an ExtrinsicObject named “baby.gif” for a  
1014 repository item that is a photograph in the GIF format. In this example the file paths for various objects in  
1015 locale “en\_US” are shown in table below:

1016

Object Name	File Path
userData	/userData
Sally	/userData/Sally
pictures	/userData/Sally/pictures
2004	/userData/Sally/pictures/2004
baby.gif	/userData/Sally/pictures/2004/baby.gif

Table 5: File Path Examples

1017 Note that above example assumes that the RegistryPackage named userData is a root level package (not  
1018 contained within another RegistryPackage).

### 1019 4.4.3 Matching URL To Objects

1020 A registry client MAY access RegistryObjects and RepositoryItems over the HTTP GET request using  
1021 URL patterns that are based upon the File Path for the target objects. This section describes how a  
1022 registry resolves File Path URLs specified by an HTTP client.

1023 The registry MUST process each path segment from the beginning of the path to the end and for each  
1024 path segment match the segment to the value attribute of a LocalizedString in the name attribute of a  
1025 RegistryObject. For all but the last path segment, the matched RegistryObject MUST be a  
1026 RegistryPackage. The last path segment MAY match any RegistryObject including a RegistryPackage. If  
1027 any path segment fails to be matched then the URL is not resolvable by the File Path based URL method.  
1028 When matching any segment other than the first segment the registry MUST also ensure that the matched  
1029 RegistryObject is a member of the RegistryPackage that matches the previous segment.

### 1030 4.4.4 URL Matches a Single Object

1031 When a File Path based URL matches a single object there are two possible responses.

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- 1033 • If the URL pattern does not end in a '/' character or the last segment does not match a  
1034 RegistryPackage then the Registry MUST send as response an XML document that is the  
1035 XML representation of the RegistryObject that matches the last segment. If the last  
1036 segment matches an ExtrinsicObject then if the URL specifies the HTTP GET parameter  
1037 with name 'getRepositoryItem' and value of 'true' then the registry MUST return as  
1038 response the repository item associated with the ExtrinsicObject.
- 1039 • If the URL pattern ends in a '/' character and the last segment matches a RegistryPackage  
1040 then the Registry MUST send as response an HTML document that is the directory listing  
1041 (section 4.4.6) of all RegistryObjects that are members of the RegistryPackage that  
1042 matches the last segment.

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### 1044 4.4.5 URL Matches Multiple Object

1045 A registry MUST show a partial Directory Listing of a Registry Package when a File Path  
1046 based URL matches multiple objects.

1047 A File Path based URL may match multiple objects if:

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- 1049 • Multiple objects with the same name exist in the same RegistryPackage

- The segment contains wildcard characters such as '%' or '?' to match the names of multiple objects within the same RegistryPackage. Note that wildcard characters must be URL encoded as defined by the HTTP protocol. For example the '%' character is encoded as '%25'.

#### 4.4.6 Directory Listing

A registry MUST return a directory listing as a response under certain circumstances as describes earlier. The directory listing MUST show a list of objects within a specific RegistryPackage.

A registry SHOULD structure a directory listing such that each item in the listing provides information about a RegistryObject within the RegistryPackage. A registry MAY format its directory listing page in a registry specific manner. However, it is suggested that a registry SHOULD format it as an HTML page that minimally includes the objectType, name and description attributes for each RegistryObject in the directory listing.

Figure 4 shows a non-normative example of a directory listing that matches all root level objects that have a name that begins with 'Sun' (path /Sun%25).

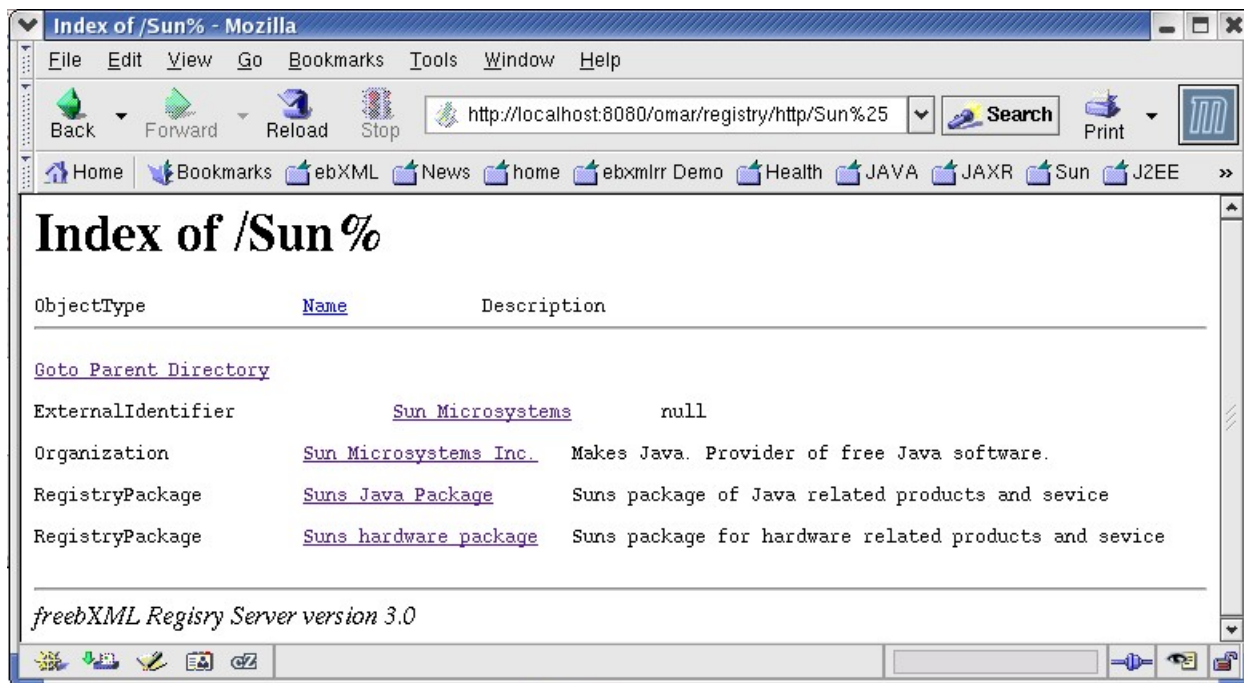


Figure 4: Example of a Directory Listing

#### 4.4.7 Access Control In RegistryPackage Hierarchy

The ability to control who can add files and sub-folders to a folder is important in a file system. The same is true for the File Path Based URL mechanism.

A Submitter MAY assign a custom Access Control Policy to a Registry Package to create the functional equivalent of assigning access control to a folder in the file-folder metaphor. The custom Access Control Policy SHOULD use the "reference" action to control who can add RegistryObjects as members of the folder as described in [ebRIM].

### 4.5 URL Resolution Algorithm

Since the HTTP Binding supports multiple mechanisms to resolve an HTTP URL a registry SHOULD implement an algorithm to determine the correct HTTP Binding mechanism to resolve a URL.



1076 This section gives a non-normative URL resolution algorithm that a registry SHOULD use to determine  
1077 which of the various HTTP Binding mechanisms to use to resolve an HTTP URL.

1078 Upon receiving an HTTP GET request a registry SHOULD first check if the URL is an RPC Encoded URL.  
1079 This MAY be done by checking if the *interface* URL parameter is specified in the URL. If specified the  
1080 registry SHOULD resolve the URL using the RPC Encoded URL method as defined by section 4.2. If the  
1081 *interface* URL parameter is not specified then the registry SHOULD use the Submitter specified URL  
1082 method to check if the URL is resolvable. If the URL is still unresolvable then the registry SHOULD check  
1083 if the URL is resolvable using the File Path based URL method. If the URL is still unresolvable then the  
1084 registry should return an HTTP 404 (NotFound) error as defined by the HTTP protocol.

## 1085 **4.6 Security Consideration**

1086 A registry MUST enforce all Access Control Policies including restriction on the READ action when  
1087 processing a request to the HTTP binding of a service interface. This implies that a Registry MUST not  
1088 resolve a URL to a RegistryObject or RepositoryItem if the client is not authorized to read that object.

## 1089 **4.7 Exception Handling**

1090 If a service interface method generates an Exception it MUST be reported in a `RegistryErrorList`,  
1091 and sent back to the client within the HTTP response for the HTTP request.

1092 When errors occur, the HTTP status code and message SHOULD correspond to the error(s) being  
1093 reported in the `RegistryErrorList`. For example, if the `RegistryErrorList` reports that an object  
1094 wasn't found, therefore cannot be returned, an appropriate error code SHOULD be 404, with a message  
1095 of "ObjectNotFoundException". A detailed list of HTTP status codes can be found in [RFC2616]. The  
1096 mapping between registry exceptions and HTTP status codes is currently unspecified.



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## 5 Lifecycle Management Protocols

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This section defines the protocols supported by Lifecycle Management service interface of the Registry.

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The Lifecycle Management protocols provide the functionality required by RegistryClients to manage the lifecycle of RegistryObjects and RepositoryItems within the registry.

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The XML schema for the Lifecycle Management protocols is described in [RR-LCM-XSD].

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### 5.1 Submit Objects Protocol

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This SubmitObjects allows a RegistryClient to submit one or more RegistryObjects and/or repository items.

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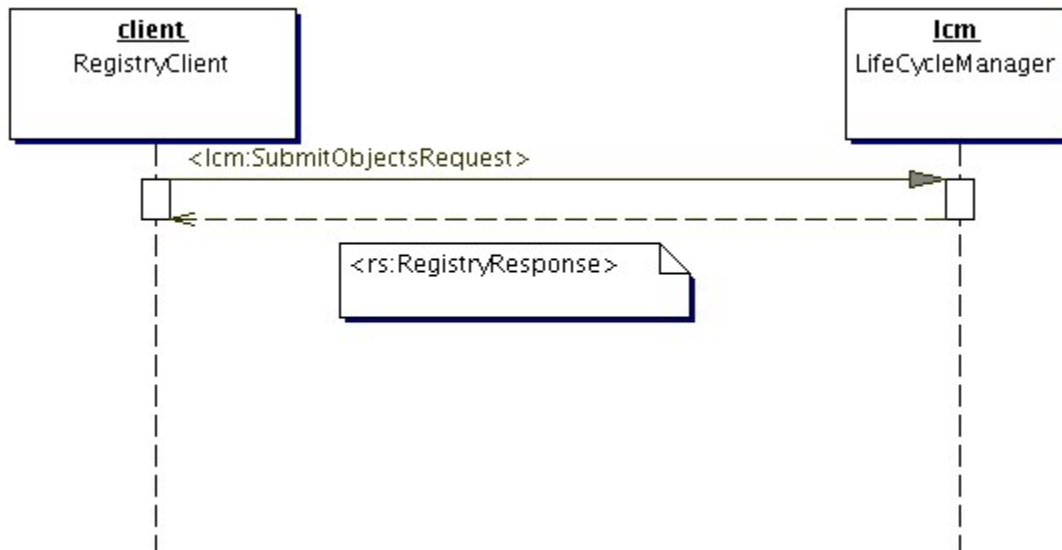


Figure 5: Submit Objects Protocol

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#### 5.1.1 SubmitObjectsRequest

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The SubmitObjectsRequest is used by a client to submit RegistryObjects and/or repository items to the registry.

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##### 5.1.1.1 Syntax:

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```

<element name="SubmitObjectsRequest">
  <complexType>
  <complexContent>
  <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">
  <sequence>
  <element ref="rim:RegistryObjectList"/>
  </sequence>
  </extension>
  </complexContent>
  </complexType>
</element>

```

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### 1122 **5.1.1.2 Parameters:**

- 1123       ▪ *RegistryObjectList*: This parameter specifies a collection of RegistryObject instances that  
1124       are being submitted to the registry. The RegistryObjects in the list may be brand new  
1125       objects being submitted to the registry or they may be current objects already existing in  
1126       the registry. In case of existing objects the registry MUST treat them in the same manner  
1127       as UpdateObjectsRequest and simply update the existing objects.

### 1128 **5.1.1.3 Returns:**

1129 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

### 1130 **5.1.1.4 Exceptions:**

1131 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests defined in 2.1.1.4, the following exceptions MAY be  
1132 returned:

- 1133       ▪ *UnresolvedReferenceException*: Indicates that the requestor referenced an object within  
1134       the request that was not resolved during the processing of the request.
- 1135       ▪ *UnsignedRepositoryItemException*: Indicates that the requestor attempted to submit a  
1136       RepositoryItem that was not signed.
- 1137       ▪ *QuotaExceededException*: Indicates that the requestor attempted to submit more content  
1138       than the quota allowed for them by the registry.

## 1139 **5.1.2 Unique ID Generation**

1140 As specified by [ebRIM], all RegistryObjects MUST have a unique id contained within the value of the id  
1141 attribute. The id MUST be a valid URN and MUST be unique across all other RegistryObjects in the home  
1142 registry for the RegistryObject.

1143 A Submitter MAY optionally supply the id attribute for submitted objects. If the Submitter supplies the id  
1144 and it is a valid URN and does not conflict with the id of an existing RegistryObject within the home  
1145 registry then the registry MUST honor the Submitter-supplied id value and use it as the value of the id  
1146 attribute of the object in the registry. If the id is not a valid URN then the registry MUST return an  
1147 InvalidRequestException. If the id conflicts with the id of an existing RegistryObject within the home  
1148 registry then the registry MUST return InvalidRequestException for an UpdateObjectsRequest and treat it  
1149 as an Update action for a SubmitObjectsRequest.

1150 If the client does not supply an id for a submitted object then the registry MUST generate a universally  
1151 unique id. A registry generated id value MUST conform to the format of a URN that specifies a DCE 128  
1152 bit UUID as specified in [UUID]:

1153       (e.g. *urn:uuid:a2345678-1234-1234-123456789012*).

## 1154 **5.1.3 ID Attribute And Object References**

1155 The id attribute of an object MAY be used by other objects to reference that object. Within a  
1156 SubmitObjectsRequest, the id attribute MAY be used to refer to an object within the same  
1157 SubmitObjectsRequest as well as to refer to an object within the registry. An object in the  
1158 SubmitObjectsRequest that needs to be referred to within the request document MAY be assigned an id  
1159 by the submitter so that it can be referenced within the request. The submitter MAY give the object a  
1160 valid URN, in which case the id is permanently assigned to the object within the registry. Alternatively, the  
1161 submitter MAY assign an arbitrary id that is not a valid URN as long as the id is a unique anyURI value  
1162 within the request document. In this case the id serves as a linkage mechanism within the request  
1163 document but MUST be replaced with a registry generated id upon submission.

1164 When an object in a SubmitObjectsRequest needs to reference an object that is already in the registry,  
1165 the request MAY contain an ObjectRef whose id attribute is the id of the object in the registry. This id is by  
1166 definition a valid URN. An ObjectRef MAY be viewed as a proxy within the request for an object that is in  
1167 the registry.

1168 **5.1.4 Audit Trail**

1169 The registry MUST create a single AuditableEvent object with eventType *Created* for all the  
1170 RegistryObjects created by a SubmitObjectsRequest.

1171 **5.1.5 Sample SubmitObjectsRequest**

1172 The following example shows a simple SubmitObjectsRequest that submits a single Organization object to  
1173 the registry. It does not show the complete SOAP Message with the message header and additional  
1174 payloads in the message for the repository items.

```
1175  
1176 <lcm:SubmitObjectsRequest>  
1177   <rim:RegistryObjectList>  
1178     <rim:Organization lid="{LOGICAL_ID}"  
1179       id="{ID}"  
1180       primaryContact="{CONTACT_USER_ID}">  
1181       <rim:Name>  
1182         <rim:LocalizedString value="Sun Microsystems Inc." xml:lang="en-  
1183         US"/>  
1184       </rim:Name>  
1185       <rim:Address city="Burlington" country="USA" postalCode="01867"  
1186       stateOrProvince="MA" street="Network Dr." streetNumber="1"/>  
1187       <rim:TelephoneNumber areaCode="781" countryCode="1" number="123-  
1188       456" phoneType="office"/>  
1189     </rim:Organization>  
1190   </rim:RegistryObjectList>  
1191 </SubmitObjectsRequest>
```

1192 **5.2 The Update Objects Protocol**

1193 The UpdateObjectsRequest protocol allows a Registry Client to update one or more existing  
1194 RegistryObjects and/or repository items in the registry.

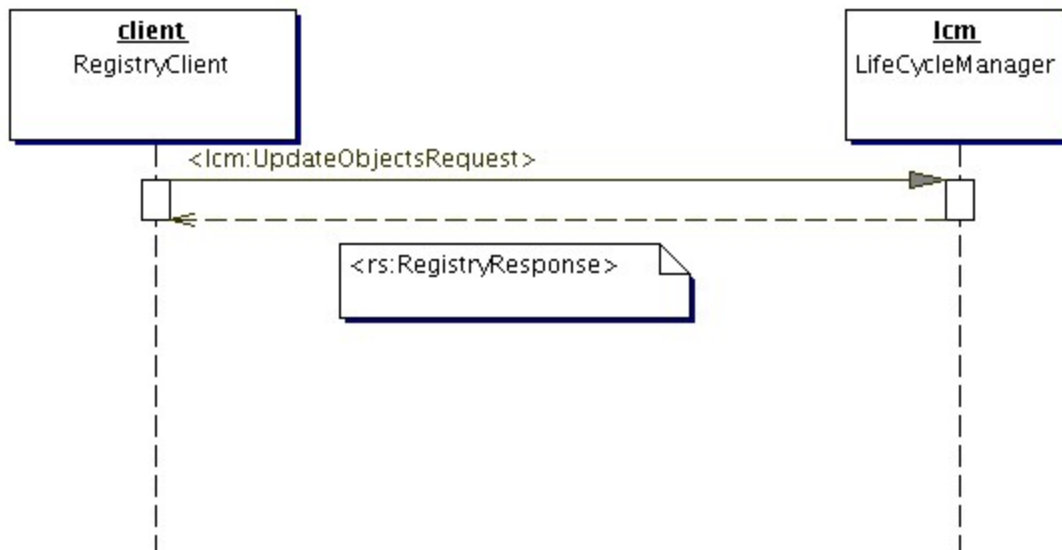


Figure 6: Update Objects Protocol

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## 1197 5.2.1 UpdateObjectsRequest

1198 The UpdateObjectsRequest is used by a client to update RegistryObjects and/or repository items that  
1199 already exist within the registry.

### 1200 5.2.1.1 Syntax:

```
1201 <element name="UpdateObjectsRequest">  
1202   <complexType>  
1203     <complexContent>  
1204       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">  
1205         <sequence>  
1206           <element ref="rim:RegistryObjectList"/>  
1207         </sequence>  
1208       </extension>  
1209     </complexContent>  
1210   </complexType>  
1211 </element>
```

### 1212 5.2.1.2 Parameters:

1213 

- 1214 *RegistryObjectList*: This parameter specifies a collection of RegistryObject instances that  
1215 are being updated within the registry. All immediate RegistryObject children of the  
1216 RegistryObjectList MUST be current RegistryObjects already in the registry.  
1217 RegistryObjects MUST include all required attributes, even those the user does not intend  
1218 to change. A missing attribute MUST be interpreted as a request to set that attribute to  
1219 NULL or in case it has a default value, the default value will be assumed. If this collection  
1220 contains an immediate child RegistryObject that does not already exists in the registry,  
1221 then the registry MUST return an InvalidRequestException. If the user wishes to submit a  
1222 mix of new and updated objects then he or she SHOULD use a SubmitObjectsRequest.  
1223 If an ExtrinsicObject is being updated and no RepositoryItem is provided in the  
1224 UpdateObjectsRequest then the registry MUST maintain any previously existing  
1225 RepositoryItem associated with the original ExtrinsicObject with the updated  
1226 ExtrinsicObject. If the client wishes to remove the RepositoryItem from an existing  
1227 ExtrinsicObject they MUST use a RemoveObjectsRequest with  
1228 deletionScope=DeleteRepositoryItemOnly.

### 1229 5.2.1.3 Returns:

1230 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

### 1231 5.2.1.4 Exceptions:

1232 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests defined in 2.1.1.4, the following exceptions MAY be  
1233 returned:

1234 

- 1235 *UnresolvedReferenceException*: Indicates that the requestor referenced an object within  
1236 the request that was not resolved during the processing of the request.
- 1237 *UnsignedRepositoryItemException*: Indicates that the requestor attempted to submit a  
1238 RepositoryItem that was not signed.
- 1239 *QuotaExceededException*: Indicates that the requestor attempted to submit more content  
than the quota allowed for them by the registry.

## 1240 5.2.2 Audit Trail

1241 The registry MUST create a single AuditableEvent object with eventType *Updated* for all RegistryObjects  
1242 updated via an UpdateObjectsRequest.

## 1243 5.3 The Approve Objects Protocol

1244 The Approve Objects protocol allows a client to approve one or more previously submitted RegistryObject  
1245 objects using the LifeCycleManager service interface.

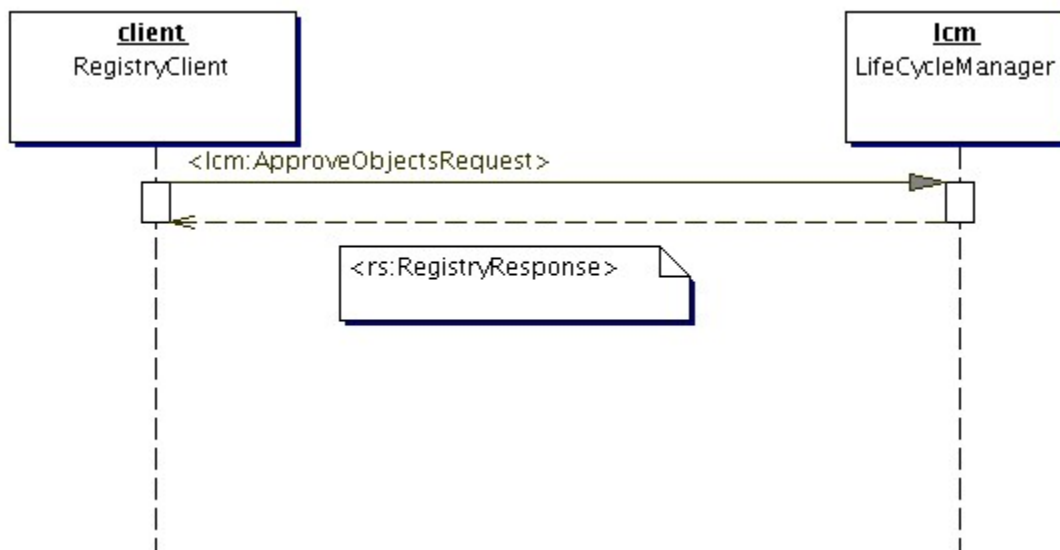


Figure 7: Approve Objects Protocol

### 1247 5.3.1 ApproveObjectsRequest

1248 The ApproveObjectsRequest is used by a client to approve one or more existing RegistryObject  
1249 instances in the registry.

#### 1250 5.3.1.1 Syntax:

```
1251 <element name="ApproveObjectsRequest">  
1252   <complexType>  
1253     <complexContent>  
1254       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">  
1255         <sequence>  
1256           <element ref="rim:AdhocQuery" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />  
1257           <element ref="rim:ObjectRefList" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />  
1258         />  
1259       </sequence>  
1260     </extension>  
1261   </complexContent>  
1262 </complexType>  
1263 </element>
```

#### 1264 5.3.1.2 Parameters:

- 1265
- 1266
- 1267 • **AdhocQuery:** This parameter specifies a query. A registry MUST approve all objects that  
1268 match the specified query in addition to any other objects identified by other parameters.
  - 1269 • **ObjectRefList:** This parameter specifies a collection of references to existing  
1270 RegistryObject instances in the registry. A registry MUST approve all objects that are  
referenced by this parameter in addition to any other objects identified by other  
parameters.

1271 **5.3.1.3 Returns:**

1272 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

1273 **5.3.1.4 Exceptions:**

1274 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests defined in 2.1.1.4, the following exceptions MAY be  
1275 returned:

- 1276 *ObjectNotFoundException*: Indicates that the requestor requested an object within the  
1277 request that was not found.

1278

1279 **5.3.2 Audit Trail**

1280 The registry MUST create a single AuditableEvent object with eventType *Approved* for all RegistryObject  
1281 instance approved via an ApproveObjectsRequest.

1282 **5.4 The Deprecate Objects Protocol**

1283 The Deprecate Object protocol allows a client to deprecate one or more previously submitted  
1284 RegistryObject instances using the LifeCycleManager service interface. Once a RegistryObject is  
1285 deprecated, no new references (e.g. new Associations, Classifications and ExternalLinks) to that object  
1286 can be submitted. However, existing references to a deprecated object continue to function normally.

1287

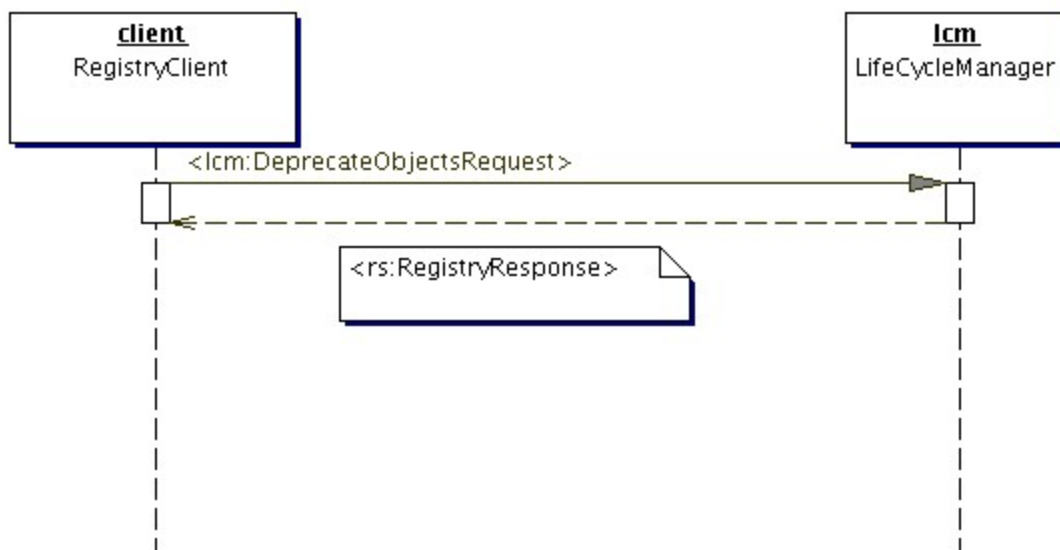


Figure 8: Deprecate Objects Protocol

1288 **5.4.1 DeprecateObjectsRequest**

1289 The DeprecateObjectsRequest is used by a client to deprecate one or more existing RegistryObject  
1290 instances in the registry.

1291 **5.4.1.1 Syntax:**

```
1292 <element name="DeprecateObjectsRequest">  
1293   <complexType>  
1294     <complexContent>  
1295       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">  
1296         <sequence>
```

```
1297         <element ref="rim:AdhocQuery" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />
1298         <element ref="rim:ObjectRefList" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"
1299 />
1300     </sequence>
1301 </extension>
1302 </complexContent>
1303 </complexType>
1304 </element>
```

#### 1305 **5.4.1.2 Parameters:**

- 1306     ▪ **AdhocQuery:** This parameter specifies a query. A registry MUST deprecate all objects  
1307       that match the specified query in addition to any other objects identified by other  
1308       parameters.
- 1309     ▪ **ObjectRefList:** This parameter specifies a collection of references to existing  
1310       RegistryObject instances in the registry. A registry MUST deprecate all objects that are  
1311       referenced by this parameter in addition to any other objects identified by other  
1312       parameters.

#### 1313 **5.4.1.3 Returns:**

1314 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

#### 1315 **5.4.1.4 Exceptions:**

1316 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests defined in 2.1.1.4, the following exceptions MAY be  
1317 returned:

- 1318     ▪ **UnresolvedReferenceException:** Indicates that the requestor referenced an object within  
1319       the request that was not resolved during the processing of the request.

#### 1320 **5.4.2 Audit Trail**

1321 The registry MUST create a single AuditableEvent object with eventType *Deprecated* for all  
1322 RegistryObject deprecated via a DeprecateObjectsRequest.

### 1323 **5.5 The Undeprecate Objects Protocol**

1324 The Undeprecate Objects protocol of the LifecycleManager service interface allows a client to undo the  
1325 deprecation of one or more previously deprecated RegistryObject instances. When a RegistryObject is  
1326 undeprecated, it goes back to the Submitted status and new references (e.g. new Associations,  
1327 Classifications and ExternalLinks) to that object can now again be submitted.

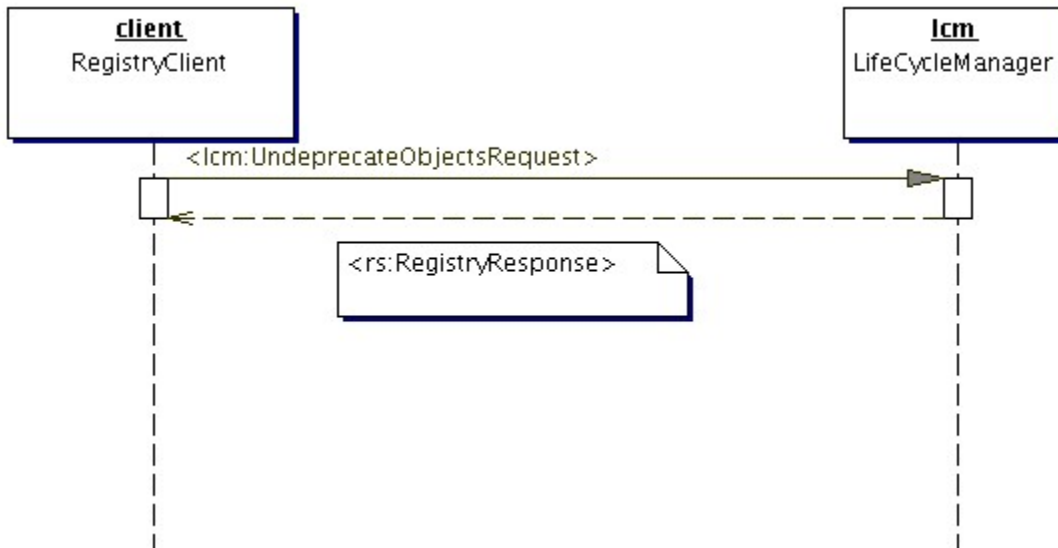


Figure 9: Undeprecate Objects Protocol

## 1329 5.5.1 UndeprecateObjectsRequest

1330 The UndeprecateObjectsRequest is used by a client to undeprecate one or more existing RegistryObject  
 1331 instances in the registry. The registry MUST silently ignore any attempts to undeprecate a RegistryObject  
 1332 that is not deprecated.

### 1333 5.5.1.1 Syntax:

```

1334 <element name="UndeprecateObjectsRequest">
1335   <complexType>
1336     <complexContent>
1337       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">
1338         <sequence>
1339           <element ref="rim:AdhocQuery" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />
1340           <element ref="rim:ObjectRefList" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />
1341         />
1342       </sequence>
1343     </extension>
1344   </complexContent>
1345 </complexType>
1346 </element>
1347 </element>
  
```

### 1348 5.5.1.2 Parameters:

- 1349 ▪ **AdhocQuery:** This parameter specifies a query. A registry MUST undeprecate all objects  
 1350 that match the specified query in addition to any other objects identified by other  
 1351 parameters.
- 1352 ▪ **ObjectRefList:** This parameter specifies a collection of references to existing  
 1353 RegistryObject instances in the registry. A registry MUST undeprecate all objects that are  
 1354 referenced by this parameter in addition to any other objects identified by other  
 1355 parameters.



1356 **5.5.1.3 Returns:**

1357 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

1358 **5.5.1.4 Exceptions:**

1359 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests defined in 2.1.1.4, the following exceptions MAY be  
1360 returned:

- 1361 *UnresolvedReferenceException*: Indicates that the requestor referenced an object within  
1362 the request that was not resolved during the processing of the request.

1363 **5.5.2 Audit Trail**

1364 The Registry Service MUST create a single AuditableEvent object with eventType *Undeprecated* for all  
1365 RegistryObjects undeprecated via an UndeprecateObjectsRequest.

1366 **5.6 The Remove Objects Protocol**

1367 The Remove Objects protocol allows a client to remove one or more RegistryObject instances and/or  
1368 repository items using the LifeCycleManager service interface.

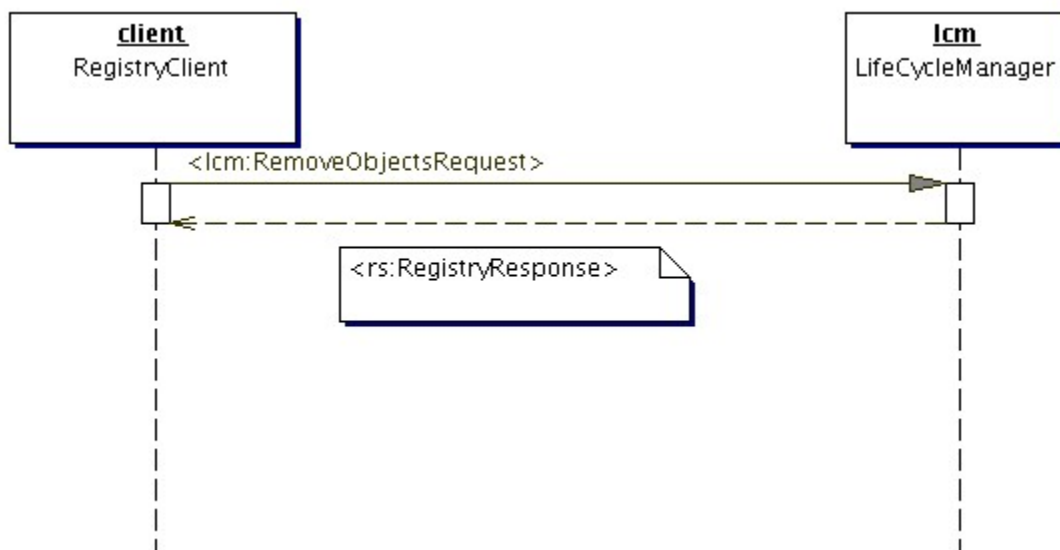


Figure 10: Remove Objects Protocol

1370 For details on the schema for the business documents shown in this process refer to .

1371 **5.6.1 RemoveObjectsRequest**

1372 The RemoveObjectsRequest is used by a client to remove one or more existing RegistryObject and/or  
1373 repository items from the registry.

1374 **5.6.1.1 Syntax:**

```
1375 <element name="RemoveObjectsRequest">  
1376   <complexType>  
1377     <complexContent>  
1378       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">  
1379         <sequence>  
1380           <element ref="rim:AdhocQuery" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />  
1381           <element ref="rim:ObjectRefList" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />  
1382         />  
1382       />
```

```

1383     </sequence>
1384     <attribute name="deletionScope"
1385     default="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:DeletionScopeType:DeleteAll"
1386     type="rim:referenceURI" use="optional"/>
1387     </extension>
1388   </complexContent>
1389 </complexType>
1390 </element>

```

### 1391 5.6.1.2 Parameters:

- 1392 ▪ **deletionScope:** This parameter indicates the scope of impact of the  
1393 RemoveObjectsRequest. The value of the deletionScope attribute MUST be a reference  
1394 to a ClassificationNode within the canonical DeletionScopeType ClassificationScheme as  
1395 described in appendix A of [ebRIM]. A Registry MUST support the deletionScope types as  
1396 defined by the canonical DeletionScopeType ClassificationScheme. The canonical  
1397 DeletionScopeType ClassificationScheme may easily be extended by adding additional  
1398 ClassificationNodes to it.

1399 The following canonical ClassificationNodes are defined for the DeletionScopeType  
1400 ClassificationScheme:

1401 **DeleteRepositoryItemOnly:** This deletionScope specifies that the registry MUST  
1402 delete the RepositoryItem for the specified ExtrinsicObjects but MUST NOT  
1403 delete the specified ExtrinsicObjects. This is useful in keeping references to the  
1404 ExtrinsicObjects valid. A registry MUST set the status of the ExtrinsicObject  
1405 instance to *Withdrawn* in this case.

1406 **DeleteAll:** This deletionScope specifies that the request MUST delete both the  
1407 RegistryObject and the RepositoryItem (if any) for the specified objects. A  
1408 RegistryObject can be removed using a RemoveObjectsRequest with  
1409 deletionScope DeleteAll only if all references (e.g. Associations, Classifications,  
1410 ExternalLinks) to that RegistryObject have been removed.

- 1411 ▪ **AdhocQuery:** This parameter specifies a query. A registry MUST remove all objects that  
1412 match the specified query in addition to any other objects identified by other parameters.
- 1413 ▪ **ObjectRefList:** *This parameter specifies a collection of references to existing*  
1414 *RegistryObject instances in the registry.* A registry MUST remove all objects that are  
1415 referenced by this parameter in addition to any other objects identified by other  
1416 parameters.

### 1417 5.6.1.3 Returns:

1418 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

### 1419 5.6.1.4 Exceptions:

1420 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests defined in 2.1.1.4, the following exceptions MAY be  
1421 returned:

- 1422 ▪ **UnresolvedReferenceException:** Indicates that the requestor referenced an object  
1423 within the request that was not resolved during the processing of the request.
- 1424 ▪ **ReferencesExistException:** Indicates that the requestor attempted to remove a  
1425 RegistryObject while references to it still exist. Note that it is valid to remove a  
1426 RegistryObject and all RegistryObjects that refer to it within the same request. In such  
1427 cases the ReferencesExistException MUST not be thrown.

## 1428 5.7 Registry Managed Version Control

1429 This section describes the version control features of the ebXML Registry. This feature is based upon

1430 [DeltaV]. The ebXML Registry provides a simplified façade that provides a small subset of [DeltaV]  
1431 functionality.

### 1432 **5.7.1 Version Controlled Resources**

1433 All repository items in an ebXML Registry are implicitly version-controlled resources as defined by section  
1434 2.2.1 of [DeltaV]. No explicit action is required to make them a version-controlled resource.

1435 In addition RegistryObject instances are also implicitly version-controlled resources. However, a registry  
1436 may limit version-controlled resources to a sub-set of RegistryObject classes based upon registry specific  
1437 policies.

1438 Minimally, a registry implementing the version control feature SHOULD make the following types as  
1439 version-controlled resources:

- 1440     ▪ ClassificationNode
- 1441     ▪ ClassificationScheme
- 1442     ▪ Organization
- 1443     ▪ ExtrinsicObject
- 1444     ▪ RegistryPackage
- 1445     ▪ Service

1446 The above list is chosen to exclude all composed types and include most of remaining RegistryObject  
1447 types for which there are known use cases requiring versioning.

### 1448 **5.7.2 Versioning and Object Identification**

1449 Each version of a RegistryObject is a unique object and as such has its own unique value for its id  
1450 attribute as defined by [ebRIM].

### 1451 **5.7.3 Logical ID**

1452 All versions of a RegistryObject are logically the same object and are referred to as the `logical`  
1453 RegistryObject. A logical RegistryObject is a tree structure where nodes are specific versions of the  
1454 RegistryObject.

1455 A specific version of a logical RegistryObject is referred to as a `RegistryObject instance`.

1456 A RegistryObject instance MUST have a *Logical ID (LID)* to identify its membership in a particular logical  
1457 RegistryObject. Note that this is in contrast with the `id` attribute that MUST be unique for each version of  
1458 the same logical RegistryObject. A client may refer to the logical RegistryObject in a version independent  
1459 manner using its LID.

1460 A RegistryObject is assigned a LID using the `lid` attribute of the RegistryObject class. If the submitter  
1461 assigns the `lid` attribute, she must guarantee that it is a globally unique URN. A registry MUST honor a  
1462 valid submitter-supplied LID. If the submitter does not specify a LID then the registry MUST assign a LID  
1463 and the value of the LID attribute MUST be identical to the value of the `id` attribute of the first (originally  
1464 created) version of the logical RegistryObject.

### 1465 **5.7.4 Version Identification**

1466 An ebXML Registry supports independent versioning of both RegistryObject metadata as well as  
1467 repository item content. It is therefore necessary to keep distinct version information for a RegistryObject  
1468 instance and its repository item if it happens to be an ExtrinsicObject instance.

#### 1469 **5.7.4.1 Version Identification for a RegistryObject**

1470 A RegistryObject MUST have a `versionInfo` attribute whose type is the VersionInfo class defined by  
1471 ebRIM. The `versionInfo` attributes identifies the version information for that RegistryObject instance. A  
1472 registry MUST not allow two versions of the same RegistryObject to have the same  
1473 `versionInfo.versionName` attribute value.

1474 **5.7.4.2 Version Identification for a RepositoryItem**

1475 When a RegistryObject is an ExtrinsicObject with an associated repository item, the version identification  
 1476 for the repository item is distinct from the version identification for the ExtrinsicObject.

1477 An ExtrinsicObject that has an associated repository item MUST have a contentVersionInfo attribute  
 1478 whose type is the VersionInfo class defined by ebRIM. The contentVersionInfo attributes identifies the  
 1479 version information for that repository item instance.

1480 An ExtrinsicObject that does not have an associated repository item MUST NOT have a  
 1481 contentVersionInfo attribute defined.

1482 A registry MUST allow two versions of the same ExtrinsicObject to have the same  
 1483 contentVersionInfo.versionName attribute value because multiple ExtrinsicObject versions MAY share the  
 1484 same RepositoryItem version.

1485 **5.7.5 Versioning of ExtrinsicObject and Repository Items**

1486 An ExtrinsicObject and its associated repository item may be updated independently and therefore  
 1487 versioned independently.

1488 A registry MUST maintain separate version trees for an ExtrinsicObject and its associated repository item  
 1489 as described earlier.

1490 Table 6 shows all the combinations for versioning an ExtrinsicObject and its repository item. After  
 1491 eliminating invalid or impossible combinations as well as those combinations where no action is needed,  
 1492 the only combinations that require versioning are showed in gray background rows. Of these there are  
 1493 only two unique cases (referred to as case A and B). Note that it is not possible to version a repository  
 1494 item without versioning its ExtrinsicObject.

1495

ExtrinsicObject Exists	RepositoryItem Exists	ExtrinsicObject Updated	RepositoryItem Updated	Comment
No	No			Do nothing
No	Yes			Not possible
Yes	No	No	No	Do nothing
		No	Yes	Not possible
		Yes	No	Version ExtrinsicObject (case A)
		Yes	Yes	Not possible
Yes	Yes	No	No	Do nothing
		No	Yes	Not possible
		Yes	No	Version ExtrinsicObject (case A)
		Yes	Yes	Version ExtrinsicObject and RepositoryItem (case B)

Table 6: Versioning of ExtrinsicObject and Repository Item

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### 1497 **5.7.5.1 ExtrinsicObject and Shared RepositoryItem**

1498 Because an ExtrinsicObject and its repository item are versioned independently (case B) it is possible for  
1499 multiple versions of the ExtrinsicObject to share the same version of the repository item. In such cases the  
1500 contentVersionInfo attributes MUST be the same across multiple version of the ExtrinsicObject.

### 1501 **5.7.6 Versioning and Composed Objects**

1502 When a registry creates a new version of a RegistryObject it MUST create copies of all composed<sup>1</sup> objects  
1503 as new objects that are composed within the new version. This is because each version is a unique object  
1504 and composed objects by definition are not shareable across multiple objects. Specifically, each new copy  
1505 of a composed object MUST have a new id since it is a different object than the original composed object  
1506 in the previous version.

1507 A registry MUST not version composed objects.

### 1508 **5.7.7 Versioning and References**

1509 An object reference from a RegistryObject references a specific version of the referenced RegistryObject.  
1510 When a registry creates a new version of a referenced RegistryObject it MUST NOT move references from  
1511 other objects from the previous version to the new version of the referenced object. Clients that wish to  
1512 always reference the latest versions of an object MAY use the Event Notification feature to update  
1513 references when new versions are created and thus always reference the latest version.

1514 A special case is when a SubmitObjectsRequest or an UpdateObjectRequest contains an object that is  
1515 being versioned by the registry and the request contains other objects that reference the object being  
1516 versioned. In such case, the registry MUST update all references within the submitted objects to the  
1517 object being versioned such that those objects now reference the new version of the object being created  
1518 by the request.

### 1519 **5.7.8 Versioning and Audit Trail**

1520 The canonical EventType ClassificationScheme used by the Audit Trail feature defines an Updated event  
1521 type and then defines a Versioned event type as a child of the Updated event type ClassificationNode. The  
1522 semantic are that a Versioned event type is specialization of the Updated event type.

1523 A registry MUST use the Updated event type in the AuditableEvent when it updates a RegistryObject  
1524 without creating a new version.

1525 A registry MUST use the Versioned event type in the AuditableEvent when it creates a new version of a  
1526 logical RegistryObject.

1527 A registry MUST NOT use the Created event type in the AuditableEvent when it creates a new version of  
1528 a logical RegistryObject.

### 1529 **5.7.9 Inter-versions Association**

1530 Within any single branch within the version tree for an object any given version implicitly supersedes the  
1531 version immediately prior to it. Sometimes it may be necessary to explicitly indicate which version  
1532 supersedes another version for the same object. This is especially true when two versions are siblings  
1533 branch roots of the version tree for the same object.

1534 A client MAY specify an Association between any two versions of an object within the objects version tree  
1535 using the canonical associationType "Supersedes" to indicate that the sourceObject supersedes the target  
1536 targetObject within the Association.

1537 A client MUST NOT specify an Association between two version of an object using the canonical  
1538 associationType "Supersedes" if the sourceObject is an earlier version within the same branch in the  
1539 version tree than the targetObject as this violates the implicit "Supersedes" association between the two  
1540 version.

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<sup>1</sup> Composed object types are identified in figure 1 in [ebRIM] figure 1 as classes with composition or "solid diamond" relationship with RegistryObject type.

1541 Note that this section is functionally equivalent to the predecessor-set successor-set elements of the  
1542 Version Properties as defined by [DeltaV].

### 1543 **5.7.10 Client Initiated Version Removal**

1544 An ebXML Registry MAY allow clients to remove specified versions of a RegistryObject. A client MAY  
1545 delete older version of an object using the RemoveObjectsRequest by specifying the version by its unique  
1546 id. Removing an ExtrinsicObject instance MUST remove its repository item if no other version references  
1547 that repository item.

### 1548 **5.7.11 Registry Initiated Version Removal**

1549 The registry MAY prune older versions based upon registry specific administrative policies in order to  
1550 manage storage resources.

### 1551 **5.7.12 Locking and Concurrent Modifications**

1552 This specification does not define a workspace feature with explicit checkin and checkout capabilities as  
1553 defined by [DeltaV]. An ebXML Registry MAY support such features in an implementation specific manner.

1554 This specification does not prescribe a locking or branching model. An implementation may choose to  
1555 support an optimistic (non-locking) model. Alternatively or in addition, an implementation may support a  
1556 locking model that supports explicit checkout and checkin capability. A future technical note or  
1557 specification may address some of these capabilities.

### 1558 **5.7.13 Version Creation**

1559 The registry manages creation of new version of a RegistryObject or a repository item automatically. A  
1560 registry that supports versioning MUST implicitly create a new version for a repository item if the repository  
1561 item is updated via a SubmitObjectsRequest or UpdateObjectsRequest. In such cases it MUST also  
1562 create a new version of its ExtrinsicObject.

1563 If the client only wishes to update and version the ExtrinsicObject it may do so using an  
1564 UpdateObjectsRequest without providing a repository item. In such cases the registry MUST assign the  
1565 repository item version associated with the previous version of the ExtrinsicObject.

### 1566 **5.7.14 Versioning Override**

1567 A client MAY specify a *dontVersion* hint on a per RegistryObject basis when doing a submit or update of a  
1568 RegistryObject. A registry SHOULD not create a new version for that RegistryObject when the  
1569 dontVersion hint has value of "true". The dontVersion hint MAY be specified as a canonical Slot with the  
1570 following name:

1571  
1572 `urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rim:RegistryObject:dontVersion`

1574 The value of the dontVersion Slot, if specified, MUST be either "true" or "false".

1575 A client MAY specify a *dontVersionContent* hint on a per ExtrinsicObject basis when doing a submit or  
1576 update of an ExtrinsicObject with a repository item. A registry SHOULD not create a new version for that  
1577 repository item when the dontVersionContent hint has value of "true". The dontVersionContent hint MAY  
1578 be specified as a canonical Slot with the following name:

1579  
1580 `urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rim:RegistryObject:dontVersionContent`

1582 The value of the dontVersionContent Slot, if specified, MUST be either "true" or "false".

1583 A client MAY also specify the dontVersion and dontVersionContent Slots on the RegistryRequest using the  
1584 <rs:RequestSlotList> element. A registry MUST treat these Slots when specified on the request as  
1585 equivalent to being specified on every RegistryObject within the request. The value of these Slots as  
1586 specified on the request take precedence over value of these Slots as specified on RegistryObjects within

1587 the request.



1588

## 6 Query Management Protocols

1589 This section defines the protocols supported by QueryManager service interface of the Registry. The  
1590 Query Management protocols provide the functionality required by RegistryClients to query the registry  
1591 and discover RegistryObjects and RepositoryItems.

1592 The XML schema for the Query Management protocols is described in [RR-QUERY-XSD].

### 6.1 Ad Hoc Query Protocol

1594 The Ad hoc Query protocol of the QueryManager service interface allows a client to query the registry and  
1595 retrieve RegistryObjects and/or RepositoryItems that match the specified query.

1596 A client submits an ad hoc query to the QueryManager by sending an AdhocQueryRequest. The  
1597 AdhocQueryRequest contains a sub-element that specifies a query in one of the query syntaxes  
1598 supported by the registry.

1599 The QueryManager sends an AdhocQueryResponse back to the client as response. The  
1600 AdhocQueryResponse returns a collection of objects that match the query. The collection is potentially  
1601 heterogeneous depending upon the query expression and request options.

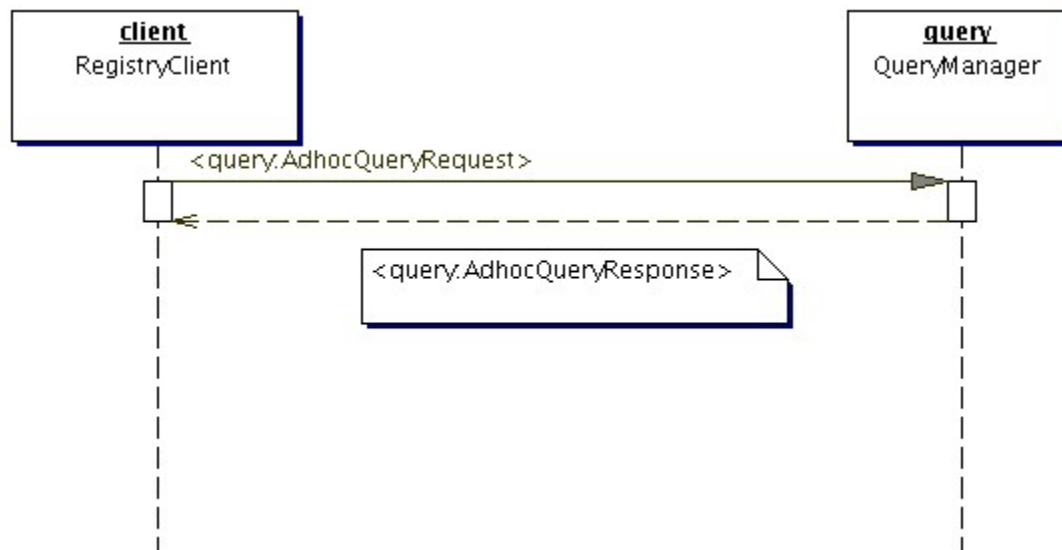


Figure 11: Ad Hoc Query Protocol

#### 6.1.1 AdhocQueryRequest

1603 The AdhocQueryRequest is used to submit a query to the registry.

##### 6.1.1.1 Syntax:

```
1605 <element name="AdhocQueryRequest">  
1606   <complexType>  
1607     <complexContent>  
1608       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">  
1609         <sequence>  
1610           <element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="1"  
1611             ref="tns:ResponseOption"/>  
1612           <element ref="rim:AdhocQuery" />  
1613         </sequence>  
1614         <attribute default="false" name="federated"  
1615           type="boolean" use="optional"/>  
1616         <attribute name="federation" type="anyURI" use="optional"/>  
1617       </extension>  
1618     </complexContent>  
1619   </complexType>  
1620 </element>
```



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```
<attribute default="0" name="startIndex" type="integer"/>  
<attribute default="-1" name="maxResults" type="integer"/>  
</extension>  
</complexContent>  
</complexType>  
</element>
```

### 1623 6.1.1.2 Parameters:

- 1624 ▪ **AdhocQuery:** This parameter specifies the actual query. It is described in detail in  
1625 section 6.1.3.
- 1626 ▪ **federated:** This optional parameter specifies that the registry must process this query as  
1627 a federated query. By default its value is *false*. This value **MUST** be false when a registry  
1628 routes a federated query to another registry in order to avoid an infinite loop in federated  
1629 query processing.
- 1630 ▪ **federation:** This optional parameter specifies the id of the target Federation for a  
1631 federated query in case the registry is a member of multiple federations. In the absence of  
1632 this parameter a registry must route the federated query to all federations of which it is a  
1633 member. This value **MUST** be unspecified when a registry routes a federated query to  
1634 another registry in order to avoid an infinite loop in federated query processing.
- 1635 ▪ **maxResults:** This optional parameter specifies a limit on the maximum number of  
1636 results the client wishes the query to return. If unspecified, the registry **SHOULD** return  
1637 either all the results, or in case the result set size exceeds a registry specific limit, the  
1638 registry **SHOULD** return a sub-set of results that are within the bounds of the registry  
1639 specific limit. See section 6.2.1 for an illustrative example.
- 1640 ▪ **ResponseOption:** This required parameter allows the client to control the format and  
1641 content of the AdhocQueryResponse generated by the registry in response to this  
1642 request. See section 6.1.4 for details.
- 1643 ▪ **startIndex:** This optional integer value is used to indicate which result *must* be returned  
1644 as the first result when iterating over a large result set. The default value is 0, which  
1645 returns the result set starting with index 0 (first result). See section 6.2.1 for an illustrative  
1646 example.

### 1647 6.1.1.3 Returns:

1648 This request returns an AdhocQueryResponse. See section 6.1.2 for details.

### 1649 6.1.1.4 Exceptions:

1650 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests defined in 2.1.1.4, the following exceptions **MAY** be  
1651 returned:

- 1652 ▪ *InvalidQueryException:* signifies that the query syntax or semantics was invalid. Client  
1653 must fix the query syntax or semantic error and re-submit the query.

## 1654 6.1.2 AdhocQueryResponse

1655 The AdhocQueryResponse is sent by the registry as a response to an AdhocQueryRequest.

### 1656 6.1.2.1 Syntax:

1657  
1658  
1659  
1660  
1661  
1662

```
<element name="AdhocQueryResponse">  
<complexType>  
<complexContent>  
<extension base="rs:RegistryResponseType">  
<sequence>  
<element ref="rim:RegistryObjectList" />
```

```

1663         </sequence>
1664         <attribute default="0" name="startIndex" type="integer"/>
1665         <attribute name="totalResultCount" type="integer"
1666 use="optional"/>
1667     </extension>
1668 </complexContent>
1669 </complexType>
1670 </element>

```

### 1671 6.1.2.2 Parameters:

- 1672     ▪ **RegistryObjectList:** This is the element that contains the RegistryObject instances that
- 1673       matched the specified query.
- 1674     ▪ **startIndex:** This optional integer value is used to indicate the index for the first result in
- 1675       the result set returned by the query, within the complete result set matching the query. By
- 1676       default, this value is 0. See section 6.2.1 for an illustrative example.
- 1677     ▪ **totalResultCount:** This optional parameter specifies the size of the complete result set
- 1678       matching the query within the registry. When this value is unspecified, the client should
- 1679       assume it is the size of the result set contained within the result. See section 6.2.1 for an
- 1680       illustrative example.

## 1681 6.1.3 AdhocQuery

1682 A client specifies a <rim:AdhocQuery> element within an AdhocQueryRequest to specify the actual query  
 1683 being submitted.

### 1684 6.1.3.1 Syntax:

```

1685 <complexType abstract="true" name="AdhocQueryType">
1686 <complexContent>
1687 <extension base="tns:RegistryObjectType">
1688 <sequence>
1689 <element ref="tns:QueryExpression"
1690 minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />
1691 </sequence>
1692 </extension>
1693 </complexContent>
1694 </complexType>
1695 <element name="AdhocQuery" type="tns:AdhocQueryType"
1696 substitutionGroup="tns:RegistryObject" />

```

1697

### 1698 6.1.3.2 Parameters:

- 1699     ▪ **queryExpression:** This element contains the actual query expression. The schema for
- 1700       queryExpression is extensible and can support any query syntax supported by the
- 1701       registry.

## 1702 6.1.4 ReponseOption

1703 A client specifies a ResponseOption structure within an AdhocQueryRequest to indicate the format of the  
 1704 results within the corresponding AdhocQueryResponse.

1705

### 1706 6.1.4.1 Syntax:

```

1707 <complexType name="ResponseOptionType">
1708 <attribute default="RegistryObject" name="returnType">

```

```

1709     <simpleType>
1710         <restriction base="NCName">
1711             <enumeration value="ObjectRef"/>
1712             <enumeration value="RegistryObject"/>
1713             <enumeration value="LeafClass"/>
1714             <enumeration value="LeafClassWithRepositoryItem"/>
1715         </restriction>
1716     </simpleType>
1717 </attribute>
1718     <attribute default="false" name="returnComposedObjects"
1719 type="boolean"/>
1720 </complexType>
1721 <element name="ResponseOption" type="tns:ResponseOptionType"/>

```

1722

#### 1723 6.1.4.2 Parameters:

- 1724 • **returnComposedObjects:** This optional parameter specifies whether the  
1725 RegistryObjects returned should include composed objects as defined by Figure 1 in  
1726 [ebRIM]. The default is to return all composed objects.
- 1727 • **returnType:** This optional enumeration parameter specifies the type of RegistryObject to  
1728 return within the response. Values for returnType are as follows:
  - 1729 • **ObjectRef** - This option specifies that the AdhocQueryResponse MUST  
1730 contain a collection of <rim:ObjectRef> elements. The purpose of this option is  
1731 to return references to registry objects rather than the actual objects.
  - 1732 • **RegistryObject** - This option specifies that the AdhocQueryResponse MUST  
1733 contain a collection of <rim:RegistryObject> elements.
  - 1734 • **LeafClass** - This option specifies that the AdhocQueryResponse MUST  
1735 contain a collection of elements that correspond to leaf classes as defined in  
1736 [RR-RIM-XSD].
  - 1737 • **LeafClassWithRepositoryItem** - This option is same as LeafClass option  
1738 with the additional requirement that the response include the RepositoryItems,  
1739 if any, for every <rim:ExtrinsicObject> element in the response.

1740 If “returnType” specified does not match a result returned by the query, then the registry  
1741 *must* use the closest matching semantically valid returnType that matches the result.

1742 To illustrate, consider a case where OrganizationQuery is asked to return  
1743 LeafClassWithRepositoryItem. As this is not possible, QueryManager will assume  
1744 LeafClass option instead.

1745

## 1746 6.2 Iterative Query Support

1747 The AdhocQueryRequest and AdhocQueryResponse support the ability to iterate over a large result set  
1748 matching a logical query by allowing multiple AdhocQueryRequest requests to be submitted such that  
1749 each query requests a different subset of results within the result set. This feature enables the registry to  
1750 handle queries that match a very large result set, in a scalable manner. The iterative query feature is  
1751 accessed via the startIndex and maxResults parameters of the AdhocQueryRequest and the startIndex  
1752 and totalResultCount parameters of the AdhocQueryResponse as described earlier.

1753 The iterative queries feature is not a true Cursor capability as found in databases. The registry is not  
1754 required to maintain transactional consistency or state between iterations of a query. Thus it is possible for  
1755 new objects to be added or existing objects to be removed from the complete result set in between  
1756 iterations. As a consequence it is possible to have a result set element be skipped or duplicated between  
1757 iterations.

1758 Note that while it is not required, an implementations MAY implement a transactionally consistent iterative  
1759 query feature.

1760 **6.2.1 Query Iteration Example**

1761 Consider the case where there are 1007 Organizations in a registry. The user wishes to submit a query  
1762 that matches all 1007 Organizations. The user wishes to do the query iteratively such that Organizations  
1763 are retrieved in chunks of 100. The following table illustrates the parameters of the AdhocQueryRequest  
1764 and those of the AdhocQueryResponses for each iterative query in this example.  
1765

AdhocQueryRequest Parameters		AdhocQueryResponse Parameters		
startIndex	maxResults	startIndex	totalResultCount	# of Results
0	100	0	1007	100
100	100	100	1007	100
200	100	200	1007	100
300	100	300	1007	100
400	100	400	1007	100
500	100	500	1007	100
600	100	600	1007	100
700	100	700	1007	100
800	100	800	1007	100
900	100	900	1007	100
1000	100	1000	1007	7

1766

1767 **6.3 Stored Query Support**

1768 The AdhocQuery protocol allow clients to submit queries that may be as general or as specific as the use  
1769 case demands. As the queries get more specific they also get more complex. In these situations it is  
1770 desirable to hide the complexity of the query from the client using parameterized queries stored in the  
1771 registry. When using parameterized stored queries the client is only required to specify the identity of the  
1772 query and the parameters for the query rather than the query expression itself.

1773 Parameterized stored queries are useful to Registry Administrators because they provide a system wide  
1774 mechanism for the users of the registry to share a set of commonly used queries.

1775 Parameterized stored queries are useful to vertical standards because the standard can define domain  
1776 specific parameterized queries and require that they be stored within the registry.

1777 An ebXML Registry MUST support parameterized stored queries as defined by this section.

1778 **6.3.1 Submitting a Stored Query**

1779 A stored query is submitted using the standard SubmitObjectsRequest protocol where the object  
1780 submitted is an AdhocQueryType instance.

1781 **6.3.1.1 Declaring Query Parameters**

1782 When submitting a stored query, the submitter MAY declare zero or more parameters for that query. A  
1783 parameter MUST be declared using a parameter name that begins with the '\$' character followed  
1784 immediately by a letter and then followed by any combination of letters and numbers. The following BNF  
1785 defines how a parameter name MUST be declared.

1786

1787 `QueryParameter := '$' [a-zA-Z] ( [a-zA-Z] | [0-9] )*`

1788

1789 A query parameter MAY be used as a placeholder for any part of the stored query.

1790 The following example illustrates how a parameterized stored query may be submitted:

1791

```

1792 <SubmitObjectsRequest>
1793   <rim:RegistryObjectList>
1794     <rim:AdhocQuery id="{QUERY_ID}">
1795       <rim:QueryExpression queryLanguage="{SQL_QUERY_LANG_ID}">
1796         SELECT * from $tableName ro, Name_nm, Description_d
1797         WHERE
1798           objectType = '$objectType'
1799           AND (nm.parent = ro.id AND UPPER ( nm.value ) LIKE UPPER
1800 ( '$name' ) )
1801           AND (d.parent = ro.id AND UPPER ( d.value ) LIKE UPPER
1802 ( '$description' ) )
1803           AND (ro.id IN ( SELECT classifiedObject FROM Classification WHERE
1804 classificationNode IN ( SELECT id
1805 FROM ClassificationNode WHERE path LIKE '$classificationPath1%'
1806 ) ) )
1807       </rim:QueryExpression>
1808     </rim:AdhocQuery>
1809   </rim:RegistryObjectList>
1810 </SubmitObjectsRequest>

```

Listing 1: Example of Stored Query Submission

The above query takes parameters *\$objectType*, *\$name*, *\$description* and *\$classificationPath1* and find all objects for that match specified objectType, name, description and classification.

### 6.3.1.2 Canonical Context Parameters

A query MAY contain one or more context parameters as defined in this section. Context parameters are special query parameters whose value does not need to be supplied by the client. Instead the value for a context parameter is supplied by the registry based upon the context within which the client request is being processed.

When processing a query, a registry MUST replace all context parameters present in the query with the context sensitive value for the parameter. A registry MUST ignore any context parameter values supplied by the client.

Context Parameter	Replacement Value
\$currentUser	Must be replaced with the id attribute of the user associated with the query.
\$currentTime	Must be replaced with the currentTime. The time format is same as the format defined for the timestamp attribute of AuditableEvent class.

### 6.3.2 Invoking a Stored Query

A stored query is invoked using the AdhocQueryRequest with the following constraints:

- The <rim:AdhocQuery> element MUST not contain a <rim:queryExpression> element.
- The <rim:AdhocQuery> element's id attribute value MUST match the id attribute value of the stored query.
- The <rim:AdhocQuery> element MAY have a Slot for each non-context parameter defined for the stored query being invoked. These Slots provide the value for the query parameters.

### 1832 6.3.2.1 Specifying Query Invocation Parameters

1833 A stored query MAY be defined with zero or more parameters. A client may specify zero or more of the  
1834 parameters defined for the stored query when submitting the AdhocQueryRequest for the stored query. It  
1835 is important to note that the client MAY specify fewer parameters than those declared for the stored query.  
1836 A registry MUST prune any predicates of the stored query that contain parameters that were not supplied  
1837 by the client during invocation of the stored query.

1838 In essence, the client may narrow or widen the specificity of the search by supplying more or less  
1839 parameters.

1840 A client specifies a query invocation parameter by using a Slot whose name matches the parameter name  
1841 and whose value MUST be a single value that matches the specified value for the parameter.

1842 A registry MUST ignore any parameters specified by the client for a stored query that do not match the  
1843 parameters defined by the stored query.

1844 The following listing shows an example of how the stored query shown earlier is invoked. It shows:

- 1845 • The stored query being identified by the value of the id attribute of the <rim:AdhocQuery> element.
- 1846 • The value for the \$name parameter being supplied
- 1847 • The value of other parameters defined by the query not being supplied. This indicates that the client  
1848 does not wish to use those parameters as search criteria.

1849

```
1850 <AdhocQueryRequest>  
1851   <query:ResponseOption returnComposedObjects="true"  
1852   returnType="LeafClassWithRepositoryItem"/>  
1853  
1854   <rim:AdhocQuery id="{STORED_QUERY_ID}">  
1855     <rim:Slot name="$name">  
1856       <rim:ValueList>  
1857         <rim:Value>%eBXML%</rim:Value>  
1858       </rim:ValueList>  
1859     </rim:Slot>  
1860   </rim:AdhocQuery>  
1861 </AdhocQueryRequest>
```

Listing 2: Example of Stored Query Invocation

### 1862 6.3.3 Response to Stored Query Invocation

1863 A registry MUST send a standard AdhocQueryResponse when a client invokes a stored query using an  
1864 AdhocQueryRequest.

### 1865 6.3.4 Access Control on a Stored Query

1866 A stored query is a RegistryObject. Like all RegistryObjects, access to the stored query is governed by the  
1867 Access Control Policy defined for the stored query. By default a stored query is assigned the default Access  
1868 Control Policy that allows any client to read and invoke that query and only the owner of the query and the  
1869 Registry Administrator role to update or delete the query. The owner of the query may define a custom  
1870 Access Control Policy for the query that restricts the visibility of the query, and ability to invoke it, to  
1871 specific users, roles or groups. Thus the owner of the query or the Registry Administrator may control *who*  
1872 gets to invoke *which* stored queries.

### 1873 6.3.5 Canonical Query: Get Client's User Object

1874 A registry MUST support a canonical stored query with

1875 id="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:query:GetCallersUser".

1876 This query MUST return the User object associated with the client invoking the stored query. The client  
1877 MUST not provide any parameters for this query. The stored query SHOULD use the canonical context  
1878 parameter \$currentUser.

1879 The following is a non-normative example of a stored SQL query that MAY be used by a registry for this  
1880 canonical stored query:

```
1881  
1882 <rim:AdhocQuery id="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-  
1883 regrep:query:GetCallersUser">  
1884 <rim:QueryExpression  
1885 queryLanguage="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:QueryLanguage:SQL-92">  
1886 SELECT u.* FROM User u WHERE u.id = $currentUser;  
1887 </rim:QueryExpression>  
1888 </rim:AdhocQuery>
```

1889 Note that a registry MAY use an equivalent stored filter query instead of a stored SQL query.

## 1890 6.4 SQL Query Syntax

1891 An ebXML Registry MAY support SQL as a supported query syntax within the <rim:queryExpression>  
1892 element of AdhocQueryRequest. This section normatively defines the SQL syntax that an ebXML Registry  
1893 MAY support. Note that the support for SQL syntax within a registry does not imply a requirement that the  
1894 registry must use a relational database in its implementation.

1895 The registry SQL syntax is a proper subset of the "SELECT" statement of Intermediate level SQL as  
1896 defined by ISO/IEC 9075:1992, Database Language SQL [SQL].

1897 The terms below enclosed in angle brackets are defined in [SQL] or in [SQL/PSM]. The SQL query syntax  
1898 conforms to the <query specification> with the following additional restrictions:

- 1899 1. A <derived column> MAY NOT have an <as clause>.
- 1900 2. A <table expression> does not contain the optional <group by clause> and <having clause>  
1901 clauses.
- 1902 3. A <table reference> can only consist of <table name> and <correlation name>.
- 1903 4. A <table reference> does not have the optional AS between <table name> and <correlation  
1904 name>.
- 1905 5. Restricted use of sub-queries is allowed by the syntax as follows. The <in predicate> allows for the  
1906 right hand side of the <in predicate> to be limited to a restricted <query specification> as defined  
1907 above.

1908 As defined by [SQL], a registry MUST process table names and attribute names in a case insensitive  
1909 manner.

### 1910 6.4.1 Relational Schema for SQL Queries

1911 The normative Relational Schema definition that is the target of registry SQL queries can be found at the  
1912 following location on the web:

1913 <http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/regrep/documents/3.0/sql/database.sql>

### 1914 6.4.2 SQL Query Results

1915 The result of an SQL query resolves to a collection of objects within the registry. It never resolves to partial  
1916 attributes. The objects related to the result set may be returned as an ObjectRef, RegistryObject or leaf  
1917 class depending upon the returnType attribute of the responseOption parameter specified by the client on  
1918 the AdHocQueryRequest. The entire result set is returned as an <rim:RegistryObjectList>.

## 1919 6.5 Filter Query Syntax

1920 This section normatively defines an XML syntax for querying an ebXML Registry called *Filter Query*  
1921 syntax. An ebXML Registry MUST support the Filter Query syntax as a supported query syntax within the  
1922 <rim:queryExpression> element of AdhocQueryRequest.



1923 The Filter Query syntax is defined in [RR-QUERY-XSD] and is derived from a mapping from [ebRIM] to  
1924 XML Schema following certain mapping patterns.

1925 The Filter Query operational model views the network of RegistryObjects in the registry as a virtual XML  
1926 document and a query traverses a specified part of the tree and prunes or filters objects from the virtual  
1927 document using filter expressions and ultimately returns a collection of objects that are left after filtering  
1928 out all objects that do not match the filters specified in the query.

1929 Unlike SQL query syntax, the filter query syntax does not support joins across classes. This constrains the  
1930 expressive capabilities of the query and may also be somewhat less efficient in processing.

## 1931 **6.5.1 Filter Query Structure**

1932 The <rim:queryExpression> element of AdhocQueryRequest MUST contain a *Query* element derived from  
1933 the <query:RegistryObjectQueryType> type.

1934 A Query element MAY contain a <query:PrimaryFilter> element and MAY contain additional Filter, Branch  
1935 and Query elements within it as shown in the abstract example below. The normative schema is defined  
1936 by [RR-QUERY-XSD].

```
1937  
1938 <${QueryElement}>  
1939   <PrimaryFilter ... />  
1940   <${OtherFilterElement} ... />  
1941   <${BranchElement} ... />  
1942   <${QueryElement} ... />  
1943 </${QueryElement}>
```

1944  
1945 The role of Query, Filter and Branch elements will be defined next.

## 1946 **6.5.2 Query Elements**

1947 A Query element is the top level element in the Filter Query syntax to query the registry. The [RR-QUERY-  
1948 XSD] XML Schema defines a Query element for the RegistryObject class and all its descendant classes  
1949 as defined by [ebRIM] using the following pattern:

- 1950 • For each class in model descendant from RegistryObject class define a complexType with name  
1951 <class>QueryType. For example there is an OrganizationQueryType complexType defined for the  
1952 Organization class in [ebRIM].
- 1953 • The QueryType of a descendant of RegistryObject class MUST extend the QueryType for its super  
1954 class. For example the OrganizationQueryType extends the RegistryObjectQueryType.
- 1955 • For RegistryObject class and each of its descendants define an element with name <class>Query and  
1956 with type <class>QueryType. For example the OrganizationQuery element is defined with type  
1957 OrganizationQueryType.

1958 The class associated with a Query element is referred to as the *Query domain class*.

1959 The following example shows the Query syntax where the Query domain class is the Organization class  
1960 defined by [ebRIM]:

```
1961  
1962 <complexType name="OrganizationQueryType">  
1963   <complexContent>  
1964     <extension base="tns:RegistryObjectQueryType">  
1965       ..Relevant Filters, Queries and Branches are defined here...  
1966     </extension>  
1967   </complexContent>  
1968 </complexType>  
1969 <element name="OrganizationQuery" type="tns:OrganizationQueryType"/>
```

1970  
1971 A Query element MAY have Filter, Branch or nested Query Elements. These are described in subsequent  
1972 sections.



### 1973 6.5.3 Filter Elements

1974 A Query element MAY contain one or more Filter sub-elements. A Filter element is used to *filter* or select  
1975 a subset of instances of a specific [ebRIM] class. The class that a Filter filters is referred to as the *Filter*  
1976 *domain class*. A Filter element specifies a restricted predicate clause over the attributes of the Filter  
1977 domain class.

1978 [RR-QUERY-XSD] XML Schema defines zero or more Filter elements within a Query element definition  
1979 using the following pattern:

- 1980 • **PrimaryFilter:** A Filter element is defined within the RegistryObjectQueryType with name *PrimaryFilter*.  
1981 This Filter is used to filter the instances of the Query domain class based upon the value of its primitive  
1982 attributes. The cardinality of the Filter element is zero or one. The *PrimaryFilter* element is inherited by  
1983 all descendant QueryTypes of RegistryObjectQueryType.
- 1984 • **Additional Filters:** Additional Filters in a Query element used to filter the instances of the Query  
1985 domain class based upon whether the candidate domain class instance has a referenced object that  
1986 satisfies the additional filter.  
1987 Additional filter elements are defined for those attributes of the Query domain class that satisfy all of  
1988 the following criteria:
  - 1989 • The attribute's domain is not a primitive type (e.g. string, float, dateTime, int etc.).
  - 1990 • The attribute's domain class is not RegistryObject or its descendant.
  - 1991 • The attribute's domain class does not have any reference attributes (use Branch or sub-Query if  
1992 attribute's domain class has reference attributes).

1993 The attribute for which the Filter is defined is referred to as the Filter domain attribute. The domain  
1994 class of the Filter domain attribute is the Filter domain class for such Filters. This type of Filter is  
1995 used to filter the instances of the Query domain class based upon the attribute values within the  
1996 Filter domain class.

  - 1997 • The name of the Filter element is <Filter Domain Attribute Name>Filter.
  - 1998 • The type of the Filter element is the FilterType complex type that is described in 6.5.3.1.
  - 1999 • The cardinality of the Filter element matches the cardinality of the Filter domain attribute in the  
2000 Query domain class.

2002 The following example shows the how [RR-QUERY-XSD] XML Schema uses the above pattern to define  
2003 Filters for the OrganizationQueryType for the Organization class defined by [ebRIM].

```
2004  
2005 <complexType name="OrganizationQueryType">  
2006   <complexContent>  
2007     <extension base="tns:RegistryObjectQueryType">  
2008       <sequence>  
2009         <element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"  
2010           name="AddressFilter" type="tns:FilterType"/>  
2011         <element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"  
2012           name="TelephoneNumberFilter" type="tns:FilterType"/>  
2013         <element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"  
2014           name="EmailAdresseFilter" type="tns:FilterType"/>  
2015         ...Branches and sub-Queries go here...  
2016       </sequence>  
2017     </extension>  
2018   </complexContent>  
2019 </complexType>
```

2020  
2021 The following UML class diagram describing the Filter class structure as defined in [RR-QUERY-XSD]  
2022 XML Schema. Note that the classes whose name ends in "Type" map to complexTypes and other Filter  
2023 classes map to elements in the [RR-QUERY-XSD] XML Schema.

2024  
2025

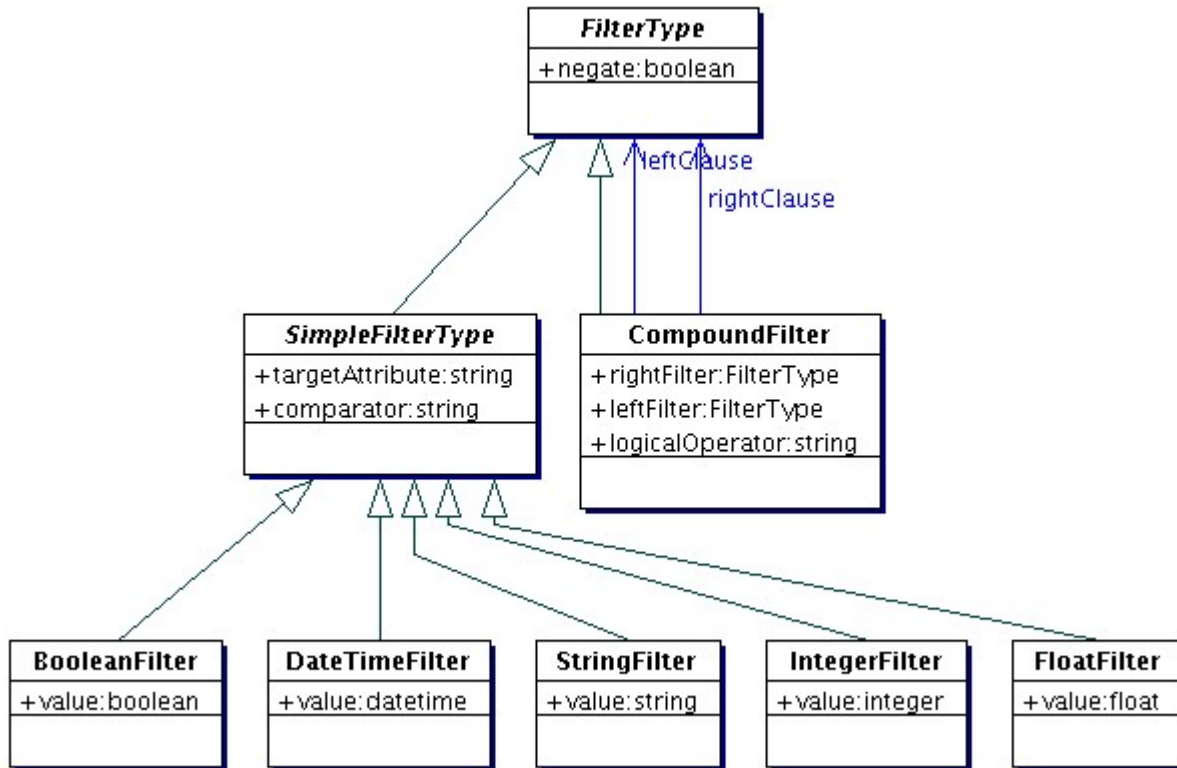


Figure 12: Filter Type Hierarchy

2026

2027

### 2028 6.5.3.1 FilterType

2029 The FilterType is an abstract complexType that is the root type in the inheritance hierarchy for all Filter  
 2030 types.

#### 2031 6.5.3.1.1 Parameters:

- 2032
- 2033 • **negate:** This parameter specifies that the boolean value that the Filter evaluates to  
 2034 the NOT operator in SQL syntax.

### 2035 6.5.3.2 SimpleFilterType

2036 The SimpleFilter is the abstract base type for several concrete Filter types defined for primitive type such  
 2037 as boolean, float, integer and string.

#### 2038 6.5.3.2.1 Parameters:

- 2039
- 2040 • **domainAttribute:** This parameter specifies the attribute name of a primitive attribute  
 2041 within the Filter domain class. A registry MUST return an InvalidQueryException if this  
 2042 parameter's value does not match the name of primitive attribute within the Filter domain  
 2043 class. A registry MUST perform the attribute name match in a case insensitive manner.
  - 2044 • **comparator:** This parameter specifies the comparison operator for comparing the value  
 2045 of the attribute with the value supplied by the filter. The following comparators are defined:  
 2046
    - LE: abbreviation for LessThanOrEqual
    - LT: abbreviation for LessThan

- 2047
- 2048
- 2049
- 2050
- 2051
- 2052
- 2053
- 2054
- GE: abbreviation for GreaterThanOrEqual
  - GT: abbreviation for GreaterThan
  - EQ: abbreviation for Equal
  - NE: abbreviation for NotEqual
  - Like: Same as LIKE operator in SQL-92. MUST only be used in StringFilter.
  - NotLike: Same as NOT LIKE operator in SQL-92. MUST only be used in StringFilter.

### 2055 6.5.3.3 BooleanFilter

2056 The BooleanFilter MUST only be used for matching primitive attributes whose domain is of type boolean.

#### 2057 6.5.3.3.1 Parameters:

- 2058
- 2059
- **value:** This parameter specifies the value that MUST be compared with the attribute value being tested by the Filter. It MUST be a boolean value.

2060 The following example shows the use of a BooleanFilter to match the *isInternal* attribute of the

2061 ClassificationScheme class defined by [ebRIM]:

```
2062 <BooleanFilter  
2063   domainAttribute="isInternal" comparator="EQ" value="true"/>
```

2064

### 2065 6.5.3.4 FloatFilter

2066 The FloatFilter MUST only be used for matching primitive attributes whose domain is of type float.

#### 2067 6.5.3.4.1 Parameters:

- 2068
- 2069
- **value:** This parameter specifies the value that MUST be compared with the attribute value being tested by the Filter. It MUST be a float value.

2070 The following example shows the use of a FloatFilter to match fictitious *amount* float attribute since

2071 [ebRIM] currently has no float attributes defined:

```
2072 <FloatFilter  
2073   domainAttribute="amount" comparator="GT" value="9.99"/>
```

2074

### 2075 6.5.3.5 IntegerFilter

2076 The IntegerFilter MUST only be used for matching primitive attributes whose domain is of type integer.

#### 2077 6.5.3.5.1 Parameters:

- 2078
- 2079
- **value:** This parameter specifies the value that MUST be compared with the attribute value being tested by the Filter. It MUST be an integer value.

2080 The following example shows the use of a BooleanFilter to match a fictitious *count* integer attribute since

2081 [ebRIM] currently has no integer attributes defined:

```
2082 <IntegerFilter  
2083   domainAttribute="amount" comparator="LT" value="100"/>
```

2084

### 2085 6.5.3.6 DateTimeFilter

2086 The DateTimeFilter MUST only be used for matching primitive attributes whose domain is of type  
2087 datetime.

#### 2088 6.5.3.6.1 Parameters:

- 2089 ▪ **value:** This parameter specifies the value that MUST be compared with the attribute  
2090 value being tested by the Filter. It MUST be a datetime value.

2091 The following example shows the use of a DateTimeFilter to match a the *timestamp* attribute of the  
2092 Auditable class defined by [ebRIM] where the timestamp value is greater than (later than) the specified  
2093 datetime value:

```
2094 <DateTimeFilter  
2095     domainAttribute="timestamp"  
2096     comparator="GT" value="1997-07-16T19:20+01:00"/>
```

2097

### 2098 6.5.3.7 StringFilter

2099 The StringFilter MUST only be used for matching primitive attributes whose domain is of type string.

#### 2100 6.5.3.7.1 Parameters:

- 2101 ▪ **value:** This parameter specifies the value that MUST be compared with the attribute  
2102 value being tested by the Filter. It MUST be a string value.

2103 The following example shows the use of a StringFilter to match a the *firstName* attribute of the Person  
2104 class defined by [ebRIM] where the firstName value matches the pattern specified by the value:

```
2105 <StringFilter  
2106     domainAttribute="firstName"  
2107     comparator="Like" value="Farid%"/>
```

2108

### 2109 6.5.3.8 CompoundFilter

2110 The CompoundFilter MAY be used to specify a boolean conjunction (AND) or disjunction (OR) between  
2111 two Filters. It allows a query to express a combination of predicate clauses within a Filter Query.

#### 2112 6.5.3.8.1 Parameters:

- 2113 ▪ **LeftFilter:** This parameter specifies the first of two Filters for the CompoundFilter.
- 2114 ▪ **RightFilter:** This parameter specifies the second of two Filters for the CompoundFilter.
- 2115 ▪ **logicalOperator:** This parameter specifies the logical operator. The value of this  
2116 parameter MUST be "AND" or "OR"

2117 The following example shows the use of a BooleanFilter to match the *isInternal* attribute of the  
2118 ClassificationScheme class defined by [ebRIM]:

```
2119 <CompoundFilter logicalOperator="AND">  
2120   <LeftFilter domainAttribute="targetObject" comparator="EQ"  
2121     value="{REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID}" type="StringFilter"/>  
2122   <RightFilter domainAttribute="associationType" comparator="EQ"  
2123     value="{HAS_MEMBER_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID}" type="StringFilter"/>  
2124 </CompoundFilter>
```

## 2125 6.5.4 Nested Query Elements

2126 A Query element MAY contain one or more nested Query sub-elements. The purpose of the nested Query  
2127 element is to allow traversal of the branches within the network of relationships defined by the information

2128 model and prune or filter those branches that do not meet the predicates specified in the corresponding  
2129 Branch element.

2130 The [RR-QUERY-XSD] XML Schema defines zero or more nested Query elements within a Query  
2131 element definition using the following pattern:

2132 • A nested Query element is defined for each attribute of the Query domain class that satisfy all of the  
2133 following criteria:

- 2134 • The attribute's domain class is a descendant type of the RegistryObjectType.
- 2135 • The attribute's domain class contains reference attributes that link the domain class to some third  
2136 class via the reference.

2137 The attribute for which the nested Query is defined is referred to as the Nested Query domain  
2138 attribute. The domain class of the nested Query domain attribute is the Query domain class for the  
2139 nested Query element.

- 2140 • The name of the nested Query element is <Nested Query Domain Attribute Name>Query.
- 2141 • The type of the nested Query element matches the QueryType for the domain class for the Query  
2142 domain attribute.
- 2143 • The cardinality of the nested Query element matches the cardinality of the nested Query domain  
2144 attribute in the Query domain class.

2145 The following example shows the how [RR-QUERY-XSD] XML Schema uses the above pattern to define  
2146 nested Query elements for the OrganizationQueryType for the Organization class defined by [ebRIM].

2147

```
2148 <complexType name="OrganizationQueryType">  
2149   <complexContent>  
2150     <extension base="tns:RegistryObjectQueryType">  
2151       <sequence>  
2152         ...Filters and Branches go here ...  
2153         <element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"  
2154           name="ParentQuery" type="tns:OrganizationQueryType"/>  
2155         <element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"  
2156           name="ChildOrganizationQuery" type="tns:OrganizationQueryType"/>  
2157         <element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"  
2158           name="PrimaryContactQuery" type="tns:PersonQueryType"/>  
2159       </sequence>  
2160     </extension>  
2161   </complexContent>  
2162 </complexType>
```

## 2163 6.5.5 Branch Elements

2164 A Query element MAY contain one or more Branch sub-elements. A Branch element is similar to the  
2165 nested Query element as it too can have sub-elements that are Filter, Branch and subQuery elements.  
2166 However, it is different from Query elements because its type is not a descendant type of  
2167 RegistryObjectQueryType. The purpose of the branch element is to allow traversal of the branches within  
2168 the network of relationships defined by the information model and prune or filter those branches that do  
2169 not meet the predicates specified in the corresponding Branch element.

2170 The [RR-QUERY-XSD] XML Schema defines zero or more Branch elements within a Query element  
2171 definition using the following pattern:

2172 • A Branch element is defined for each attribute of the Query domain class that satisfies all of the  
2173 following criteria:

- 2174 • The attribute's domain is not a primitive type (e.g. String, float, dateTime, int etc.).
- 2175 • The attribute's domain class contains reference attributes that link the domain class to some third  
2176 class via the reference.

2177 The attribute for which the Branch is defined is referred to as the Branch domain attribute. The  
2178 domain class of the Branch domain attribute is the Branch domain class for the Branch element.

- 2179 • The name of the Branch element is <Branch Domain Attribute Name>Branch.

- The cardinality of the Branch element matches the cardinality of the Branch domain attribute in the Query domain class.

The following example shows how the [RR-QUERY-XSD] XML Schema uses the above pattern to define Branches for the RegistryObjectQueryType for the RegistryObject class defined by [ebRIM].

2184

```
<complexType name="RegistryObjectQueryType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="tns:FilterQueryType">
      <sequence>
        <element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
          name="SlotBranch" type="tns:SlotBranchType"/>
        <element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0" name="NameBranch"
          type="tns:InternationalStringBranchType"/>
        <element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0" name="DescriptionBranch"
          type="tns:InternationalStringBranchType"/>
        ... Relevant Filters, queries go here...
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

2200

## 2201 6.6 Query Examples

2202 This section provides examples in both SQL and Filter Query syntax for some common query use cases.  
2203 Each example gives the SQL syntax for the query followed by blank line followed by the equivalent Filter  
2204 Query syntax for it.

### 2205 6.6.1 Name and Description Queries

2206 The following queries matches all RegistryObject instances whose name contains the word 'Acme' and  
2207 whose description contains the word "bicycle".

2208

```
SELECT ro.* from RegistryObject ro, Name nm, Description d WHERE
nm.value LIKE '%Acme%' AND
d.value LIKE '%bicycle%' AND
(ro.id = nm.parent AND ro.id = d.parent);

<RegistryObjectQuery>
  <NameBranch>
    <LocalizedStringFilter comparator="Like" domainAttribute="value"
      value="%Acme%" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
  </NameBranch>
  <DescriptionBranch>
    <LocalizedStringFilter comparator="Like" domainAttribute="value"
      value="%bicycle%" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
  </DescriptionBranch>
</RegistryObjectQuery>
```

2225

### 2226 6.6.2 Classification Queries

2227 This section describes various classification related queries.

#### 2228 6.6.2.1 Retrieving ClassificationSchemes

2229 The following query retrieves the collection of all ClassificationSchemes. Note that the above query may  
2230 also specify additional Filters, Querys and Branches as search criteria if desired.

2231

```
2232 SELECT scheme.* FROM ClassificationScheme scheme;
```

```
2233 <ClassificationSchemeQuery/>
2234
2235
```

### 2236 6.6.2.2 Retrieving Children of Specified ClassificationNode

2237 The following query retrieves the children of a ClassificationNode given the "id" attribute of the parent  
2238 ClassificationNode:

```
2239
2240 SELECT cn.* FROM ClassificationNode cn WHERE parent = ${PARENT_ID};
2241
2242 <ClassificationNodeQuery>
2243   <PrimaryFilter comparator="Like" domainAttribute="parent"
2244     value="${PARENT_ID}" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2245 </ClassificationNodeQuery>
2246
```

### 2247 6.6.2.3 Retrieving Objects Classified By a ClassificationNode

2248 The following query retrieves the collection of ExtrinsicObjects that are classified by the Automotive  
2249 Industry and the Japan Geography. Note that the query does not match ExtrinsicObjects classified by  
2250 descendant ClassificationNodes of the Automotive Industry and the Japan Geography. That would  
2251 require a slightly more complex query.

```
2252
2253 SELECT eo.* FROM ExtrinsicObject eo WHERE
2254   id IN (SELECT classifiedObject FROM Classification
2255     WHERE
2256       classificationNode IN (SELECT id FROM ClassificationNode
2257         WHERE path = '${GEOGRAPHY_SCHEME_ID}/Asia/Japan'))
2258 AND
2259   id IN (SELECT classifiedObject FROM Classification
2260     WHERE
2261       classificationNode IN (SELECT id FROM ClassificationNode
2262         WHERE path = '${INDUSTRY_SCHEME_ID}/Automotive'))
2263
2264 <ExtrinsicObjectQuery>
2265   <ClassificationQuery>
2266     <ClassificationNodeQuery>
2267       <PrimaryFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="path"
2268         value="/${GEOGRAPHY_SCHEME_ID}/Asia/Japan"
2269         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2270     </ClassificationNodeQuery>
2271   </ClassificationQuery>
2272   <ClassificationQuery>
2273     <ClassificationNodeQuery>
2274       <PrimaryFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="path"
2275         value="/${INDUSTRY_SCHEME_ID}/Automotive"
2276         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2277     </ClassificationNodeQuery>
2278   </ClassificationQuery>
2279 </ExtrinsicObjectQuery>
2280
```

### 2281 6.6.2.4 Retrieving Classifications that Classify an Object

2282 The following query retrieves the collection of Classifications that classify a object with id matching \${ID}:

```
2283
2284 SELECT c.* FROM Classification c
2285   WHERE c.classifiedObject = ${ID};
2286
```



```
2287 <ClassificationQuery>
2288   <PrimaryFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="classifiedObject"
2289     value="{ID}" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2290 </ClassificationQuery>
```

2291

## 2292 6.6.3 Association Queries

2293 This section describes various Association related queries.

### 2294 6.6.3.1 Retrieving All Associations With Specified Object As Source

2295 The following query retrieves the collection of Associations that have the object with id matching  
2296 \${SOURCE\_ID} as their source:

```
2297
2298 SELECT a.* FROM Association a WHERE sourceObject = ${SOURCE_ID}
2299
2300 <AssociationQuery>
2301   <PrimaryFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="sourceObject"
2302     value="{SOURCE_ID}" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2303 </AssociationQuery>
```

2304

### 2305 6.6.3.2 Retrieving All Associations With Specified Object As Target

2306 The following query retrieves the collection of Associations that have the object with id matching  
2307 \${TARGET\_ID} as their target:

```
2308
2309 SELECT a.* FROM Association a WHERE targetObject = ${TARGET_ID}
2310
2311 <AssociationQuery>
2312   <PrimaryFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="targetObject"
2313     value="{TARGET_ID}" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2314 </AssociationQuery>
```

2315

### 2316 6.6.3.3 Retrieving Associated Objects Based On Association Type

2317

2318 Select Associations whose associationType attribute value matches the value specified by the  
2319 \${ASSOC\_TYPE\_ID}. The \${ASSOC\_TYPE\_ID} value MUST reference a ClassificationNode that is a  
2320 descendant of the canonical AssociationType ClassificationScheme.

```
2321
2322 SELECT a.* FROM Association a WHERE
2323   associationType = ${ASSOC_TYPE_ID}
2324
2325 <AssociationQuery>
2326   <PrimaryFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="associationType"
2327     value="{ASSOC_TYPE_ID}" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2328 </AssociationQuery>
```

2329

2330

### 2331 6.6.3.4 Complex Association Query

2332 The various forms of Association queries may be combined into complex predicates. The following query  
2333 selects Associations that match specified specific sourceObject, targetObject and associationType:



```

2334
2335 SELECT a.* FROM Association a WHERE
2336     sourceObject = ${SOURCE_ID} AND
2337     targetObject = ${TARGET_ID} AND
2338     associationType = ${ASSOC_TYPE_ID};

```

```

2339
2340 <AssociationQuery>
2341   <PrimaryFilter logicalOperator="AND" xsi:type="CompoundFilterType">
2342     <LeftFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="sourceObject"
2343       xsi:type="StringFilterType" value="${SOURCE_ID}"/>
2344     <RightFilter logicalOperator="AND" xsi:type="CompoundFilterType">
2345       <LeftFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="targetObject"
2346         xsi:type="StringFilterType" value="${TARGET_ID}"/>
2347       <RightFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="associationType"
2348         xsi:type="StringFilterType" value="${ASSOC_TYPE_ID}"/>
2349     </RightFilter>
2350   </PrimaryFilter>
2351 </AssociationQuery>

```

2352

## 2353 6.6.4 Package Queries

2354 The following query retrieves all Packages that have as member the RegistryObject specified by  
 2355 \${REGISTRY\_OBJECT\_ID}:

```

2356
2357 SELECT p.* FROM Package p, Association a WHERE
2358     a.sourceObject = p.id AND
2359     a.targetObject = ${REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID} AND
2360     a.associationType = ${HAS_MEMBER_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID};

```

```

2361
2362 <RegistryPackageQuery>
2363   <SourceAssociationQuery>
2364     <PrimaryFilter logicalOperator="AND" xsi:type="CompoundFilterType">
2365       <LeftFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="targetObject"
2366         value="${REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID}"
2367         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2368       <RightFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="associationType"
2369         value="${HAS_MEMBER_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID}"
2370         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2371     </PrimaryFilter>
2372   </SourceAssociationQuery>
2373 </RegistryPackageQuery>

```

2374

2375 Note that the \${HAS\_MEMBER\_ASSOC\_TYPE\_NODE\_ID} is a placeholder for the value of the id  
 2376 attribute of the canonical HasMember AssociationType ClassificationNode.

## 2377 6.6.5 ExternalLink Queries

2378 The following query retrieves all ExternalLinks that serve as ExternalLink for the RegistryObject specified  
 2379 by \${REGISTRY\_OBJECT\_ID}:

```

2380
2381 SELECT el.* From ExternalLink el, Association a WHERE
2382     a.sourceObject = el.id AND
2383     a.targetObject = ${REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID} AND
2384     a.associationType = ${EXTERNALLY_LINKS_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID};
2385
2386 <ExternalLinkQuery>
2387   <SourceAssociationQuery>
2388     <PrimaryFilter logicalOperator="AND" xsi:type="CompoundFilterType">
2389       <LeftFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="targetObject"
2390         value="${REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID}"
2391         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>

```

```
2392     <RightFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="associationType"
2393         value="{EXTERNALLY_LINKS_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID}"
2394         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2395     </PrimaryFilter>
2396 </SourceAssociationQuery>
2397 </ExternalLinkQuery>
```

2398

2399 Note that the `{EXTERNALLY_LINKS_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID}` is a placeholder for the value of the id  
2400 attribute of the canonical ExternallyLinks AssociationType ClassificationNode.

2401 The following query retrieves all ExtrinsicObjects that are linked to an ExternalLink specified by  
2402 `{EXTERNAL_LINK_ID}`:

2403

```
2404 SELECT eo.* From ExtrinsicObject eo, Association a WHERE
2405     a.sourceObject = {EXTERNAL_LINK_ID} AND
2406     a.targetObject = eo.id AND
2407     a.associationType = {EXTERNALLY_LINKS_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID};
2408
2409 <ExtrinsicObjectQuery>
2410   <TargetAssociationQuery>
2411     <PrimaryFilter logicalOperator="AND" xsi:type="CompoundFilterType">
2412       <LeftFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="sourceObject"
2413         value="{EXTERNAL_LINK_ID}"
2414         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2415       <RightFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="associationType"
2416         value="{EXTERNALLY_LINKS_ASSOC_TYPE_NODE_ID}"
2417         xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2418     </PrimaryFilter>
2419   </TargetAssociationQuery>
2420 </ExtrinsicObjectQuery>
```

2421

## 2422 6.6.6 Audit Trail Queries

2423 The following query retrieves all the AuditableEvents for the RegistryObject specified by  
2424 `{REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID}`:

2425

```
2426 SELECT ae.* FROM AuditableEvent ae, AffectedObject ao WHERE
2427     ao.eventId = ae.id AND
2428     ao.id = {REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID}
2429
2430 <AuditableEventQuery>
2431   <AffectedObjectQuery>
2432     <PrimaryFilter comparator="EQ" domainAttribute="id"
2433       value="{REGISTRY_OBJECT_ID}" xsi:type="StringFilterType"/>
2434   </AffectedObjectQuery>
2435 </AuditableEventQuery>
```

2436

---

## 2437 **7 Event Notification Protocols**

2438 This chapter defines the Event Notification feature of the OASIS ebXML Registry.

2439 Event Notification feature allows OASIS ebXML Registries to notify its users and / or other registries about  
2440 events of interest. It allows users to stay informed about registry events without being forced to periodically  
2441 poll the registry. It also allows a registry to propagate internal changes to other registries whose content  
2442 might be affected by those changes.

2443 ebXML registries support content-based Notification where interested parties express their interest in form  
2444 of a query. This is different from subject-based (sometimes referred to as topic-based) notification, where  
2445 information is categorized by subjects and interested parties express their interests in those predefined  
2446 subjects.

### 2447 **7.1 Use Cases**

2448 The following use cases illustrate different ways in which ebXML registries notify users or other registries.

#### 2449 **7.1.1 CPP Has Changed**

2450 A user wishes to know when the CPP [ebCPP] of a partner is updated or superseded by another CPP.  
2451 When that happens he may wish to create a CPA [ebCPP] based upon the new CPP.

#### 2452 **7.1.2 New Service is Offered**

2453 A user wishes to know when a new plumbing service is offered in her town and be notified every 10 days.  
2454 When that happens, she might try to learn more about that service and compare it with her current  
2455 plumbing service provider's offering.

#### 2456 **7.1.3 Monitor Download of Content**

2457 User wishes to know whenever his CPP [ebCPP] is downloaded in order to evaluate on an ongoing basis  
2458 the success of his recent advertising campaign. He might also want to analyze who the interested parties  
2459 are.

#### 2460 **7.1.4 Monitor Price Changes**

2461 User wishes to know when the price of a product that she is interested in buying drops below a certain  
2462 amount. If she buys it she would also like to be notified when the product has been shipped to her.

#### 2463 **7.1.5 Keep Replicas Consistent With Source Object**

2464 In order to improve performance and availability of accessing some registry objects, a local registry MAY  
2465 make replicas of certain objects that are hosted by another registry. The registry would like to be notified  
2466 when the source object for a replica is updated so that it can synchronize the replica with the latest state of  
2467 the source object.

### 2468 **7.2 Registry Events**

2469 Activities within a registry result in meaningful events. Typically, registry events are generated when a  
2470 registry processes client requests. In addition, certain registry events may be caused by administrative  
2471 actions performed by a registry operator. [ebRIM] defines the AuditableEvent class, instances of which  
2472 represent registry events. When such an event occurs, an AuditableEvent instance is generated by the  
2473 registry.

### 2474 **7.3 Subscribing to Events**

2475 A user MAY create a subscription with a registry if he or she wishes to receive notification for a specific  
2476 type of event. A user creates a subscription by submitting a Subscription instance to a registry using the

2477 SubmitObjectsRequest. If a Subscription is submitted to a registry that does not support event notification  
2478 then the registry MUST return an UnsupportedCapabilityException.

2479 The listing below shows a sample Subscription using a pre-defined SQL query as its selector that will  
2480 result in an email notification to the user whenever a Service is created that is classified as a "Plumbing"  
2481 service and located in "A Little Town."

2482

2483 The SQL query within the selector in plain English says the following:

2484 *Find all Services that are Created AND classified by ClassificationNode*  
2485 *where ClassificationNode's Path ends with string "Plumbing", AND classified by ClassificationNode where*  
2486 *ClassificationNode's Code contains string "A Little Town."*

2487

```
2488 <rim:Subscription id="{SUBSCRIPTION_ID}" selector="{QUERY_ID}">
2489   <!--
2490     The selector is a reference to a query object that has the
2491     following query defined
2492     SELECT * FROM Service s, AuditableEvent e, AffectedObject ao,
2493     Classification c1, Classification c2
2494     ClassificationNode cn1, ClassificationNode cn2 WHERE
2495     e.eventType = 'Created' AND ao.id = s.id AND ao.parent=e.id AND
2496     c1.classifiedObject = s.id AND c1.classificationNode = cn1.id AND
2497     cn1.path LIKE '%Plumbing' AND
2498     c2.classifiedObject = s.id AND c2.classificationNode = cn2.id AND
2499     cn2.path LIKE '%A Little Town%'
2500   -->
2501   <!-- Next endPoint is an email address -->
2502   <rim:NotifyAction notificationOption="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-
2503   regrep:NotificationOptionType:Objects"
2504   endPoint="mailto:farrukh.najmi@sun.com"/>
2505   <!-- Next endPoint is a service via reference to its ServiceBinding
2506   object -->
2507   <rim:NotifyAction notificationOption="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-
2508   regrep:NotificationOptionType:ObjectRefs"
2509   endPoint="urn:freebxml:registry:demoDB:serviceBinding:EpidemicAlertListen
2510   erServiceBinding"/>
2511 </rim:Subscription>
```

2512

### 2513 7.3.1 Event Selection

2514 In order to only be notified of specific events of interest, the user MUST specify a reference to a stored  
2515 AdHocQuery object via the selector attribute within the Subscription instance. The query determines  
2516 whether an event qualifies for that Subscription or not. For details on query syntax see chapter 6.

### 2517 7.3.2 Notification Action

2518 When creating a Subscription, a user MAY also specify Actions within the subscription that specify what  
2519 the registry must do when an event matching the Subscription (subscription event) transpires.

2520 A user MAY omit specifying an Action within a Subscription if he does not wish to be notified by the  
2521 registry. A user MAY periodically poll the registry and pull the pending Notifications.

2522 [ebRIM] defines two standard ways that a NotifyAction may be used:

- 2523 • Email NotifyAction that allows delivery of event notifications via email to a human user or to an  
2524 email end point for a software component or agent.
- 2525 • Service NotifyAction that allows delivery of event notifications via a programmatic interface by  
2526 invoking a specified listener web service.

2527 If the registry supports event notification, at some time after the successful processing of each request, it  
2528 MUST check all registered and active Subscriptions and see if any Subscriptions match the event. If a  
2529 match is found then the registry performs the Notification Actions required for the Subscription. A registry

2530 MAY periodically perform such checks and corresponding notification actions in a batch mode based upon  
2531 registry specific policies.

### 2532 **7.3.3 Subscription Authorization**

2533 A registry operator or content owner MAY use custom Access Control Policies to decide which users are  
2534 authorized to create a subscription and to what events. A Registry MUST return an AuthorizationException  
2535 in the event that an unauthorized user submits a Subscription to a registry. It is up to registry  
2536 implementations whether to honour the existing subscription if an access control policy governing  
2537 subscriptions becomes more restrictive after subscription have already been created based on the older  
2538 policy.

### 2539 **7.3.4 Subscription Quotas**

2540 A registry MAY use registry specific policies to decide an upper limit on the number of Subscriptions a  
2541 user is allowed to create. A Registry MUST return a QuotaExceededException in the event that an  
2542 authorized user submits more Subscriptions than allowed by their registry specific quota.

### 2543 **7.3.5 Subscription Expiration**

2544 Each subscription defines a startTime and an endTime attribute which determines the period within  
2545 which a Subscription is active. Outside the bounds of the active period, a Subscription MAY exist in an  
2546 expired state within the registry. A registry MAY remove an expired Subscription at any time. In such  
2547 cases the identity of a RegistryOperator user MUST be used for the request in order to have sufficient  
2548 authorization to remove a user's Subscription.

2549 A Registry MUST NOT consider expired Subscriptions when delivering notifications for an event to its  
2550 Subscriptions. An expired Subscription MAY be renewed by submitting a new Subscription.

### 2551 **7.3.6 Subscription Rejection**

2552 A Registry MAY reject a Subscription if it is too costly to support. For instance a Subscription that wishes  
2553 to be notified of any change in any object may be too costly for most registries. A Registry MUST return a  
2554 SubscriptionTooCostlyException in the event that an Authorized User submits a Subscription that is too  
2555 costly for the registry to process.

## 2556 **7.4 Unsubscribing from Events**

2557 A user MAY terminate a Subscription with a registry if he or she no longer wishes to be notified of events  
2558 related to that Subscription. A user terminates a Subscription by deleting the corresponding Subscription  
2559 object using the RemoveObjectsRequest to the registry.

2560 Removal of a Subscription object follows the same rules as removal of any other object.

## 2561 **7.5 Notification of Events**

2562 A registry performs the *Actions* for a Subscription in order to actually deliver the events information to the  
2563 subscriber. However, regardless of the specific delivery Action, the registry MUST communicate the  
2564 Subscription events. The Subscription events are delivered within a Notification instance as described by  
2565 [ebRIM]. In case of Service NotifyAction, the Notification is delivered to a handler service conformant to  
2566 the RegistryClient interface. In case of an Email NotifyAction the notification is delivered an email address.

2567 The listing below shows a sample Notification matching the subscription example in section 7.3:

2568

```
2569 <rim:Notification subscription="{SUBSCRIPTION_ID}">  
2570 <rim:RegistryObjectList>  
2571 <rim:Service id="f3373a7b-4958-4e55-8820-d03a191fb76a">  
2572 <rim:Name>  
2573 <rim:LocalizedString value="A Little Town Plumbing"/>  
2574 </rim:Name>
```

```
2575     <rim:Classification id="a3373a7b-4958-4e55-8820-d03a191fb76a"  
2576     classifiedObject="f3373a7b-4958-4e55-8820-d03a191fb76a"/>  
2577     <rim:Classification id="b3373a7b-4958-4e55-8820-d03a191fb76a"  
2578     classifiedObject="f3373a7b-4958-4e55-8820-d03a191fb76a"/>  
2579     </rim:Service>  
2580     </rim:RegistryObjectList>  
2581 </rim:Notification>
```

2582

2583 A Notification MAY contain actual RegistryObjects or ObjectRefs to RegistryObjects within the  
2584 <rim:RegistryObjectList>. A client MAY specify the whether they wish to receive RegistryObjects or  
2585 ObjectRefs to RegistryObjects using the notificationOption attribute of the Action within the Subscription.  
2586 The registry MAY override this notificationOption based upon registry specific operational policies.

## 2587 **7.6 Retrieval of Events**

2588 The registry provides asynchronous PUSH style delivery of Notifications via notify Actions as described  
2589 earlier. However, a client MAY also use a PULL style to retrieve any pending events for their  
2590 Subscriptions. Pulling of events is done using the AdHocQuery protocol and querying the Notification  
2591 class. A registry SHOULD buffer undelivered notifications for some period to allow clients to PULL those  
2592 notifications. The period that a registry SHOULD buffer undelivered notifications MAY be defined using  
2593 registry specific policies.

## 2594 **7.7 Pruning of Events**

2595 A registry MAY periodically prune AuditableEvents in order to manage its resources. It is up to the registry  
2596 when such pruning occurs. It is up to the registry to determine when undelivered events are purged. A  
2597 registry SHOULD perform such pruning by removing the older information in its Audit Trail content.  
2598 However, it MUST not remove the original Create Event at the beginning of the audit trail since the Create  
2599 Event establishes the owner of the RegistryObject.

## 8 Content Management Services

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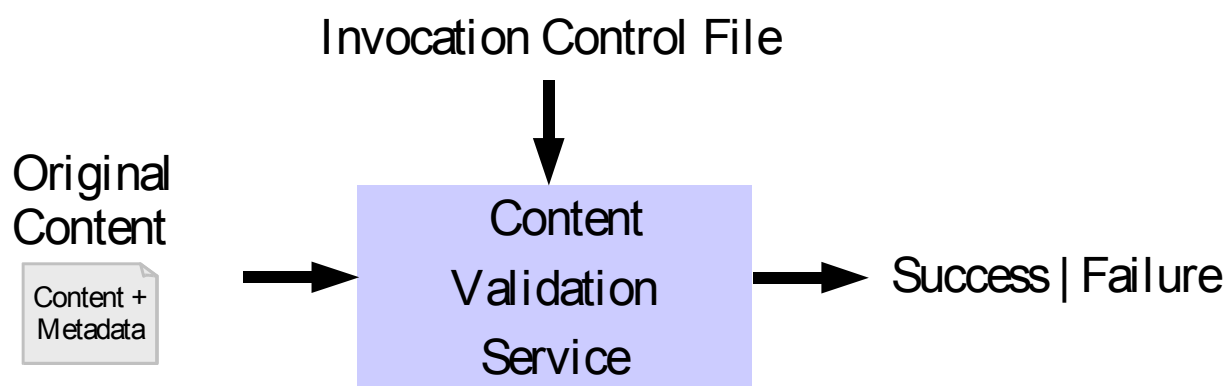
2601 This chapter describes the Content Management services of the ebXML Registry. Examples of Content  
2602 Management Services include, but are not limited to, content validation and content cataloging. Content  
2603 Management Services result in improved quality and integrity of registry content and metadata as well as  
2604 improved ability for clients to discover that content and metadata.

2605 The Content Management Services facility of the registry is based upon a pluggable architecture that  
2606 allows clients to publish and discover new Content Management Services as Service objects that conform  
2607 to a normative web service interface specified in this chapter. Clients MAY configure a Content  
2608 Management Service that is specialized for managing a specific type of content.

### 8.1 Content Validation

2609

2610 The Content Validation feature provides the ability to enforce domain specific validation rules upon  
2611 submitted content and metadata in a content specific manner.



2612

2613

Figure 13: Content Validation Service

2614 A registry uses one or more Content Validation Services to automatically validate the RegistryObjects and  
2615 repository items when they are submitted to the registry. A registry MUST reject a submission request in  
2616 its entirety if it contains invalid data. In such cases a ValidationException MUST be returned to the client.

2617 Content Validation feature improves the quality of data in the registry.

#### 8.1.1 Content Validation: Use Cases

2618

2619 The following use cases illustrate the Content Validation feature:

##### 8.1.1.1 Validation of HL7 Conformance Profiles

2620

2621 The Healthcare Standards organization HL7 uses content validation to enforce consistency rules and  
2622 semantic checks whenever an HL7 member submits an HL7 Conformance Profile. HL7 is also planning to  
2623 use the feature to improve the quality of other types of HL7 artifacts.

##### 8.1.1.2 Validation of Business Processes

2624

2625 Content validation may be used to enforce consistency rules and semantic checks whenever a Business  
2626 Process is submitted to the registry. This feature may be used by organizations such as UN/CEFACT,  
2627 OAGi, and RosettaNet.

##### 8.1.1.3 Validation of UBL Business Documents

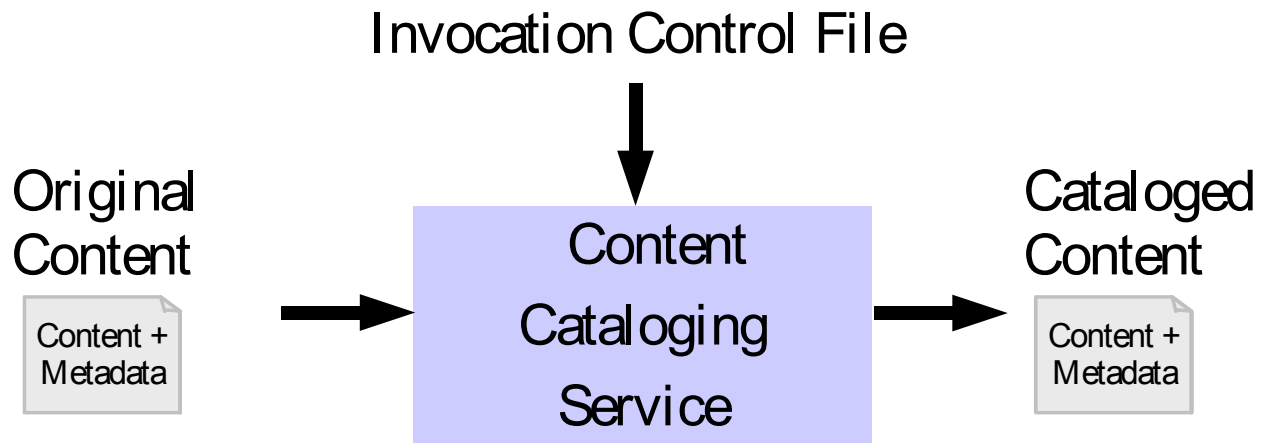
2628

2629 Content validation may be used by the UBL technical committee to enforce consistency rules and  
2630 semantic checks whenever a UBL business document is submitted to the registry.



## 2631 8.2 Content Cataloging

2632 The Content Cataloging feature provides the ability to selectively convert submitted RegistryObject and  
2633 repository items into metadata defined by [ebRIM], in a content specific manner.



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2635

Figure 14: Content Cataloging Service

2636 A registry uses one or more Content Cataloging Services to automatically catalog RegistryObjects and  
2637 repository items. Cataloging creates and/or updates RegistryObject metadata such as ExtrinsicObject or  
2638 Classification instances. The cataloged metadata enables clients to discover the repository item based  
2639 upon content from the repository item, using standard query capabilities of the registry. This is referred to  
2640 as *Content-based Discovery*.

2641 The main benefit of the Content Cataloging feature is to enable Content-based Discovery.

### 2642 8.2.1 Content-based Discovery: Use Cases

2643 There are many scenarios where content-based discovery is necessary.

#### 2644 8.2.1.1 Find All CPPs Where Role is “Buyer”

2645 A company that sells a product using the RosettaNet PIP3A4 Purchase Order process wants to find CPPs  
2646 for other companies where the Role element of the CPP is that of “Buyer”.

#### 2647 8.2.1.2 Find All XML Schema’s That Use Specified Namespace

2648 A client may wish to discover all XML Schema documents in the registry that use an XML namespace  
2649 containing the word “oasis”.

#### 2650 8.2.1.3 Find All WSDL Descriptions with a SOAP Binding

2651 An ebXML registry client is attempting to discover all repository items that are WSDL descriptions that  
2652 have a SOAP binding defined. Note that SOAP binding related information is content within the WSDL  
2653 document and not metadata.

## 2654 8.3 Abstract Content Management Service

2655 This section describes in abstract terms how the registry supports pluggable, user-defined Content  
2656 Management Services. A Content Management Service is invoked in response to content being submitted  
2657 to the registry via the standard Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest method. The Service invocation is on a per  
2658 request basis where one request may result in many invocations, one for each RegistryObject for which a  
2659 Content Management Service is configured within the registry.

2660 The registry may perform such invocation in one of two ways.

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- **Inline Invocation Model:** Content Management Service may be invoked inline with the processing of the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest and prior to committing the content. This is referred to as Inline Invocation Model.
  - **Decoupled Invocation Model:** Content Management Service may be invoked decoupled from the processing of the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest and some time after committing the content. This is referred to as Decoupled Invocation Model.
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### 2669 **8.3.1 Inline Invocation Model**

2670 In an inline invocation model a registry MUST invoke a Content Management Service inline with  
2671 Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest processing and prior to committing the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest. All  
2672 metadata and content from the original Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest request or from the Content  
2673 Management Service invocation MUST be committed as an atomic transaction.

2674 shows an abstract Content Management Service and how it is used by an ebXML Registry using an inline  
2675 invocation model. The steps are as follows:

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1. A client submits a Content Management Service S1 to an ebXML Registry. The client typically belongs to an organization responsible for defining a specific type of content. For example the client may belong to RosettaNet.org and submit a Content Validation Service for validating RosettaNet PIPs. The client uses the standard Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest interface to submit the Service. This is a one-time step to configure this Content Management Service in the registry.
  2. Once the Content Management Service has been submitted, a potentially different client may submit content to the registry that is of the same object type for which the Content Management Service has been submitted. The client uses the standard Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest interface to submit the content.
  3. The registry determines there is a Content Management Service S1 configured for the object type for the content submitted. It invokes S1 using a ContentManagementServiceRequest and passes it the content.
  4. The Content Management Service S1 processes the content and sends back a ContentManagementServiceResponse.
  5. The registry then commits the content to the registry if there are no errors encountered.
  6. The registry returns a RegistryResponse to the client for the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest in step 2.
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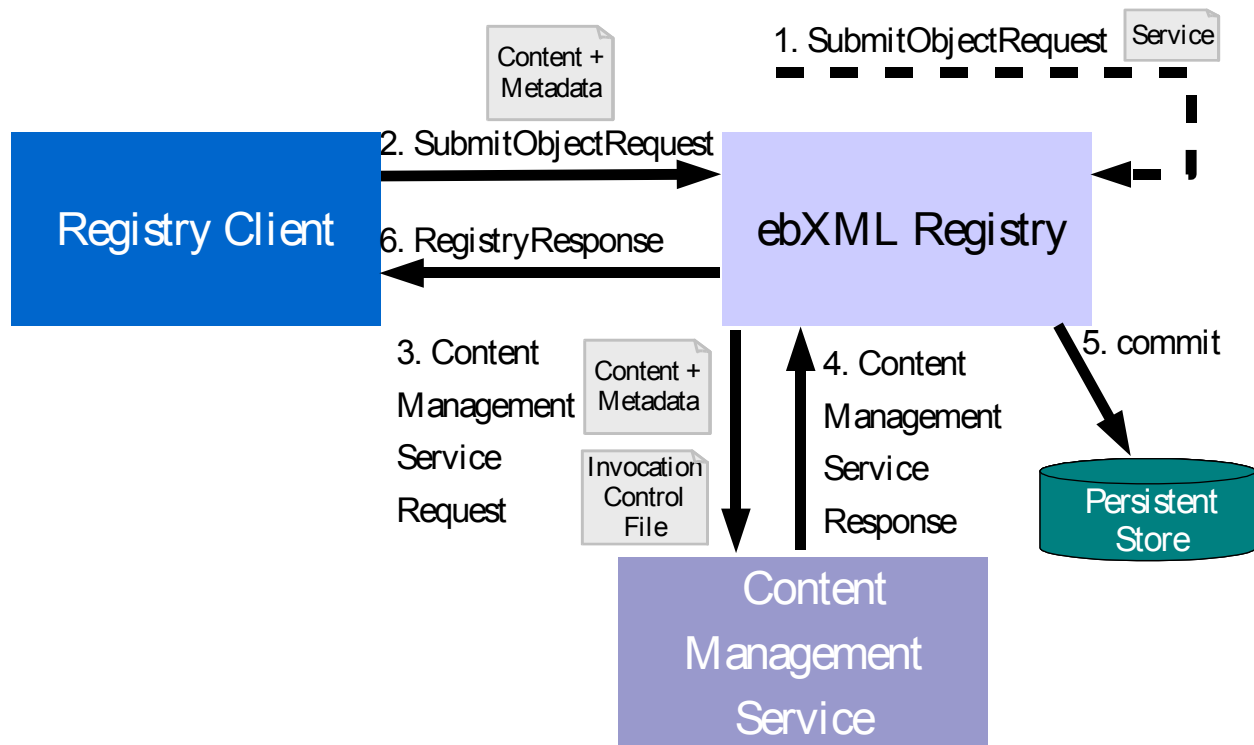


Figure 15: Content Management Service: Inline Invocation Model

### 2699 8.3.2 Decoupled Invocation Model

2700 In a decoupled invocation model a registry MUST invoke a Content Management Service independent of  
 2701 or decoupled from the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest processing. Any errors encountered during Content  
 2702 Management Service invocation MUST NOT have any impact on the original  
 2703 Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest processing.

2704 All metadata and content from the original Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest request MUST be committed as  
 2705 an atomic transaction that is decoupled from the metadata and content that may be generated by the  
 2706 Content Management Service invocation.

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2708 shows an abstract Content Management Service and how it is used by an ebXML Registry using a  
 2709 decoupled invocation model. The steps are as follows:

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- 2711 1. Same as in inline invocation model (Content Management Service is submitted).
- 2712 2. Same as in inline invocation model (client submits content using  
 2713 Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest).
- 2714 3. The registry processes the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest and commits it to persistent  
 2715 store.
- 2716 4. The registry returns a RegistryResponse to the client for the  
 2717 Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest in step 2.
- 2718 5. The registry determines there is a Content Management Service S1 configured for the  
 2719 object type for the content submitted. It invokes S1 using a  
 2720 ContentManagementServiceRequest and passes it the content.
- 2721 6. The Content Management Service S1 processes the content and sends back a  
 2722 ContentManagementServiceResponse.

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7. If the ContentManagementServiceResponse includes any generated or modified content it is committed to the persistent store as separate transaction. If there are any errors encountered during decoupled invocation of a Content Management Service then these errors are logged by the registry in a registry specific manner and MUST NOT be reported back to the client.

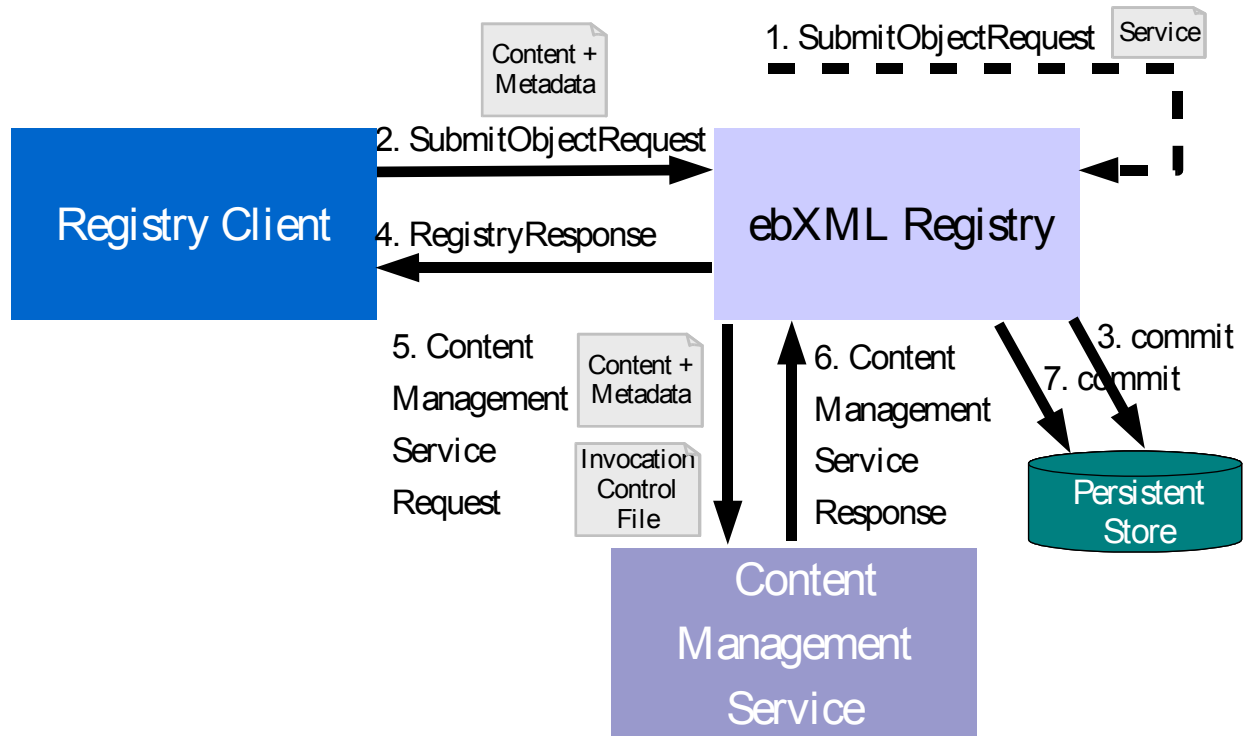


Figure 16: Content Management Service: Decoupled Invocation Model

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## 8.4 Content Management Service Protocol

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This section describe the abstract Content Management Service protocol that is the base- protocol for other concrete protocols such as Validate Content protocol and Catalog Content protocol. The concrete protocols will be defined later in this document.

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### 8.4.1 ContentManagementServiceRequestType

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The ContentManagementServiceRequestType MUST be the abstract base type for all requests sent from a registry to a Content Management Service.

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#### 8.4.1.1 Syntax:

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<complexType name="ContentManagementServiceRequestType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">
      <sequence>
        <element name="OriginalContent"
type="rim:RegistryObjectListType"/>
        <element name="InvocationControlFile"
type="rim:ExtrinsicObjectType" maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"/>
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
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</complexType>
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### 2751 **8.4.1.2 Parameters:**

2752 The following parameters are parameters that are either newly defined for this type or are inherited and  
2753 have additional semantics beyond those defined in the base type description.

- 2754     ▪ *InvocationControlFile*: This parameter specifies the ExtrinsicObject for a repository item  
2755       that the caller wishes to specify as the Invocation Control File. This specification does not  
2756       specify the format of this file. There MUST be a corresponding repository item as an  
2757       attachment to this request. The corresponding repository item SHOULD follow the same  
2758       rules as attachments in Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest.
  - 2759     ▪ *OriginalContent*: This parameter specifies the RegistryObjects that will be processed by  
2760       the content management service. In case of ExtrinsicObject instances within the  
2761       OriginalContent there MAY be repository items present as attachments to the  
2762       ContentManagementServiceRequest. This specification does not specify the format of  
2763       such repository items. The repository items SHOULD follow the same rules as  
2764       attachments in Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest.
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### 2766 **8.4.1.3 Returns:**

2767 This request returns a ContentManagementServiceResponse. See section 8.4.2 for details.

### 2768 **8.4.1.4 Exceptions:**

2769 In addition to the exceptions returned by base request types, the following exceptions MAY be returned:

- 2770     ▪ *MissingRepositoryItemException*: signifies that the caller did not provide a repository item  
2771       as an attachment to this request when the Service requires it.
  - 2772     ▪ *InvocationControlFileException*: signifies that the InvocationControlFile(s) provided by the  
2773       caller do not match the InvocationControlFile(s) expected by the Service.
  - 2774     ▪ *UnsupportedContentException*: signifies that this Service does not support the content  
2775       provided by the caller.
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## 2777 **8.4.2 ContentManagementServiceResponseType**

2778 The ContentManagementServiceResponseType is sent by a Content Management Service as a response  
2779 to a ContentManagementServiceRequestType. The ContentManagementServiceResponseType is the  
2780 abstract base type for all responses sent to a registry from a Content Management Service. It extends the  
2781 RegistryResponseType and does not define any new parameters.

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### 2783 **8.4.2.1 Syntax:**

```
2784 <complexType name="ContentManagementServiceResponseType">  
2785   <complexContent>  
2786     <extension base="rs:RegistryResponseType">  
2787       <sequence>  
2788         </sequence>  
2789     </extension>  
2790   </complexContent>  
2791 </complexType>
```

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2793 **8.4.2.2 Parameters:**

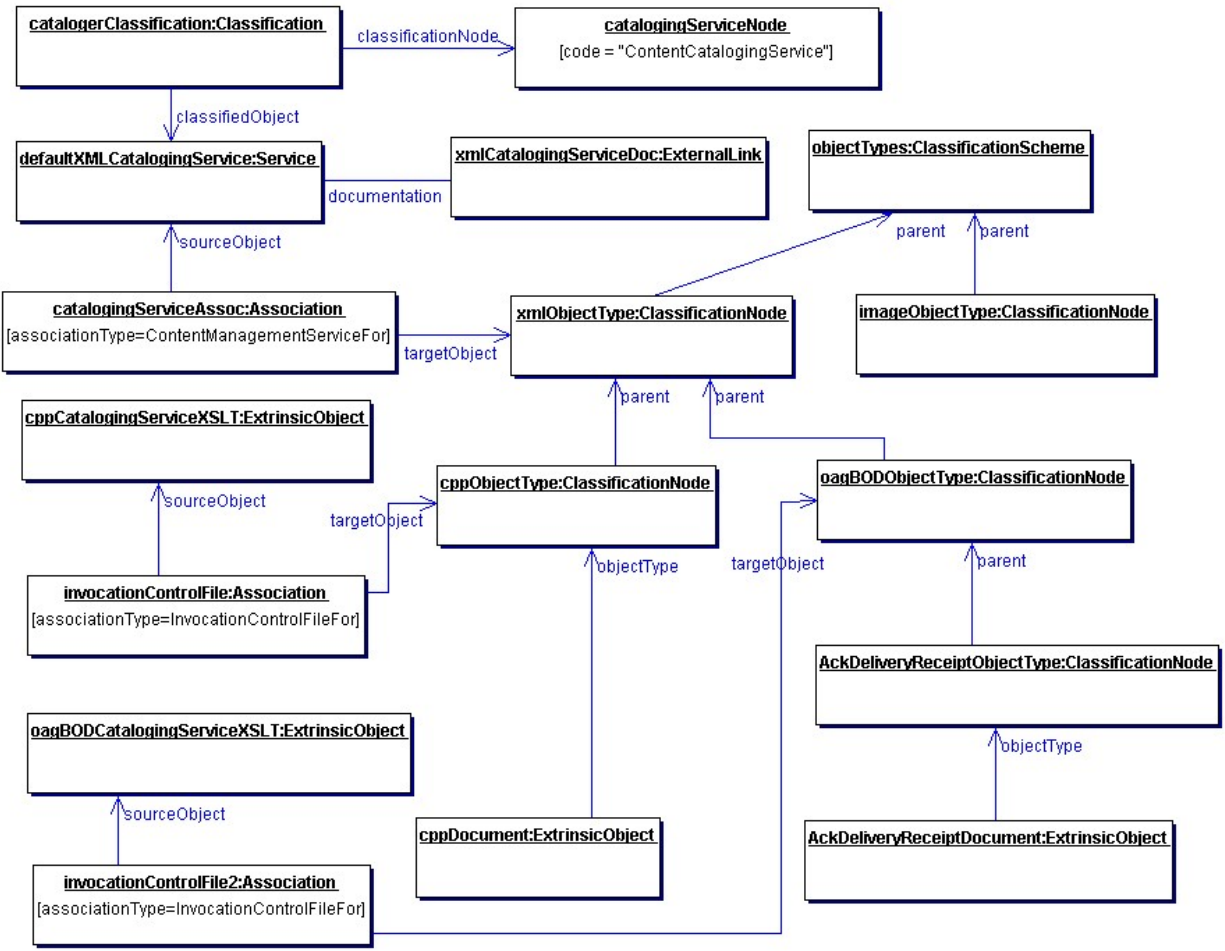
2794 No new parameters are defined other than those inherited from RegistryResponseType.  
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2796 **8.5 Publishing / Configuration of a Content Management Service**

2797 Any Submitter MAY submit an arbitrary Content Management Service to an ebXML Registry. The Content  
2798 Management Service MUST be published using the standard LifecycleManager interface.

2799 The Submitter MUST use the standard Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest to publish:

- 2800 ○ A Service instance for the Content Management Service. In Figure 17 this is exemplified by the  
2801 defaultXMLCatalogingService in the upper-left corner. The Service instance MUST have an  
2802 Association with a ClassificationNode in the canonical ObjectType ClassificationScheme as  
2803 defined by [ebRIM]. The Service MUST be the sourceObject while a ClassificationNode MUST be  
2804 the targetObject. This association binds the Service to that specific ObjectType. The  
2805 associationType for this Association instance MUST be "ContentManagementServiceFor." The  
2806 Service MUST be classified by the canonical ContentManagementService ClassificationScheme  
2807 as defined by [ebRIM]. For example it may be classified as a "ContentValidationService" or a  
2808 "ContentCatalogingService."
  - 2809 ○ The Service instance MAY be classified by a ClassificationNode under the canonical  
2810 InvocationModel ClassificationScheme as defined by [ebRIM], to determine whether it uses the  
2811 Inline Invocation model or the Decoupled Invocation model.
  - 2812 ○ The Service instance MAY be classified by a ClassificationNode under the canonical  
2813 ErrorHandlingModel ClassificationScheme as defined by [ebRIM], to determine whether the  
2814 Service should fail on first error or simply log the error as a warning and continue. See section  
2815 8.6.4 for details.
  - 2816 ○ A ServiceBinding instance contained within the Service instance that MUST provide the  
2817 accessURI to the Cataloging Service.
  - 2818 ○ An optional ExternalLink instance on the ServiceBinding that is resolvable to a web page  
2819 describing:
    - 2820 ▪ The format of the supported content to be Cataloged
    - 2821 ▪ The format of the supported Invocation Control File
- 2822 Note that no SpecificationLink is required since this specification [ebRS] is implicit for Content  
2823 Cataloging Services.
- 2824 ○ One or more Invocation Control File(s) consisting of an ExtrinsicObject and a repository item pair.  
2825 The ExtrinsicObject for the Invocation Control File MUST have a required Association with  
2826 associationType value that references a descendant ClassificationNode of the canonical  
2827 ClassificationNode "InvocationControlFileFor." This is exemplified by the  
2828 cppCatalogingServiceXSLT and the oagBODCatalogingServiceXSLT objects in Figure 17 (left  
2829 side of picture). The Invocation Control File MUST be the sourceObject while a ClassificationNode  
2830 in the canonical ObjectType ClassificationScheme MUST be the targetObject.
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**Figure 17: Cataloging Service Configuration**

2834 Figure 17 shows an example of the configuration of the Canonical XML Cataloging Service associated  
 2835 with the objectType for XML content. This Cataloging Service may be used with any XML content that has  
 2836 its objectType attribute hold a reference to the xmlObjectType ClassificationNode or one of its  
 2837 descendants.

2838 The figure also shows two different Invocation Control Files, cppCatalogingServiceXSLT and  
 2839 oagBODCatalogingServiceXSLT that may be used to catalog ebXML CPP and OAG Business Object  
 2840 Documents (BOD) respectively.

### 2841 **8.5.1 Multiple Content Management Services and Invocation Control** 2842 **Files**

2843 This specification allows clients to submit multiple Content Management Services of the same type (e.g.  
 2844 validation, cataloging) and multiple Invocation Control Files for the same objectType. Content  
 2845 Management Services of the same type of service for the same ObjectType are referred to as peer  
 2846 Content Management Services.

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2848 When there are multiple Content Management Services and Invocation Control Files for the same  
 2849 ObjectType there MUST be an unambiguous association between a Content Management Service and its  
 2850 Invocation Control File(s). This MUST be defined by an Association instance with associationType value  
 2851 that references a ClassificationNode that is a descendant of the canonical ClassificationNode  
 2852 "InvocationControlFileFor" where the ExtrinsicObject for each Invocation Control File is the sourceObject  
 2853 and the Service is the targetObject.

2854 The order of invocation of peer Content Management Services is undefined and MAY be determined in a  
2855 registry specific manner.

## 2856 **8.6 Invocation of a Content Management Service**

2857 This section describes how a registry invokes a Content Management Service.

### 2858 **8.6.1 Resolution Algorithm For Service and Invocation Control File**

2859 When a registry receives a submission of a RegistryObject, it MUST use the following algorithm to  
2860 determine or resolve the Content Management Services and Invocation Control Files to be used for  
2861 dynamic content management for the RegistryObject:

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- 2863 1. Get the objectType attribute of the RegistryObject.
- 2864 2. Query to see if the ClassificationNode referenced by the objectType is the targetObject of an Association  
2865 with associationType of *ContentManagementServiceFor*. If the desired Association is not found for this  
2866 ClassificationNode then repeat this step with its parent ClassificationNode. Repeat until the desired  
2867 Association is found or until the parent is the ClassificationScheme. If desired Association(s) is found then  
2868 repeat following steps for each such Association instance.
- 2869 3. Check if the sourceObject of the desired Association is a Service instance. If not, log an  
2870 InvalidConfigurationException. If it is a Service instance, then use this Service as the Content Management  
2871 service for the RegistryObject.
- 2872 4. Query to see if the objectType ClassificationNode is the targetObject of one or more Associations whose  
2873 associationType value references a ClassificationNode that is a descendant of the canonical  
2874 ClassificationNode *InvocationControlFileFor*. If desired Association is not found for this  
2875 ClassificationNode then repeat this step with its parent ClassificationNode. Repeat until the desired  
2876 Association is found or until the parent is the ClassificationScheme.
- 2877 5. If desired Association(s) is found then check if the sourceObject of the desired Association is an  
2878 ExtrinsicObject instance. If not, log an InvalidConfigurationException. If sourceObject is an  
2879 ExtrinsicObject instance, then use its repository item as an Invocation Control File. If there are multiple  
2880 InvocationControlFiles then all of them MUST be provided when invoking the Service.

2881 The above algorithm allows for objectType hierarchy to be used to configure Content Management  
2882 Services and Invocation Control Files with varying degrees of specificity or specialization with respect to  
2883 the type of content.

### 2884 **8.6.2 Audit Trail and Cataloged Content**

2885 The Cataloged Content generated as a result of the invocation of a Content Management Service has an  
2886 audit trail consistent with RegistryObject instances that are submitted by Registry Clients. However, since  
2887 a Registry Client does not submit Cataloged Content, the user attribute of the AuditableEvent instances  
2888 for such Cataloged Content references the Service object for the Content Management Service that  
2889 generated the Cataloged Content. This allows an efficient way to distinguish Cataloged Content from  
2890 content submitted by Registry Clients.

### 2891 **8.6.3 Referential Integrity**

2892 A registry MUST maintain referential integrity between the RegistryObjects and repository items invocation  
2893 of a Content Management Service.



2894 **8.6.4 Error Handling**

2895 If the Content Management Service is classified by the "FailOnError" ClassificationNode under canonical  
2896 ErrorHandlingModel ClassificationScheme as defined by [ebRIM], then the registry MUST stop further  
2897 processing of the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest and return status of "Failure" upon first error returned by  
2898 a Content Management Service Invocation.

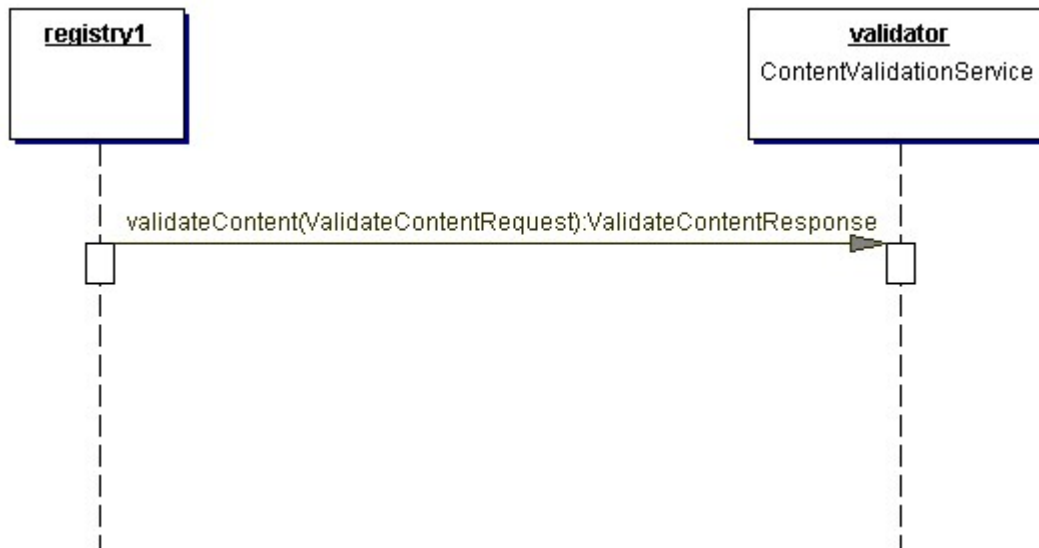
2899 If the Content Management Service is classified by the "LogErrorAndContinue" ClassificationNode under  
2900 ErrorHandlingModel then the registry MUST continue to process the Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest and  
2901 not let any Content Management Service invocation error affect the storing of the RegistryObjects and  
2902 repository items that were submitted. Such errors SHOULD be logged as Warnings within the  
2903 RegistryResponse returned to the client. In this case a registry MUST return a normal response with  
2904 status of "Success" if the submitted content and metadata is stored successfully even when there are  
2905 errors encountered during dynamic invocation of one or more Content Management Services.

2906 **8.7 Validate Content Protocol**

2907 The interface of a Content Validation Service MUST implement a single method called validateContent.  
2908 The validateContent method accepts a ValidateContentRequest as parameter and returns a  
2909 ValidateContentResponse as its response if there are no errors.

2910 The OriginalContent element within a ValidateContentRequest MUST contain exactly one RegistryObject  
2911 that needs to be cataloged. The resulting ValidateContentResponse contains the status attribute that  
2912 communicates whether the RegistryObject (and its content) are valid or not.

2913 The Validate Content protocol does not specify the implementation details of any specific Content  
2914 Validation Service.



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**Figure 18: Validate Content Protocol**

2917 **8.7.1 ValidateContentRequest**

2918 The ValidateContentRequest is used to pass content to a Content Validation Service so that it can validate  
2919 the specified RegistryObject and any associated content. The RegistryObject typically is an ExternalLink  
2920 (in the case of external content) or an ExtrinsicObject. The ValidateContentRequest extends the base type  
2921 ContentManagementServiceRequestType.

2922 **8.7.1.1 Syntax:**

2923 `<element name="ValidateContentRequest">`  
2924 `<complexType>`



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```
<complexContent>  
  <extension base="cms:ContentManagementServiceRequestType">  
    <sequence>  
    </sequence>  
  </extension>  
</complexContent>  
</complexType>  
</element>
```

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### 2934 **8.7.1.2 Parameters:**

2935 The following parameters are parameters that are either newly defined for this type or are inherited and  
2936 have additional semantics beyond those defined in the base type description.

- 2937     ▪ *InvocationControlFile*: Inherited from base type. This parameter may not be present. If  
2938     present its format is defined by the Content Validation Service.
- 2939     ▪ *OriginalContent*: Inherited from base type. This parameter MUST contain exactly one  
2940     RegistryObject (e.g. ExternalLink, ExtrinsicObject) and potentially an associated content.  
2941     This specification does not specify the format of the content. If it is an ExtrinsicObject  
2942     then there MAY be a corresponding repository item as an attachment to this request that  
2943     is the content. The corresponding repository item SHOULD follow the same rules as  
2944     attachments in Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest.

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### 2946 **8.7.1.3 Returns:**

2947 This request returns a ValidateContentResponse. See section 8.7.2 for details.

### 2948 **8.7.1.4 Exceptions:**

2949 In addition to the exceptions returned by base request types, the following exceptions MAY be returned:

- 2950     ▪ *InvalidContentException*: signifies that the specified content was found to be invalid. The  
2951     exception SHOULD include enough detail for the client to be able to determine how to  
2952     make the content valid.

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## 2954 **8.7.2 ValidateContentResponse**

2955 The ValidateContentResponse is sent by the Content Validation Service as a response to a  
2956 ValidateContentRequest.

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### 2958 **8.7.2.1 Syntax:**

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```
<element name="ValidateContentResponse">  
  <complexType>  
    <complexContent>  
      <extension base="cms:ContentManagementServiceResponseType">  
        <sequence>  
        </sequence>  
      </extension>  
    </complexContent>  
  </complexType>  
</element>
```

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2970 **8.7.2.2 Parameters:**

2971 The following parameters are parameters that are either newly defined for this type or are inherited and  
2972 have additional semantics beyond those defined in the base type description.

2973       ▪ *status*: Inherited attribute. This enumerated value is used to indicate the status of the  
2974 request. Values for status are as follows:

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- 2976       • Success - This status specifies that the content specified in the  
2977       ValidateContentRequest was valid.
- 2978       • Failure - This status specifies that the request failed. If the error returned is  
2979       an InvalidContentException then the content specified in the  
2980       ValidateContentRequest was invalid. If there was some other failure  
2981       encountered during the processing of the request then a different error  
2982       MAY be returned.

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2984 **8.8 Catalog Content Protocol**

2985 The interface of the Content Cataloging Service MUST implement a single method called catalogContent.  
2986 The catalogContent method accepts a CatalogContentRequest as parameter and returns a  
2987 CatalogContentResponse as its response if there are no errors.

2988 The CatalogContentRequest MAY contain repository items that need to be cataloged. The resulting  
2989 CatalogContentResponse contains the metadata and possibly content that gets generated or updated by  
2990 the Content Cataloging Service as a result of cataloging the specified repository items.

2991 The Catalog Content protocol does not specify the implementation details of any specific Content  
2992 Cataloging Service.



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**Figure 19: Catalog Content Protocol**

2995 **8.8.1 CatalogContentRequest**

2996 The CatalogContentRequest is used to pass content to a Content Cataloging Service so that it can create  
2997 catalog metadata for the specified RegistryObject and any associated content. The RegistryObject  
2998 typically is an ExternalLink (in case of external content) or an ExtrinsicObject. The  
2999 CatalogContentRequest extends the base type ContentManagementServiceRequestType.

### 3000 8.8.1.1 Syntax:

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3001 <element name="CatalogContentRequest">
3002   <complexType>
3003     <complexContent>
3004       <extension base="cms:ContentManagementServiceRequestType">
3005         <sequence>
3006         </sequence>
3007       </extension>
3008     </complexContent>
3009   </complexType>
3010 </element>
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### 3013 8.8.1.2 Parameters:

3014 The following parameters are parameters that are either newly defined for this type or are inherited and  
3015 have additional semantics beyond those defined in the base type description.

- 3016 ▪ *InvocationControlFile*: Inherited from base type. If present its format is defined by the  
3017 Content Cataloging Service.
- 3018 ▪ *OriginalContent*: Inherited from base type. This parameter MUST contain exactly one  
3019 RegistryObject (e.g. ExternalLink, ExtrinsicObject) and potentially an associated content.  
3020 This specification does not specify the format of the content. If it is an ExtrinsicObject  
3021 then there MAY be a corresponding repository item as an attachment to this request that  
3022 is the content. The corresponding repository item SHOULD follow the same rules as  
3023 attachments in Submit/UpdateObjectsRequest.

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### 3025 8.8.1.3 Returns:

3026 This request returns a CatalogContentResponse. See section 8.8.2 for details.

### 3027 8.8.1.4 Exceptions:

3028 In addition to the exceptions returned by base request types, the following exceptions MAY be returned:

- 3029 ▪ *CatalogingException*: signifies that an exception was encountered in the Cataloging  
3030 algorithm for the service.

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## 3032 8.8.2 CatalogContentResponse

3033 The CatalogContentResponse is sent by the Content Cataloging Service as a response to a  
3034 CatalogContentRequest.

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### 3036 8.8.2.1 Syntax:

```
3037 <element name="CatalogContentResponse">
3038   <complexType>
3039     <complexContent>
3040       <extension base="cms:ContentManagementServiceResponseType">
3041         <sequence>
3042           <element name="CatalogedContent"
3043             type="rim:RegistryObjectListType"/>
3044         </sequence>
3045       </extension>
3046     </complexContent>
3047   </complexType>
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</element>
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### 3050 8.8.2.2 Parameters:

3051 The following parameters are parameters that are either newly defined for this type or are inherited and  
3052 have additional semantics beyond those defined in the base type description.

- 3053     ▪ *CatalogedContent*: This parameter specifies a collection of RegistryObject instances that  
3054       were created or updated as a result of dynamic content cataloging by a content cataloging  
3055       service. The Content Cataloging Service may add metadata such as Classifications,  
3056       ExternalIdentifiers, name, description etc. to the CatalogedContent element. There MAY  
3057       be an accompanying repository item as an attachment to this response message if the  
3058       original repository item was modified by the request.

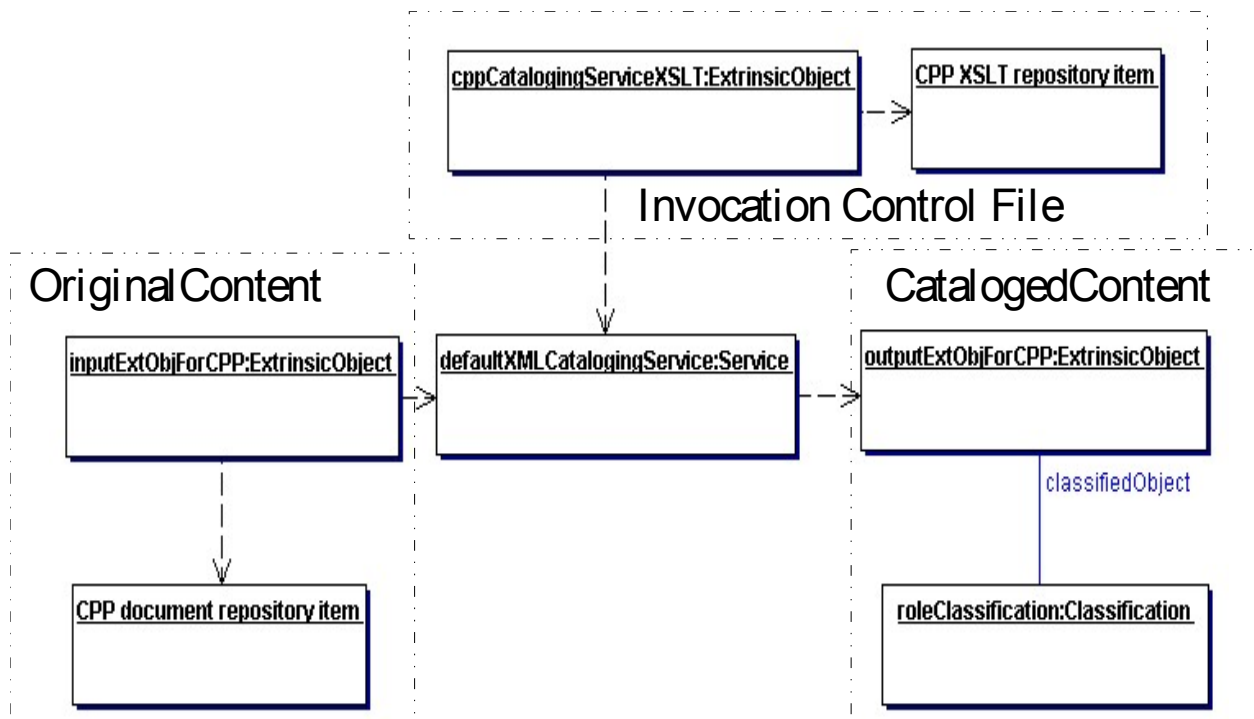
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## 3061 8.9 Illustrative Example: Canonical XML Cataloging Service

3062 Figure 20 shows a UML instance diagram to illustrate how a Content Cataloging Service is used. This  
3063 Content Cataloging Service is the normative Canonical XML Cataloging Service described in section 8.10.

- 3064     ○ In the center we see a Content Cataloging Service name defaultXMLCataloger Service.
- 3065     ○ On the left we see a CPP repository item and its ExtrinsicObject inputExtObjForCPP being input  
3066       as Original Content to the defaultXMLCataloging Service.
- 3067     ○ On top we see an XSLT style sheet repository item and its ExtrinsicObject that is configured as an  
3068       Invocation Control File for the defaultXMLCataloger Service.
- 3069     ○ On the right we see the outputExtObjForCPP, which is the modified ExtrinsicObject for the CPP.  
3070       We also see a Classification roleClassification, which classifies the CPP by the Role element  
3071       within the CPP. These are the Cataloged Content generated as a result of the Cataloging Service  
3072       cataloging the CPP.



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Figure 20: Example of CPP cataloging using Canonical XML Cataloging Service

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## 3076 **8.10 Canonical XML Content Cataloging Service**

3077 An ebXML Registry MUST provide the canonical XML Content Cataloging Service natively as a built-in  
3078 service with the following constraints:

- 3079 • There is exactly one Service instance for the Canonical XML Content Cataloging Service
- 3080 • The Service is an XSLT engine
- 3081 • The Service may be invoked with exactly one Invocation Control File
- 3082 • The Original Content for the Service MUST be XML document(s)
- 3083 • The Cataloged Content for the Service MUST be XML document(s)
- 3084 • The Invocation Control File MUST be an XSLT style sheet
- 3085 • Each invocation of the Service MAY be with different Invocation Control File (XSLT style sheet)  
3086 depending upon the objectType of the RegistryObject being cataloged. Each objectType SHOULD  
3087 have its own unique XSLT style sheet. For example, ebXML CPP documents SHOULD have a  
3088 specialized ebXML CPP Invocation Control XSLT style sheet.
- 3089 • The Service MUST have at least one input XML document that is a RegistryObject. Typically this  
3090 is an ExtrinsicObject or an ExternalLink.
- 3091 • The Service MAY have at most one additional input XML document that is the content  
3092 represented by the RegistryObject (e.g. a CPP document or an HL7 Conformance Profile). The  
3093 optional second input MUST be referenced within the XSLT Style sheet by a using the “document”  
3094 function with the document name specified by variable “repositoryItem” as in  
3095 “document(\$repositoryItem).” A registry MUST define the variable “repositoryItem” when invoking  
3096 the Canonical XML Cataloging Service.
- 3097 • The canonical XML Content Cataloging Service MUST apply the XSLT style sheet to the input  
3098 XML instance document(s) in an XSLT transformation to generate the Cataloged Output.

3099 The Canonical XML Content Cataloging Service is a required normative feature of an ebXML Registry.

### 3100 **8.10.1 Publishing of Canonical XML Content Cataloging Service**

3101 An ebXML Registry MUST provide the canonical XML Content Cataloging Service natively as a built-in  
3102 service. This built-in service MUST be published to the registry as part of the intrinsic bootstrapping of  
3103 required canonical data within the registry.

## 9 Cooperating Registries Support

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3105 This chapter describes the capabilities and protocols that enable multiple ebXML registries to cooperate  
3106 with each other to meet advanced use cases.

### 9.1 Cooperating Registries Use Cases

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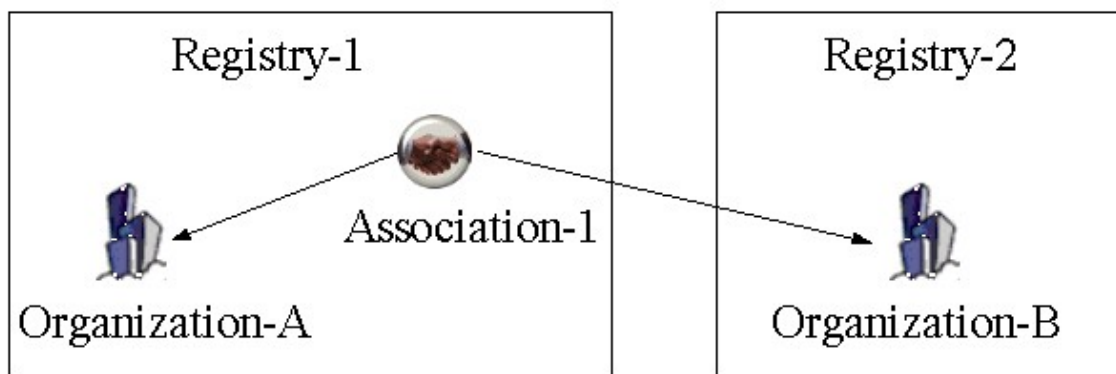
3108 The following is a list of use cases that illustrate different ways that ebXML registries cooperate with each  
3109 other.

#### 9.1.1 Inter-registry Object References

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3111 A Submitting Organization wishes to submit a RegistryObject to a registry such that the submitted object  
3112 references a RegistryObject in another registry.

3113 An example might be where a RegistryObject in one registry is associated with a RegistryObject in  
3114 another registry.



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Figure 21: Inter-registry Object References

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#### 9.1.2 Federated Queries

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3119 A client wishes to issue a single query against multiple registries and get back a single response that  
3120 contains results based on all the data contained in all the registries. From the client's perspective it is  
3121 issuing its query against a single logical registry that has the union of all data within all the physical  
3122 registries.

#### 9.1.3 Local Caching of Data from Another Registry

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3124 A destination registry wishes to cache some or all the data of another source registry that is willing to  
3125 share its data. The shared dataset is copied from the source registry to the destination registry and is  
3126 visible to queries on the destination registry even when the source registry is not available.

3127 Local caching of data may be desirable in order to improve performance and availability of accessing that  
3128 object.

3129 An example might be where a RegistryObject in one registry is associated with a RegistryObject in  
3130 another registry, and the first registry caches the second RegistryObject locally.

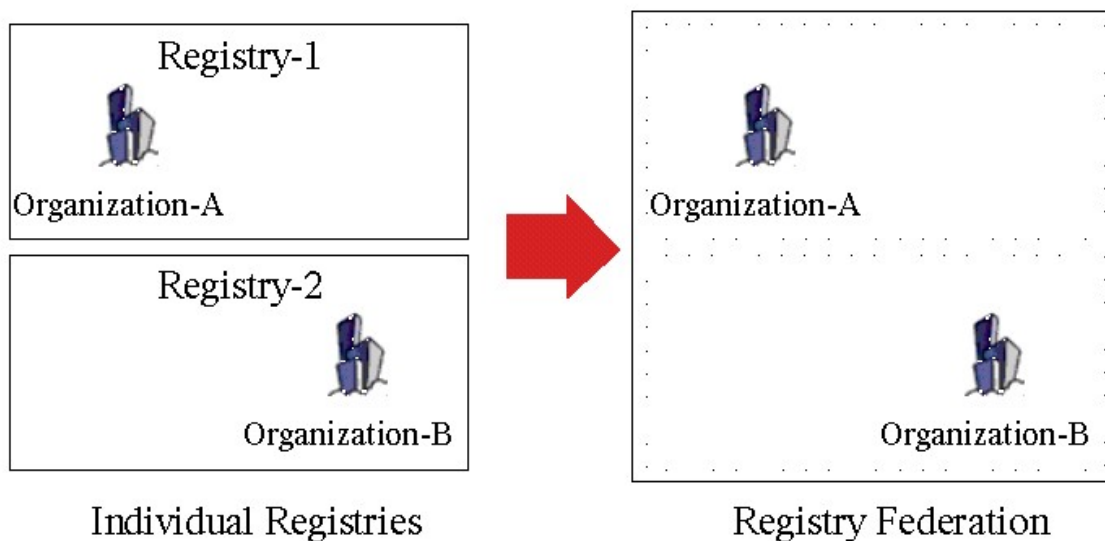
#### 9.1.4 Object Relocation

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3132 A Submitting Organization wishes to relocate its RegistryObjects and/or repository items from the registry  
3133 where it was submitted to another registry.

## 3134 9.2 Registry Federations

3135 A registry federation is a group of registries that have voluntarily agreed to form a loosely coupled union.  
3136 Such a federation may be based on common business interests and specialties that the registries may  
3137 share. Registry federations appear as a single logical registry to registry clients.



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**Figure 22: Registry Federations**

3140 Registry federations are based on a peer-to-peer (P2P) model where all participating registries are equal.  
3141 Each participating registry is called a *registry peer*. There is no distinction between the registry operator  
3142 that created a federation and those registry operators that joined that Federation later.

3143 Any registry operator MAY form a registry federation at any time. When a federation is created it MUST  
3144 have exactly one registry peer which is the registry operated by the registry operator that created the  
3145 federation.

3146 Any registry MAY choose to voluntarily join or leave a federation at any time.

### 3147 9.2.1 Federation Metadata

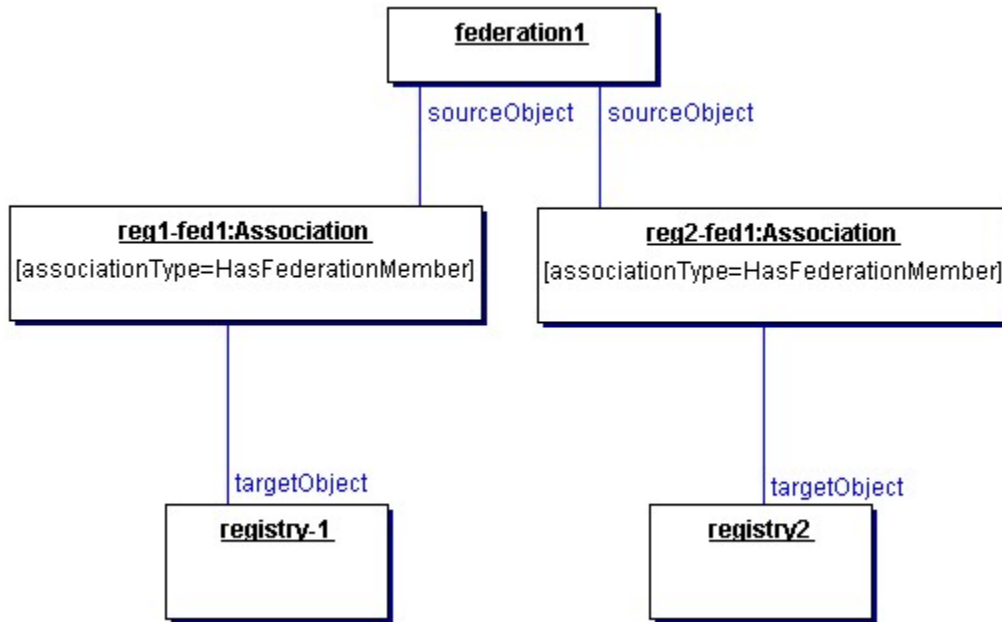
3148 The Registry Information model defines the Registry and Federation classes. Instances of these classes  
3149 and the associations between these instances describe a federation and its members. Such instance data  
3150 is referred to as Federation Metadata. The Registry and Federation classes are described in detail in  
3151 [ebRIM].

3152 The Federation information model is summarized here as follows:

- 3153 ○ A Federation instance represents a registry federation.
- 3154 ○ A Registry instance represents a registry that is a member of the Federation.
- 3155 ○ An Association instance with associationType of *HasFederationMember* represents membership  
3156 of the registry in the federation. This Association links the Registry instance and the Federation  
3157 instance.

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Figure 23: Federation Metadata Example

## 3161 9.2.2 Local Vs. Federated Queries

3162 A federation appears to registry clients as a single unified logical registry. An AdhocQueryRequest sent by  
3163 a client to a federation member MAY be local or federated. A new boolean attribute named *federated* is  
3164 added to AdhocQueryRequest to indicate whether the query is federated or not.

### 3165 9.2.2.1 Local Queries

3166 When the federated attribute of AdhocQueryRequest has the value of *false* then the query is a local query.  
3167 In the absence of a *federated* attribute the default value of *federated* attribute is *false*.

3168 A local AdhocQueryRequest is only processed by the registry that receives the request. A local  
3169 AdhocQueryRequest does not operate on data that belongs to other registries.

### 3170 9.2.2.2 Federated Queries

3171 When the *federated* attribute of AdhocQueryRequest has the value of *true* then the query is a federated  
3172 query.

3173 A federation member MUST route a federated query received by it to all other federation member  
3174 registries on a best attempt basis. If a member is not reachable for any reason then it MAY be skipped.

3175 When a registry routes a federated query to other federation members it MUST set the federated attribute  
3176 value to *false* and the *federation* attribute value to null to avoid infinite loops.

3177 A federated query operates on data that belongs to all members of the federation.

3178 When a client submits a federated query to a registry such that the query specifies no federation and no  
3179 federations exist in the registry, then the registry MUST treat it as a local query.

3180 When a client submits a federated query that invokes a parameterized stored query, the registry MUST  
3181 resolve the parameterized stored query into its non-stored form and MUST replace all variables with  
3182 user-supplied parameters on registry supplied contextual parameters before routing it to a federation  
3183 member.

3184 When a client submits a federated iterative query, the registry MUST use the *startIndex* attribute value of  
3185 the original request as the *startIndex* attribute value of the routed request sent to each federation member.  
3186 The response to the original request MUST be the *union* of the results from each routed query. In such

3187 cases the registry MUST return a *totalResultCount* attribute value on the federated query response to be  
3188 equal to the *maximum* of all *totalResultCount* attribute values returned by each federation member.

### 3189 **9.2.2.3 Membership in Multiple Federations**

3190 A registry MAY be a member of multiple federations. In such cases if the *federated* attribute of  
3191 AdhocQueryRequest has the value of *true* then the registry MUST route the federated query to *all*  
3192 federations that it is a member of.

3193 Alternatively, the client MAY specify the id of a specific federation that the registry is a member of, as the  
3194 value of the *federation* parameter. The type of the federation parameter is anyURI and identifies the "id"  
3195 attribute of the desired Federation.

3196 In such cases the registry MUST route the federated query to the specified federation only.

## 3197 **9.2.3 Federated Lifecycle Management Operations**

3198 Details on how to create and delete federations and how to join and leave a federation are described in  
3199 9.2.8.

3200 All lifecycle operations SHOULD be performed on a RegistryObject within its home registry using the  
3201 operations defined by the LifecycleManager interface. Unlike query requests, lifecycle management  
3202 requests do not support any federated capabilities.

## 3203 **9.2.4 Federations and Local Caching of Remote Data**

3204 A federation member is not required to maintain a local cache of replicas of RegistryObjects and  
3205 repository items that belong to other members of the federation.

3206 A registry MAY choose to locally cache some or all data from any other registry whether that registry is a  
3207 federation member or not. Data caching is orthogonal to registry federation and is described in section  
3208 9.3.

3209 Since by default there is minimal replication in the members of a federation, the federation architecture  
3210 scales well with respect to memory and disk utilization at each registry.

3211 Data replication is often necessary for performance, scalability and fault-tolerance reasons.

## 3212 **9.2.5 Caching of Federation Metadata**

3213 A special case for local caching is the caching of the Federation and Registry instances and related  
3214 Associations that define a federation and its members. Such data is referred to as federation metadata. A  
3215 federation member is required to locally cache the federation metadata, from the federation home for each  
3216 federation that it is a member of. The reason for this requirement is consistent with a Peer-to-Peer (P2P)  
3217 model and ensures fault-tolerance in case the Federation home registry is unavailable.

3218 The federation member MUST keep the cached federation metadata synchronized with the master copy in  
3219 the Federation home, within the time period specified by the replicationSyncLatency attribute of the  
3220 Federation. Synchronization of cached Federation metadata may be done via synchronous polling or  
3221 asynchronous event notification using the event notification feature of the registry.

## 3222 **9.2.6 Time Synchronization Between Registry Peers**

3223 Federation members are not required to synchronize their system clocks with each other. However, each  
3224 Federation member SHOULD keep its clock synchronized with an atomic clock server within the latency  
3225 described by the replicationSyncLatency attribute of the Federation.

## 3226 **9.2.7 Federations and Security**

3227 Federated operations abide by the same security rules as standard operations against a single registry.  
3228 However, federation operations often require registry-to-registry communication. Such communication is  
3229 governed by the same security rules as a Registry Client to registry communication. The only difference is  
3230 that the requesting registry plays the role of Registry Client. Such registry-to-registry communication

3231 SHOULD be conducted over a secure channel such as HTTP/S. Federation members SHOULD be part of  
3232 the same SAML Federation if member registries implement the Registry SAML Profile described in  
3233 chapter 11.

## 3234 **9.2.8 Federation Lifecycle Management Protocols**

3235 This section describes the various operations that manage the lifecycle of a federation and its  
3236 membership. Federation lifecycle operations are done using standard LifecycleManager interface of the  
3237 registry in a stylized manner. Federation lifecycle operations are privileged operations. A registry SHOULD  
3238 restrict Federation lifecycle operations to registry User's that have the RegistryAdministrator role.

### 3239 **9.2.8.1 Joining a Federation**

3240 The following rules govern how a registry joins a federation:

- 3241 • Each registry SHOULD have exactly one Registry instance within that registry for which it is a  
3242 home. The Registry instance is owned by the RegistryOperator and may be placed in the registry  
3243 using any operator specific means. The Registry instance SHOULD never change its home  
3244 registry.
- 3245 • A registry MAY request to join an existing federation by submitting an instance of an Extramural  
3246 Association that associates the Federation instance as sourceObject, to its Registry instance as  
3247 targetObject, using an associationType of *HasFederationMember*. The home registry for the  
3248 Association and the Federation objects MUST be the same.

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### 3250 **9.2.8.2 Creating a Federation**

3251 The following rules govern how a federation is created:

- 3252 • A Federation is created by submitting a Federation instance to a registry using  
3253 SubmitObjectsRequest.
- 3254 • The registry where the Federation is submitted is referred to as the federation home.
- 3255 • The federation home may or may not be a member of that Federation.
- 3256 • A federation home MAY contain multiple Federation instances.

### 3257 **9.2.8.3 Leaving a Federation**

3258 The following rules govern how a registry leaves a federation:

3259 A registry MAY leave a federation at any time by removing its *HasFederationMember* Association instance  
3260 that links it with the Federation instance. This is done using the standard RemoveObjectsRequest.

### 3261 **9.2.8.4 Dissolving a Federation**

3262 The following rules govern how a federation is dissolved:

- 3263 • A federation is dissolved by sending a RemoveObjectsRequest to its home registry and removing  
3264 its Federation instance.
- 3265 • The removal of a Federation instance is controlled by the same Access Control Policies that  
3266 govern any RegistryObject.
- 3267 • The removal of a Federation instance is controlled by the same lifecycle management rules that  
3268 govern any RegistryObject. Typically, this means that a federation MUST NOT be dissolved while  
3269 it has federation members. It MAY however be deprecated at any time. Once a Federation is  
3270 deprecated no new members can join it.

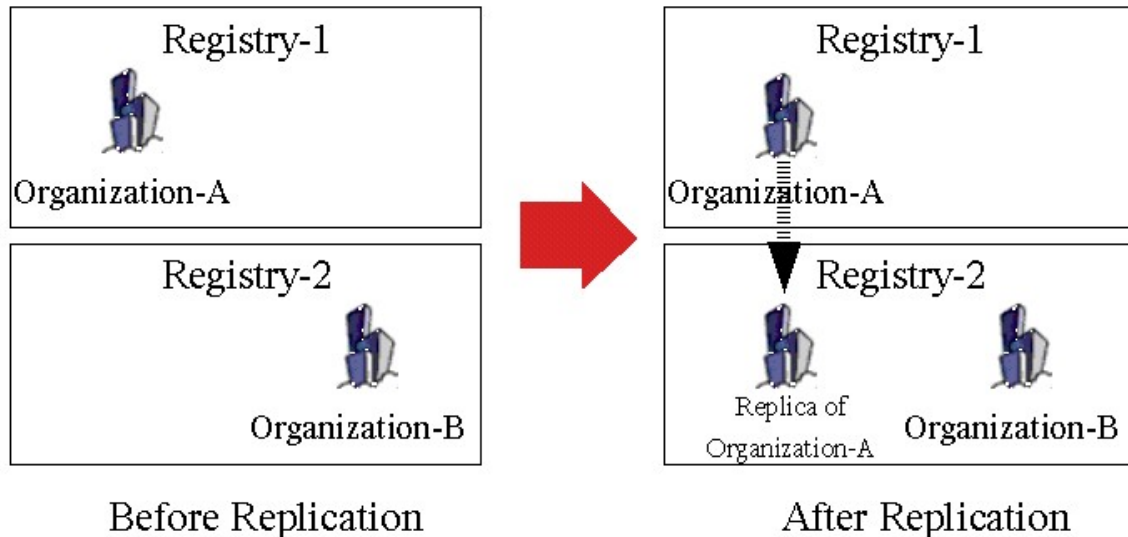
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3272 **9.3 Object Replication**

3273 RegistryObjects within a registry MAY be replicated in another registry. A replicated copy of a remote  
3274 object is referred to as its replica. The remote object MAY be an original object or it MAY be a replica. A  
3275 replica from an original is referred to as a first-generation replica. A replica of a replica is referred to as a  
3276 second-generation replica (and so on).

3277 The registry that replicates a remote object locally is referred to as the destination registry for the  
3278 replication. The registry that contains the remote object being replicated is referred to as the source  
3279 registry for the replication.

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**Figure 24: Object Replication**

3284 **9.3.1 Use Cases for Object Replication**

3285 A registry MAY create a local replica of a remote object for a variety of reasons. A few sample use cases  
3286 follow:

- 3287 ○ Improve access time and fault tolerance by locally caching remote objects. For example, a  
3288 registry MAY automatically create a local replica when a remote ObjectRef is submitted to the  
3289 registry.
- 3290 ○ Improve scalability by distributing access to hotly contested objects, such as NAICS scheme,  
3291 across multiple replicas.
- 3292 ○ Enable cooperating registry features such as hierarchical registry topology and local caching of  
3293 federation metadata.

3294 **9.3.2 Queries And Replicas**

3295 A registry MUST support client queries to consider a local replica of remote object as if it were a local  
3296 object. Local replicas are considered within the extent of the data set of a registry as far as local queries  
3297 are concerned.

3298 When a client submits a local query that retrieves a remote object by its id attribute, if the registry contains  
3299 a local replica of that object then the registry SHOULD return the state defined by the local replica.

### 3300 **9.3.3 Lifecycle Operations And Replicas**

3301 LifeCycle operations on an original object MUST be performed at the home registry for that object.  
3302 LifeCycle operations on replicas of an original object should result in an InvalidRequestException.

### 3303 **9.3.4 Object Replication and Federated Registries**

3304 Object replication capability is orthogonal to the registry federation capability. Objects MAY be replicated  
3305 from any registry to any other registry without any requirement that the registries belong to the same  
3306 federation.

### 3307 **9.3.5 Creating a Local Replica**

3308 Any Submitting Organization can create a replica by using the standard SubmitObjectsRequest. If a  
3309 registry receives a SubmitObjectsRequest that has a RegistryObjectList containing a remote ObjectRef,  
3310 then it MUST create a replica for that remote ObjectRef. In such cases the User that submitted the  
3311 ObjectRef (via a SubmitObjectsRequest) owns the replica while the original RegistryObject is owned by its  
3312 original owner.

3313 In addition to Submitting Organizations, a registry itself MAY create a replica under specific situations in a  
3314 registry specific manner.

3315 Creating a local replica requires the destination registry to read the state of the remote object from the  
3316 source registry and then create a local replica of the remote object.

3317 A registry SHOULD use standard QueryManager interface to read the state of a remote object (whether it  
3318 is an original or a replica). No new APIs are needed to read the state of a remote object. Since query  
3319 functionality does not need prior registration, no prior registration or contract is needed for a registry to  
3320 read the state of a remote object.

3321 Once the state of the remote object has been read, a registry MAY use registry specific means to create a  
3322 local replica of the remote object. Such registry specific means MAY include the use of the  
3323 LifeCycleManager interface.

3324 A replica of a RegistryObject may be distinguished from an original since a replica MUST have its home  
3325 attribute point to the remote registry where the original for the replica resides.

### 3326 **9.3.6 Transactional Replication**

3327 Transactional replication enables a registry to replicate events in another registry in a transactionally  
3328 consistent manner. This is typically the case when entire registries are replicated to another registry.

3329 This specification defines a more loosely coupled replication model as an alternative to transactional  
3330 replication for the following reasons:

- 3331 • Transactional replication requires a tight coupling between registries participating in the  
3332 replication
- 3333 • Transactional replication is not a typical use case for registries
- 3334 • Loosely coupled replication as defined by this specification typically suffices for most use cases
- 3335 • Transaction replication is very complex and error prone

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3337 Registry implementations are not required to implement transactional replication.

### 3338 **9.3.7 Keeping Replicas Current**

3339 A registry MUST keep its replicas current within the latency specified by the value of the  
3340 *replicationSyncLatency* attribute defined by the registry. This includes removal of the replica when its  
3341 original is removed from its home registry.

3342 Replicas MAY be kept current using the event notification feature of the registry or via periodic polling.

3343 **9.3.8 Lifecycle Management of Local Replicas**

3344 Local Replicas are read-only objects. Lifecycle management actions are not permitted on local replicas  
3345 with the exception of the Delete action which is used to remove the replica. All other lifecycle management  
3346 actions MUST be performed on the original RegistryObject in the home registry for the object.

3347 **9.3.9 Tracking Location of a Replica**

3348 A local replica of a remote RegistryObject instance MUST have exactly one ObjectRef instance within the  
3349 local registry. The home attribute of the ObjectRef associated with the replica tracks its home location. A  
3350 RegistryObject MUST have exactly one home. The home for a RegistryObject MAY change via Object  
3351 Relocation as described in section 9.4. It is optional for a registry to track location changes for replicas  
3352 within it.

3353 **9.3.10 Remote Object References to a Replica**

3354 It is possible to have a remote ObjectRef to a RegistryObject that is a replica of another RegistryObject. In  
3355 such cases the home attribute of the ObjectRef contains the base URI to the home registry for the replica.

3356 **9.3.11 Removing a Local Replica**

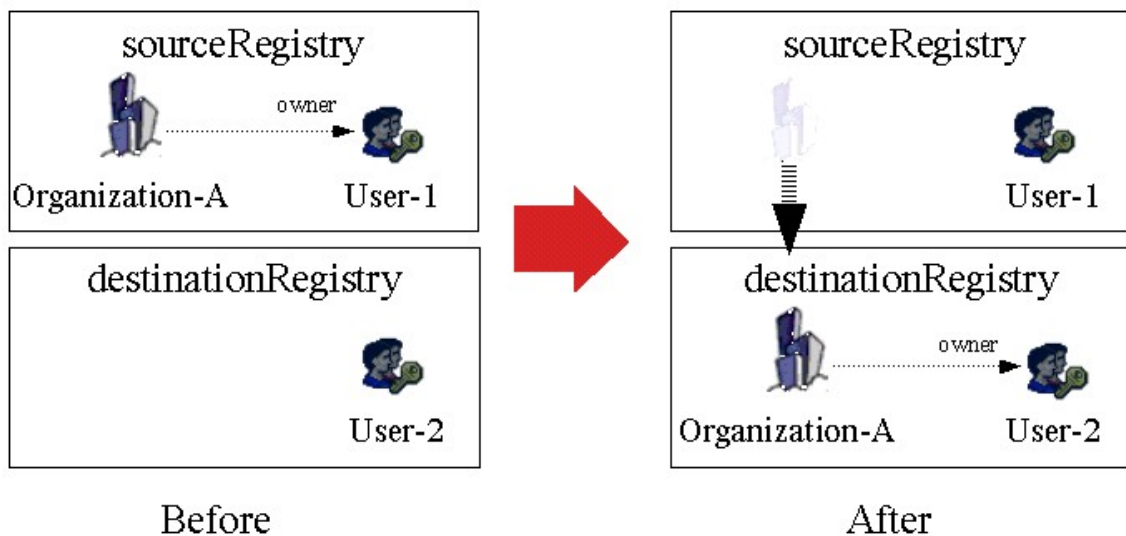
3357 A client can remove a replica by using the RemoveObjectsRequest. If a registry receives a  
3358 RemoveObjectsRequest that has an ObjectRefList containing a remote ObjectRef, then it MUST remove  
3359 the local replica for that remote ObjectRef assuming that the client was authorized to remove the replica.

3360 **9.4 Object Relocation Protocol**

3361 Every RegistryObject has a home registry and a User within the home registry that is the Submitter or  
3362 owner of that object. Initially, the home registry is the where the object is originally submitted. Initially, the  
3363 owner is the User that submitted the object.

3364 A RegistryObject MAY be relocated from one home registry to another home registry using the Object  
3365 Relocation protocol.

3366 Within the Object Relocation protocol, the new home registry is referred to as the *destination* registry while  
3367 the previous home registry is called the *source* registry.



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**Figure 25: Object Relocation**



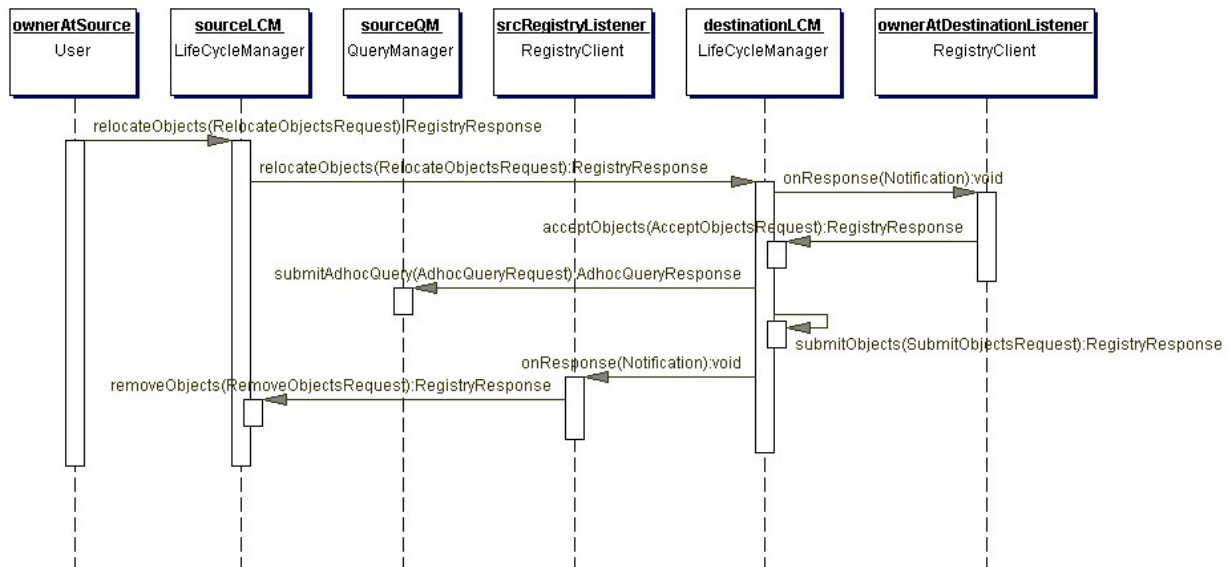
3370 The User at the source registry who owns the objects being relocated is referred to as the *ownerAtSource*.  
 3371 The User at the destination registry, who is the new owner of the objects, is referred to as the  
 3372 *ownerAtDestination*. While the *ownerAtSource* and the *ownerAtDestination* may often be the same, the  
 3373 Object Relocation protocol treats them as two distinct identities.

3374 A special case usage of the Object Relocation protocol is to transfer ownership of RegistryObjects from  
 3375 one User to another within the same registry. In such cases the protocol is the same except for the fact  
 3376 that the source and destination registries are the same.

3377 Following are some notable points regarding object relocation:

- 3378 • Object relocation does not require that the source and destination registries be in the same  
 3379 federation or that either registry have a prior contract with the other.
- 3380 • Object relocation MUST preserve object id. While the home registry for a RegistryObject MAY  
 3381 change due to object relocation, its id never changes.
- 3382 • ObjectRelocation MUST preserve referential integrity of RegistryObjects. Relocated objects that  
 3383 have references to an object that did not get relocated MUST preserve their reference. Similarly  
 3384 objects that have references to a relocated object MUST also preserve their reference. Thus,  
 3385 relocating an object may result in making the value of a reference attribute go from being a local  
 3386 reference to being a remote reference or vice versa.
- 3387 • AcceptObjectsRequest does not include ObjectRefList. It only includes an opaque transactionId  
 3388 identifying the relocateObjects transaction.
- 3389 • The requests defined by the Relocate Objects protocol MUST be sent to the source or destination  
 3390 registry only.
- 3391 • When an object is relocated an AuditableEvent of type "Relocated" MUST be recorded by the  
 3392 sourceRegistry. Relocated events MUST have the source and destination registry's base URIs  
 3393 recorded as two Slots on the Relocated event. The names of these Slots are:
  - 3394 ○ urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:events:sourceRegistry
  - 3395 ○ urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:events:destinationRegistry

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**Figure 26: Relocate Objects Protocol**

3399 Figure 26 illustrates the Relocate Objects Protocol. The participants in the protocol are the *ownerAtSource* and *ownerAtDestination* User instances as well as the LifeCycleManager interfaces of the *sourceRegistry* and *destinationRegistry*.  
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3402 The steps in the protocol are described next:



- 3403 1. The protocol is initiated by the ownerAtSource sending a RelocateObjectsRequest message to  
3404 the LifeCycleManager interface of the sourceRegistry. The sourceRegistry MUST make sure that  
3405 the ownerAtSource is authorized to perform this request. The id of this RelocateObjectsRequest is  
3406 used as the transaction identifier for this instance of the protocol. This RelocateObjectsRequest  
3407 message MUST contain an ad hoc query that specifies the objects that are to be relocated.
- 3408 2. Next, the sourceRegistry MUST relay the same RelocateObjectsRequest message to the  
3409 LifeCycleManager interface of the destinationRegistry. This message enlists the  
3410 destinationRegistry to participate in relocation protocol. The destinationRegistry MUST store the  
3411 request information until the protocol is completed or until a registry specific period after which the  
3412 protocol times out.
- 3413 3. The destinationRegistry MUST relay the RelocateObjectsRequest message to the  
3414 ownerAtDestination. This notification MAY be done using the event notification feature of the  
3415 registry as described in chapter 7. The notification MAY be done by invoking a listener Service for  
3416 the ownerAtDestination or by sending an email to the ownerAtDestination. This concludes the first  
3417 phase of the Object Relocation protocol.
- 3418 4. The ownerAtDestination at a later time MAY send an AcceptObjectsRequest message to the  
3419 destinationRegistry. This request MUST identify the object relocation transaction via the  
3420 *correlationId*. The value of this attribute MUST be the id of the original RelocateObjectsRequest.
- 3421 5. The destinationRegistry sends an AdhocQueryRequest message to the sourceRegistry. The  
3422 source registry returns the objects being relocated as an AdhocQueryResponse. In the event of a  
3423 large number of objects this may involve multiple AdhocQueryRequest/responses as described by  
3424 the iterative query feature described in section 6.2.
- 3425 6. The destinationRegistry submits the relocated data to itself assigning the identity of the  
3426 ownerAtDestination as the owner. The relocated data MAY be submitted to the destination registry  
3427 using any registry specific means or a SubmitObjectsRequest. However, the effect SHOULD be  
3428 the same as if a SubmitObjectsRequest was used.
- 3429 7. The destinationRegistry notifies the sourceRegistry that the relocated objects have been safely  
3430 committed using the Event Notification feature of the registry as described in chapter 7.
- 3431 8. The sourceRegistry removes the relocated objects using any registry specific means and logging  
3432 an AuditableEvent of type Relocated. This concludes the Object Relocation transaction.

## 3433 9.4.1 RelocateObjectsRequest

```

3434 <element name="RelocateObjectsRequest">
3435   <complexType>
3436     <complexContent>
3437       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">
3438         <sequence>
3439           <element name="Query" type="rim:AdhocQueryType"/>
3440           <element name="SourceRegistry" type="rim:ObjectRefType"/>
3441           <element name="DestinationRegistry" type="rim:ObjectRefType"/>
3442           <element name="OwnerAtSource" type="rim:ObjectRefType"/>
3443           <element name="OwnerAtDestination" type="rim:ObjectRefType"/>
3444         </sequence>
3445       </extension>
3446     </complexContent>
3447   </complexType>
3448 </element>

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### 3450 9.4.1.1 Parameters:

- 3451 ▪ *id*: the attribute id provides the transaction identifier for this instance of the protocol.
- 3452 ▪ *AdhocQuery*: This element specifies an ad hoc query that selects the RegistryObjects that are being  
3453 relocated.
- 3454 ▪ *sourceRegistry*: This element specifies the ObjectRef to the sourceRegistry Registry instance. The

3455 value of this attribute MUST be a local reference when the message is sent by the ownerAtSource  
3456 to the sourceRegistry.  
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- *destinationRegistry*: This element specifies the ObjectRef to the destinationRegistry Registry  
3458 instance.
- *ownerAtSource*: This element specifies the ObjectRef to the ownerAtSource User instance.
- *ownerAtDestination*: This element specifies the ObjectRef to the ownerAtDestination User  
3460 instance.

  
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#### 3463 **9.4.1.2 Returns:**

3464 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

#### 3465 **9.4.1.3 Exceptions:**

3466 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests, the following exceptions MAY be returned:

- 3467
    - *ObjectNotFoundException*: signifies that the specified Registry or User was not found in  
3468 the registry.
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### 3470 **9.4.2 AcceptObjectsRequest**

```
3471 <element name="AcceptObjectsRequest">  
3472   <complexType>  
3473     <complexContent>  
3474       <extension base="rs:RegistryRequestType">  
3475         <attribute name="correlationId" use="required"  
3476 type="{http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema}anyURI" />  
3477       </extension>  
3478     </complexContent>  
3479   </complexType>  
3480 </element>
```

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#### 3482 **9.4.2.1 Parameters:**

- 3483
    - *correlationId*: Provides the transaction identifier for this instance of the protocol.
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#### 3485 **9.4.2.2 Returns:**

3486 This request returns a RegistryResponse. See section 2.1.4 for details.

#### 3487 **9.4.2.3 Exceptions:**

3488 In addition to the exceptions common to all requests, the following exceptions MAY be returned:

- 3489
    - *InvalidRequestException*: signifies that the specified correlationId was not found to match  
3490 an ongoing RelocateObjectsRequest in the registry.
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- 3491

### 3492 **9.4.3 Object Relocation and Remote ObjectRefs**

3493 The following scenario describes what typically happens when a person moves:

- 3494 1. When a person moves from one house to another, other persons may have their old postal  
3495 addresses.
- 3496 2. When a person moves, they leave their new address as the forwarding address with the post

- 3497 office.
- 3498 3. The post office forwards their mail for some time to their new address.
- 3499 4. Eventually the forwarding request expires and the post office no longer forwards mail for that
- 3500 person.
- 3501 5. During this forwarding interval the person notifies interested parties of their change of address.
- 3502 The Object Relocation feature supports a similar model for relocation of RegistryObjects. The following
- 3503 steps describe the expected behavior when an object is relocated.
- 3504 1. When a RegistryObject O1 is relocated from one registry R1 to another registry R2, other
- 3505 RegistryObjects may have remote ObjectRefs to O1.
- 3506 2. The registry R1 MUST create an AuditableEvent of type Relocated that includes the home URI for
- 3507 the new registry R2.
- 3508 3. As long as the AuditableEvent exists in R1, if R1 gets a request to retrieve O1 by id, it MUST
- 3509 forward the request to R2 and transparently retrieve O1 from R2 and deliver it to the client. The
- 3510 object O1 MUST include the home URI to R2 within the optional home attribute of RegistryObject.
- 3511 Clients are advised to check the home attribute and update the home attribute of their local
- 3512 ObjectRef to match the new home URI value for the object.
- 3513 4. Eventually the AuditableEvent is cleaned up after a registry specific interval. R1 is no longer
- 3514 required to relay requests for O1 to R2 transparent to the client. Instead R1 MUST return an
- 3515 ObjectNotFoundException.
- 3516 5. Clients that are interested in the relocation of O1 and being notified of its new address may
- 3517 choose to be notified by having a prior subscription using the event notification facility of the
- 3518 registry. For example a Registry that has a remote ObjectRefs to O1 may create a subscription on
- 3519 relocation events for O1. This however, is not required behavior.

#### 3520 **9.4.4 Notification of Object Relocation To ownerAtDestination**

3521 This section describes how the destinationRegistry uses the event notification feature of the registry to

3522 notify the ownerAtDestination of a Relocated event.

3523 The destinationRegistry MUST send a Notification with the following required characteristics:

- 3524 • The notification MUST be an instance of a Notification element.
- 3525 • The Notification instance MUST have at least one Slot as follows:
- 3526 o The Slot MUST have the name:

3527 urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:events:correlationId

  - 3528 o The Slot MUST have the correlationId for the Object Relocation transaction as the value

3529 of the Slot.

3530

#### 3531 **9.4.5 Notification of Object Commit To sourceRegistry**

3532 This section describes how the destinationRegistry uses the event notification feature of the registry to

3533 notify the sourceRegistry that it has completed committing the relocated objects.

3534 The destinationRegistry MUST send a Notification with the following required characteristics:

- 3535 • The notification MUST be an instance of a Notification element.
- 3536 • The Notification instance MUST have at least one Slot as follows:
- 3537 o The Slot MUST have the name

3538 urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:events:objectsCommitted

  - 3539 o The Slot MUST have the value of *true*.

3540

#### 3541 **9.4.6 Object Ownership and Owner Reassignment**

3542 A registry **MUST** determine the ownership of a RegistryObject based upon the most recent AuditableEvent  
3543 that has the eventType matching the canonical EventType ClassificationNode for Create or Relocate  
3544 events.

3545 A special case of Object Relocation is when an ObjectRelocationRequest to a registry specifies the same  
3546 registry as sourceRegistry and destinationRegistry. In such cases the request is effectively to change the  
3547 owner of the specified objects from current owner to a new owner.

3548 In such case if the client does not have the RegistryAdministrator role then the protocol requires the  
3549 ownerAtDestination to issue an AcceptObjectsRequest as described earlier.

3550 However, if the client does have the RegistryAdministrator role then the registry **MUST** change the owner  
3551 of the object to the user specified as ownerAtDestination without the ownerAtDestination to issue an  
3552 AcceptObjectsRequest.

#### 3553 **9.4.7 Object Relocation and Timeouts**

3554 No timeouts are specified for the Object Relocation protocol. Registry implementations **MAY** cleanup  
3555 incomplete Object Relocation transactions in a registry specific manner as an administrative task using  
3556 registry specific policies.

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## 3558 **10 Registry Security**

3559 This chapter describes the security features of ebXML Registry. A glossary of security terms can be  
3560 referenced from [RFC 2828]. The registry security specification incorporates by reference the following  
3561 specifications:

- 3562 • [WSI-BSP] WS-I Basic Security Profile 1.0
- 3563 • [WSS-SMS] Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security 1.0
- 3564 • [WSS-SWA] Web Services Security: SOAP Messages with Attachments (SwA) Profile 1.0

3565 This chapter provides registry specific details not present in above specifications.

### 3566 **10.1 Security Use Cases**

3567 This section describes various use cases that require security features from the registry. Subsequent  
3568 sections describe specific registry mechanisms that enable each of these use cases.

#### 3569 **10.1.1 Identity Management**

3570 An organization deploys an ebXML Registry and needs to define the set of users and services that are  
3571 authorized to use the services offered by the registry. They require that the registry provide some  
3572 mechanism for registering and subsequently managing the identity and credentials associated with such  
3573 authorized users and services.

#### 3574 **10.1.2 Message Security**

3575 A Registered User sends a request message to the registry and receives a response back from the  
3576 registry. The user requires that the message integrity be protected during transmission from tampering  
3577 (man-in-the-middle attack). The user may also require that the message communication is not available to  
3578 unauthorized parties (confidentiality).

#### 3579 **10.1.3 Repository Item Security**

3580 A Registered User submits a repository item to the registry. The user requires that the registry provide  
3581 mechanisms to protect the integrity of the repository item during transmission on the wire and as long as it  
3582 is stored in the registry. The user may also require that the content of the RepositoryItem is not available  
3583 to unauthorized parties (confidentiality).

#### 3584 **10.1.4 Authentication**

3585 An organization that deploys an ebXML Registry requires that when a Registered User sends a request to  
3586 the registry, the registry checks the credentials provided by the user to ensure that the user is a  
3587 Registered User and to unambiguously determine the user's identity.

#### 3588 **10.1.5 Authorization and Access Control**

3589 An organization that deploys an ebXML Registry requires that the registry provide a mechanism that  
3590 protect its resources from unauthorized access. Specifically, when a Registry Requestor sends a request  
3591 to the registry, the registry restricts the actions of the requestor to specific actions on specific resources  
3592 for which the requestor is authorized.

#### 3593 **10.1.6 Audit Trail**

3594 An organization that deploys an ebXML Registry requires that the registry keep a journal or Audit Trail of  
3595 all significant actions performed by Registry Requestors on registry resources. This provides a basic form  
3596 of non-repudiation where a Registry Requestor cannot repudiate that they performed actions that are  
3597 logged in the Audit Trail.

## 3598 **10.2 Identity Management**

3599 An ebXML Registry MUST provide an Identity Management mechanism that allows identities and  
3600 credentials to be registered for authorized users of the registry and subsequently managed.

3601 If a registry implements the Registry SAML Profile as described in chapter 11 then the Identity  
3602 Management capability MUST be provided by an Identity Provider service that integrates with the registry  
3603 using the SAML 2.0 protocols as defined by [SAMLCore].

3604 If a registry does not implement the Registry SAML Profile then it MUST provide User Registration and  
3605 Identity Management functionality in an implementation specific manner.

## 3606 **10.3 Message Security**

3607 A registry MUST provide mechanisms to securely exchange messages between a Registry Requestor and  
3608 the registry to ensure data and source integrity as described in this section.

### 3609 **10.3.1 Transport Layer Security**

3610 A registry MUST support HTTP/S communication between an HTTP Requestor and its HTTP interface  
3611 binding. A registry MUST also support HTTP/S communication between a SOAP Requestor and its SOAP  
3612 interface binding when the underlying transport protocol is HTTP.

3613 HTTP/S support SHOULD allow for both SSL and TLS as transport protocols.

### 3614 **10.3.2 SOAP Message Security**

3615 A registry MUST support signing and verification of all registry protocol messages (requests and  
3616 responses) between a SOAP Requestor and its SOAP binding. Such mechanisms MUST conform to  
3617 [WSI-BSP], [WSS-SMS], [WSS-SWA] and [XMLDSIG]. The reader should refer to these specifications for  
3618 details on these message security mechanisms.

#### 3619 **10.3.2.1 Request Message Signature**

3620 When a Registered User sends a request message to the registry, the requestor SHOULD sign the  
3621 request message with a Message Signature. This ensures the integrity of the message and also enables  
3622 the registry to perform authentication and authorization for the request. If the registry receives a request  
3623 that does not include a Message signature then it MUST implicitly treat the request as coming from a  
3624 Registry Guest. A Registered User need not sign a request message with a Message Signature when the  
3625 SOAP communication is conducted over HTTP/S as the message security is handled by the transport  
3626 layer security provided by HTTP/S in this case.

3627 When a Registered User sends a request message to the registry that contains a RepositoryItem as a  
3628 SOAP Attachment, the requestor MUST also reference and sign the RepositoryItem from the message  
3629 signature. This MUST conform to [RFC2392] and [WSS-SWA].

3630 If the registry receives a request containing an unsigned RepositoryItem then it MUST return an  
3631 UnsignedRepositoryItemException.

#### 3632 **10.3.2.2 Response Message Signature**

3633 When a Registered User sends a request message to the registry, the registry MAY use a pre-established  
3634 preference policy or a default policy to determine whether the response message SHOULD be signed with  
3635 a Message Signature. When a Registry Guest sends a request, the Registration Authority MAY use a  
3636 default policy to determine whether the response contains a header signature. A registry need not sign a  
3637 response message with a Message Signature when the SOAP communication is conducted over HTTP/S  
3638 as the message security is handled by the transport layer security provided by HTTP/S in this case.

3639 When a registry sends a signed response message to a Registry Client that contains a RepositoryItem as  
3640 a SOAP Attachment, the registry MUST also reference and sign the RepositoryItem from the message  
3641 signature. This MUST conform to [RFC2392] and [WSS-SWA].

3642 If the Registry Client receives a signed response with a RepositoryItem that does not include a



3643 RepositoryItem Signature then it SHOULD not trust the integrity of the response and treat it as an error  
3644 condition.

### 3645 10.3.2.3 KeyInfo Requirements

3646 The sender of a registry protocol message (Registry Requestor and Registry) SHOULD provide their  
3647 public key under the <wsse:Security> element. If provided, it MUST be contained in a  
3648 <wsse:BinarySecurityToken> element and MUST be referenced from the <ds:KeyInfo> element in the  
3649 Message Signature. The value of wsu:Id attribute of the <wsse:BinarySecurityToken> containing the  
3650 senders public key MUST be **urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:security:SenderCert**.  
3651 The <wsse:BinarySecurityToken> SHOULD contain a X509 Certificate.

3652 Listing 3 shows an example of Message signature including specifying the KeyInfo.

### 3653 10.3.2.4 Message Signature Validation

3654 Signature validation ensures message and attached RepositoryItems integrity and security, concerning  
3655 both data and source.

3656 If the registry receives a request containing a Message Signature then it MUST validate the Message  
3657 Signature as defined by [WSS-SMS]. In case the request contains an attached RepositoryItem it MUST  
3658 validate the RepositoryItems signature as defined by [WSS-SWA].

3659 If the Registry Requestor receives a response containing a Message Signature then it SHOULD validate  
3660 the Message Signature as defined by [WSS-SMS]. In case the response contains an attached  
3661 RepositoryItem then it SHOULD validate the RepositoryItem signature as defined by [WSS-SWA].

### 3662 10.3.2.5 Message Signature Example

3663 The following example shows the format of a Message Signature:

```
3664 <soap:Envelope>  
3665   <soap:Header>  
3666     <wsse:Security>  
3667       <wsse:BinarySecurityToken EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-  
3668 open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-  
3669 1.0#Base64Binary" ValueType="http://docs.oasis-  
3670 open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"  
3671 wsu:Id="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:security:SenderCert">  
3672   lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSW  
3673 kXm9jAEdsm/  
3674   hs+f3NwvK23bh46mNmNcQVsUYHbYAREZpykrd/eRwNgx8T+ByeFhmSviW77n6yTcI  
3675 7XU7xZT54S9  
3676   hTSyBLN2Sce1dEQpQXh5ssZK9aZTMrsFT1NBvNHC3Qq7w0Otr5V4axH3MXffsuI9W  
3677 zxPCfHdalN4  
3678   rLRfNY318pc6bn00zAMw0omUWwBEJZxxBGGUC9QY3VjwNALgGDaEAT7gpURkCI85H  
3679 jdnSA5SM4cY  
3680   7jAsYX/CIpEkRJcBULLTEFrBZIBYDPzRW1SdsJRJngF7yCoGWJ+/HYOyP8P4OM59F  
3681 Di0kM8GwOE0  
3682   WgYrJHH92qaVhoiPTLi7  
3683   </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>  
3684   <ds:Signature>  
3685     <!--The Message Signature -->  
3686     <ds:SignedInfo>  
3687       <ds:CanonicalizationMethod  
3688 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#&quot; ">  
3689         <c14n:InclusiveNamespaces PrefixList="wsse soap"  
3690 xmlns:c14n="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#"/>  
3691       </ds:CanonicalizationMethod>  
3692       <ds:SignatureMethod  
3693 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1"/>  
3694       <ds:Reference URI="#TheBody">  
3695         <ds:Transforms>  
3696           <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-  
3697 c14n#"/>
```



```

3698         <c14n:InclusiveNamespaces PrefixList=""
3699 xmlns:c14n="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
3700     </ds:Transform>
3701 </ds:Transforms>
3702     <ds:DigestMethod
3703 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1" />
3704     <ds:DigestValue>i3qi5GjhHnfoBn/jOjQp2mq0Na4=</ds:DigestValue>
3705 </ds:Reference>
3706 </ds:SignedInfo>
3707 <ds:SignatureValue>PipXJ2Sfc+LTDnq4pM5JcIYt9gg=</ds:SignatureValu
3708 e>
3709     <ds:KeyInfo>
3710     <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
3711     <wsse:Reference URI="#urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-
3712 regrep:rs:security:SenderCert" ValueType="http://docs.oasis-
3713 open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
3714     </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
3715     </ds:KeyInfo>
3716 </ds:Signature>
3717 </wsse:Security>
3718 </soap:Header>
3719 <soap:Body wsu:Id="TheBody">
3720 <lcm:SubmitObjectsRequest/>
3721 </soap:Body>
3722 </soap:Envelope>

```

Listing 3: Message Signature Example

### 3724 10.3.2.6 Message With RepositoryItem: Signature Example

3725 The following example shows the format of a Message Signature that also signs the  
3726 attached RepositoryItem:

```

3727
3728 Content-Type: multipart/related; boundary="BoundaryStr" type="text/xml"
3729 --BoundaryStr
3730 Content-Type: text/xml
3731 <soap:Envelope>
3732   <soap:Header>
3733     <wsse:Security>
3734       <wsse:BinarySecurityToken EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-
3735 open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-
3736 1.0#Base64Binary" ValueType="http://docs.oasis-
3737 open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
3738 wsu:Id="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:rs:security:SenderCert">
3739       lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHfE7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSW
3740       kXm9jAEdsm/
3741       hs+f3NnwK23bh46mNmNcQVsUYHbYAREZpykrd/eRwNgx8T+ByeFhmSviW77n6yTcI
3742       7XU7xZT54S9
3743       hTSyBLN2Sce1dEQpQXh5ssZK9aZTMrsFT1NBvNHC3Qq7w0Otr5V4axH3MXffsuI9W
3744       zxPCfHdalN4
3745       rLRfNY318pc6bn00zAMw0omUWwBEJZxxBGGUC9QY3VjwNALgGDaEAT7gpURkCI85H
3746       jdnSA5SM4cY
3747       7jAsYX/CIpEkRJCbUL1TEFrBZIBYDPzRW1SdsJRJngF7yCoGJW+/HYOyP8P4OM59F
3748       Di0kM8GwOE0
3749       WgYrJHH92qaVhoiPTLi7
3750     </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
3751     <ds:Signature>
3752     <!-- The Message Signature -->
3753     <ds:SignedInfo>
3754       <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
3755 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#&quot; " />
3756       <c14n:InclusiveNamespaces PrefixList="wsse soap"
3757 xmlns:c14n="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
3758     </ds:CanonicalizationMethod>

```

```

3759     <ds:SignatureMethod
3760 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1"/>
3761     <ds:Reference URI="#TheBody">
3762       <ds:Transforms>
3763         <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-
3764 c14n#">
3765           <c14n:InclusiveNamespaces PrefixList=""
3766 xmlns:c14n="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
3767         </ds:Transform>
3768       </ds:Transforms>
3769       <ds:DigestMethod
3770 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
3771       <ds:DigestValue>i3qi5GjhHnfoBn/jOjQp2mq0Na4=</ds:DigestValue>
3772     </ds:Reference>
3773   </ds:SignedInfo>
3774
3775   <!--A reference to a RepositoryItem (one for each RepositoryItem)
3776 -->
3777   <ds:SignedInfo>
3778     <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
3779 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#&quot; ">
3780     <c14n:InclusiveNamespaces PrefixList="wsse soap"
3781 xmlns:c14n="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
3782     </ds:CanonicalizationMethod>
3783     <ds:SignatureMethod
3784 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1"/>
3785     <ds:Reference URI="cid:${REPOSITORY_ITEM1_ID}">
3786       <ds:Transforms>
3787         <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-
3788 c14n#">
3789           <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://docs.oasis-
3790 open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-wss-swa-profile-1.0#Attachment-Content-
3791 Only-Transform" />
3792         </ds:Transform>
3793       </ds:Transforms>
3794       <ds:DigestMethod
3795 Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"/>
3796       <ds:DigestValue>j6lwx3rvEPO0vKtMup4NbeVu8nk=</ds:DigestValue>
3797     </ds:Reference>
3798   </ds:SignedInfo>
3799
3800   <ds:SignatureValue>PipXJ2Sfc+LTDnq4pM5JcIYt9gg=</ds:SignatureValu
3801 e>
3802
3803   <ds:KeyInfo>
3804     <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
3805       <wsse:Reference URI="#urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-
3806 regrep:rs:security:SenderCert" ValueType="http://docs.oasis-
3807 open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"/>
3808     </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
3809   </ds:KeyInfo>
3810
3811   </ds:Signature>
3812 </wsse:Security>
3813 </soap:Header>
3814 <soap:Body wsu:Id="TheBody">
3815   <lcm:SubmitObjectsRequest/>
3816 </soap:Body>
3817 </soap:Envelope>
3818 --BoundaryStr
3819 Content-Type: image/png
3820 Content-ID: <${REPOSITORY_ITEM1_ID}>
3821 Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
3822 the repository item (e.g. PNG Image) goes here..

```

3823

Listing 4: RepositoryItem Signature Example

### 3824 **10.3.2.7 SOAP Message Security and HTTP/S**

3825 When using HTTP/S between a Registry Client and a registry, SOAP message security MUST NOT be  
3826 used. Specifically:

- 3827 • The Registry Client MUST NOT sign the request message or any repository items in the request.
- 3828 • The registry MUST NOT verify request or RepositoryItem signatures.
- 3829 • The registry MUST NOT sign the response message or any repository items in the response.
- 3830 • The Registry Client MUST NOT verify response or RepositoryItem signatures.

### 3831 **10.3.3 Message Confidentiality**

3832 A registry SHOULD support encryption of protocol messages as defined section 9 of [WSI-BSP] as a  
3833 mechanism to support confidentiality of protocol messages during transmission on the wire.

3834 A Registry Client MAY use encryption of RepositoryItems as defined by [WSS-SWA] as a mechanism to  
3835 support confidentiality of RepositoryItems during transmission on the wire.

3836 A registry SHOULD support the submission of encrypted repository items.

### 3837 **10.3.4 Key Distribution Requirements**

3838 The registry and Registered Users MUST mutually exchange their public keys. This is necessary to  
3839 enable:

- 3840 • Mutual Authentication of Registry Client and registry using SSL/TLS handshake for transport layer  
3841 security over HTTP/S
- 3842 • Validation of Message Signature and RepositoryItem Signature (described in section ).
- 3843 • Decryption of encrypted messages

3844 In order to enable Message Security the following requirements MUST be met:

- 3845 1. A Certificate is associated with the registry.
- 3846 2. A Certificate is associated with Registry Client.
- 3847 3. A Registry Client registers its public key certificate with the registry. This is typically done during User  
3848 Registration and is implementation specific.
- 3849 4. Registry Client obtains the registry's public key certificate and stores it in its own local key store. This is  
3850 done in an implementation specific manner.

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## 3852 **10.4 Authentication**

3853 The Registry MUST be able to authenticate the identity of the User associated with client requests in order  
3854 to perform authorization and access control and to maintain an Audit Trail of registry access. In security  
3855 terms a service that provides the ability to authenticate requestors is referred to as an Authentication  
3856 Authority.

3857 A registry MUST provide one or more of the following Authentication mechanisms:

- 3858 • Registry as Authentication Authority
- 3859 • External Authentication Authority

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### 3861 **10.4.1 Registry as Authentication Authority**

3862 A registry MAY provide authentication capability by serving as an Authentication Authority. In this role the  
3863 registry uses the <ds:KeyInfo> in the Message Signature as credentials to authenticate the requestor. This  
3864 typically requires checking that the public key supplied in the <ds:KeyInfo> of the Message Signature  
3865 matches the public key of a Registered User. This also requires that the registry maintain a "registry

3866 keystore” that contains the public keys of Registered Users. The remaining details of registry as an  
3867 authentication authority are implementation specific.

3868 Alternatively, if the Registry Client communicates with the registry over HTTP/S, the registry MUST  
3869 authenticate the Registry Client User if a registered certificate is provided through SSL Client  
3870 Authentication. If the certificate is not known to the registry then the Registry MUST assign the  
3871 RegistryGuest principal with the Registry Client.

## 3872 **10.4.2 External Authentication Authority**

3873 A registry MAY also use an external Authentication Authority to authenticate client requests. The use of an  
3874 external Authentication Authority requires that the registry implement the Registry SAML Profile as  
3875 described in chapter 11.

## 3876 **10.4.3 Authenticated Session Support**

3877 Once a request is authenticated a Registry SHOULD establish an authenticated session using  
3878 implementation specific means to avoid having to re-authenticate subsequent request from the same  
3879 requestor. When the underlying transport protocol is HTTP, a registry SHOULD implement authenticated  
3880 session support based upon HTTP session capability as defined by [RFC2965].

## 3881 **10.5 Authorization and Access Control**

3882 Once a registry has authenticated the identity of the Registered User associated with a client request it  
3883 MUST perform authorization and subsequently enforce access control rules based upon the authorization  
3884 decision.

3885 Authorization and access control is an operation conducted by the registry that decides WHO can do  
3886 WHAT ACTION on WHICH RESOURCE.

- 3887 • The WHO is the User determined by the authentication step.
- 3888 • The WHAT ACTION is determined by the registry protocol request sent by the client.
- 3889 • The WHICH RESOURCE consists of the RegistryObjects and RepositoryItems impacted by the  
3890 registry protocol request.

3891 The Access Control Policy associated with the resource that is impacted by the action determines  
3892 authorization and access control.

3893 A registry MUST provide an access control and authorization mechanism based upon chapter titled  
3894 “Access Control Information Model” in [ebRIM]. This model defines a default access control policy that  
3895 MUST be supported by the registry. In addition it also defines a binding to [XACML] that allows fine-  
3896 grained access control policies to be defined.

## 3897 **10.6 Audit Trail**

3898 Once a registry has performed authorization checks, enforced access control and allowed a client request  
3899 to proceed it services the client request. A registry MUST create an Audit Trail of all LifecycleManager  
3900 operations. A registry MAY create an Audit Trail of QueryManager operations. To conserve storage  
3901 resources, a registry MAY prune the Audit Trail information it stores in an implementation specific manner.  
3902 A registry SHOULD perform such pruning by removing the older information in its Audit Trail content.  
3903 However, it MUST not remove the original Create Event at the beginning of the audit trail since the Create  
3904 Event establishes the owner of the RegistryObject.

3905 Details of how a registry maintains an Audit Trail of client requests is described in the chapter title “Event  
3906 Information Model” of [ebRIM].

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# 11 Registry SAML Profile

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This chapter defines the Registry SAML Profile that a registry MAY implement in order to support SAML 2.0 protocols defined by [SAMLCore]. A specific focus of the Registry SAML Profile is the Web Single Sign On (SSO) profile defined by [SAMLProf].

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## 11.1 Terminology

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The reader should refer to the SAML Glossary [SAMLGloss] for various terms used in the Registry SAML profile. A few terms are described here for convenience:

Term	Definition
Authentication Authority	An Authentication Authority is a system entity (typically a service) that enables other system entities (typically a user or service) to establish an authenticated session by proving their identity by providing necessary credentials (e.g. username / password, certificate alias / password). An Authentication Authority produces authentication assertions as a result of successful authentication.
Enhanced Client Proxy (ECP)	Describes a client that operates under certain constraints such as not being able to support HTTP Redirect protocol. Typically these are clients that do not have a Web Browser environment. In this document the main example of an ECP is a Registry Client that uses SOAP to communicate with the registry (SOAP Requestor).
Identity Provider (IdP)	A kind of <i>service provider</i> that creates, maintains, and manages identity information for <i>principals</i> (e.g. users). An Identity Provider is usually also an Authentication Authority.
Principal	A system entity whose identity can be authenticated. This maps to User in [ebRIM].
SAML Requestor	A <i>system entity</i> that utilizes the SAML protocol to request services from another system entity (a <i>SAML authority</i> , a <i>responder</i> ). The term "client" for this notion is not used because many system entities simultaneously or serially act as both clients and servers.
Service Provider (SP)	A role donned by a system entity where the system entity provides services to principals or other system entities. The Registry Service is a SP
Single Sign On (SSO)	The ability to share a single authenticated session across multiple SSO enabled services and application. The client may establish the authenticated session by authenticating with any Authentication Authority within the system. The client may then perform secure operations with any SSO enabled service within the system using the authenticated session.
Single Logout	The ability to logout nearly simultaneously from multiple Service Providers within a federated system.

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## 11.2 Use Cases for SAML Profile

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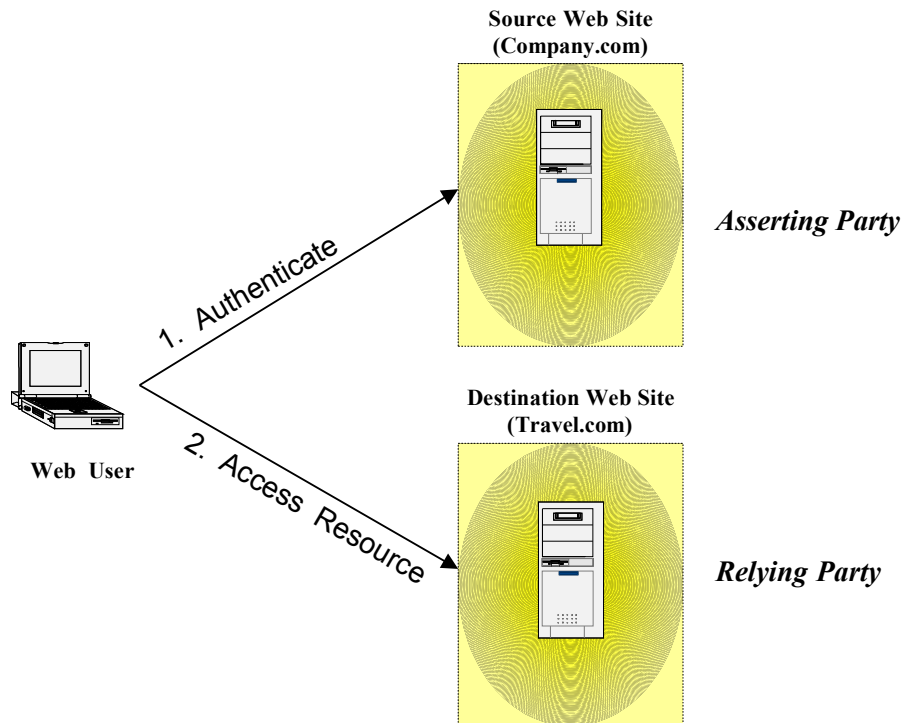
The Registry SAML Profile is intended to address following use cases using the protocols defined by [SAMLCore].

3919 **11.2.1 Registry as SSO Participant:**

3920 A large enterprise is deploying an ebXML Registry. The enterprise already has an existing Identity  
3921 Provider (e.g. an Access Manager service) where it maintains user information and credentials. The  
3922 enterprise also has an existing Authentication Authority (which may be the same service as the Identity  
3923 Provider) that is used to authenticate users and enable Single Sign On (SSO) across all their enterprise  
3924 services applications.

3925 The enterprise wishes to use its existing Identity Provider to manage registry users and to avoid  
3926 duplicating the user database contained in the Identity Provider within the registry. The enterprise also  
3927 wishes to use its existing Authentication Authority to authenticate registry users and expects the registry to  
3928 participate in SSO capability provided by their Authentication Authority service.

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Figure 27: SAML SSO Typical Scenario

3932 **11.3 SAML Roles Played By Registry**

3933 In order to conform to the registry SAML Profile an ebXML Registry plays the Service Provider (SP) role  
3934 based upon conformance with SAML 2.0 protocols.

3935 **11.3.1 Service Provider Role**

3936 The Service Provider role enables the registry to participate in SAML protocols. Specifically it allows the  
3937 registry to utilize an Identity Provider to perform client authentication on its behalf.

3938 **11.3.1.1 Service Provider Requirements**

3939 The following are a list of requirements for the Service Provider role of the registry:

- 3940 • MUST support the protocols, messages and bindings that are the responsibility of the Service  
3941 Provider as defined by Web SSO Profile in [SAMLProf]. Specifically it MUST be able to initiate and  
3942 participate in the Authentication Request Protocol with an Identity Provider.
- 3943 • MUST be able to use a SAML Identity Provider to authenticate client requests.

- 3944 • MUST support the ability to maintain a security context for registry clients across multiple client  
3945 requests.  
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## 3947 11.4 Registry SAML Interface

3948 In order to conform to the registry SAML Profile an ebXML Registry MUST implement a new SAML  
3949 interface in addition to its service interfaces such as QueryManager and LifecycleManager.

3950 Details of the registry's SAML interface are not described by this specification. Instead they are described  
3951 by the SAML 2.0 specifications and MUST support SAML HTTP and SOAP requests.

3952 A registry uses its SAML interface to participate in SAML protocols with SAML Clients and SAML Identity  
3953 Providers. Specifically, an IdentityProvider uses the registry's SAML Service Provider interface to deliver  
3954 the Response to an Authentication Request.

## 3955 11.5 Requirements for Registry SAML Profile

3956 In order to conform to the Registry SAML Profile a registry MUST implement specific SAML protocol that  
3957 support specific SAML protocol message exchanges using specific protocol bindings.

3958 Table 7 lists the matrix of SAML Profiles, Protocols Messages and their Bindings that a registry MUST  
3959 support in order to conform to the registry SAML Profile.

3960 The reader should refer to:

- 3961 • [SAMLProf] for description of profiles listed
- 3962 • [SAMLCore] for description of Message Flows listed
- 3963 • [SAMLBind] for description of Bindings listed

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Profile	Message Flows	Binding	Implementation Requirement
Web SSO	<AuthnRequest> from Registry to IdentityProvider	HTTP redirect	MUST
	IdentityProvider <Response> to Registry	HTTP POST	MUST
		HTTP artifact	MUST
Single Logout	<LogoutRequest>	HTTP redirect	MUST
		SOAP	MAY
	<LogoutResponse>	HTTP redirect	MUST
		SOAP	MAY
Artifact Resolution	<ArtifactResolve>,	SOAP	MUST
	<ArtifactResponse>	SOAP	MUST
Enhanced Client/Proxy SSO	ECP to Registry, Registry to ECP to IdentityProvider	PAOS	MUST
	IdentityProvider to ECP to Registry, Registry to ECP	PAOS	MUST

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**Table 7: Required SAML Profiles, Protocols and Bindings**

## 3967 11.6 SSO Operation

3968 This section describes the interaction sequence for various types of SSO operations.



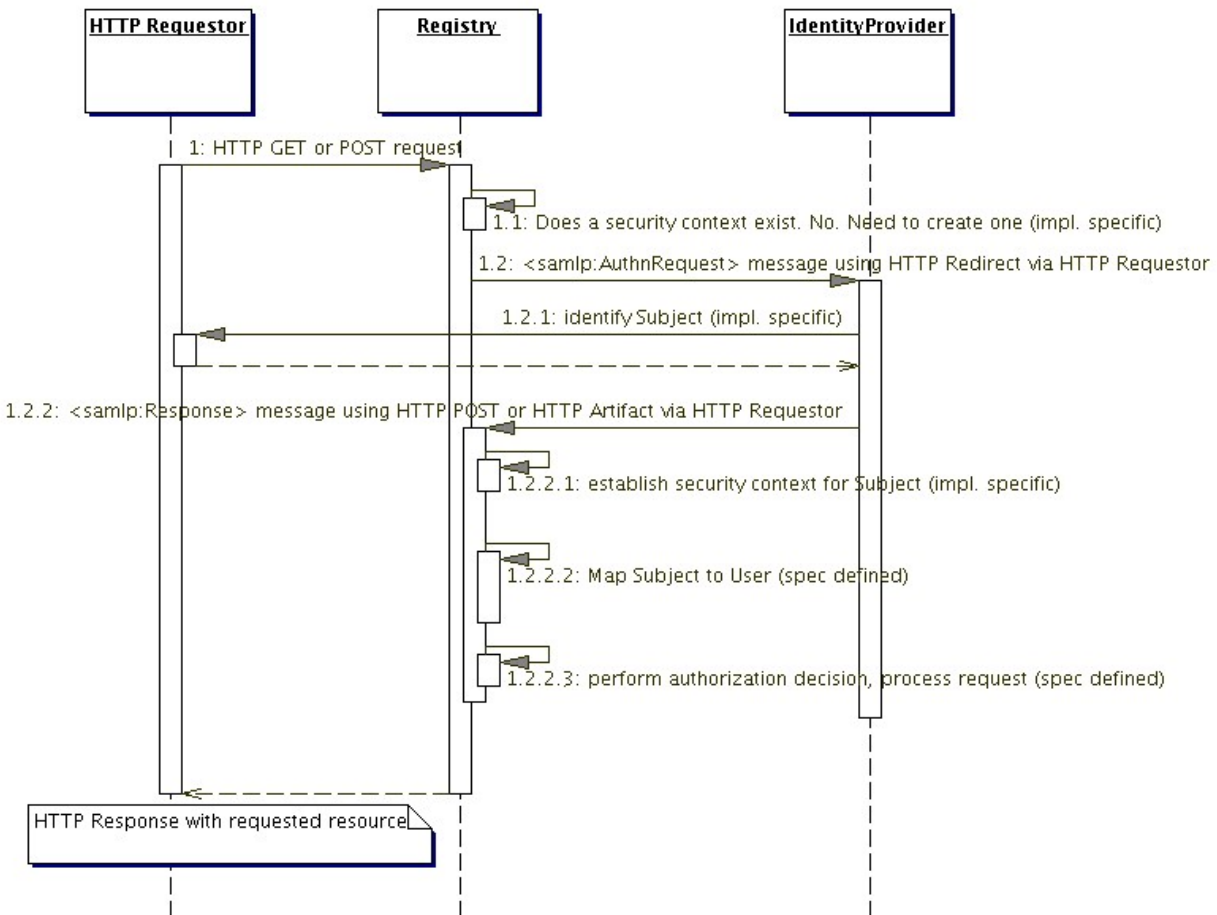
3969 **11.6.1 Scenario Actors**

3970 The following are the actors that will be participating the various SSO Operation scenarios described in  
3971 subsequent section:

- 3972 • HTTP Requestor: This represents a Registry Client that accesses the registry using the HTTP  
3973 binding of the registry protocols typically through a User Agent such as a Web Browser.
- 3974 • SOAP Requestor: This represents a Registry Client that accesses the registry using the SOAP  
3975 binding of the registry protocols.
- 3976 • Registry: This represents a Registry and includes all Registry interfaces such as QueryManager,  
3977 LifeCycleManager and the registry's SAML Service Provider. The Registry participates in ebXML  
3978 Registry protocols as well as SAML protocols.
- 3979 • IdentityProvider: This represents the IdentityProvider used by the registry to perform  
3980 Authentication on its behalf.

3981 **11.6.2 SSO Operation – Unauthenticated HTTP Requestor**

3982 Figure 28 shows a high level view of the Single Sign On (SSO) operation when the SOAP Requestor is  
3983 unauthenticated and accesses the registry over HTTP via a User Agent such as a Web Browser.



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**Figure 28: SSO Operation – Unauthenticated HTTP Requestor**

### 3986 **11.6.2.1 Scenario Sequence**

3987 Figure 28 shows the following sequence of steps for the operation:

- 3988 1 The HTTP Requestor sends a HTTP GET or POST request to a Registry interface such as the  
3989 QueryManager or LifeCycleManager.
- 3990 1.1 The Registry checks to see if it already has a security context established for the Subject  
3991 associated with the request. It determines that there is no pre-existing security context.
- 3992 1.2 In order to establish a security context, the Registry therefor initiates the <samlp:AuthnRequest>  
3993 protocol with the IdentityProvider. The <AuthnRequest> is sent using HTTP Redirect via the User  
3994 Agent (e.g. Web Browser) used by the HTTP Requestor.
- 3995 1.2.1 The IdentityProvider uses implementation specific means to identify the Subject. Typically this  
3996 requires communicating with the User Agent being used by the HTTP Requestor to get the  
3997 credentials associated with the Subject and then using the credentials to authenticate that the  
3998 IdentityProvider knows the Subject. In case of SSL/TLS based communication the credentials are  
3999 acquired without any user intervention directly from the User Agent. The figure assumes that the  
4000 IdentityProvider is able to authenticate the Subject.
- 4001 1.2.2 The IdentityProvider sends a <samlp:Response> message containing a  
4002 <saml:AuthenticationStatement> to the Registry using either HTTP POST or HTTP Artifact SAML  
4003 Binding via the User Agent.
- 4004 1.2.2.1 The Registry uses implementation specific means to establish a security context for the Subject  
4005 authenticated by the IdentityProvider based upon the information contained about the Subject in  
4006 the <samlp:Response> message. This may include creating an HTTP Session for the HTTP  
4007 Requestor.
- 4008 1.2.2.2 The Registry maps the information about the Subject in the <samlp:Response> message into a  
4009 <rim:User> instance. This establishes the <rim:User> context for the security context.
- 4010 1.2.2.3 The Registry then performs authorization decision based upon the original HTTP request and  
4011 the <rim:User>. The figure assumes that authorization decision was to allow the request to be  
4012 processed. The Registry processes the request and subsequently return the requested resource  
4013 to the HTTP Requestor via the HTTP response.  
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### 4015 **11.6.3 SSO Operation – Authenticated HTTP Requestor**

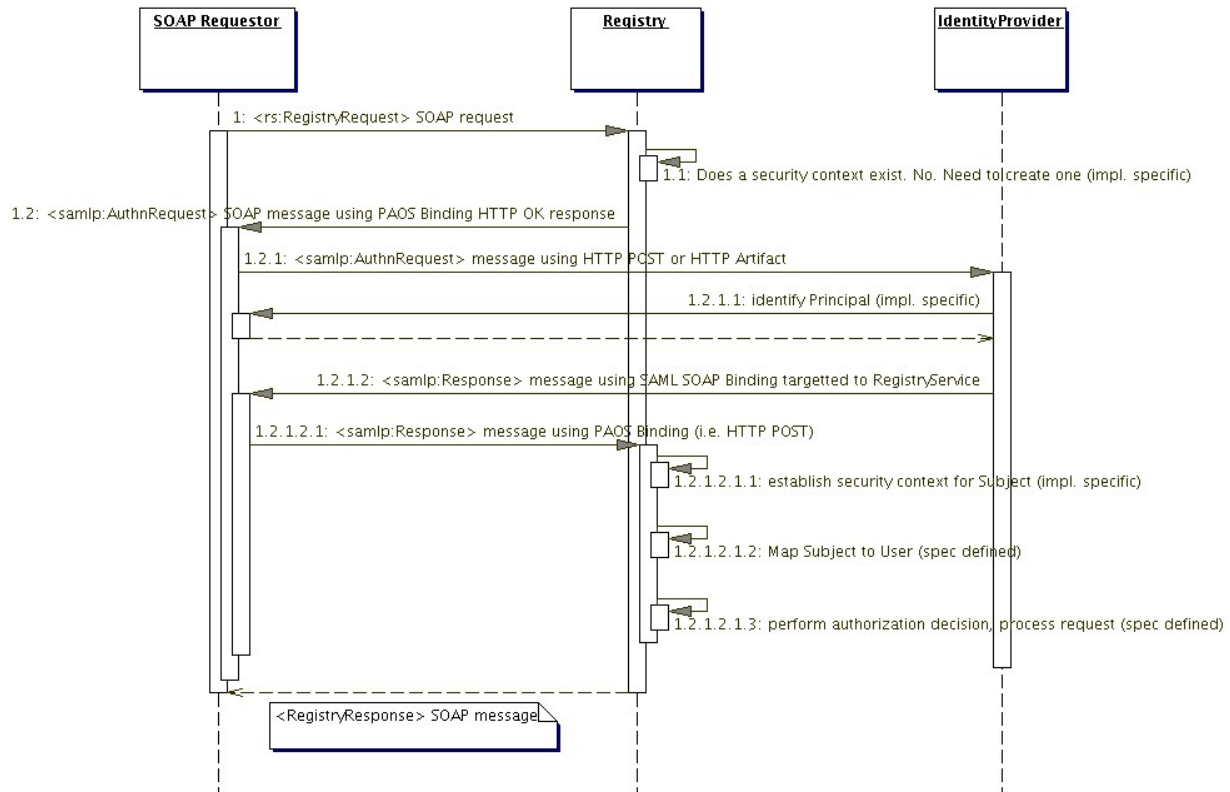
4016 This is the case where the HTTP Requestor first authenticates with an IdentityProvider and then accesses  
4017 the registry over HTTP via a User Agent such as a Web Browser.

4018 Currently there are no standard means defined for carrying SAML Assertions resulting from the Registry  
4019 Requestor authenticating with an IdentityProvider over HTTP protocol to a Service Provider such as the  
4020 registry. A registry MAY support this scenario in an implementation specific manner. Typically, the Identity  
4021 Provider will define any such implementation specific manner.

### 4022 **11.6.4 SSO Operation – Unauthenticated SOAP Requestor**

4023 This is the case where an unauthenticated Registry Requestor accesses the registry over SOAP.

4024 Figure 29 shows the steps involved.



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**Figure 29: SSO Operation - Unauthenticated SOAP Requestor**

#### 4027 **11.6.4.1 Scenario Sequence**

4028 Figure 29 shows the following sequence of steps for the operation:

- 4029 1 The SOAP Requestor sends a <rs:RegistryRequest> SOAP message such as a  
4030 <lc:SubmitObjectsRequest> to a Registry interface such as the LifecycleManagerManager. In the  
4031 request header the SOAP Requestor declares that it is an ECP requestor as defined by the ECP  
4032 Profile in [SAMLProf].
- 4033 1.1 The Registry checks to see if it already has a security context established for the Subject  
4034 associated with the request. It determines that there is no pre-existing security context.
- 4035 1.2 Because the request is from an ECP client, the registry uses the ECP Profile defined by [SAMLProf]  
4036 and sends a <samlp:AuthnRequest> SOAP message as response to the <rs:RegistryRequest>  
4037 SOAP message to the SOAP Requestor using the PAOS Binding as defined by [SAMLBind]. The  
4038 response has an HTTP Response status of OK.
- 4039 1.2.1 The SOAP Requestor then initiates the <samlp:AuthnRequest> protocol with the IdentityProvider.  
4040 The <samlp:AuthnRequest> is sent using HTTP POST or Artifact Binding directly to the  
4041 IdentityProvider.
- 4042 1.2.1.1 The IdentityProvider uses implementation specific means to identify the Subject. Typically this  
4043 requires communicating with the SOAP Requestor to get the credentials associated with the  
4044 Subject and then using the credentials to authenticate that the IdentityProvider knows the  
4045 Subject. In case of SSL/TLS based communication the credetials are acquired without any user  
4046 intervention directly from the SOAP Requestor. The figure assumes that the IdentityProvider is  
4047 able to authenticate the Subject.

4048 1.2.1.2 The IdentityProvider sends a <saml:Response> message containing a  
4049 <saml:AuthenticationStatement> to the SOAP Requestor using SAML SOAP Binding. The  
4050 HTTP header specifies the Registry as the ultimate target of the response.

4051 1.2.1.2.1 The SOAP Requestor forwards the <saml:Response> message containing a  
4052 <saml:AuthenticationStatement> to the Registry using PAOS Binding via HTTP POST.

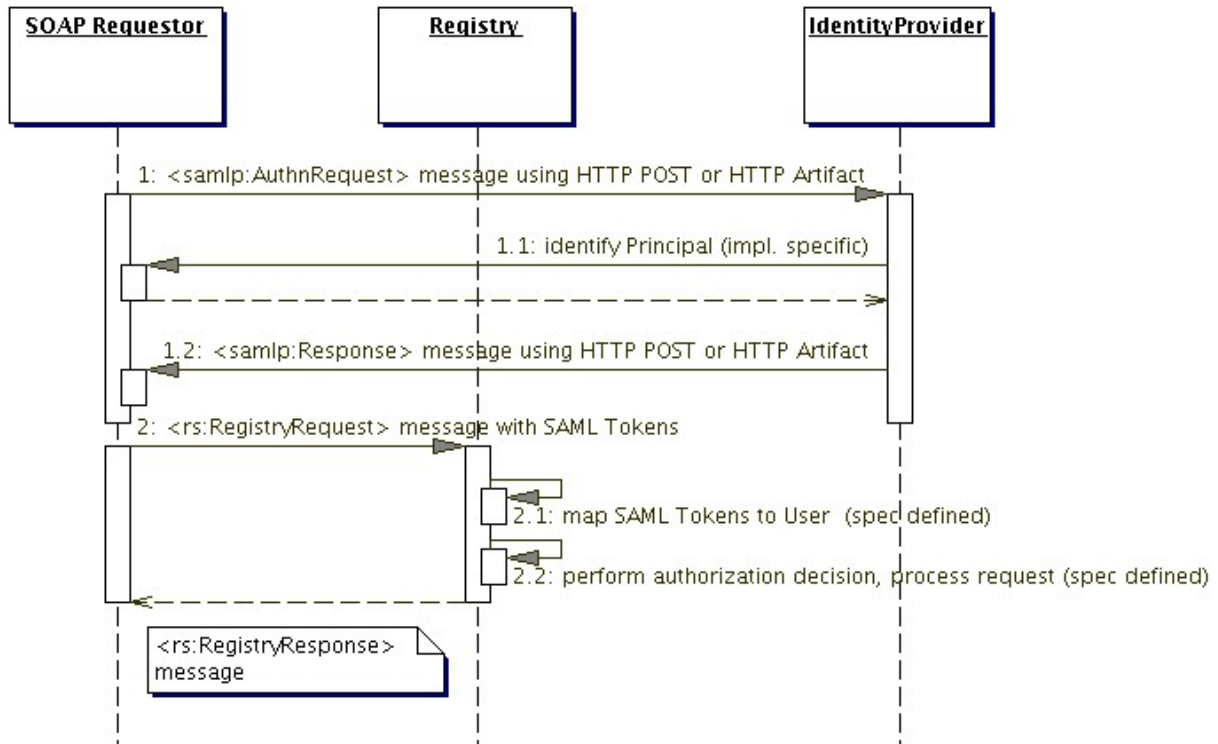
4053 1.2.1.2.1.1 The Registry uses implementation specific means to establish a security context for the  
4054 Subject authenticated by the IdentityProvider based upon the information contained about the  
4055 Subject in the <samlp:Response> message. This may include creating an HTTP Session for  
4056 the HTTP Requestor.

4057 1.2.1.2.1.2 The Registry maps the information about the Subject in the <samlp:Response> message  
4058 into a <rim:User> instance. This establishes the <rim:User> context for the security context.

4059 1.2.1.2.1.3 The Registry then performs authorization decision based upon the original SOAP request  
4060 and the <rim:User>. The figure assumes that authorization decision was to allow the request  
4061 to be processed. The Registry processes the request and subsequently return a  
4062 <rs:RegistryResponse> SOAP message as response to the original <rs:RegistryRequest>  
4063 SOAP request.  
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## 4065 **11.6.5 SSO Operation – Authenticated SOAP Requestor**

4066 This is the case where the Registry Requestor first authenticates with an IdentityProvider directly and then  
4067 makes a request to the registry using SOAP.



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**Figure 30: SSO Operation - Authenticated SOAP Requestor**

4070 **11.6.5.1 Scenario Sequence**

4071 The figure shows the following sequence of steps for the operation:

- 4072 1 The SOAP Requestor then initiates the <samlp:AuthnRequest> protocol directly with the
- 4073 IdentityProvider. The <samlp:AuthnRequest> is sent using HTTP POST or Artifact Binding.
- 4074 1.1 The IdentityProvider uses implementation specific means to identify the Subject. Typically this
- 4075 requires communicating with the SOAP Requestor to get the credentials associated with the
- 4076 Subject and then using the credentials to authenticate that the IdentityProvider knows the Subject.
- 4077 In case of SSL/TLS based communication the credentials are acquired without any user intervention
- 4078 directly from the SOAP Requestor. The figure assumes that the IdentityProvider is able to
- 4079 authenticate the Subject.
- 4080 1.2 The IdentityProvider sends a <samlp:Response> message containing a
- 4081 <saml:AuthenticationStatement> to the SOAP Requestor using SAML HTTP POST or HTTP
- 4082 Artifact Binding.
- 4083 2 The SOAP Requestor sends a <rs:RegistryRequest> SOAP message such as a
- 4084 <lcm:SubmitObjectsRequest> to a Registry interface such as the LifecycleManagerManager. The

4085 <rs:RegistryRequest> SOAP message includes SAML Tokens in the <soap:Header> of the SOAP  
4086 message as defined by [WSS-SAML]. The SAML Tokens are based upon the <saml:Response>  
4087 during authentication.

4088 2.1 The registry maps the SAML Tokens from the <soap:Header> of the <rs:RegistryRequest> to a  
4089 <rim:User> instance. This establishes the <rim:User> context for the request.

4090 2.2 The Registry then performs authorization decision based upon the original SOAP request and the  
4091 <rim:User>. The figure assumes that authorization decision was to allow the request to be  
4092 processed. The Registry processes the request and subsequently return a <rs:RegistryResponse>  
4093 SOAP message as response to the original <rs:RegistryRequest> SOAP request.

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## 4095 **11.6.6 <saml:AuthnRequest> Generation Rules**

4096 The following rules MUST be observed when the registry or Registry Client issues a  
4097 <saml:AuthnRequest>:

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- 4099 • A registry MUST specify a NameIDPolicy within the <saml:AuthRequest>
  - 4100 • The Format of the NameIDPolicy MUST be urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-  
4101 format:persistent as defined by section in [SAMLCore]. Note that it is the Persistent Identifier that  
4102 maps to the id attribute of <rim:User>.
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## 4104 **11.6.7 <saml:Response> Processing Rules**

4105 This section describes how the registry processes the <saml:Response> to a <saml:AuthnRequest>:

### 4106 **<saml:Response> Processing**

- 4107 • Response Processing: The registry MUST verify the <ds:Signature> for the <saml:Response> if  
4108 present.
- 4109 • The registry MUST check the <saml:Status> associated with <saml:Response> for errors. If the  
4110 <saml:Status> has a top level <saml:StatusCode> whose value is NOT  
4111 urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:Success then the registry MUST throw  
4112 an AuthenticationException. The AuthenticationException message SHOULD include the  
4113 information from the StatusCode, StatusMessage and StatusDetail from the <saml:Status>.

### 4114 **<saml:Assertion> Processing**

- 4115 • The registry SHOULD check the <saml:Assertion> for Conditions and honour any standard  
4116 Conditions defined by [SAMLCore] if any are specified.

### 4117 **<saml:AuthnStatement> Processing**

- 4118 • The registry MUST check the SessionNotOnOrAfter attribute of the <saml:AuthnStatement> for  
4119 validity of the authenticated session.

### 4120 **<saml:Subject> Processing**

- 4121 • A registry MUST map the <saml:Subject> to a <rim:User> instance as described in 11.6.8.

## 4122 **11.6.8 Mapping Subject to User**

4123 As required by [SAMLCore] a <saml:Response> to a <saml:AuthnRequest> MUST contain a  
4124 <saml:Subject> that identifies the Subject that was authenticated by the IdentityProvider. In addition it  
4125 MUST contain a <saml:AuthnStatement> which asserts that the IdentityProvider indeed authenticated  
4126 the Subject.

4127 The following table defines the mapping between a <saml:Subject> and a <rim:User>:

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– Subject Attribute	– User Attribute	– Description
– NameID content	– id attribute	NameID Format MUST be “urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.1:nameid-format:persistent”

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**Table 8: Mapping Subject to User**

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Note that any attribute of Subject not specified above SHOULD be ignored when mapping Subject to User. Note that any attribute of User not specified above MUST be left unspecified when mapping Subject to User.

4133 **11.7 External Users**

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The SAML Profile allows registry Users to be registered in an Identity Provider external to the registry. These are referred to as “External Users”. A registry dynamically creates such External Users by mapping a SAML Subject to a User instance dynamically.

4137 The following are some restrictions on External User instances:

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- External User instances are transient from the registry’s perspective and MUST not be stored within the registry as User instances
- A RegistryObject MUST not have a reference to an External User unless it is composed within that RegistryObject. Composed RegistryObjects such as Classification instances are allowed to reference their parent External User instance.
- Since External User instances are transient they MUST not match a registry Query.

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## 4149 12 Native Language Support (NLS)

4150 This chapter describes the Native Languages Support (NLS) features of ebXML Registry.

### 4151 12.1 Terminology

4152 The following terms are used in NLS.

NLS Term	Description
Coded Character Set (CCS)	CCS is a mapping from a set of abstract characters to a set of integers. [RFC 2130]. Examples of CCS are ISO-10646, US-ASCII, ISO-8859-1, and so on.
Character Encoding Scheme (CES)	CES is a mapping from a CCS (or several) to a set of octets. [RFC 2130]. Examples of CES are ISO-2022, UTF-8.
Character Set (charset)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>charset is a set of rules for mapping from a sequence of octets to a sequence of characters.[RFC 2277],[RFC 2278]. Examples of character set are ISO-2022-JP, EUC-KR.</li><li>A list of registered character sets can be found at [IANA].</li></ul>

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### 4154 12.2 NLS and Registry Protocol Messages

4155 For the accurate processing of data in both registry client and registry services, it is essential for the  
4156 recipient of a protocol message to know the character set being used by it.

4157 A Registry Client SHOULD specify charset parameter in MIME header when they specify text/xml as  
4158 Content-Type. A registry MUST specify charset parameter in MIME header when they specify text/xml as  
4159 Content-Type.

4160 The following is an example of specifying the character set in the MIME header.

```
4161 Content-Type: text/xml; charset=ISO-2022-JP  
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4165 If a registry receives a protocol message with the charset parameter omitted then it MUST use the default  
4166 charset value of "us-ascii" as defined in [RFC 3023].

4167 Also, when an application/xml entity is used, the charset parameter is optional, and registry client and  
4168 registry services MUST follow the requirements in Section 4.3.3 of [REC-XML] which directly address this  
4169 contingency.

4170 If another Content-Type is used, then usage of charset MUST follow [RFC 3023].

### 4171 12.3 NLS Support in RegistryObjects

4172 The information model XML Schema [RR-RIM-XSD] defines the <rim:InternationalStringType> for defining  
4173 elements that contains a locale sensitive string value.

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```
4175 <complexType name="InternationalStringType">  
4176 <sequence maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0">  
4177 <element ref="tns:LocalizedString"/>
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4178     </sequence>
4179 </complexType>
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4181 An InternationalStringType may contain zero or more LocalizedStrings within it where each  
4182 LocalizedString contain a string value is a specified local language and character set.

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4184 <complexType name="LocalizedStringType">
4185   <attribute ref="xml:lang" default="en-US"/>
4186   <attribute default="UTF-8" name="charset"/>
4187   <attribute name="value" type="tns:FreeFormText" use="required"/>
4188 </complexType>
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4190 Examples of such attributes are the “name” and “description” attributes of the RegistryObject class  
4191 defined by [ebRIM] as shown below.

```
4192 <complexType name="InternationalStringType">
4193   <sequence maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0">
4194     <element ref="tns:LocalizedString"/>
4195   </sequence>
4196 </complexType>
4197 <element name="InternationalString"
4198 type="tns:InternationalStringType"/>
4199 <element name="Name" type="tns:InternationalStringType"/>
4200 <element name="Description" type="tns:InternationalStringType"/>
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4202 <complexType name="LocalizedStringType">
4203   <attribute ref="xml:lang" default="en-US"/>
4204   <!--attribute name = "lang" default = "en-US" form = "qualified" type
4205 = "language"/-->
4206   <attribute default="UTF-8" name="charset"/>
4207   <attribute name="value" type="tns:FreeFormText" use="required"/>
4208 </complexType>
4209 <element name="LocalizedString" type="tns:LocalizedStringType"/>
```

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4211 An element InternationalString is capable of supporting multiple locales within its collection of  
4212 LocalizedStrings.

4213 The above schema allows a single RegistryObject instance to include values for any NLS sensitive  
4214 element in multiple locales.

4215 The following example illustrates how a single RegistryObject can contain NLS sensitive <rim:Name> and  
4216 “<rim:Description> elements with their value specified in multiple locales. Note that the <rim:Name> and  
4217 <rim:Description> use the <rim:InternationalStringType> as their type.

```
4218 <rim:ExtrinsicObject id="{ID}" mimeType="text/xml">
4219   <rim:Name>
4220     <rim:LocalizedString xml:lang="en-US" value="customACP1.xml"/>
4221     <rim:LocalizedString xml:lang="fi-FI" value="customACP1.xml"/>
4222     <rim:LocalizedString xml:lang="pt-BR" value="customACP1.xml"/>
4223   </rim:Name>
4224   <rim:Description>
4225     <rim:LocalizedString xml:lang="en-US" value="A sample custom
4226 ACP"/>
4227     <rim:LocalizedString xml:lang="fi-FI" value="Esimerkki custom
4228 ACP"/>
4229     <rim:LocalizedString xml:lang="pt-BR" value="Exemplo de ACP
4230 customizado
4231 "/>
4232   </rim:Description>
4233 </rim:ExtrinsicObject>
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4235 Since locale information is specified at the sub-element level there is no language or character set  
4236 associated with a specific RegistryObject instance.

### 4237 **12.3.1 Character Set of *LocalizedString***

4238 The character set used by a locale specific String (*LocalizedString*) is defined by the charset attribute.  
4239 Registry Clients SHOULD specify UTF-8 or UTF-16 as the value of the charset attribute of  
4240 *LocalizedStrings* for maximum interoperability.

### 4241 **12.3.2 Language of *LocalizedString***

4242 The language MAY be specified in xml:lang attribute (Section 2.12 [REC-XML]).

## 4243 **12.4 NLS and Repository Items**

4244 While a single instance of an *ExtrinsicObject* is capable of supporting multiple locales, it is always  
4245 associated with a single repository item. The repository item MAY be in a single locale or MAY be in  
4246 multiple locales. This specification does not specify any NLS requirements for repository items.

### 4247 **12.4.1 Character Set of Repository Items**

4248 When a submitter submits a repository item, they MAY specify the character set used by the repository  
4249 item using the MIME *Content-Type* mime header for the mime multipart containing the repository item as  
4250 shown below:

```
4251 Content-Type: text/xml; charset="UTF-8"  
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4255 Registry Clients SHOULD specify UTF-8 or UTF-16 as the value of the charset attribute of  
4256 *LocalizedStrings* for maximum interoperability. A registry MUST preserve the charset of a repository item  
4257 as it is originally specified when it is submitted to the registry.

### 4258 **12.4.2 Language of Repository Items**

4259 The Content-language mime header for the mime bodypart containing the repository item MAY specify the  
4260 language for a locale specific repository item. The value of the Content-language mime header property  
4261 MUST conform to [RFC 1766].

4262 This document currently specifies only the method of sending the information of character set and  
4263 language, and how it is stored in a registry. However, the language information MAY be used as one of  
4264 the query criteria, such as retrieving only DTD written in French. Furthermore, a language negotiation  
4265 procedure, like registry client is asking a favorite language for messages from registry services, could be  
4266 another functionality for the future revision of this document.

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## 4267 **13 Conformance**

4268 This chapter defines the technical conformance requirements for ebXML Registry. Note that it does not  
4269 define specific conformance tests to verify compliance with various conformance profiles.

### 4270 **13.1 Conformance Profiles**

4271 An ebXML Registry **MUST** comply with one of the following conformance profiles:

- 4272 • Registry Lite – This conformance profile requires the registry to implement a minimal set of core  
4273 features defined by this specification.
- 4274 • Registry Full – This conformance profile requires the registry to implement additional set of features  
4275 in addition to those required by the Registry Lite conformance profile.

### 4276 **13.2 Feature Matrix**

4277 The following table identifies the implementation requirements for each feature defined by this  
4278 specification for each conformance profile defined above.

*Table 9: Feature Conformance Matrix*

Feature	Registry Lite	Registry Full
<b>SOAP Binding</b>		
QueryManager binding	MUST	MUST
LifeCycleManager binding	MUST	MUST
<b>HTTP Binding</b>		
RPC Encoded URL	MUST	MUST
User Defined URL	MAY	MUST
File Path URL	MAY	MUST
<b>LifeCycleManager</b>		
SubmitObjects Protocol	MUST	MUST
UpdateObjects Protocol	MUST	MUST
ApproveObjects Protocol	MUST	MUST
DeprecateObjects Protocol	MUST	MUST
UnderprecateObjects Protocol	MUST	MUST
RemoveObjects Protocol	MUST	MUST
Registry Managed Version Control	MAY	MUST
<b>QueryManager</b>		
SQL Query	MAY	MUST
Filter Query	MUST	MUST
Stored Parameterized Query	MAY	MUST
Iterative Query	MAY	MUST
<b>Event Notification</b>	MAY	MUST
<b>Content Management Services</b>		
Validate Content Protocol	MAY	MUST
Catalog Content Protocol	MAY	MUST
Canonical XML Cataloging Service	MAY	MUST
<b>Cooperating Registries</b>		
Remote object references	MAY	MUST
Federated queries	MAY	MUST
Object Replication	MAY	MUST
Object Relocation	MAY	MUST
<b>Registry Security</b>		
Identity Management	MUST	MUST
Message Security		
Transport layer security	MAY	MUST
SOAP Message Security	MUST	MUST
Repository Item Security	MUST	MUST
Authorization and Access Control		
Default Access Control Policy	MUST	MUST
Custom Access Control Policies	MAY	MUST
Audit Trail	MUST	MUST

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Registry Lite</b>	<b>Registry Full</b>
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