

[MS-DPWSSN]: Devices Profile for Web Services (DPWS): Size Negotiation Extension

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1 Introduction

This document specifies an extension to the Devices Profile for Web Services (DPWS) to allow the negotiation of message sizes between a client and a service for a specific message transaction. This extension to an existing protocol does not define new operations, but instead defines **XML Schema** that may be added to existing messages to allow clients and services to properly configure themselves.

1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [\[MS-GLOS\]](#):

- SOAP**
- SOAP action**
- SOAP header**
- SOAP header block**
- SOAP message**
- SOAP mustUnderstand attribute**
- Uniform Resource Locator (URL)**
- Web services**
- Web Services Description Language (WSDL)**
- XML**
- XML namespace**
- XML schema (XSD)**

The following terms are specific to this document:

client: The sending endpoint of a **Web services** request message, and receiver of any resulting WS response message.

device: The Devices Profile for Web Services (DPWS) term for a special instance of a service which is discoverable and contains other services and metadata describing those services.

endpoint: In the context of a Web service, a network target to which a **SOAP message** can be addressed. See [\[WSADDR\]](#).

service: The receiving endpoint of a **Web services** request message, and sender of any resulting **Web services** response message.

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [RFC2119]. All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

1.2 References

1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com. We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624>, as an additional source.

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[XMLNS] World Wide Web Consortium, "Namespaces in XML 1.0 (Second Edition)", August 2006, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/REC-xml-names-20060816/>

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1.2.2 Informative References

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1.3 Overview

[DPWS] specifies a **device** friendly, well structured messaging model providing basic functionality such as discovery of an endpoint, metadata for that endpoint, and request/response messaging. This model is built using core **Web Services** specifications as building blocks, and assembled with explanatory text. The [DPWS] identifies the roles of **clients**, which discover device endpoints and communicate with devices and **services**; devices, which can be special discoverable service endpoints that host other services, and the services hosted within the device. Additionally, [DPWS] defines metadata for both devices and the service endpoints hosted by devices.

This model maps to the requirements of modern home computers in most cases. Home computers are often set to be discoverable and provide metadata describing themselves and their endpoints (such as file shares) and resources to clients on a network.

[DPWS] does have one key restriction, in that it recommends clients and services limit their messages to 32,767 octets in length (See [DPWS] Appendix I, R0003, and R0026).

Windows leverages the [\[DPWS\]](#) model for describing home computers and their metadata. In [\[DPWS\]](#) terminology, a home computer is a device, and services and resources available from the home computer are described by services in metadata.

The metadata provided may be quite large, beyond the size originally envisioned by [\[DPWS\]](#) for resource constrained devices. This large size is always due to metadata describing resource or **endpoints** hosted within the device. This document describes an extension to [\[DPWS\]](#) which allows a [\[DPWS\]](#) based client and service to negotiate a larger acceptable message size.

A client that is capable of accepting large message responses may send a request with the large message support indicator. The service, upon receiving a request, looks for the large message support indicator and:

- If the indicator is present, the service constructs a response which includes all configured metadata and endpoints available from the home computer.
- If the indicator is not present, the service determines what the size of the response will be, and either:
 - If the size of the response is less than or equal to the 32,767 octet limit defined by [\[DPWS\]](#), the response is constructed and sent to the client, or
 - If the size of the response is more than the 32,767 octet limit defined by [\[DPWS\]](#), the response is changed to contain only metadata describing the computer, and is then sent.

The logic in this protocol is structured in this way to help preserve network behavior with clients who do not support the large message support indicator. These clients will still see the existence and basic description of the device, but will not see all of the associated resources and services, as these clients expect services to manage their metadata to within the 32,767 octet limit.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

This extension is built on DPWS and relies on DPWS functionality to work. This extension is designed to allow DPWS compliant implementations to negotiate larger message sizes, as supported by standard Web Services; that is, normal Web Services not governed by DPWS do not need such a protocol extension.

This extension does not define new **SOAP messages** or patterns, but instead defines XML Schema that may be added to existing schema extensibility points.

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

Both the client and the device in this exchange must be DPWS compliant.

The client must accept SOAP messages larger than 32,767 octets.

Services must be capable of sending as much data as they can prepare.

1.6 Applicability Statement

Use of this protocol is appropriate for client implementations if:

- The client is a DPWS compliant implementation.
- The client intends to communicate with the DPWS representation of a computer.
- The client supports receiving DPWS response messages larger than 32,767 octets in length.

Use of this protocol is appropriate for service implementations if:

- The service intends to represent itself as a DPWS compliant computer on the network.
- The service supports sending messages larger than 32,767 in length.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

This protocol extension covers a single version of the extension as specified in section [2.1](#). There are no previous versions. There are no special transport requirements or other restrictions placed on DPWS resulting from use of this extension.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

The schema for this protocol extension does define additional vendor extensions.

1.9 Standards Assignments

There are no specific standards assignments for this protocol extension.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

Use of this protocol extension requires support for the underlying specifications:

- Clients and device implementing this protocol extension must be [\[DPWS\]](#) compliant.
- [\[DPWS\]](#) compliant endpoints must be fully compatible with the February 2006 revision of [\[DPWS\]](#).

[\[DPWS\]](#) compliance ensures clients and device support the consistent set of protocol versions.

This protocol extension is limited to these existing messages:

- Devices implementing this protocol extension MUST support receiving the extension in the **SOAP Header** of a SOAP Message with the **SOAP Action** <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/Get>
- Devices implementing this protocol extension MUST support sending a SOAP Message as a response with a length greater than 32,767 octets.
- Clients implementing this protocol extension MUST support sending the extension in the SOAP Header of a SOAP Message with the SOAP Action <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/Get>
- Clients implementing this protocol extension MUST support receiving a SOAP Message as a response with a length greater than 32,767 octets.

Not all SOAP implementations properly support SOAP Header extensions. This support is required for use of this extension.

This extension does not define a finite boundary for the size of the SOAP Message response.

2.2 Common Message Syntax

This section contains common definitions used by this protocol. The syntax of the definitions uses XML Schema as defined in [\[XMLSCHEMA1\]](#) and [\[XMLSCHEMA2\]](#) and **Web Services Description Language (WSDL)** as defined in [\[WSDL\]](#).

2.2.1 Namespaces

This specification defines and references various **XML namespaces** using the mechanisms specified in [\[XMLNS\]](#). Although this specification associates a specific XML namespace prefix for each XML namespace that is used, the choice of any particular XML namespace prefix is implementation-specific and not significant for interoperability.

Prefix	Namespace URI	Reference
s	http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope	[SOAP1.2-1/2003]
wsa	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/08/addressing	[WSAddressing]
wsx	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/mex	[WSMETA]

Prefix	Namespace URI	Reference
lms	http://schemas.microsoft.com/windows/dpws/LargeMetadataSupport/2007/08	This document

2.2.2 Messages

This protocol does not define any messages.

2.2.3 Elements

The following table summarizes the set of common XML Schema element definitions defined by this specification. XML Schema element definitions that are specific to a particular operation are described with the operation.

Element	Description
lms:LargeMetadataSupport	Indicator for support of large metadata messages.

2.2.3.1 lms:LargeMetadataSupport

The lms:LargeMetadataSupport element is used to indicate client side support for large metadata responses. The normative form for this element is as follows.

```
<lms:LargeMetadataSupport/>
```

The element is not extensible and does not support attributes.

The schema for this element is as follows.

```
<xs:element name='LargeMetadataSupport'>
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence />
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

This element MUST NOT be used outside of the top level of the SOAP header in a SOAP Message. If the element is used outside of the top level of the SOAP header where it is defined as semantically meaningful, then it will be ignored. Standard exceptions to this apply (for example, if the header is inserted in a location that violates the schema). This element MUST NOT be used in SOAP headers where the wsa:Action is not http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/Get. If the element is used in a SOAP header when the action is not http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/Get and the service understands the action, then the element will be ignored.

2.2.4 Complex Types

This specification does not define any common XML Schema complex type definitions.

2.2.5 Simple Types

This specification does not define any common XML Schema simple type definitions.

2.2.6 Attributes

This specification does not define any common XML Schema attribute definitions.

2.2.7 Groups

This specification does not define any common XML Schema group definitions.

2.2.8 Attribute Groups

This specification does not define any common XML Schema attribute group definitions.

3 Protocol Details

This protocol extension governs the behavior of a device's use of the data model specified in [\[DPWS\]](#) depending on whether a client supports large metadata responses.

3.1 Server Details

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

This protocol extension does not describe a separate data model.

Devices that support this protocol extension MUST support the data model described in [\[DPWS\]](#) section 5.

Data specified in [\[DPWS\]](#) section 5.2 is sent in part or in full depending on client support for large metadata responses (as indicated by the presence of the <Ims:LargeMetadataSupport> element as defined in section [2.2.3.1](#)) and the size of the metadata response.

3.1.2 Timers

This protocol extension requires no new timers.

3.1.3 Initialization

This protocol extension requires no new initialization.

3.1.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

If the data specified in [\[DPWS\]](#) section 5.2 is sent with a full response exceeding 32,767 octets in length and the client supports large metadata responses, the full response

- MUST be compliant with [\[DPWS\]](#) section 3, except R0003 and R0026,
- MUST be compliant with [\[DPWS\]](#) section 5, and
- MUST be sent in its entirety.

If the data specified in [\[DPWS\]](#) section 5.2 is sent in part due to a full response exceeding 32,767 octets in length and the client not supporting large metadata responses, the `wsdp:Relationship/wsdp:Host` element and its children MUST be included in the response, and the `wsdp:Relationship/wsdp:Hosted` element MAY be included, to the extent that its inclusion does not cause the response to exceed 32,767 octets in length.

This specification does not define any new Web Services Description Language (WSDL) operations.

3.1.5 Timer Events

This protocol extension defines no timer events.

3.1.6 Other Local Events

This protocol extension defines no local events and is not subject to any new local events.

3.2 Client Details

3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

This protocol extension does not describe a separate data model.

Clients that support this protocol extension MUST support the data model described in [\[DPWS\]](#) section 5.

The client side of this protocol extension is simply a pass-through. Calls made by the higher-layer protocol or application are passed directly to the transport, and the results returned by the transport are passed directly back to the higher-layer protocol or application.

Clients supporting large metadata responses MUST include the <Ims:LargerMetadataSupport> element as defined in section [2.2.3.1](#).

3.2.2 Timers

This protocol extension requires no new timers.

3.2.3 Initialization

This protocol extension requires no new initialization.

3.2.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

This protocol extension describes no separate message processing events and sequencing rules.

This specification does not define any new WSDL operations.

3.2.5 Timer Events

This protocol extension defines no timer events.

3.2.6 Other Local Events

This protocol extension defines no local events and is not subject to any new local events.

4 Protocol Examples

4.1 Request from a Client using this protocol extension

The following is an abbreviated example request from a client using this protocol extension:

```
<s:Envelope ...>
  <s:Header ...>
    <wsa:Action>
      http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/Get
    </wsa:Action>
    <wsa:MessageID>xs:anyURI</wsa:MessageID>
    <wsa:To>xs:anyURI</wsa:To>
    <lms:LargeMetadataSupport/>
  </s:Header>
  <s:Body/>
</s:Envelope>
```

4.2 Request from a Client without this protocol extension

The following is an abbreviated example request from a client without this protocol extension:

```
<s:Envelope ...>
  <s:Header ...>
    <wsa:Action>
      http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/Get
    </wsa:Action>
    <wsa:MessageID>xs:anyURI</wsa:MessageID>
    <wsa:To>xs:anyURI</wsa:To>
  </s:Header>
  <s:Body/>
</s:Envelope>
```

4.3 Response message, from [DPWS]

The following is an abbreviated example response message, from [\[DPWS\]](#) section 5.1.

```
<s:Envelope ...>
  <s:Header ...>
    <wsa:Action>
      http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/GetResponse
    </wsa:Action>
    <wsa:RelatesTo>xs:RequestURI</wsa:RelatesTo>
    <wsa:MessageID>xs:anyURI</wsa:MessageID>
    <wsa:To>http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/08/addressing/role/anonymous</wsa:To>
  </s:Header>
  <s:Body ...>
    <wsx:Metadata>
      ...
    </wsx:Metadata>
  </s:Body>
```

```
</s:Envelope>
```

4.4 Ims:LargeMetadataSupport Element

A valid usage example of the Ims:LargeMetadataSupport element is as follows.

```
<s:Envelope ...>  
  <s:Header ...>  
    <wsa:Action>  
      http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/transfer/Get  
    </wsa:Action>  
    <wsa:MessageID>xs:anyURI</wsa:MessageID>  
    <wsa:To>xs:anyURI</wsa:To>  
    <lms:LargeMetadataSupport/>  
  </s:Header>  
  <s:Body ...>  
    ...  
  </s:Body>  
</s:Envelope>
```

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

Clients indicating they support large metadata response may use this in a DDoS attack on services. The nature of the attack is to have a large number of distributed clients issue requests indicating they support large responses. Assuming TCP is in use, the clients would then slow their processing of data and cause TCP backoffs to slow data transmission to 100 bytes/second. The large number of clients would result in a significant number of active connections and potentially a large amount of in memory state on the service. It is not clear that this attack is significantly more damaging than having the clients aggressively download, which would instead exhaust bandwidth but would have similar external consequences.

Similarly, clients indicating they support large metadata responses may end up receiving a large response at a very slow rate, and may be impacted by the same in-memory state concerns as services.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

There are no security parameters for this protocol extension.

6 Appendix A: Full WSDL

This protocol extension does not define a WSDL. It extends the WSDL defined and referenced by [\[DPWS\]](#). The following XSD contains a definition of the `lms:LargeMetadataSupport` element (section [2.2.3.1](#)).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/windows/dpws/LargeMetadataSupport/2007/08"
xmlns:lms=http://schemas.microsoft.com/windows/dpws/LargeMetadataSupport/2007/08
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" elementFormDefault="qualified">

  <xs:element name='LargeMetadataSupport'>
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence />
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

7 Appendix B: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include released service packs:

- Windows® 7 operating system
- Windows Server® 2008 R2 operating system

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack or QFE. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification that is prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that the product does not follow the prescription.

8 Change Tracking

No table of changes is available. The document is either new or has had no changes since its last release.

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