[MS-XOPP]:
XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile

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1   Introduction

XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP), as specified in [XML-XOP], defines a method for the efficient serialization of **XML Infosets** that have certain types of content. The XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile extends XOP to allow for the creation of more efficient implementations that process XML Infosets. This document, [MS-XOPP], describes the serialization rules for XML Infosets as MIME Multipart/Related **XOP packages** but does not specify how these XML Infosets are transmitted between network nodes.

1.1   Glossary

The following terms are defined in [MS-GLOS]:

SOAP message

The following terms are specific to this document:

MIME: Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions as defined in [RFC2045].

optimized content: Content that has been removed from an **XML Infoset** to provide a means of more efficient serialization of XML information, as described in [XML-XOP].

streaming: The act of processing a part of an **XML Infoset** without requiring that the entire **XML Infoset** be available.

XML Information Set (XML Infoset): An abstract data set that provides a consistent set of XML definitions for use in other specifications that need to refer to the information in a well-formed XML document [XML], as described in [XML-INFOSET].

XOP: XML-binary Optimized Packaging, as described in [XML-XOP].

XOP document: A serialization of the **XOP Infoset** using any W3C recommendation-level version of XML, as described in [XML-XOP].

XOP Information Set (XOP Infoset): An **XML Infoset** in which **optimized content** has been removed and replaced by <xop:Include> SOAP element information items, as described in [XML-XOP].

XOP package: A package that offers an alternate serialization of an **XML Infoset** and that contains the **XOP document** and any **optimized content** from the original **XML Infoset**, as described in [XML-XOP].

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

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1.3   Overview

The XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile provides extensions that enable more efficient implementations of [XML-XOP] to be built by requiring certain ordering of the **MIME** parts in the XOP package.

1.3.1   MIME Parts Ordering in Multipart/Related XOP Package Extension

The standard **XOP** implementation, as specified in [XML-XOP] section 4.1, is not allowed to consider the ordering of MIME parts to be significant to XOP processing or to the construction of the **XOP Infoset** for MIME Multipart/Related packaging. The XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile extends the MIME Multipart/Related packaging mechanism specified in [XML-XOP] to allow for the ordering of the MIME parts, as described in section 2.2.1. These extensions enable the creation of more efficient implementations for processing an XML Infoset packaged in MIME Multipart/Related XOP packages when **streaming**.

1.4   Relationship to Other Protocols

The XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile is an extension of [XML-XOP]. The extensions specified in this document [MS-XOPP] do not introduce any new protocol relationships beyond those specified in [XML-XOP] Appendix A.

1.5   Prerequisites/Preconditions

There are no prerequisites or preconditions beyond those specified in [XML-XOP] Appendix A.

1.6 Applicability Statement

The MIME Parts Ordering in Multipart/Related XOP Package Extension specified in section 1.3.1 is applicable when an XOP Infoset packaged in a MIME Multipart/Related XOP package is processed in streaming fashion.

These extensions are not applicable to XOP packaging mechanisms other than MIME and those that do not specify their own packaging mechanism.

If broad interoperability with implementations strictly compliant with [XML-XOP] is desired, these extensions may not be a suitable choice.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

There is no versioning or capability negotiation beyond that specified in [XML-XOP].

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

There are no vendor-extensible fields beyond those specified in [XML-XOP].

1.9 Standards Assignments

There are no standards assignments beyond those specified in [XML-XOP].

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

This specification defines only serialization rules for XOP packages and does not define how XOP packages are transmitted on the network. As such, it does not have a transport.

2.2 Message Syntax

Except as specified in section 2.2.1, the syntax used for specifying MIME Multipart/Related XOP packaging is as specified in [XML-XOP] section 3, [XML-XOP] section 4.1, and [RFC2387].

2.2.1 Ordering of the MIME Parts in XOP Packages

The extensions provided by the XML–binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile override the following text located in [XML-XOP] section 4.1:

"Except for purposes of determining the root MIME part, as specified by [RFC2387], ordering of MIME parts MUST NOT be considered significant to XOP processing or to the construction of the XOP Infoset."

In streaming mode negotiated through a process that is out of band to this protocol, the root MIME part MUST appear first in a MIME Multipart/Related XOP package, and the subsequent MIME parts MUST appear in the order which they appear in the corresponding XML Infoset.<1>

3 Protocol Details

The XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile does not introduce any new protocol roles or change any existing protocol roles that are defined in [XML-XOP].

4   Protocol Examples

4.1   MIME Multipart/Related XOP Package Ordering

The XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) Profile does not introduce any new protocol roles or change any existing protocol roles that are defined in [XML-XOP]. Examples of how MIME Multipart/Related XOP packages are ordered are provided in [XML-XOP] section 1.2.

5   Security

5.1   Security Considerations for Implementers

Security considerations are the same as those specified in [XML-XOP] section 6.

5.2   Index of Security Parameters

None.

6   Appendix A: 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® XP operating system Service Pack 2 (SP2)

- Windows Server® 2003 operating system with Service Pack 1 (SP1)

- Windows Vista® operating system

- Windows Server® 2008 operating system

- 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.

<1> Section 2.2.1: The Windows Web Services API element provides a buffered and streaming programming model for exchanging and processing **SOAP messages** encoded as specified in [SOAP-MTOM] between network nodes. When the Windows Web Services API's streaming programming model is used to create SOAP messages, it follows the MIME parts ordering requirements specified in section 2.2.1.

7 Change Tracking

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