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## 4 Introduction

### 4.1 Summary of Contents of Document

As defined in the ebXML Business Process Specification Schema[ebBPSS], a *Business Partner* is an entity that engages in *Business Transactions* with another *Business Partner(s)*. Each *Partner's* capabilities (both commercial/*Business* and technical) to engage in electronic *Message* exchanges with other *Partners* MAY be described by a document called a *Trading-Partner Profile (TPP)*. The agreed interactions between two *Partners* MAY be documented in a document called a *Trading-Partner Agreement (TPA)*. A *TPA* MAY be created by computing the intersection of the two *Partners' TPPs*.

The *Message-exchange* capabilities of a *Party* MAY be described by a *Collaboration-Protocol Profile (CPP)* within the *TPP*. The *Message-exchange* agreement between two *Parties* MAY be described by a *Collaboration-Protocol Agreement (CPA)* within the *TPA*. Included in the *CPP* and *CPA* are details of transport, messaging, security constraints, and bindings to a *Business-Process-Specification* (or, for short, *Process-Specification*) document that contains the definition of the interactions between the two *Parties* while engaging in a specified electronic *Business Collaboration*.

This specification contains the detailed definitions of the *Collaboration-Protocol Profile (CPP)* and the *Collaboration-Protocol Agreement (CPA)*.

This specification is a component of the suite of ebXML specifications. An overview of the ebXML specifications and their interrelations can be found in the ebXML Technical Architecture Specification[ebTA].

This specification is organized as follows:

- Section 5 defines the objectives of this specification.
- Section 6 provides a system overview.
- Section 7 contains the definition of the *CPP*, identifying the structure and all necessary fields.
- Section 8 contains the definition of the *CPA*.
- The appendices include examples of XML *CPP* and *CPA* documents (non-normative), the DTD (normative), an XML Schema document equivalent to the DTD (normative), formats of information in the *CPP* and *CPA* (normative), and composing a *CPA* from two *CPPs* (non-normative).

### 4.2 Document Conventions

Terms in *Italics* are defined in the ebXML Glossary of Terms[ebGLOSS]. Terms listed in ***Bold Italics*** represent the element and/or attribute content of the XML *CPP* or *CPA* definitions.

In this specification, indented paragraphs beginning with "NOTE:" provide non-normative

188 explanations or suggestions that are not required by the specification.

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190 References to external documents are represented with BLOCK text enclosed in brackets, e.g.  
191 [RFC2396]. The references are listed in Section 9, "References".

192  
193 The keywords MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD  
194 NOT, RECOMMENDED, MAY, and OPTIONAL, when they appear in this document, are to be  
195 interpreted as described in [RFC 2119].

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197 NOTE: Vendors should carefully consider support of elements with cardinalities (0 or 1)  
198 or (0 or more). Support of such an element means that the element is processed  
199 appropriately for its defined function and not just recognized and ignored. A given *Party*  
200 might use these elements in some *CPPs* or *CPAs* and not in others. Some of these elements  
201 define parameters or operating modes and should be implemented by all vendors. It might  
202 be appropriate to implement optional elements that represent major run-time functions,  
203 such as various alternative communication protocols or security functions, by means of  
204 plug-ins so that a given *Party* MAY acquire only the needed functions rather than having  
205 to install all of them.

206

### 207 **4.3 Use of XML Schema**

208 The schema of the *CPP* and *CPA* is based on the Candidate-Recommendation version of the  
209 XML Schema specification[XMLSCHEMA-1,XMLSCHEMA-2]. When XML Schema  
210 advances to Recommendation status, some changes will be needed in this specification and its  
211 schema. The changes are indicated by XML comments in the current schema document in  
212 Appendix D

213

### 214 **4.4 Version of the Specification**

215 Whenever this specification is modified, it SHALL be given a new version number. The value  
216 of the *version* attribute of the *Schema* element of the XML Schema document SHALL be equal  
217 to the version of the specification.

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### 219 **4.5 Definitions**

220 Technical terms in this specification are defined in the ebXML Glossary[ebGLOSS].

221

### 222 **4.6 Audience**

223 One target audience for this specification is implementers of ebXML services and other  
224 designers and developers of middleware and application software that is to be used for  
225 conducting electronic *Business*. Another target audience is the people in each enterprise who are  
226 responsible for creating *CPPs* and *CPAs*.

227

### 228 **4.7 Assumptions**

229 It is expected that the reader has an understanding of [XML] and is familiar with the concepts of

230 electronic *Business* (eBusiness).

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#### 232 **4.8 Related Documents**

233 Related documents include ebXML Specifications on the following topics:

- 234 • ebXML Technical Architecture Specification[ebTA]
- 235 • ebXML *Message* Service Specification[ebMS]
- 236 • ebXML Business Process Specification Schema[ebBPSS]
- 237 • ebXML Glossary [ebGLOSS]
- 238 • ebXML Core Component and Business Document Overview[ccOVER]
- 239 • ebXML Registry Services Specification[ebRS]

240

241 See Section 9 for the complete list of references.

242

## 243 5 Design Objectives

244 The objective of this specification is to ensure interoperability between two *Parties* even though  
245 they MAY procure application software and run-time support software from different vendors.  
246 The *CPP* defines a *Party's Message*-exchange capabilities and the *Business Collaborations* that  
247 it supports. The *CPA* defines the way two *Parties* will interact in performing the chosen *Business*  
248 *Collaboration*. Both *Parties* SHALL use identical copies of the *CPA* to configure their run-time  
249 systems. This assures that they are compatibly configured to exchange *Messages* whether or not  
250 they have obtained their run-time systems from the same vendor. The configuration process  
251 MAY be automated by means of a suitable tool that reads the *CPA* and performs the  
252 configuration process.

253  
254 In addition to supporting direct interaction between two *Parties*, this specification MAY also be  
255 used to support interaction between two *Parties* through an intermediary such as a portal or  
256 broker. In this initial version of this specification, this MAY be accomplished by creating a *CPA*  
257 between each *Party* and the intermediary in addition to the *CPA* between the two *Parties*. The  
258 functionality needed for the interaction between a *Party* and the intermediary is described in the  
259 *CPA* between the *Party* and the intermediary. The functionality needed for the interaction  
260 between the two *Parties* is described in the *CPA* between the two *Parties*.

261  
262 It is an objective of this specification that a *CPA* SHALL be capable of being composed by  
263 intersecting the respective *CPPs* of the *Parties* involved. The resulting *CPA* SHALL contain  
264 only those elements that are in common, or compatible, between the two *Parties*. Variable  
265 quantities, such as number of retries of errors, are then negotiated between the two *Parties*. The  
266 design of the *CPP* and *CPA* schemata facilitates this composition/negotiation process. However,  
267 the composition and negotiation processes themselves are outside the scope of this specification.  
268 Appendix F contains a non-normative discussion of this subject.

269  
270 It is a further objective of this specification to facilitate migration of both traditional EDI-based  
271 applications and other legacy applications to platforms based on the ebXML specifications. In  
272 particular, the *CPP* and *CPA* are components of the migration of applications based on the X12  
273 838 Trading-Partner Profile to more automated means of setting up *Business* relationships and  
274 doing *Business* under them.



## 275 6 System Overview

### 276 6.1 What This Specification Does

277 The exchange of information between two *Parties* requires each *Party* to know the other *Party's*  
278 supported *Business Collaborations*, the other *Party's* role in the *Business Collaboration*, and the  
279 technology details about how the other *Party* sends and receives *Messages*. In some cases, it is  
280 necessary for the two *Parties* to reach agreement on some of the details.

281  
282 The way each *Party* can exchange information, in the context of a *Business Collaboration*, can  
283 be described by a *Collaboration-Protocol Profile (CPP)*. The agreement between the *Parties* can  
284 be expressed as a *Collaboration-Protocol Agreement (CPA)*

285  
286 A *Party* MAY describe itself in a single *CPP*. A *Party* MAY create multiple *CPPs* that describe,  
287 for example, different *Business Collaborations* that it supports, its operations in different regions  
288 of the world, or different parts of its organization.

289  
290 To enable *Parties* wishing to do *Business* to find other *Parties* that are suitable *Business*  
291 *Partners*, *CPPs* MAY be stored in a repository such as is provided by the ebXML  
292 Registry[ebRS]. Using a discovery process provided as part of the specifications of a repository,  
293 a *Party* MAY then use the facilities of the repository to find *Business Partners*.

294  
295 The document that defines the interactions between two *Parties* is a *Process-Specification*  
296 document that MAY conform to the ebXML Business Process Specification Schema[ebBPSS].  
297 The *CPP* and *CPA* include references to this *Process-Specification* document. The *Process-*  
298 *Specification* document MAY be stored in a repository such as the ebXML Registry. See NOTE  
299 about alternative *Business-Collaboration* descriptions in section 7.5.4.

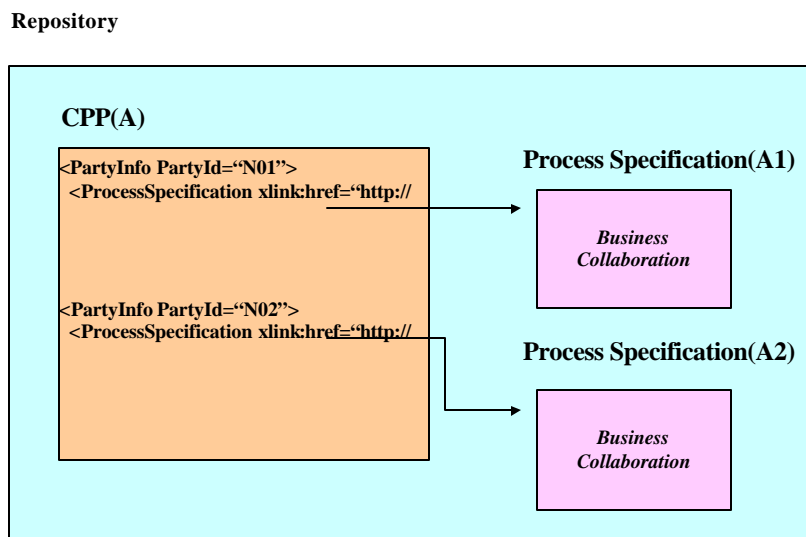
300  
301 Figure 1 illustrates the relationships between a *CPP* and two *Process-Specification* documents,  
302 A1 and A2, in an ebXML Registry. On the left is a *CPP*, A, which includes information about  
303 two parts of an enterprise that are represented as different *Parties*. On the right are shown two  
304 *Process-Specification* documents. Each of the **PartyInfo** elements in the *CPP* contains a  
305 reference to one of the *Process-Specification* documents. This identifies the *Business*  
306 *Collaboration* that the *Party* can perform.

307  
308 This specification defines the markup language vocabulary for creating electronic *CPPs* and  
309 *CPAs*. *CPPs* and *CPAs* are [XML] documents. In the appendices of this specification are a  
310 sample *CPP*, a sample *CPA*, the DTD, and the corresponding XML Schema document.

311  
312 The *CPP* describes the capabilities of an individual *Party*. A *CPA* describes the capabilities that  
313 two *Parties* have agreed to use to perform a particular *Business Collaboration*. These *CPAs*  
314 define the "information technology terms and conditions" that enable *Business* documents to be  
315 electronically interchanged between *Parties*. The information content of a *CPA* is similar to the  
316 information-technology specifications sometimes included in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)  
317 *Trading Partner Agreements (TPAs)*. However, these *CPAs* are not paper documents. Rather,  
318 they are electronic documents that can be processed by computers at the *Parties'* sites in order to

319 set up and then execute the desired *Business* information exchanges. The "legal" terms and  
 320 conditions of a *Business* agreement are outside the scope of this specification and therefore are  
 321 not included in the *CPP* and *CPA*.

**Figure 1: Structure of CPP & Business Process Specification in an ebXML Registry**



322  
 323 An enterprise MAY choose to represent itself as multiple *Parties*. For example, it might  
 324 represent a central office supply procurement organization and a manufacturing supplies  
 325 procurement organization as separate *Parties*. The enterprise MAY then construct a *CPP* that  
 326 includes all of its units that are represented as separate *Parties*. In the *CPP*, each of those units  
 327 would be represented by a separate *PartyInfo* element.

328  
 329 In general, the *Parties* to a *CPA* can have both client and server characteristics. A client requests  
 330 services and a server provides services to the *Party* requesting services. In some applications,  
 331 one *Party* only requests services and one *Party* only provides services. These applications have  
 332 some resemblance to traditional client-server applications. In other applications, each *Party*  
 333 MAY request services of the other. In that case, the relationship between the two *Parties* can be  
 334 described as a peer-peer relationship rather than a client-server relationship.

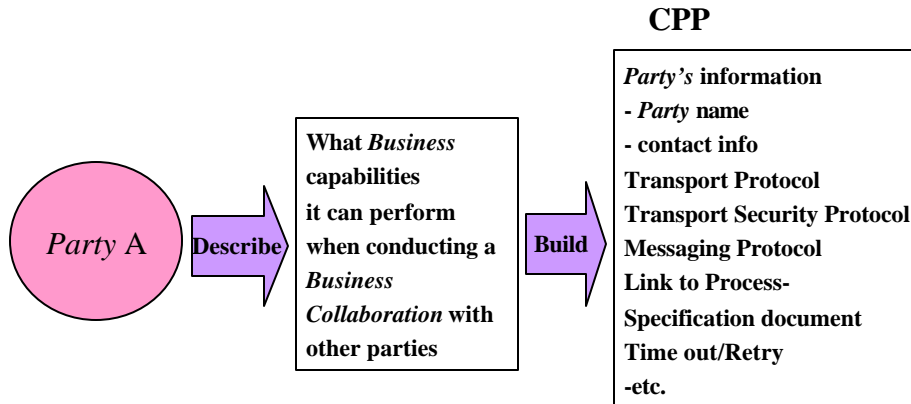
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 336 **6.2 Forming a CPA from Two CPPs**

337 This section summarizes the process of discovering a *Party* to do *Business* with and forming a  
 338 *CPA* from the two *Parties'* *CPPs*. In general, this section is an overview of a possible procedure  
 339 and is not to be considered a normative specification. See Appendix F "Composing a CPA from  
 340 Two CPPs (Non-Normative)" for more information.

341

342 Figure 2 illustrates forming a *CPP*. *Party A* tabulates the information to be placed in a repository  
 343 for the discovery process, constructs a *CPP* that contains this information, and enters it into an  
 344 ebXML Registry or similar repository along with additional information about the *Party*. The  
 345 additional information might include a description of the *Businesses* that the *Party* engages in.  
 346 Once *Party A*'s information is in the repository, other *Parties* can discover *Party A* by using the

**Figure 2: Overview of Collaboration-Protocol Profiles (CPP)**

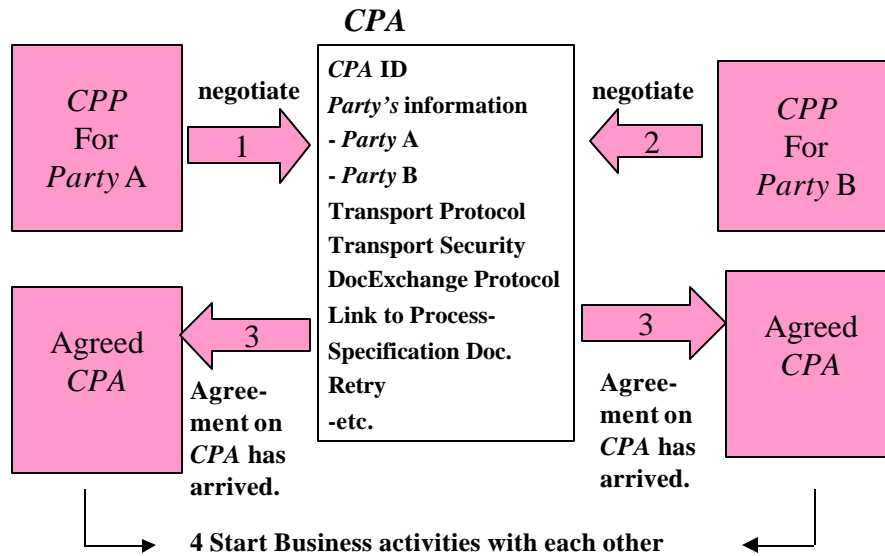


347 repository's discovery services.

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349 In figure 3, *Party A* and *Party B* use their *CPPs* to jointly construct a single copy of a *CPA* by  
 350 calculating the intersection of the information in their *CPPs*. The resulting *CPA* defines how the  
 351 two *Parties* will behave in performing their *Business Collaboration*.

**Figure 3: Overview of Collaboration-Protocol Agreements (CPA)**

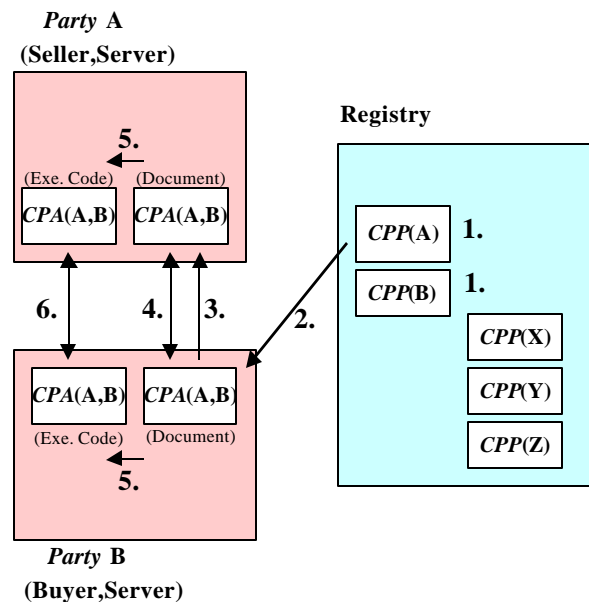


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Figure 4 illustrates the entire process. The steps are listed at the left. The end of the process is that the two *Parties* configure their systems from identical copies of the agreed *CPA* and they are

**Figure 4: Overview of Working Architecture of CPP/CPA with ebXML Registry**

1. Any *Party* may register its CPPs to an ebXML Registry.
2. *Party B* discovers trading partner A (Seller) by searching in the Registry and downloads CPP(A) to *Party B*'s server.
3. *Party B* creates CPA(A,B) and sends CPA(A,B) to *Party A*.
4. *Parties A* and *B* negotiate and store identical copies of the completed CPA as a document in both servers. This process is done manually or automatically.
5. *Parties A* and *B* configure their run-time systems with the information in the CPA.
6. *Parties A* and *B* do business under the new CPA.



355 then ready to do *Business*.

356

357 NOTE: This specification makes the assumption that a *CPP* that has been registered in an  
358 ebXML or other Registry will be referenced by some Registry-assigned globally-unique  
359 identifier that MAY be used to distinguish among multiple *CPPs* belonging to the same  
360 *Party*. See section 7.1 for more information.

361

### 362 **6.3 How the CPA Works**

363 A *CPA* describes all the valid visible, and hence enforceable, interactions between the *Parties*  
364 and the way these interactions are carried out. It is independent of the internal processes executed  
365 at each *Party*. Each *Party* executes its own internal processes and interfaces them with the  
366 *Business Collaboration* described by the *CPA* and *Process-Specification* document. The *CPA*  
367 does not expose details of a *Party's* internal processes to the other *Party*. The intent of the *CPA* is  
368 to provide a high-level specification that can be easily comprehended by humans and yet is  
369 precise enough for enforcement by computers.

370

371 The information in the *CPA* is used to configure the *Parties'* systems to enable exchange of  
372 *Messages* in the course of performing the selected *Business Collaboration*. Typically, the  
373 software that performs the *Messages* exchanges and otherwise supports the interactions between  
374 the *Parties* is middleware that can support any selected *Business Collaboration*. One component  
375 of this middleware MAY be the ebXML *Message Service Handler*[ebMS]. In this specification,  
376 the term "run-time system" or "run-time software" is used to denote such middleware.

377

378 The *CPA* and the *Process-Specification* document that it references define a conversation  
379 between the two *Parties*. The conversation represents a single unit of *Business* as defined by the  
380 *Binary-Collaboration* component of the *Process-Specification* document. The conversation  
381 consists of one or more *Business Transactions*, each of which is a request *Message* from one  
382 *Party* and zero or one response *Message* from the other *Party*. The *Process-Specification*  
383 document defines, among other things, the request and response *Messages* for each *Business*  
384 *Transaction* and the order in which the *Business Transactions* are REQUIRED to occur. See  
385 [ebBPSS] for a detailed explanation.

386

387 The *CPA* MAY actually reference more than one *Process-Specification* document. When a *CPA*  
388 references more than one *Process-Specification* document, each *Process-Specification* document  
389 defines a distinct type of conversation. Any one conversation involves only a single *Process-*  
390 *Specification* document.

391

392 A new conversation is started each time a new unit of *Business* is started. The *Business*  
393 *Collaboration* also determines when the conversation ends. From the viewpoint of a *CPA*  
394 between *Party A* and *Party B*, the conversation starts at *Party A* when *Party A* sends the first  
395 request *Message* to *Party B*. At *Party B*, the conversation starts when it receives the first request  
396 of the unit of *Business* from *Party A*. A conversation ends when the *Parties* have completed the  
397 unit of *Business*.

398

399 NOTE: The run-time system SHOULD provide an interface by which the *Business*  
400 application can request initiation and ending of conversations.  
401

#### 402 **6.4 Where the CPA May Be Implemented**

403 Conceptually, a *Business-to-Business* (B2B) server at each *Party's* site implements the CPA and  
404 Process-Specification document. The B2B server includes the run-time software, i.e. the  
405 middleware that supports communication with the other *Party*, execution of the functions  
406 specified in the *CPA*, interfacing to each *Party's* back-end processes, and logging the interactions  
407 between the *Parties* for purposes such as audit and recovery. The middleware might support the  
408 concept of a long-running conversation as the embodiment of a single unit of *Business* between  
409 the *Parties*. To configure the two *Parties'* systems for *Business to Business* operations, the  
410 information in the copy of the *CPA* and *Process-Specification* documents at each *Party's* site is  
411 installed in the run-time system. The static information MAY be recorded in a local database and  
412 other information in the *CPA* and *Process-Specification* document MAY be used in generating or  
413 customizing the necessary code to support the *CPA*.  
414

415 NOTE: It is possible to provide a graphic *CPP/CPA*-authoring tool that understands both  
416 the semantics of the *CPP/CPA* and the XML syntax. Equally important, the definitions in  
417 this specification make it feasible to automatically generate, at each *Party's* site, the code  
418 needed to execute the *CPA*, enforce its rules, and interface with the *Party's* back-end  
419 processes.  
420

#### 421 **6.5 Definition and Scope**

422 This specification defines and explains the contents of the *CPP* and *CPA* XML documents. Its  
423 scope is limited to these definitions. It does not define how to compose a *CPA* from two *CPPs*  
424 nor does it define anything related to run-time support for the *CPP* and *CPA*. It does include  
425 some non-normative suggestions and recommendations regarding run-time support where these  
426 notes serve to clarify the *CPP* and *CPA* definitions. See section 10 for a discussion of  
427 conformance to this specification.  
428

429 NOTE: This specification is limited to defining the contents of the *CPP* and *CPA*, and it is  
430 possible to be conformant with it merely by producing a *CPP* or *CPA* document that  
431 conforms to the DTD and XML Schema documents defined herein. It is, however, important  
432 to understand that the value of this specification lies in its enabling a run-time system that  
433 supports electronic commerce between two *Parties* under the guidance of the information in  
434 the *CPA*.  
435

## 436 7 CPP Definition

437 A *CPP* defines the capabilities of a *Party* to engage in electronic *Business* with other *Parties*.  
438 These capabilities include both technology capabilities, such as supported communication and  
439 messaging protocols, and *Business* capabilities in terms of what *Business Collaborations* it  
440 supports.

441  
442 This section defines and discusses the details in the *CPP* in terms of the individual XML  
443 elements. The discussion is illustrated with some XML fragments. See Appendix C and  
444 Appendix D for the DTD and XML Schema, respectively, and Appendix A for a sample *CPP*  
445 document.

446  
447 The *ProcessSpecification*, *DeliveryChannel*, *DocExchange*, and *Transport* elements of the  
448 *CPP* describe the processing of a unit of *Business* (conversation). These elements form a layered  
449 structure somewhat analogous to a layered communication model. The remainder of this section  
450 describes both the above-mentioned elements and the corresponding run-time processing.

451  
452 **Process-Specification layer** - The *Process-Specification* layer defines the heart of the *Business*  
453 agreement between the *Parties*: the services (*Business Transactions*) which *Parties* to the *CPA*  
454 can request of each other and transition rules that determine the order of requests. This layer is  
455 defined by the separate *Process-Specification* document that is referenced by the *CPP* and *CPA*.  
456

457 **Delivery Channels** - A delivery channel describes a *Party's Message*-receiving characteristics. It  
458 consists of one document-exchange definition and one transport definition. Several delivery  
459 channels MAY be defined in one *CPP*.  
460

461 **Document-Exchange layer** - The document-exchange layer accepts a *Business* document from  
462 the *Process-Specification* layer at one *Party*, encrypts it if specified, adds a digital signature for  
463 nonrepudiation if specified, and passes it to the transport layer for transmission to the other  
464 *Party*. It performs the inverse steps for received *Messages*. The options selected for the  
465 document-exchange layer are complementary to those selected for the transport layer. For  
466 example, if *Message* security is desired and the selected transport protocol does not provide  
467 *Message* encryption, then it must be specified at the document-exchange layer. The protocol for  
468 exchanging *Messages* between two *Parties* is defined by the ebXML *Message Service*  
469 Specification[ebMS] or other similar messaging service.  
470

471 **Transport layer** - The transport layer is responsible for *Message* delivery using the selected  
472 transport protocol. The selected protocol affects the choices selected for the document-exchange  
473 layer. For example, some transport-layer protocols might provide encryption and authentication  
474 while others have no such facility.  
475

476 It should be understood that the functional layers encompassed by the *CPP* have no  
477 understanding of the contents of the payload of the *Business* documents.  
478

## 479 7.1 Globally-Unique Identifier of CPP Instance Document

480 When a *CPP* is placed in an ebXML or other Registry, the Registry assigns it a globally-unique  
481 identifier (GUID) that is part of its metadata. That GUID MAY be used to distinguish among  
482 *CPPs* belonging to the same *Party*.

483  
484 NOTE: A Registry cannot insert the GUID into the *CPP*. In general, a Registry does not  
485 alter the content of documents submitted to it. Furthermore, a *CPP* MAY be signed and  
486 alteration of a signed *CPP* would invalidate the signature.

487

## 488 7.2 SchemaLocation Attribute

489 The W3C XML Schema specification[XMLSCHEMA-1,XMLSCHEMA-2] that went to  
490 Candidate Recommendation status, effective October 24, 2000, has recently gone to Proposed  
491 Recommendation effective March 30, 2001. Many, if not most, tools providing support for  
492 schema validation and validating XML parsers available at the time that this specification was  
493 written have been designed to support the Candidate Recommendation draft of the XML Schema  
494 specification.

495

496 In order to enable validating parsers and various schema-validating tools to correctly process and  
497 parse ebXML CPP and CPA documents, it has been necessary that the ebXML TP team produce  
498 a schema that conforms to the W3C Candidate Recommendation draft of the XML Schema  
499 specification. Implementations of CPP and CPA authoring tools are **STRONGLY**  
500 **RECOMMENDED** to include the XMLSchema-instance namespace-qualified schemaLocation  
501 attribute in the document's root element to indicate to validating parsers the location URI of the  
502 schema document that should be used to validate the document. Failure to include the  
503 schemaLocation attribute MAY result in interoperability issues with other tools that need to be  
504 able to validate these documents.

505

506 At such time as the XML Schema specification is adopted as a W3C Recommendation, a revised  
507 CPP/CPA schema **SHALL** be produced that **SHALL** contain any updates as necessary to  
508 conform to that Recommendation.

509

510 An example of the use of the schemaLocation attribute follows:

511

```
512 <CollaborationProtocolAgreement
513     xmlns="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner"
514     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema-instance"
515     xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner
516         http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpp-cpa-
517 10.xsd"
518     ...
519 >
520     ...
521 </CollaborationProtocolAgreement>
```

522

523



### 524 7.3 CPP Structure

525 Following is the overall structure of the *CPP*. Unless otherwise noted, *CPP* elements **MUST** be  
526 in the order shown here. Subsequent sections describe each of the elements in greater detail.

```
527
528 <CollaborationProtocolProfile
529     xmlns="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner"
530     xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
531     xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
532     version="1.1">
533     <PartyInfo> <!--one or more-->
534         ...
535     </PartyInfo>
536     <Packaging id="ID"> <!--one or more-->
537         ...
538     <Packaging>
539     <ds:Signature> <!--zero or one-->
540         ...
541     </ds:Signature>
542     <Comment>text</Comment> <!--zero or more-->
543     </CollaborationProtocolProfile>
544
```

### 545 7.4 CollaborationProtocolProfile element

546 The *CollaborationProtocolProfile* element is the root element of the *CPP* XML document.

547 The REQUIRED [XML] Namespace[XMLNS] declarations for the basic document are as  
548 follows:

- 549 • The default namespace: xmlns="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner",
- 550 • XML Digital Signature namespace:  
551 xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#",
- 552 • and the XLINK namespace: xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink".

553  
554 In addition, the *CollaborationProtocolProfile* element contains an IMPLIED *version* attribute  
555 that indicates the version of the *CPP*. Its purpose is to provide versioning capabilities for  
556 instances of an enterprise's *CPP*. The value of the version attribute **SHOULD** be a string  
557 representation of a numeric value such as "1.0" or "2.3". The value of the version string  
558 **SHOULD** be changed with each change made to the *CPP* document after it has been published.

559  
560 NOTE: The method of assigning the version-identifier value is left to the implementation.

561  
562 The *CollaborationProtocolProfile* element **SHALL** consist of the following child elements:

- 563 • One or more REQUIRED *PartyInfo* elements that identify the organization (or parts  
564 of the organization) whose capabilities are described by the *CPP*,
- 565 • One REQUIRED *Packaging* element,
- 566 • Zero or one *ds:Signature* elements that contain the digital signature that signs the  
567 *CPP* document,
- 568 • Zero or more *Comment* elements.

569

570 A *CPP* document MAY be digitally signed so as to provide for a means of ensuring that the  
 571 document has not been altered (integrity) and to provide for a means of authenticating the author  
 572 of the document. A digitally signed *CPP* SHALL be signed using technology that conforms to  
 573 the joint W3C/IETF XML Digital Signature specification[XMLDSIG].  
 574

## 575 7.5 PartyInfo Element

576 The *PartyInfo* element identifies the organization whose capabilities are described in this *CPP*  
 577 and includes all the details about this *Party*. More than one *PartyInfo* element MAY be  
 578 provided in a *CPP* if the organization chooses to represent itself as subdivisions with different  
 579 characteristics. Each of the subelements of *PartyInfo* is discussed later. The overall structure of  
 580 the *PartyInfo* element is as follows:

```
581
582 <PartyInfo>
583     <PartyId type="..."> <!--one or more-->
584         ...
585     </PartyId>
586     <PartyRef xlink:type="...", xlink:href="..." />
587     <CollaborationRole> <!--one or more-->
588         ...
589     </CollaborationRole>
590     <Certificate> <!--one or more-->
591         ...
592     </Certificate>
593     <DeliveryChannel> <!--one or more-->
594         ...
595     </DeliveryChannel>
596     <Transport> <!--one or more-->
597         ...
598     </Transport>
599     <DocExchange> <!--one or more-->
600         ...
601     </DocExchange>
602 </PartyInfo>
```

604 The *PartyInfo* element consists of the following child elements:

- 605 • One or more REQUIRED *PartyId* elements that provide a logical identifier for the  
 606 organization.
- 607 • A REQUIRED *PartyRef* element that provides a pointer to more information about  
 608 the *Party*.
- 609 • One or more REQUIRED *CollaborationRole* elements that identify the roles that this  
 610 *Party* can play in the context of a *Process Specification*.
- 611 • One or more REQUIRED *Certificate* elements that identify the certificates used by  
 612 this *Party* in security functions.
- 613 • One or more REQUIRED *DeliveryChannel* elements that define the characteristics of  
 614 each delivery channel that the *Party* can use to receive *Messages*. It includes both the  
 615 transport level (e.g. HTTP) and the messaging protocol (e.g. ebXML *Message*  
 616 *Service*).
- 617 • One or more REQUIRED *Transport* elements that define the characteristics of the  
 618 transport protocol(s) that the *Party* can support to receive *Messages*.

- 619           • One or more REQUIRED *DocExchange* elements that define the *Message*-exchange  
620           characteristics, such as the *Message*-exchange protocol, that the *Party* can support.  
621

### 622 7.5.1 PartyId element

623 The REQUIRED *PartyId* element provides a logical identifier that MAY be used to logically  
624 identify the *Party*. Additional *PartyId* elements MAY be present under the same *PartyInfo*  
625 element so as to provide for alternative logical identifiers for the *Party*. If the *Party* has  
626 preferences as to which logical identifier is used, the *PartyId* elements SHOULD be listed in  
627 order of preference starting with the most-preferred identifier.  
628

629 In a *CPP* that contains multiple *PartyInfo* elements, different *PartyInfo* elements MAY contain  
630 *PartyId* elements that define different logical identifiers. This permits a large organization, for  
631 example, to have different identifiers for different purposes.  
632

633 The value of the *PartyId* element is any string that provides a unique identifier. The identifier  
634 MAY be any identifier that is understood by both *Parties* to a *CPA*. Typically, the identifier  
635 would be listed in a well-known directory such as DUNS or in any naming system specified by  
636 [ISO6523].  
637

638 The *PartyId* element has a single IMPLIED attribute: *type* that has a string value.  
639

640 If the *type* attribute is present, then it provides a scope or namespace for the content of the  
641 *PartyId* element.  
642

643 If the *type* attribute is not present, the content of the *PartyId* element MUST be a URI that  
644 conforms to [RFC2396]. It is RECOMMENDED that the value of the *type* attribute be a URN  
645 that defines a namespace for the value of the *PartyId* element. Typically, the URN would be  
646 registered as a well-known directory of organization identifiers.  
647

648 The following example illustrates two URI references.  
649

```
650 <PartyId type = "uriReference">urn:duns:123456789</PartyId>  
651 <PartyId type = "uriReference">urn:www.example.com</PartyId>
```

652  
653 The first example is the URN for the *Party's* DUNS number, assuming that Dun and Bradstreet  
654 has registered a URN for DUNS numbers with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority  
655 (IANA). The last field is the DUNS number of the organization.  
656

657 The second example shows an arbitrary URN. This might be a URN that the *Party* has  
658 registered with IANA to identify itself directly.  
659

### 660 7.5.2 PartyRef element

661  
662 The *PartyRef* element provides a link, in the form of a URI, to additional information about the  
663 *Party*. Typically, this would be the URL from which the information can be obtained. The

664 information might be at the *Party's* web site or in a publicly accessible repository such as an  
 665 ebXML Registry, a UDDI repository, or an LDAP directory. Information available at that URI  
 666 MAY include contact names, addresses, and phone numbers, and perhaps more information  
 667 about the *Business Collaborations* that the *Party* supports. This information MAY be in the form  
 668 of an ebXML Core Component[ccOVER]. It is not within the scope of this specification to  
 669 define the content or format of the information at that URI.

670

671 The ***PartyRef*** element is an [XLINK] simple link. It has the following attributes:

- 672 • a REQUIRED *xlink:type* attribute,
- 673 • a REQUIRED *xlink:href* attribute,
- 674 • an IMPLIED *type* attribute.

675

### 676 7.5.2.1 *xlink:type* attribute

677 The REQUIRED *xlink:type* attribute SHALL have a FIXED value of "simple". This identifies  
 678 the element as being an [XLINK] simple link.

679

### 680 7.5.2.2 *xlink:href* attribute

681 The REQUIRED *xlink:href* attribute SHALL have a value that is a URI that conforms to  
 682 [RFC2396] and identifies the location of the external information about the *Party*.

683

### 684 7.5.2.3 *type* attribute

685 The value of the IMPLIED *type* attribute identifies the document type of the external information  
 686 about the *Party*. It MUST be a URI that defines the namespace associated with the information  
 687 about the *Party*. If the *type* attribute is omitted, the external information about the *Party* MUST  
 688 be an HTML web page.

689

690 An example of the ***PartyRef*** element is:

691

```
692     <PartyRef xlink:type="simple"
693             xlink:href="http://example2.com/ourInfo.xml"
694             type="uri-reference"/>
```

## 695 7.5.3 CollaborationRole element

696 The ***CollaborationRole*** element associates a *Party* with a specific role in the *Business*  
 697 *Collaboration* that is defined in the *Process-Specification* document[ebBPSS]. Generally, the  
 698 *Process Specification* is defined in terms of roles such as "buyer" and "seller". The association  
 699 between a specific *Party* and the role(s) it is capable of fulfilling within the context of a *Process*  
 700 *Specification* is defined in both the *CPP* and *CPA* documents. In a *CPP*, the ***CollaborationRole***  
 701 element identifies which role the *Party* is capable of playing in each *Process Specification*  
 702 documents referenced by the *CPP*. An example of the ***CollaborationRole*** element is:

703

```
704 <CollaborationRole id="N11" >
705   <ProcessSpecification name="BuySell" version="1.0">
706     ...
707   </ProcessSpecification>
708   <Role name="buyer" xlink:href="..."/>
709   <CertificateRef certId = "N03"/>
710   <!-- primary binding with "preferred" DeliveryChannel -->
```

```
711     <ServiceBinding name="some process" channelId="N02" packageId="N06">
712         <!-- override "default" deliveryChannel for selected message(s)-->
713         <Override action="OrderAck" channelId="N05" packageId="N09"
714             xlink:type="simple"
715             xlink:href="..." />
716     </ServiceBinding>
717     <!-- the first alternate binding -->
718     <ServiceBinding channelId="N04" packageId="N06">
719         <Override action="OrderAck" channelId="N05" packageId="N09"
720             xlink:type="simple"
721             xlink:href="..." />
722     </ServiceBinding>
723 </CollaborationRole>
```

724  
725 To indicate that the *Party* can play roles in more than one *Business Collaboration* or more than  
726 one role in a given *Business Collaboration*, the **PartyInfo** element SHALL contain more than  
727 one **CollaborationRole** element. Each **CollaborationRole** element SHALL contain the  
728 appropriate combination of **ProcessSpecification** element and **Role** element.

729  
730 The **CollaborationRole** element SHALL consist of the following child elements: a REQUIRED  
731 **ProcessSpecification** element, a REQUIRED **Role** element, zero or one **CertificateRef** element,  
732 and one or more **ServiceBinding** elements. The **ProcessSpecification** element identifies the  
733 *Process-Specification* document that defines such role. The **Role** element identifies which role  
734 the *Party* is capable of supporting. The **CertificateRef** element identifies the certificate to be  
735 used. Each **ServiceBinding** element provides a binding of the role to a default **DeliveryChannel**.  
736 The default **DeliveryChannel** describes the receive properties of all *Message* traffic that is to be  
737 received by the *Party* within the context of the role in the identified *Process-Specification*  
738 document. Alternative **DeliveryChannels** MAY be specified for specific purposes, using  
739 **Override** elements as described below.

740  
741 When there are more than one **ServiceBinding** child elements of a **CollaborationRole**, then the  
742 order of the **ServiceBinding** elements SHALL be treated as signifying the *Party's* preference  
743 starting with highest and working towards lowest. The default delivery channel for a given  
744 *Process-Specification* document is the delivery channel identified by the highest-preference  
745 **ServiceBinding** element that references the particular *Process-Specification* document.

746  
747 NOTE: When a *CPA* is composed, the **ServiceBinding** preferences are applied in  
748 choosing the highest-preference delivery channels that are compatible between the two  
749 *Parties*.

750  
751 When a *CPA* is composed, only **ServiceBinding** elements that are compatible between the two  
752 *Parties* SHALL be retained. Each *Party* SHALL have a default delivery channel for each  
753 *Process-Specification* document referenced in the *CPA*. For each *Process-Specification*  
754 document, the default delivery channel for each *Party* is the delivery channel that is indicated by  
755 the **channelId** attribute in the highest-preference **ServiceBinding** element that references that  
756 *Process-Specification* document.

757  
758 NOTE: An implementation MAY provide the capability of dynamically assigning  
759 delivery channels on a per *Message* basis during performance of the *Business*

760           *Collaboration*. The delivery channel selected would be chosen, based on present  
761 conditions, from those identified by *ServiceBinding* elements that refer to the *Business*  
762 *Collaboration* that is sending the *Message*. If more than one delivery channel is  
763 applicable, the one referred to by the highest-preference *ServiceBinding* element is used.

764  
765 The *CollaborationRole* element has the following attribute:

- 766           • a REQUIRED *id* attribute.

#### 767 768 **7.5.3.1 id attribute**

769 The REQUIRED *id* attribute is an [XML] ID attribute by which this *CollaborationRole* element  
770 can be referenced from elsewhere in the *CPP* document.

#### 771 772 **7.5.3.2 CertificateRef element**

773 The EMPTY *CertificateRef* element contains an IMPLIED IDREF attribute, *certId*, which  
774 identifies the certificate to be used by referring to the *Certificate* element (under *PartyInfo*) that  
775 has the matching ID attribute value.

#### 776 777 **7.5.3.3 certId attribute**

778 The IMPLIED *certId* attribute is an [XML] IDREF that associates the *CollaborationRole* with a  
779 *Certificate* with a matching ID attribute.

780  
781           NOTE: This *certId* attribute relates to the authorizing role in the *Process Specification*  
782 while the certificates identified in the delivery-channel description relate to *Message*  
783 exchanges.

#### 784 785 **7.5.4 ProcessSpecification element**

786 The *ProcessSpecification* element provides the link to the *Process-Specification* document that  
787 defines the interactions between the two *Parties*. It is RECOMMENDED that this *Business-*  
788 *Collaboration* description be prepared in accord with the ebXML Business Process Specification  
789 Schema[ebBPSS]. The *Process-Specification* document MAY be kept in an ebXML Registry.

790  
791           NOTE: A *Party* MAY describe the *Business Collaboration* using any desired alternative  
792 to the ebXML Business Process Specification Schema. When an alternative *Business-*  
793 *Collaboration* description is used, the *Parties* to a *CPA* MUST agree on how to interpret  
794 the *Business-Collaboration* description and how to interpret the elements in the *CPA* that  
795 reference information in the *Business-Collaboration* description. The affected elements  
796 in the *CPA* are the *Role* element, the *Override* element, and some attributes of the  
797 *Characteristics* element.

798  
799 The syntax of the *ProcessSpecification* element is:

```
800  
801 <ProcessSpecification  
802     name="BuySell"  
803     version="1.0"  
804     xlink:type="simple"  
805     xlink:href="http://www.ebxml.org/services/purchasing.xml"  
806     <ds:Reference ds:URI="http://www.ebxml.org/services/purchasing.xml">
```

```
807         <ds:Transforms>
808             <ds:Transform
809                 ds:Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/TR/2000/CR-xml-c14n-20001026"/>
810             </ds:Transforms>
811         <ds:DigestMethod
812             ds:Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#dsa-sha1">
813             String
814         </ds:DigestMethod>
815         <ds:DigestValue>j6lwx3rvEP00vKtMup4NbeVu8nk=</ds:DigestValue>
816     </ds:Reference>
817 </ProcessSpecification>
```

820 The *ProcessSpecification* element has a single REQUIRED child element, *ds:Reference*, and the  
821 following attributes:

- 822 • a REQUIRED *name* attribute, with type ID,
- 823 • a REQUIRED *version* attribute,
- 824 • a FIXED *xlink:type* attribute,
- 825 • a REQUIRED *xlink:href* attribute.

826  
827 The *ds:Reference* element relates to the *xlink:type* and *xlink:href* attributes as follows. Each  
828 *ProcessSpecification* element SHALL contain one *xlink:href* attribute and one *xlink:type*  
829 attribute with a value of "simple", and MAY contain one *ds:Reference* element formulated  
830 according to the XML Digital Signature specification[XMLDSIG]. In case the document is  
831 signed, it MUST use the *ds:Reference* element. When the *ds:Reference* element is present, it  
832 MUST include a *ds:URI* attribute whose value is identical to that of the *xlink:href* attribute in  
833 the enclosing *ProcessSpecification* element.

834

#### 835 7.5.4.1 name attribute

836 The *ProcessSpecification* element MUST include a REQUIRED *name* attribute: an [XML] ID  
837 that MAY be used to refer to this element from elsewhere within the *CPP* document.

838

#### 839 7.5.4.2 version attribute

840 The *ProcessSpecification* element includes a REQUIRED *version* attribute to identify the  
841 version of the *Process-Specification* document identified by the *xlink:href* attribute (and also  
842 identified by the *ds:Reference* element, if any).

843

#### 844 7.5.4.3 xlink:type attribute

845 The *xlink:type* attribute has a FIXED value of "simple". This identifies the element as being an  
846 [XLINK] simple link.

847

#### 848 7.5.4.4 xlink:href attribute

849 The REQUIRED *xlink:href* attribute SHALL have a value that identifies the *Process-*  
850 *Specification* document and is a URI that conforms to [RFC2396].

851

#### 852 7.5.4.5 ds:Reference element

853 The *ds:Reference* element identifies the same *Process-Specification* document as the enclosing  
854 *ProcessSpecification* element's *xlink:href* attribute and additionally provides for verification that

855 the *Process-Specification* document has not changed since the *CPP* was created.

856

857 NOTE: *Parties* MAY test the validity of the *CPP* or *CPA* at any time. The following  
858 validity tests MAY be of particular interest:

859

- 860 • test of the validity of a *CPP* and the referenced *Process-Specification* documents at  
861 the time composition of a *CPA* begins in case they have changed since they were  
862 created,
- 863 • test of the validity of a *CPA* and the referenced *Process-Specification* documents at  
864 the time a *CPA* is installed into a *Party's* system,
- 865 • test of the validity of a *CPA* at intervals after the *CPA* has been installed into a *Party's*  
866 system. The *CPA* and the referenced *Process-Specification* documents MAY be  
867 processed by an installation tool into a form suited to the particular middleware.  
868 Therefore, alterations to the *CPA* and the referenced *Process-Specification* documents  
869 do not necessarily affect ongoing run-time operations. Such alterations might not be  
870 detected until it becomes necessary to reinstall the *CPA* and the referenced *Process-*  
871 *Specification* documents.

872

873 The syntax and semantics of the *ds:Reference* element and its child elements are defined in the  
874 XML Digital Signature specification[XMLDSIG]. As an alternative to the string value of the  
875 *ds:DigestMethod*, shown in the above example, the child element, *ds:HMACOutputLength*,  
876 with a string value, MAY be used.

877

878 According to [XMLDSIG], a *ds:Reference* element can have a *ds:Transforms* child element,  
879 which in turn has an ordered list of one or more *ds:Transform* child elements to specify a  
880 sequence of transforms. However, this specification currently REQUIRES the Canonical  
881 XML[XMLC14N] transform and forbids other transforms. Therefore, the following additional  
882 requirements apply to a *ds:Reference* element within a *ProcessSpecification* element:

883

- 884 • The *ds:Reference* element MUST have a *ds:Transforms* child element.
- 885 • That *ds:Transforms* element MUST have exactly one *ds:Transform* child element.
- 886 • That *ds:Transform* element MUST specify the Canonical XML[XMLC14N]  
887 transform via the following REQUIRED value for its REQUIRED *ds:Algorithm*  
888 attribute: <http://www.w3.org/TR/2000/CR-xml-c14n-20001026>

889

890 Note that implementation of Canonical XML is REQUIRED by the XML Digital Signature  
891 specification[XMLDSIG].

892

893 A *ds:Reference* element in a *ProcessSpecification* element has implications for *CPP* validity:

894

- 895 • A *CPP* MUST be considered invalid if any *ds:Reference* element within a  
896 *ProcessSpecification* element fails reference validation as defined by the XML Digital  
897 Signature specification[XMLDSIG].
  - 898 • A *CPP* MUST be considered invalid if any *ds:Reference* within it cannot be  
899 dereferenced.
- 900



901  
902 Other validity implications of such *ds:Reference* elements are specified in the description of the  
903 *ds:Signature* element.

904  
905 NOTE: The XML Digital Signature specification[XMLDSIG] states "The signature  
906 application MAY rely upon the identification (URI) and Transforms provided by the  
907 signer in the Reference element, or it MAY obtain the content through other means such  
908 as a local cache" (emphases on MAY added). However, it is RECOMMENDED that  
909 ebXML *CPP/CPA* implementations not make use such cached results when signing or  
910 validating.

911  
912 NOTE: It is recognized that the XML Digital Signature specification[XMLDSIG]  
913 provides for signing an XML document together with externally referenced documents.  
914 In cases where a *CPP* or *CPA* document is in fact suitably signed, that facility could also  
915 be used to ensure that the referenced *Process-Specification* documents are unchanged.  
916 However, this specification does not currently mandate that a *CPP* or *CPA* be signed.

917  
918 NOTE: If the *Parties* to a *CPA* wish to customize a previously existing *Process-*  
919 *Specification* document, they MAY copy the existing document, modify it, and cause  
920 their *CPA* to reference the modified copy. It is recognized that for reasons of clarity,  
921 brevity, or historical record, the parties might prefer to reference a previously existing  
922 *Process-Specification* document in its original form and accompany that reference with a  
923 specification of the agreed modifications. Therefore, *CPP* usage of the *ds:Reference*  
924 element's *ds:Transforms* subelement within a *ProcessSpecification* element might be  
925 expanded in the future to allow other transforms as specified in the XML Digital  
926 Signature specification[XMLDSIG]. For example, modifications to the original  
927 document could then be expressed as XSLT transforms. After applying any transforms,  
928 it would be necessary to validate the transformed document against the ebXML Business  
929 Process Specification Schema[ebBPSS].

930

### 931 7.5.5 Role element

932 The REQUIRED *Role* element identifies which role in the *Process Specification* the *Party* is  
933 capable of supporting via the *ServiceBinding* element(s) siblings within this *CollaborationRole*  
934 element.

935

936 The *Role* element has the following attributes:

- 937 • a REQUIRED *name* attribute,
- 938 • a FIXED *xlink:type* attribute,
- 939 • a REQUIRED *xlink:href* attribute.

940

#### 941 7.5.5.1 name attribute

942 The REQUIRED *name* attribute is a string that gives a name to the *Role*. Its value is taken from  
943 one of the following sources in the *Process Specification*[ebBPSS] that is referenced by the  
944 *ProcessSpecification* element depending upon which element is the "root" (highest order) of the  
945 process referenced:

- 946 • *name* attribute of a *BinaryCollaboration/initiatingRole* element,

- 947 • *name* attribute of a *BinaryCollaboration/respondingRole* element,
- 948 • *fromAuthorizedRole* attribute of a *BusinessTransactionActivity* element,
- 949 • *toAuthorizedRole* attribute of a *BusinessTransactionActivity* element,
- 950 • *fromAuthorizedRole* attribute of a *CollaborationActivity* element,
- 951 • *toAuthorizedRole* attribute of a *CollaborationActivity* element,
- 952 • *name* attribute of the *business-partner-role* element.

953  
954 See NOTE in section 7.5.4 regarding alternative *Business-Collaboration* descriptions.

955  
956 **7.5.5.2 xlink:type attribute**

957 The *xlink:type* attribute has a FIXED value of "simple". This identifies the element as being an  
958 [XLINK] simple link.

959  
960 **7.5.5.3 xlink:href attribute**

961 The REQUIRED *xlink:href* attribute SHALL have a value that is a URI that conforms to  
962 [RFC2396]. It identifies the location of the element or attribute within the *Process-Specification*  
963 document that defines the role in the context of the *Business Collaboration*. An example is:

964  
965 `xlink:href="http://www.ebxml.org/processes/purchasing#N05`

966  
967 Where "N05" is the value of the ID attribute of the element in the Process-Specification  
968 document that defines the role name.

969  
970 **7.5.6 ServiceBinding element**

971 The *ServiceBinding* element identifies a default *DeliveryChannel* element for all of the *Message*  
972 traffic that is to be sent to the *Party* within the context of the identified *Process-Specification*  
973 document. An example of the *ServiceBinding* element is:

974  
975 `<ServiceBinding channelId="X03" packageId="N06">`  
976 `<Service type="string">serviceName</Service>`  
977 `<Override action="OrderAck"`  
978 `channelId="X04"`  
979 `packageId="N09"`  
980 `xlink:type="simple"`  
981 `xlink:href="..."> <!--zero or more-->`  
982 `</ServiceBinding>`

983  
984 The *ServiceBinding* element SHALL have one child *Service* element and zero or more *Override*  
985 child elements.

986  
987 The *ServiceBinding* element has the following attributes:

- 988 • a REQUIRED *channelId* attribute,
- 989 • a REQUIRED *packageId* attribute.

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991 **7.5.6.1 channelId attribute**

992 The REQUIRED *channelId* attribute is an [XML] IDREF that identifies the *DeliveryChannel*  
993 that SHALL provide a default technical binding for all of the *Message* traffic that is received for

994 the *Process Specification* that is referenced by the *ProcessSpecification* element.

995

#### 996 **7.5.6.2 packageId attribute**

997 The REQUIRED *packageId* attribute is an [XML] IDREF that identifies the *Packaging* element  
998 that SHALL be used with the *ServiceBinding* element.

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### 1000 **7.5.7 Service element**

1001 The value of the *Service* element is a string that SHALL be used as the value of the *Service*  
1002 element in the ebXML *Message Header*[ebMS] or a similar element in the *Message Header* of  
1003 an alternative *message* service. The *Service* element has an IMPLIED *type* attribute.

1004

1005 If the *Process-Specification* document is defined by the ebXML Business Process Specification  
1006 Schema[ebBPSS], then the value of the *Service* element is an overall identifier for the set of  
1007 *Business Transactions* associated with the authorized role corresponding to the role identified in  
1008 the parent *CollaborationRole* element.

1009

1010 NOTE: The purpose of the *Service* element is only to provide routing information for the  
1011 ebXML *Message Header*. The *CollaborationRole* element and its child elements identify  
1012 the information in the *ProcessSpecification* document that is relevant to the *CPP* or *CPA*.

1013

#### 1014 **7.5.7.1 type attribute**

1015 If the *type* attribute is present, it indicates that the *Parties* sending and receiving the *Message*  
1016 know, by some other means, how to interpret the value of the *Service* element. The two *Parties*  
1017 MAY use the value of the *type* attribute to assist the interpretation.

1018

1019 If the *type* attribute is not present, the value of the *Service* element MUST be a URI[RFC2396].

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### 1021 **7.5.8 Override element**

1022 The *Override* element provides a *Party* with the ability to map, or bind, a different  
1023 *DeliveryChannel* to *Messages* of a selected *Business Transaction* that are to be received by the  
1024 *Party* within the context of the parent *ServiceBinding* element.

1025

1026 Each *Override* element SHALL specify a different *DeliveryChannel* for selected *Messages* that  
1027 are to be received by the *Party* in the context of the *Process Specification* that is associated with  
1028 the parent *ServiceBinding* element. The *Override* element has the following attributes:

1029

- a REQUIRED *action* attribute,
- a REQUIRED *channelId* attribute,
- a REQUIRED *packageId* attribute,
- an IMPLIED *xlink:href* attribute,
- a FIXED *xlink:type* attribute.

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1035 Under a given *ServiceBinding* element, there SHALL be only one *Override* element whose  
1036 *action* attribute has a given value.

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1038 NOTE: It is possible that when a *CPA* is composed from two *CPPs*, a delivery channel in  
 1039 one *CPP* might have an *Override* element that will not be compatible with the other *Party*.  
 1040 This incompatibility **MUST** be resolved either by negotiation or by reverting to a compatible  
 1041 default delivery channel.

1042

#### 1043 **7.5.8.1 action attribute**

1044 The value of the REQUIRED *action* attribute is a string that identifies the *Business Transaction*  
 1045 that is to be associated with the *DeliveryChannel* that is identified by the *channelId* attribute. If  
 1046 the *Process-Specification* document is defined by the ebXML Business Process Specification  
 1047 Schema[ebBPSS], the value of the *action* attribute **MUST** match the value of the *name* attribute  
 1048 of the desired *BusinessTransaction* element in the *Process-Specification* document that is  
 1049 referenced by the *ProcessSpecification* element.

1050

1051 See NOTE in section 7.5.4 regarding alternative *Business-Collaboration* descriptions.

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#### 1053 **7.5.8.2 channelId attribute**

1054 The REQUIRED *channelId* attribute is an [XML] IDREF that identifies the *DeliveryChannel*  
 1055 element that is to be associated with the *Message* that is identified by the *action* attribute.

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#### 1057 **7.5.8.3 packageId attribute**

1058 The REQUIRED *packageId* attribute is an [XML] IDREF that identifies the *Packaging* element  
 1059 that is to be associated with the *Message* that is identified by the *action* attribute.

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#### 1061 **7.3.7.4 xlink:href attribute**

1062 The IMPLIED *xlink:href* attribute **MAY** be present. If present, it **SHALL** provide an absolute  
 1063 [XPOINTER] URI expression that specifically identifies the *BusinessTransaction* element  
 1064 within the associated *Process-Specification* document[ebBPSS] that is identified by the  
 1065 *ProcessSpecification* element.

1066

#### 1067 **7.3.7.5 xlink:type attribute**

1068 The IMPLIED *xlink:type* attribute has a **FIXED** value of "simple". This identifies the element as  
 1069 being an [XLINK] simple link.

1070

### 1071 **7.5.9 Certificate element**

1072 The *Certificate* element defines certificate information for use in this *CPP*. One or more  
 1073 *Certificate* elements **MAY** be provided for use in the various security functions in the *CPP*. An  
 1074 example of the *Certificate* element is:

1075

```
1076     <Certificate certId = "N03">
1077         <ds:KeyInfo> . . . </ds:KeyInfo>
1078     </Certificate>
```

1079

1080 The *Certificate* element has a single REQUIRED attribute: *certId*. The *Certificate* element has a  
 1081 single child element: *ds:KeyInfo*.

1082

1083 **7.5.9.1 certId attribute**

1084 The REQUIRED *certId* attribute is an ID attribute. Its is referred to in a *CertificateRef* element,  
 1085 using an IDREF attribute, where a certificate is specified elsewhere in the *CPP*. For example:

```
1086     <CertificateRef certId = "N03"/>
```

1088 **7.5.9.2 ds:KeyInfo element**

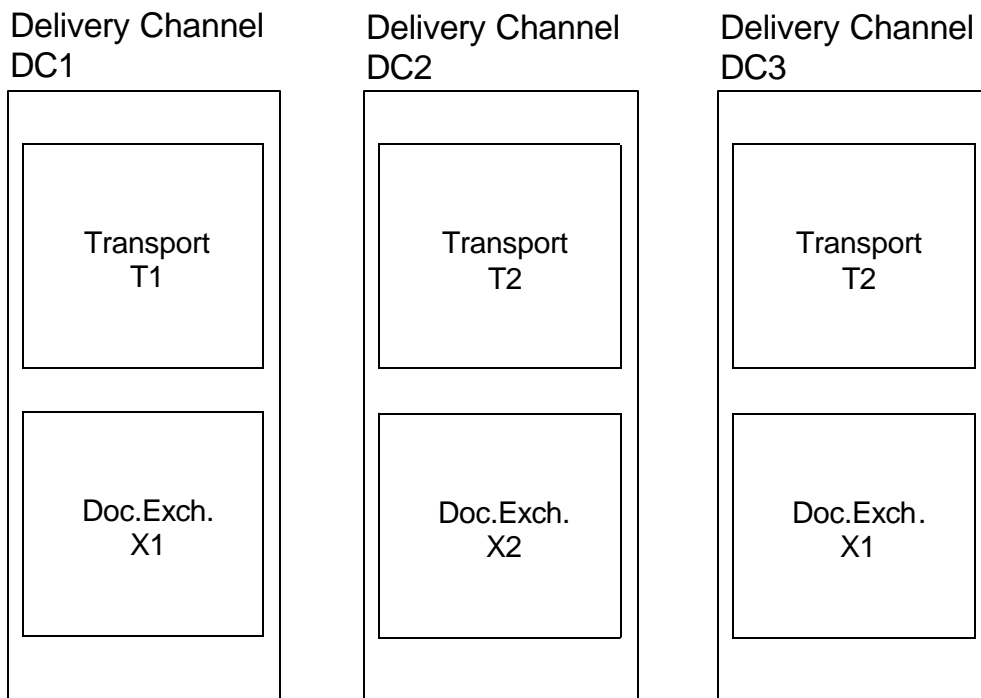
1089 The *ds:KeyInfo* element defines the certificate information. The content of this element and any  
 1090 subelements are defined by the XML Digital Signature specification[XMLDSIG].

1092 NOTE: Software for creation of *CPPs* and *CPAs* MAY recognize the *ds:KeyInfo* element  
 1093 and insert the subelement structure necessary to define the certificate.

1096 **7.5.10 DeliveryChannel element**

1097 A delivery channel is a combination of a *Transport* element and a *DocExchange* element that  
 1098 describes the *Party's Message*-receiving characteristics. The *CPP* SHALL contain one or more  
 1099 *DeliveryChannel* elements, one or more *Transport* elements, and one or more *DocExchange*  
 1100 elements. Each delivery channel MAY refer to any combination of a *DocExchange* element and  
 1101 a *Transport* element. The same *DocExchange* element or the same *Transport* element MAY be  
 1102 referred to by more than one delivery channel. Two delivery channels MAY use the same  
 1103 transport protocol and the same document-exchange protocol and differ only in details such as

**Figure 5: Three Delivery Channels**



1104 communication addresses or security definitions. Figure 5 illustrates three delivery channels.

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1106 The delivery channels have ID attributes with values "DC1", "DC2", and "DC3". Each delivery  
1107 channel contains one transport definition and one document-exchange definition. Each transport  
1108 definition and each document-exchange definition also has a name as shown in the figure. Note  
1109 that delivery-channel DC3 illustrates that a delivery channel MAY refer to the same transport  
1110 definition and document-exchange definition used by other delivery channels but a different  
1111 combination. In this case delivery-channel DC3 is a combination of transport definition T2 (also  
1112 referred to by delivery-channel DC2) and document-exchange definition X1 (also referred to by  
1113 delivery-channel DC1).

1114

1115 A specific delivery channel SHALL be associated with each *ServiceBinding* element or  
1116 *Override* element (*action* attribute). Following is the delivery-channel syntax.

1117

```
1118     <DeliveryChannel channelId="N04" transportId="N05" docExchangeId="N06">  
1119         <Characteristics  
1120             syncReplyMode = "responseOnly"  
1121             nonrepudiationOfOrigin = "true"  
1122             nonrepudiationOfReceipt = "true"  
1123             secureTransport = "true"  
1124             confidentiality = "true"  
1125             authenticated = "true"  
1126             authorized = "true"/>  
1127     </DeliveryChannel>
```

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1129 Each *DeliveryChannel* element identifies one *Transport* element and one *DocExchange* element  
1130 that make up a single delivery channel definition.

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1132 The *DeliveryChannel* element has the following attributes:

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- a REQUIRED *channelId* attribute,
- a REQUIRED *transportId* attribute,
- a REQUIRED *docExchangeId* attribute.

1136

1137 The *DeliveryChannel* element has one REQUIRED child element, *Characteristics*.

1138

#### 1139 7.5.10.1 channelId attribute

1140 The *channelId* attribute is an [XML] ID attribute that uniquely identifies the *DeliveryChannel*  
1141 element for reference, using IDREF attributes, from other parts of the *CPP* or *CPA*.

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#### 1143 7.5.10.2 transportId attribute

1144 The *transportId* attribute is an [XML] IDREF that identifies the *Transport* element that defines  
1145 the transport characteristics of the delivery channel. It MUST have a value that is equal to the  
1146 value of a *transportId* attribute of a *Transport* element elsewhere within the *CPP* document.

1147

#### 1148 7.5.10.3 docExchangeId attribute

1149 The *docExchangeId* attribute is an [XML] IDREF that identifies the *DocExchange* element that  
1150 defines the document-exchange characteristics of the delivery channel. It MUST have a value  
1151 that is equal to the value of a *docExchangeId* attribute of a *DocExchange* element elsewhere  
1152 within the *CPP* document.

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### 1154 **7.5.11 Characteristics element**

1155 The *Characteristics* element describes the security characteristics and other attributes of the  
1156 delivery channel. The attributes of the *Characteristics* element, except *syncReplyMode*, MAY be  
1157 used to override the values of the corresponding attributes in the *Process-Specification*  
1158 document.

1159  
1160 See NOTE in section 7.5.4 regarding alternative *Business-Collaboration* descriptions.

1161  
1162 The *Characteristics* element has the following attributes:

- 1163 • An IMPLIED *syncReplyMode* attribute,
- 1164 • an IMPLIED *nonrepudiationOfOrigin* attribute,
- 1165 • an IMPLIED *nonrepudiationOfReceipt* attribute,
- 1166 • an IMPLIED *secureTransport* attribute,
- 1167 • an IMPLIED *confidentiality* attribute,
- 1168 • an IMPLIED *authenticated* attribute,
- 1169 • an IMPLIED *authorized* attribute.

#### 1170 1171 **7.5.11.1 syncReplyMode attribute**

1172 The *syncReplyMode* attribute is an enumeration comprised of the following possible values:

- 1173 • "signalsOnly"
- 1174 • "responseOnly"
- 1175 • "signalsAndResponse"
- 1176 • "none"

1177  
1178 This attribute, when present, indicates what the receiving application expects in a response when  
1179 bound to a synchronous communication protocol such as HTTP. The value of "signalsOnly"  
1180 indicates that the response returned (on the HTTP 200 response in the case of HTTP) will only  
1181 include one or more *Business* signals as defined in the *Process Specification* document[ebBPSS],  
1182 but not a *Business-response Message*. The value of "responseOnly" indicates that only the  
1183 *Business-response Message* will be returned. The value of "signalsAndResponse" indicates that  
1184 the application will return the *Business-response Message* in addition to one or more *Business*  
1185 signals. The value of "none", which is the implied default value in the absence of the  
1186 *syncReplyMode* attribute, indicates that neither the *Business-response Message* nor any *Business*  
1187 signals will be returned synchronously. In this case, the *Business-response Message* and any  
1188 *Business* signals will be returned as separate asynchronous responses.

1189  
1190 The ebXML *Message Service's syncReply* attribute is set to a value of "true" whenever the  
1191 *syncReplyMode* attribute has a value other than "none".

1192  
1193 If the delivery channel identifies a transport protocol that has no synchronous capabilities (such  
1194 as SMTP) and the *Characteristics* element has a *syncReplyMode* attribute with a value other  
1195 than "none", a response SHALL contain the same content as if the transport protocol did support  
1196 synchronous responses.

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### 1198 **7.5.11.2 nonrepudiationOfOrigin attribute**

1199 The *nonrepudiationOfOrigin* attribute is a Boolean with possible values of "true" and "false".  
1200 If the value is "true" then the delivery channel REQUIRES the *Message* to be digitally signed by  
1201 the certificate of the *Party* that sent the *Message*.

1202

### 1203 **7.5.11.3 nonrepudiationOfReceipt attribute**

1204 The *nonrepudiationOfReceipt* attribute is a Boolean with possible values of "true" and "false".  
1205 If the value is "true" then the delivery channel REQUIRES that the *Message* be acknowledged by  
1206 a digitally signed *Message*, signed by the certificate of the *Party* that received the *Message*, that  
1207 includes the digest of the *Message* being acknowledged.

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### 1209 **7.5.11.4 secureTransport attribute**

1210 The *secureTransport* attribute is a Boolean with possible values of "true" and "false". If the  
1211 value is "true" then it indicates that the delivery channel uses a secure transport protocol such as  
1212 [SSL] or [IPSEC].

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### 1214 **7.5.11.5 confidentiality attribute**

1215 The *confidentiality* attribute is a Boolean with possible values of "true" and "false". If the value  
1216 is "true" then it indicates that the delivery channel REQUIRES that the *Message* be encrypted in  
1217 a persistent manner. It MUST be encrypted above the level of the transport and delivered,  
1218 encrypted, to the application.

1219

### 1220 **7.5.11.6 authenticated attribute**

1221 The *authenticated* attribute is a Boolean with possible values of "true" and "false". If the value  
1222 is "true" then it indicates that the delivery channel REQUIRES that the sender of the *Message* be  
1223 authenticated before delivery to the application.

1224

### 1225 **7.5.11.7 authorized attribute**

1226 The *authorized* attribute is a Boolean with possible values of "true" and "false". If the value  
1227 is "true" then it indicates that the delivery channel REQUIRES that the sender of the *Message* be  
1228 authorized before delivery to the application.

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## 1230 **7.5.12 Transport element**

1231 The *Transport* element of the *CPP* defines the *Party's* capabilities with regard to communication  
1232 protocol, encoding, and transport security information.

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1234 The overall structure of the *Transport* element is as follows:

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```
1236 <Transport transportId = "N05">
1237     <!--protocols are HTTP, SMTP, and FTP-->
1238     <SendingProtocol version = "1.1">HTTP</SendingProtocol>
1239     <!--one or more SendingProtocol elements-->
1240     <ReceivingProtocol version = "1.1">HTTP</ReceivingProtocol>
1241     <!--one or more endpoints-->
1242     <Endpoint uri="http://example.com/servlet/ebxmlhandler"
1243         type = "request"/>
1244     <TransportSecurity> <!--0 or 1 times-->
```



```
1245         <Protocol version = "3.0">SSL</Protocol>
1246         <CertificateRef certId = "N03"/>
1247     </TransportSecurity>
1248 </Transport>
1249
```

### 1250 **7.5.12.1 transportId attribute**

1251 The *Transport* element has a single REQUIRED *transportId* attribute, of type [XML] ID, that  
1252 provides a unique identifier for each *Transport* element, which SHALL be referred to by the  
1253 *transportId* IDREF attribute in a *DeliveryChannel* element elsewhere within the *CPP* or *CPA*  
1254 document.

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### 1256 **7.5.12.2 Synchronous Responses**

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1258 One distinguishing characteristic of transport protocols is whether a given transport protocol  
1259 supports synchronous replies. See section 7.5.11.1 for a discussion of synchronous replies.

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### 1261 **7.5.13 Transport protocol**

1262 Supported communication protocols are HTTP, SMTP, and FTP. The *CPP* MAY specify as  
1263 many protocols as the *Party* is capable of supporting.

1264

1265 NOTE: It is the aim of this specification to enable support for any transport capable of  
1266 carrying MIME content using the vocabulary defined herein.

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#### 1268 **7.5.13.1 SendingProtocol element**

1269 The *SendingProtocol* element identifies the protocol that a *Party* can, or will, use to send  
1270 *Business* data to its intended collaborator. The IMPLIED *version* attribute identifies the specific  
1271 version of the protocol. For example, suppose that within a *CPP*, a *Transport* element,  
1272 containing *SendingProtocol* elements whose values are SMTP and HTTP, is referenced within a  
1273 *DeliveryChannel* element. Suppose, further, that this *DeliveryChannel* element is referenced for  
1274 the role of Seller within a purchase-ordering process. Then the party is asserting that it can send  
1275 purchase orders by either SMTP or HTTP. In a *CPP*, the *SendingProtocol* element MAY appear  
1276 one or more times under each *Transport* element. In a *CPA*, the *SendingProtocol* element  
1277 SHALL appear once.

1278

#### 1279 **7.5.13.2 ReceivingProtocol element**

1280 The *ReceivingProtocol* element identifies the protocol by which a *Party* can receive its *Business*  
1281 data from the other *Party*. The IMPLIED *version* attribute identifies the specific version of the  
1282 protocol. For example, suppose that within a *CPP*, a *Transport* element is referenced within a  
1283 *DeliveryChannel* element containing a *ReceivingProtocol* element whose value is HTTP.  
1284 Suppose further that this *DeliveryChannel* element is referenced for the role of seller within a  
1285 purchase ordering *Business Collaboration*. Then the party is asserting that it can receive *Business*  
1286 responses to purchase orders over HTTP.

1287

1288 Within a *CPA*, the *SendingProtocol* and *ReceivingProtocol* elements serve to indicate the actual  
1289 agreement upon what transports will be used for the complementary roles of the collaborators.  
1290 For example, continuing the earlier examples, the seller in a purchase-order *Business*

1291 *Collaboration* could specify its receiving protocol to be SMTP and its sending protocol to be  
1292 HTTP. These collaborator capabilities would match the buyer capabilities indicated in the *CPP*.  
1293 These matches support an interoperable transport agreement where the buyer would send  
1294 purchase orders by SMTP and where the responses to purchase orders (acknowledgements,  
1295 cancellations, or change requests, for example) would be sent by the seller to the buyer using  
1296 HTTP.

1297  
1298 To fully describe receiving transport capabilities, the receiving-protocol information needs to be  
1299 combined with URLs that provide the endpoints (see below).

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1301 NOTE: Though the URL scheme gives information about the protocol used, an explicit  
1302 **ReceivingProtocol** element remains useful for future extensibility to protocols all of  
1303 whose endpoints are identified by the same URL schemes, such as distinct transport  
1304 protocols that all make use of HTTP endpoints. Likewise, both URL schemes of HTTP://  
1305 and HTTPS:// can be regarded as the same receiving protocol since HTTPS is HTTP with  
1306 [SSL] for the transport-security protocol. Therefore, the **ReceivingProtocol** element is  
1307 separated from the endpoints, which are, themselves, needed to provide essential  
1308 information needed for connections.

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#### 1310 **7.5.14 Endpoint element**

1311 The REQUIRED *uri* attribute of the **Endpoint** element specifies the *Party's* communication  
1312 addressing information associated with the **ReceiveProtocol** element. One or more **Endpoint**  
1313 elements SHALL be provided for each **Transport** element in order to provide different addresses  
1314 for different purposes. The value of the *uri* attribute is a URI that contains the electronic address  
1315 of the *Party* in the form REQUIRED for the selected protocol. The value of the *uri* attribute  
1316 SHALL conform to the syntax for expressing URIs as defined in [RFC2396].

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1318 The *type* attribute identifies the purpose of this endpoint. The value of *type* is an enumeration;  
1319 permissible values are "login", "request", "response", "error", and "allPurpose". There can be, at  
1320 most, one of each. The *type* attribute MAY be omitted. If it is omitted, its value defaults to  
1321 "allPurpose". The "login" endpoint MAY be used for the address for the initial *Message* between  
1322 the two *Parties*. The "request" and "response" endpoints are used for request and response  
1323 *Messages*, respectively. The "error" endpoint MAY be used as the address for error *Messages*  
1324 issued by the messaging service. If no "error" endpoint is defined, these error *Messages* SHALL  
1325 be sent to the "response" address, if defined, or to the "allPurpose" endpoint. To enable error  
1326 *Messages* to be received, each **Transport** element SHALL contain at least one endpoint of type  
1327 "error", "response", or "allPurpose".

1328

#### 1329 **7.5.15 Transport protocols**

1330 In the following sections, we discuss the specific details of each supported transport protocol.

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##### 1332 **7.5.15.1 HTTP**

1333 HTTP is Hypertext Transfer Protocol[HTTP]. For HTTP, the address is a URI that SHALL  
1334 conform to [RFC2396]. Depending on the application, there MAY be one or more endpoints,  
1335 whose use is determined by the application.

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Following is an example of an HTTP endpoint:

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<Endpoint uri="http://example.com/servlet/ebxmlhandler"  
  type = "request"/>
```

The "request" and "response" endpoints MAY be dynamically overridden for a particular request or asynchronous response by application-specified URIs exchanged in *Business* documents exchanged under the *CPA*.

For a synchronous response, the "response" endpoint is ignored if present. A synchronous response is always returned on the existing connection, i.e. to the URI that is identified as the source of the connection.

### 7.5.15.2 SMTP

SMTP is Simple Mail Transfer Protocol[SMTP]. For use with this standard, Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions[MIME] MUST be supported. The MIME media type used by the SMTP transport layer is "Application" with a sub-type of "octet-stream".

For SMTP, the communication address is the fully qualified mail address of the destination *Party* as defined by [RFC822]. Following is an example of an SMTP endpoint:

```
<Endpoint uri="mailto:ebxmlhandler@example.com"  
  type = "request"/>
```

SMTP with MIME automatically encodes or decodes the document as required, on each link in the path, and presents the decoded document to the destination document-exchange function.

NOTE: The SMTP mail transfer agent encodes binary data (i.e. data that are not 7-bit ASCII) unless it is aware that the upper level (mail user agent) has already encoded the data.

NOTE: SMTP by itself (without any authentication or encryption) is subject to denial of service and masquerading by unknown *Parties*. It is strongly suggested that those *Parties* who choose SMTP as their transport layer also choose a suitable means of encryption and authentication either in the document-exchange layer or in the transport layer such as [S/MIME].

NOTE: SMTP is an asynchronous protocol that does not guarantee a particular quality of service. A transport-layer acknowledgment (i.e. an SMTP acknowledgment) to the receipt of a mail *Message* constitutes an assertion on the part of the SMTP server that it knows how to deliver the mail *Message* and will attempt to do so at some point in the future. However, the *Message* is not hardened and might never be delivered to the recipient. Furthermore, the sender will see a transport-layer acknowledgment only from the nearest node. If the *Message* passes through intermediate nodes, SMTP does not provide an end-to-end acknowledgment. Therefore receipt of an SMTP acknowledgement does not guarantee that the *Message* will be delivered to the

1383 application and failure to receive an SMTP acknowledgment is not evidence that the  
1384 *Message* was not delivered. It is recommended that the reliable-messaging protocol in  
1385 the ebXML *Message Service* be used with SMTP.

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### 1387 **7.5.15.3 FTP**

1388 FTP is File Transfer Protocol[RFC959].

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1390 Since a delivery channel specifies receive characteristics, each *Party* sends a *Message* using FTP  
1391 PUT. The endpoint specifies the user id and input directory path (for PUTs to this *Party*). An  
1392 example of an FTP endpoint is:

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1394 <Endpoint uri="ftp://userid@server.foo.com"  
1395 type = "request"/>
```

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1397 Since FTP must be compatible across all implementations, the FTP for ebXML will use the  
1398 minimum sets of commands and parameters available for FTP as specified in [RFC959], section  
1399 5.1, and modified in [RFC1123], section 4.1.2.13. The mode SHALL be stream only and the  
1400 type MUST be either ASCII Non-print (AN), Image (I) (binary), or Local 8 (L 8) (binary  
1401 between 8-bit machines and machines with 36 bit words – for an 8-bit machine Local 8 is the  
1402 same as Image).

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1404 Stream mode closes the data connection upon end of file. The server side FTP MUST set control  
1405 to "PASV" before each transfer command to obtain a unique port pair if there are multiple third  
1406 party sessions.

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1408 NOTE: [RFC 959] states that User-FTP SHOULD send a PORT command to assign a  
1409 non-default data port before each transfer command is issued to allow multiple transfers  
1410 during a single FTP because of the long delay after a TCP connection is closed until its  
1411 socket pair can be reused.

1412

1413 NOTE: The format of the 227 reply to a PASV command is not well-standardized and an  
1414 FTP client may assume that the parentheses indicated in [RFC959] will be present when  
1415 in some cases they are not. If the User-FTP program doesn't scan the reply for the first  
1416 digit of host and port numbers, the result will be that the User-FTP might point at the  
1417 wrong host. In the response, the h1, h2, h3, h4 is the IP address of the server host and the  
1418 p1, p2 is a non-default data transfer port that PASV has assigned.

1419

1420 NOTE: As a recommendation for firewall transparency, [RFC1579] proposes that the  
1421 client sends a PASV command, allowing the server to do a passive TCP open on some  
1422 random port, and inform the client of the port number. The client can then do an active  
1423 open to establish the connection.

1424

1425 NOTE: Since STREAM mode closes the data connection upon end of file, the receiving  
1426 FTP may assume abnormal disconnect if a 226 or 250 control code hasn't been received  
1427 from the sending machine.

1428

1429 NOTE: [RFC1579] also makes the observation that it might be worthwhile to enhance the

1430 FTP protocol to have the client send a new command APSV (all passive) at startup that  
1431 would allow a server that implements this option to always perform a passive open. A  
1432 new reply code 151 would be issued in response to all file transfer requests not preceded  
1433 by a PORT or PASV command; this *Message* would contain the port number to use for  
1434 that transfer. A PORT command could still be sent to a server that had previously  
1435 received APSV; that would override the default behavior for the next transfer operation,  
1436 thus permitting third-party transfers.  
1437

## 1438 **7.5.16 Transport security**

1439 The *TransportSecurity* element provides the *Party's* security specifications, associated with the  
1440 *ReceivingProtocol* element, for the transport layer of the *CPP*. It MAY be omitted if transport  
1441 security will not be used for any *CPAs* composed from this *CPP*. Unless otherwise specified  
1442 below, transport security applies to *Messages* in both directions.  
1443

1444 Following is the syntax:

```
1445  
1446     <TransportSecurity>  
1447         <Protocol version = "3.0">SSL</Protocol>  
1448         <CertificateRef certId = "N03"/> <!--zero or one-->  
1449     </TransportSecurity>
```

1450  
1451 The *TransportSecurity* element contains two REQUIRED child elements, *Protocol* and  
1452 *CertificateRef*.  
1453

### 1454 **7.5.16.1 Protocol element**

1455 The value of the *Protocol* element can identify any transport security protocol that the *Party* is  
1456 prepared to support. The IMPLIED *version* attribute identifies the version of the specified  
1457 protocol.  
1458

1459 The specific security properties depend on the services provided by the identified protocol. For  
1460 example, SSL performs certificate-based encryption and certificate-based authentication.  
1461

1462 Whether authentication is bidirectional or just from *Message* sender to *Message* recipient  
1463 depends on the selected transport-security protocol.  
1464

### 1465 **7.5.16.2 CertificateRef element**

1466 The EMPTY *CertificateRef* element contains an IMPLIED IDREF attribute, *certId* that  
1467 identifies the certificate to be used by referring to the *Certificate* element (under *PartyInfo*) that  
1468 has the matching ID attribute value. The *CertificateRef* element MUST be present if the  
1469 transport-security protocol uses certificates. It MAY be omitted otherwise (e.g. if authentication  
1470 is by password).  
1471

### 1472 **7.5.16.3 Specifics for HTTP**

1473 For encryption with HTTP, the protocol is SSL[SSL] (Secure Socket Layer) Version 3.0, which  
1474 uses public-key encryption.  
1475

## 1476 7.6 DocExchange Element

1477 The *DocExchange* element provides information that the *Parties* must agree on regarding  
 1478 exchange of documents between them. This information includes the messaging service  
 1479 properties (e.g. ebXML *Message Service*[ebMS]).

1480  
 1481 Following is the structure of the *DocExchange* element of the *CPP*. Subsequent sections  
 1482 describe each child element in greater detail.

```

1483
1484     <DocExchange docExchangeId = "N06">
1485         <ebXMLBinding version = "0.92">
1486             <ReliableMessaging> <!--cardinality 0 or 1-->
1487                 ...
1488             </ReliableMessaging>
1489             <NonRepudiation> <!--cardinality 0 or 1-->
1490                 ...
1491             </NonRepudiation>
1492             <DigitalEnvelope> <!--cardinality 0 or 1-->
1493                 ...
1494             </DigitalEnvelope>
1495             <NamespaceSupported> <!-- 1 or more -->
1496                 ...
1497             </NamespaceSupported>
1498         </ebXMLBinding>
1499     </DocExchange>
  
```

1500  
 1501 The *DocExchange* element of the *CPP* defines the properties of the messaging service to be  
 1502 used with *CPAs* composed from the *CPP*.

1503  
 1504 The *DocExchange* element is comprised of a single *ebXMLBinding* child element.

1505  
 1506 NOTE: The document-exchange section can be extended to messaging services other  
 1507 than the ebXML *Message* service by adding additional *xxxBinding* elements and their  
 1508 child elements that describe the other services, where *xxx* is replaced by the name of the  
 1509 additional binding. An example is *XPBinding*, which might define support for the future  
 1510 XML Protocol specification.

### 1512 7.6.1 docExchangeId attribute

1513 The *DocExchange* element has a single IMPLIED *docExchangeId* attribute that is an [XML] ID  
 1514 that provides a unique identifier that MAY be referenced from elsewhere within the *CPP*  
 1515 document.

### 1517 7.6.2 ebXMLBinding element

1518 The *ebXMLBinding* element describes properties specific to the ebXML *Message*  
 1519 Service[ebMS]. The *ebXMLBinding* element is comprised of the following child elements:

- 1520 • zero or one *ReliableMessaging* element which specifies the characteristics of reliable  
 1521 messaging,
- 1522 • zero or one *NonRepudiation* element which specifies the requirements for signing the

- 1523            *Message*,
- 1524            • zero or one ***DigitalEnvelope*** element which specifies the requirements for encryption
- 1525            by the digital-envelope[DIGENV] method,
- 1526            • zero or more ***NamespaceSupported*** elements that identify any namespace extensions
- 1527            supported by the messaging service implementation.
- 1528

### 1529 **7.6.3 version attribute**

1530 The ***ebXMLBinding*** element has a single REQUIRED ***version*** attribute that identifies the

1531 version of the ebXML *Message* Service specification being used.

1532

### 1533 **7.6.4 ReliableMessaging element**

1534 The ***ReliableMessaging*** element specifies the properties of reliable ebXML *Message* exchange.

1535 The default that applies if the ***ReliableMessaging*** element is omitted is "BestEffort". See

1536 Section 7.6.4.1. The following is the element structure:

```
1537
1538     <ReliableMessaging deliverySemantics="OnceAndOnlyOnce"
1539         idempotency="false"
1540         messageOrderSemantics="Guaranteed">
1541         <!--The triplet of elements Retries, RetryInterval, and
1542             PersistDuration has cardinality 0 or 1-->
1543         <Retries>5</Retries>
1544         <RetryInterval>60</RetryInterval> <!--time in seconds-->
1545         <PersistDuration>30S</PersistDuration>
1546     </ReliableMessaging>
1547
```

1548 The ***ReliableMessaging*** element is comprised of the following child elements. These elements

1549 have cardinality 0 or 1. They MUST either be all present or all absent.

- 1550            • a ***Retries*** element,
  - 1551            • a ***RetryInterval*** element,
  - 1552            • a ***PersistDuration*** element.
- 1553

1554 The ***ReliableMessaging*** element has attributes as follows:

- 1555            • a REQUIRED ***deliverySemantics*** attribute,
  - 1556            • a REQUIRED ***idempotency*** attribute,
  - 1557            • an IMPLIED ***messageOrderSemantics*** attribute.
- 1558

#### 1559 **7.6.4.1 deliverySemantics attribute**

1560 The ***deliverySemantics*** attribute of the ***ReliableMessaging*** element specifies the degree of

1561 reliability of *Message* delivery. This attribute is an enumeration of possible values that consist

1562 of:

- 1563            • "OnceAndOnlyOnce",
  - 1564            • "BestEffort".
- 1565

1566 A value of "OnceAndOnlyOnce" specifies that a *Message* must be delivered exactly once.

1567 "BestEffort" specifies that reliable-messaging semantics are not to be used.

1568

#### 1569 **7.6.4.2 idempotency attribute**

1570 The *idempotency* attribute of the *ReliableMessaging* element specifies whether the *Party*  
1571 requires that all *Messages* exchanged be subject to an idempotency test (detection and  
1572 appropriate processing of duplicate *Messages*) in the document-exchange layer. The attribute is  
1573 a Boolean with possible values of "true" and "false". If the value of the attribute is "true", all  
1574 *Messages* are subject to the test. If the value is "false", *Messages* are not subject to an  
1575 idempotency test in the document-exchange layer. Testing for duplicates is based on the *Message*  
1576 identifier; other information that is carried in the *Message Header* MAY also be tested,  
1577 depending on the context.

1578  
1579 NOTE: Additional testing for duplicates MAY take place in the *Business* application based  
1580 on application information in the *Messages* (e.g. purchase order number).

1581  
1582 If a communication protocol always checks for duplicate *Messages*, the check in the  
1583 communication protocol overrides any idempotency specifications in the *CPA*.

#### 1584 **7.6.4.3 messageOrderSemantics attribute**

1585 The *messageOrderSemantics* attribute of the *ReliableMessaging* element controls the order in  
1586 which *Messages* are received when reliable messaging is in effect (the value of the  
1587 *deliverySemantics* attribute is "OnceAndOnlyOnce"). This attribute has possible values of:

- 1589 • "Guaranteed": For each conversation, the *Messages* are passed to the receiving  
1590 application in the order that the sending application specified.
- 1591 • "NotGuaranteed": The *Messages* MAY be passed to the receiving application in different  
1592 order from the order which sending application specified.

1593  
1594 It should be understood that when the value of the *messageOrderSemantics* attribute is  
1595 "Guaranteed", ordering of *Messages* applies separately to each conversation; the relative order of  
1596 *Messages* in different conversations is not specified.

1597  
1598 The default value of the *messageOrderSemantics* attribute is "NotGuaranteed". This attribute  
1599 MUST NOT be present when the value of the *deliverySemantics* attribute is anything other than  
1600 "OnceAndOnlyOnce".

1601  
1602 The sending ebXML *Message Service*[ebMS] sets the value of the *messageOrderSemantics*  
1603 attribute of the *QualityOfServiceInfo* element in the *Message* header to the value of the  
1604 *messageOrderSemantics* attribute specified by the *To Party* in the *CPA*.

#### 1605 **7.6.4.4 Retries and RetryInterval elements**

1606 The *Retries* and *RetryInterval* elements specify the permitted number of retries and interval  
1607 between retries (in seconds) of a request following a timeout. The purpose of the *RetryInterval*  
1608 element is to improve the likelihood of success on retry by deferring the retry until any  
1609 temporary conditions that caused the error might be corrected.

1610  
1611 The *Retries* and *RetryInterval* elements MUST be included together or MAY be omitted  
1612 together. If they are omitted, the values of the corresponding quantities (number of retries and  
1613 retry interval) are a local matter at each *Party*.



1615

#### 1616 **7.6.4.5 PersistDuration element**

1617 The value of the *PersistDuration* element is the minimum length of time, expressed as an XML  
1618 Schema[XMLSCHEMA-2] timeDuration, that data from a *Message* that is sent reliably is kept in  
1619 *Persistent Storage* by an ebXML *Message-Service* implementation that receives that *Message*.

1620

#### 1621 **7.6.5 NonRepudiation element**

1622 Non-repudiation both proves who sent a *Message* and prevents later repudiation of the contents  
1623 of the *Message*. Non-repudiation is based on signing the *Message* using XML Digital  
1624 Signature[XMLDSIG]. The element structure is as follows:

1625

```
1626     <NonRepudiation>  
1627         <Protocol version="2000/10/31">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#  
1628         </Protocol>  
1629         <HashFunction>sha1</HashFunction>  
1630         <SignatureAlgorithm>rsa</SignatureAlgorithm>  
1631         <CertificateRef certId = "N03"/>  
1632     </NonRepudiation>
```

1633

1634 If the *NonRepudiation* element is omitted, the *Messages* are not digitally signed.

1635

1636 Security at the document-exchange level applies to all *Messages* in both directions for *Business*  
1637 *Transactions* for which security is enabled.

1638

1639 The *NonRepudiation* element is comprised of the following child elements:

1640

- a REQUIRED *Protocol* element,
- a REQUIRED *HashFunction* (e.g. SHA1, MD5) element,
- a REQUIRED *SignatureAlgorithm* element,
- a REQUIRED *Certificate* element.

1642

1643

1644

#### 1645 **7.6.5.1 Protocol element**

1646 The REQUIRED *Protocol* element identifies the technology that will be used to digitally sign a  
1647 *Message*. It has a single IMPLIED *version* attribute whose value is a string that identifies the  
1648 version of the specified technology. An example of the *Protocol* element follows:

1649

```
1650     <Protocol version="2000/10/31">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#  
1651     </Protocol>
```

1652

#### 1653 **7.6.5.2 HashFunction element**

1654 The REQUIRED *HashFunction* element identifies the algorithm that is used to compute the  
1655 digest of the *Message* being signed.

1656

#### 1657 **7.6.5.3 SignatureAlgorithm element**

1658 The REQUIRED *SignatureAlgorithm* element identifies the algorithm that is used to compute  
1659 the value of the digital signature.

1660

#### 1661 **7.6.5.4 CertificateRef element**

1662 The REQUIRED *CertificateRef* element refers to one of the *Certificate* elements elsewhere  
1663 within the *CPP* document, using the IMPLIED *certId* IDREF attribute.

1664

#### 1665 **7.6.6 DigitalEnvelope element**

1666 The *DigitalEnvelope* element[DIGENV] is an encryption procedure in which the *Message* is  
1667 encrypted by symmetric encryption (shared secret key) and the secret key is sent to the *Message*  
1668 recipient encrypted with the recipient's public key. The element structure is:

1669

```
1670 <DigitalEnvelope>  
1671     <Protocol version = "2.0">S/MIME</Protocol>  
1672     <EncryptionAlgorithm>rsa</EncryptionAlgorithm>  
1673     <CertificateRef certId = "N03"/>  
1674 </DigitalEnvelope>
```

1675

1676 Security at the document-exchange level applies to all *Messages* in both directions for *Business*  
1677 *Transactions* for which security is enabled.

1678

##### 1679 **7.6.6.1 Protocol element**

1680 The REQUIRED *Protocol* element identifies the security protocol to be used. The FIXED  
1681 *version* attribute identifies the version of the protocol.

1682

##### 1683 **7.6.6.2 EncryptionAlgorithm element**

1684 The REQUIRED *EncryptionAlgorithm* element identifies the encryption algorithm to be used.

1685

##### 1686 **7.6.6.3 CertificateRef element**

1687 The REQUIRED *CertificateRef* element identifies the certificate to be used by means of its  
1688 *certId* attribute. The IMPLIED *certId* attribute is an attribute of type [XML] IDREF, which  
1689 refers to a matching ID attribute in a *Certificate* element elsewhere in the *CPP* or *CPA*.

1690

#### 1691 **7.6.7 NamespaceSupported element**

1692 The *NamespaceSupported* element identifies any namespace extensions supported by the  
1693 messaging service implementation. Examples are Security Services Markup Language[S2ML]  
1694 and Transaction Authority Markup Language[XAML]. For example, support for the S2ML  
1695 namespace would be defined as follows:

1696

```
1697     <NamespaceSupported location = "http://www.s2ml.org/s2ml.xsd"  
1698     version = "0.8">http://www.s2ml.org/s2ml</NamespaceSupported>
```

1699

### 1700 **7.7 Packaging element**

1701 The subtree of the *Packaging* element provides specific information about how the *Message*  
1702 *Header* and payload constituent(s) are packaged for transmittal over the transport, including the  
1703 crucial information about what document-level security packaging is used and the way in which  
1704 security features have been applied. Typically the subtree under the *Packaging* element indicates  
1705 the specific way in which constituent parts of the *Message* are organized. MIME processing

1706 capabilities are typically the capabilities or agreements described in this subtree. The **Packaging**  
1707 element provides information about MIME content types, XML namespaces, security  
1708 parameters, and MIME structure of the data that is exchanged between *Parties*.

1709

1710 Following is an example of the **Packaging** element:

1711

```
1712     <Packaging id="id">  
1713     <!--The Packaging triple MAY appear one or more times-->  
1714         <ProcessingCapabilities parse="..." generate="..." />  
1715         <SimplePart  
1716             id="id" mimetype="type" /> <!--one or more-->  
1717             <NamespaceSupported location = "" version="">  
1718                 URI  
1719             </NamespaceSupported> <!--zero or more-->  
1720     <!--The child of CompositeList is an enumeration of either  
1721     Composite or Encapsulation. The enumeration MAY appear one  
1722     or more time, with the two elements intermixed-->  
1723     <CompositeList>  
1724         <Composite mimetype="type"  
1725             id="name"  
1726             mimeparameters="parameter">  
1727             <Constituent idref="name" />  
1728         </Composite>  
1729         <Encapsulation mimetype="type" id="name">  
1730             <Constituent idref="name" />  
1731         </Encapsulation>  
1732     </CompositeList>  
1733 </Packaging>
```

1734

1735 See "Matching Packaging" in Appendix F for a more specific example.

1736

1737 The **Packaging** element has one attribute; the REQUIRED *id* attribute, with type ID. It is  
1738 referred to in the **ServiceBinding** element and in the **Override** element, by using the IDREF  
1739 attribute, *packageId*.

1740

1741 The child elements of the **Packaging** element are **ProcessingCapabilities**, **SimplePart**, and  
1742 **CompositeList**. This set of elements MAY appear one or more times as a child of each  
1743 **Packaging** element in a *CPP* and SHALL appear once as a child of each **Packaging** element in a  
1744 *CPA*.

1745

### 1746 7.7.1 ProcessingCapabilities element

1747 The **ProcessingCapabilities** element has two REQUIRED attributes with Boolean values of  
1748 either "true" or "false". The attributes are *parse* and *generate*. Normally, these attributes will  
1749 both have values of "true" to indicate that the packaging constructs specified in the other child  
1750 elements can be both produced as well as processed at the software *Message* service layer.  
1751 At least one of the *generate* or *parse* attributes MUST be true.

1752

### 1753 7.7.2 SimplePart element

1754 The **SimplePart** element provides a repeatable list of the constituent parts, primarily identified by  
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1755 the MIME content-type value. The *SimplePart* element has two REQUIRED attributes: *id* and  
1756 *mimetype*. The *id* attribute, type ID, provides the value that will be used later to reference this  
1757 *Message* part when specifying how the parts are packaged into composites, if composite  
1758 packaging is present. The *mimetype* attribute provides the actual value of content-type for the  
1759 simple *Message* part being specified.  
1760

### 1761 7.7.3 SimplePart element

1762 The *SimplePart* element can have zero or more *NamespaceSupported* elements. Each of these  
1763 identifies any namespace extensions supported for the XML packaged in the parent simple body  
1764 part. Examples include Security Services Markup Language[S2ML] and Transaction Authority  
1765 Markup Language[XAML]. For example, support for the S2ML namespace would be defined as  
1766 follows:

```
1767  
1768     <NamespaceSupported location = "http://www.s2ml.org/s2ml.xsd"  
1769     version = "0.8">http://www.s2ml.org/s2ml</NamespaceSupported>
```

1770

### 1771 7.7.4 CompositeList element

1772 The final child element of *Packaging* is *CompositeList*, which is a container for the specific way  
1773 in which the simple parts are combined into groups (MIME multipart) or encapsulated within  
1774 security-related MIME content-types. The *CompositeList* element MAY be omitted from  
1775 *Packaging* when no security encapsulations or composite multipart are used. When the  
1776 *CompositeList* element is present, the content model for the *CompositeList* element is a  
1777 repeatable sequence of choices of *Composite* or *Encapsulation* elements. The *Composite* and  
1778 *Encapsulation* elements MAY appear intermixed as desired.

1779

1780 The sequence in which the choices are presented is important because, given the recursive  
1781 character of MIME packaging, composites or encapsulations MAY include previously  
1782 mentioned composites (or rarely, encapsulations) in addition to the *Message* parts characterized  
1783 within the *SimplePart* subtree. Therefore, the "top-level" packaging will be described last in the  
1784 sequence.

1785

1786 The *Composite* element has the following attributes:

- 1787 • a REQUIRED *mimetype* attribute,
- 1788 • a REQUIRED *id* attribute,
- 1789 • an IMPLIED *mimeparameters* attribute.

1790

1791 The *mimetype* attribute provides the value of the MIME content-type for this *Message* part, and  
1792 this will be some MIME composite type, such as "multipart/related" or "multipart/signed". The  
1793 *id* attribute, type ID, provides a way to refer to this composite if it needs to be mentioned as a  
1794 constituent of some later element in the sequence. The *mimeparameters* attribute provides the  
1795 values of any significant MIME parameter (such as "type=application/vnd.eb+xml") that is  
1796 needed to understand the processing demands of the content-type.

1797

1798 The *Composite* element has one child element, *Constituent*.

1799

1800 The *Constituent* element has one REQUIRED attribute, *idref*, type IDREF, and has an EMPTY  
1801 content model. The *idref* attribute has as its value the value of the *id* attribute of a previous  
1802 *Composite*, *Encapsulation*, or *SimplePart* element. The purpose of this sequence of  
1803 *Constituents* is to indicate both the contents and the order of what is packaged within the current  
1804 *Composite* or *Encapsulation*.

1805  
1806 The *Encapsulation* element is typically used to indicate the use of MIME security mechanisms,  
1807 such as [S/MIME] or Open-PGP[RFC2015]. A security body part can encapsulate a MIME part  
1808 that has been previously characterized. For convenience, all such security structures are under  
1809 the *Encapsulation* element, even when technically speaking the data is not "inside" the body  
1810 part. (In other words, the so-called clear-signed or detached signature structures possible with  
1811 MIME multipart/signed are for simplicity found under the *Encapsulation* element.)

1812  
1813 The *Encapsulation* element has the following attributes:

- 1814 • a REQUIRED *mimetype* attribute,
- 1815 • a REQUIRED *id* attribute,
- 1816 • an IMPLIED *mimeparameters* attribute.

1817  
1818 The *mimetype* attribute provides the value of the MIME content-type for this *Message* part, such  
1819 as "application/pkcs7-mime". The *id* attribute, type ID, provides a way to refer to this  
1820 encapsulation if it needs to be mentioned as a constituent of some later element in the sequence.  
1821 The *mimeparameters* attribute provides the values of any significant MIME parameter(s)  
1822 needed to understand the processing demands of the content-type.

1823  
1824 Both the *Encapsulation* element and the *Composite* element have child elements consisting of a  
1825 *Constituent* element or of a repeatable sequence of *Constituent* elements, respectively.

1826

## 1827 7.8 ds:Signature element

1828 The *CPP* MAY be digitally signed using technology that conforms with the XML Digital  
1829 Signature specification[XMLDSIG]. The *ds:Signature* element is the root of a subtree of  
1830 elements that MAY be used for signing the *CPP*. The syntax is:

```
1831  
1832 <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>
```

1833  
1834 The content of this element and any subelements are defined by the XML Digital Signature  
1835 specification. See Section 8.7 for a detailed discussion. The following additional constraints on  
1836 *ds:Signature* are imposed:

- 1837  
1838 • A *CPP* MUST be considered invalid if any *ds:Signature* element fails core validation as  
1839 defined by the XML Digital Signature specification[XMLDSIG].
- 1840  
1841 • Whenever a *CPP* is signed, each *ds:Reference* element within a *ProcessSpecification*  
1842 element MUST pass reference validation and each *ds:Signature* element MUST pass  
1843 core validation.

1844

1845 NOTE: In case a *CPP* is unsigned, software MAY nonetheless validate the *ds:Reference*  
1846 elements within *ProcessSpecification* elements and report any exceptions.

1847  
1848 NOTE: Software for creation of *CPPs* and *CPAs* MAY recognize *ds:Signature* and  
1849 automatically insert the element structure necessary to define signing of the *CPP* and *CPA*.  
1850 Signature creation itself is a cryptographic process that is outside the scope of this  
1851 specification.

1852  
1853 NOTE: See non-normative note in Section 7.5.4.5 for a discussion of times at which validity  
1854 tests MAY be made.

1855

## 1856 7.9 Comment Element

1857 The *CollaborationProtocolProfile* element MAY contain zero or more *Comment* elements. The  
1858 *Comment* element is a textual note that MAY be added to serve any purpose the author desires.  
1859 The language of the *Comment* is identified by a REQUIRED *xml:lang* attribute. The *xml:lang*  
1860 attribute MUST comply with the rules for identifying languages specified in [XML]. If multiple  
1861 *Comment* elements are present, each MAY have a different *xml:lang* attribute value. An  
1862 example of a *Comment* element follows:

1863

```
1864 <Comment xml:lang="en-gb">yadda yadda, blah blah</Comment>
```

1865

1866 When a *CPA* is composed from two *CPPs*, all *Comment* elements from both *CPPs* SHALL be  
1867 included in the *CPA* unless the two *Parties* agree otherwise.

## 1868 8 CPA Definition

1869 A *Collaboration-Protocol Agreement (CPA)* defines the capabilities that two *Parties* must agree  
 1870 upon to enable them to engage in electronic *Business* for the purposes of the particular *CPA*. This  
 1871 section defines and discusses the details of the *CPA*. The discussion is illustrated with some  
 1872 XML fragments.

1873  
 1874 Most of the XML elements in this section are described in detail in section 7, "CPP Definition".  
 1875 In general, this section does not repeat that information. The discussions in this section are  
 1876 limited to those elements that are not in the *CPP* or for which additional discussion is required in  
 1877 the *CPA* context. See also Appendix C and Appendix D for the DTD and XML Schema,  
 1878 respectively, and Appendix B for an example of a *CPA* document.

1879

### 1880 8.1 CPA Structure

1881 Following is the overall structure of the *CPA*:

1882

```

1883 <CollaborationProtocolAgreement
1884     xmlns="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner"
1885     xmlns:bpm="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/businessProcess"
1886     xmlns:ds = "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
1887     xmlns:xlink = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
1888     cpaid="YoursAndMyCPA"
1889     version="1.2">
1890     <Status value = "proposed"/>
1891     <Start>1988-04-07T18:39:09</Start>
1892     <End>1990-04-07T18:40:00</End>
1893     <!--ConversationConstraints MAY appear 0 or 1 times-->
1894     <ConversationConstraints invocationLimit = "100"
1895         concurrentConversations = "4"/>
1896     <PartyInfo>
1897         ...
1898     </PartyInfo>
1899     <PartyInfo>
1900         ...
1901     </PartyInfo>
1902     <Packaging id="N20"> <!--one or more-->
1903         ...
1904     </Packaging>
1905     <!--ds:signature MAY appear 0 or more times-->
1906     <ds:Signature>any combination of text and elements
1907     </ds:Signature>
1908     <Comment xml:lang="en-gb">any text</Comment> <!--zero or more-->
1909 </CollaborationProtocolAgreement>

```

1910

### 1911 8.2 CollaborationProtocolAgreement Element

1912 The *CollaborationProtocolAgreement* element is the root element of a *CPA*. It has a  
 1913 REQUIRED *cpaid* attribute of type [XML] CDATA that supplies a unique identifier for the

1914 document. The value of the *cpaid* attribute SHALL be assigned by one *Party* and used by both.  
1915 It is RECOMMENDED that the value of the *cpaid* attribute be a URI. The value of the *cpaid*  
1916 attribute MAY be used as the value of the *CPAId* element in the ebXML *Message*  
1917 *Header*[ebMS] or of a similar element in a *Message Header* of an alternative messaging service.

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1919 NOTE: Each *Party* MAY associate a local identifier with the *cpaid* attribute.

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1921 In addition, the *CollaborationProtocolAgreement* element has an IMPLIED *version* attribute.  
1922 This attribute indicates the version of the *CPA*. Its purpose is to provide versioning capabilities  
1923 for an instance of a *CPA* as it undergoes negotiation between the two parties. The *version*  
1924 attribute SHOULD also be used to provide versioning capability for a *CPA* that has been  
1925 deployed and then modified. The value of the *version* attribute SHOULD be a string  
1926 representation of a numeric value such as "1.0" or "2.3". The value of the version string  
1927 SHOULD be changed with each change made to the *CPA* document both during negotiation and  
1928 after it has been deployed.

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1930 NOTE: The method of assigning version identifiers is left to the implementation.

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1932 The *CollaborationProtocolAgreement* element has REQUIRED [XML] Namespace[XMLNS]  
1933 declarations that are defined in Section 7, "CPP Definition".

1934

1935 The *CollaborationProtocolAgreement* element is comprised of the following child elements,  
1936 each of which is described in greater detail in subsequent sections:

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- 1938 • a REQUIRED *Status* element that identifies the state of the process that creates the  
*CPA*,
- 1939 • a REQUIRED *Start* element that records the date and time that the *CPA* goes into  
1940 effect,
- 1941 • a REQUIRED *End* element that records the date and time after which the *CPA* must  
1942 be renegotiated by the *Parties*,
- 1943 • zero or one *ConversationConstraints* element that documents certain agreements  
1944 about conversation processing,
- 1945 • two REQUIRED *PartyInfo* elements, one for each *Party* to the *CPA*,
- 1946 • one or more *ds:Signature* elements that provide signing of the *CPA* using the XML  
1947 Digital Signature[XMLDSIG] standard.

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### 1949 8.3 Status Element

1950 The *Status* element records the state of the composition/negotiation process that creates the *CPA*.  
1951 An example of the *Status* element follows:

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```
1953 <Status value = "proposed"/>
```

1954

1955 The Status element has a REQUIRED *value* attribute that records the current state of  
1956 composition of the *CPA*. This attribute is an enumeration comprised of the following possible  
1957 values:

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- "proposed", meaning that the *CPA* is still being negotiated by the *Parties*,



- 1959
- "agreed", meaning that the contents of the *CPA* have been agreed to by both *Parties*,
  - "signed", meaning that the *CPA* has been "signed" by the *Parties*. This "signing" MAY take the form of a digital signature that is described in section 8.7 below.
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1963 NOTE: The *Status* element MAY be used by a *CPA* composition and negotiation tool to

1964 assist it in the process of building a *CPA*.

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## 1966 8.4 CPA Lifetime

1967 The lifetime of the *CPA* is given by the *Start* and *End* elements. The syntax is:

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```
1969 <Start>1988-04-07T18:39:09</Start>
```

```
1970 <End>1990-04-07T18:40:00</End>
```

1971

### 1972 8.4.1 Start element

1973 The *Start* element specifies the starting date and time of the *CPA*. The *Start* element SHALL be

1974 a string value that conforms to the content model of a canonical timeInstant as defined in the

1975 XML Schema Datatypes Specification[XMLSCHEMA-2]. For example, to indicate 1:20 pm

1976 UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) on May 31, 1999, a *Start* element would have the following

1977 value:

```
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```

```
1979 1999-05-31T13:20:00Z
```

1980

1981 The *Start* element SHALL be represented as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

1982

### 1983 8.4.2 End element

1984 The *End* element specifies the ending date and time of the *CPA*. The *End* element SHALL be a

1985 string value that conforms to the content model of a canonical timeInstant as defined in the XML

1986 Schema Datatypes Specification[XMLSCHEMA-2]. For example, to indicate 1:20 pm UTC

1987 (Coordinated Universal Time) on May 31, 1999, an *End* element would have the following

1988 value:

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```

```
1990 1999-05-31T13:20:00Z
```

1991

1992 The *End* element SHALL be represented as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

1993

1994 When the end of the *CPA*'s lifetime is reached, any *Business Transactions* that are still in

1995 progress SHALL be allowed to complete and no new *Business Transactions* SHALL be started.

1996 When all in-progress *Business Transactions* on each conversation are completed, the

1997 *Conversation* shall be terminated whether or not it was completed.

1998

1999 NOTE: It should be understood that if a *Business* application defines a conversation as

2000 consisting of multiple *Business Transactions*, such a conversation MAY be terminated

2001 with no error indication when the end of the lifetime is reached. The run-time system

2002 could provide an error indication to the application.

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NOTE: It should be understood that it MAY not be feasible to wait for outstanding conversations to terminate before ending the *CPA* since there is no limit on how long a conversation MAY last.

NOTE: The run-time system SHOULD return an error indication to both *Parties* when a new *Business Transaction* is started under this *CPA* after the date and time specified in the *End* element.

## 2012 **8.5 ConversationConstraints Element**

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The *ConversationConstraints* element places limits on the number of conversations under the *CPA*. An example of this element follows:

```
<ConversationConstraints invocationLimit = "100"  
                        concurrentConversations = "4"/>
```

2020 The *ConversationConstraints* element has the following attributes:

- 2021 • an IMPLIED *invocationLimit* attribute,
- 2022 • an IMPLIED *concurrentConversations* attribute.

2023

### 2024 **8.5.1 invocationLimit attribute**

2025 The *invocationLimit* attribute defines the maximum number of conversations that can be  
2026 processed under the *CPA*. When this number has been reached, the *CPA* is terminated and must  
2027 be renegotiated. If no value is specified, there is no upper limit on the number of conversations  
2028 and the lifetime of the *CPA* is controlled solely by the *End* element.

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NOTE: The *invocationLimit* attribute sets a limit on the number of units of *Business* that can be performed under the *CPA*. It is a *Business* parameter, not a performance parameter.

### 2034 **8.5.2 concurrentConversations attribute**

2035 The *concurrentConversations* attribute defines the maximum number of conversations that can  
2036 be in process under this *CPA* at the same time. If no value is specified, processing of concurrent  
2037 conversations is strictly a local matter.

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NOTE: The *concurrentConversations* attribute provides a parameter for the *Parties* to use when it is necessary to limit the number of conversations that can be concurrently processed under a particular *CPA*. For example, the back-end process might only support a limited number of concurrent conversations. If a request for a new conversation is received when the maximum number of conversations allowed under this *CPA* is already in process, an implementation MAY reject the new conversation or MAY enqueue the request until an existing conversation ends. If no value is given for *concurrentConversations*, how to handle a request for a new conversation for which there is no capacity is a local implementation

2047 matter.

2048

## 2049 **8.6 PartyInfo Element**

2050 The general characteristics of the *PartyInfo* element are discussed in section 7.5.

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2052 The *CPA* SHALL have one *PartyInfo* element for each *Party* to the *CPA*. The *PartyInfo*  
2053 element specifies the *Parties'* agreed terms for engaging in the *Business Collaborations* defined  
2054 by the *Process-Specification* documents referenced by the *CPA*. If a *CPP* has more than one  
2055 *PartyInfo* element, the appropriate *PartyInfo* element SHALL be selected from each *CPP* when  
2056 composing a *CPA*.

2057

2058 In the *CPA*, there SHALL be one *PartyId* element under each *PartyInfo* element. The value of  
2059 this element is the same as the value of the *PartyId* element in the ebXML *Message Service*  
2060 specification[ebMS] or similar messaging service specification. One *PartyId* element SHALL be  
2061 used within a *To* or *From Header* element of an ebXML *Message*.

2062

### 2063 **8.6.1 ProcessSpecification element**

2064 The *ProcessSpecification* element identifies the *Business Collaboration* that the two *Parties*  
2065 have agreed to perform. There MAY be one or more *ProcessSpecification* elements in a *CPA*.  
2066 Each SHALL be a child element of a separate *CollaborationRole* element. See the discussion in  
2067 Section 7.5.3.

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## 2069 **8.7 ds:Signature Element**

2070 A *CPA* document MAY be digitally signed by one or more of the *Parties* as a means of ensuring  
2071 its integrity as well as a means of expressing the agreement just as a corporate officer's signature  
2072 would do for a paper document. If signatures are being used to digitally sign an ebXML *CPA* or  
2073 *CPP* document, then it is strongly RECOMMENDED that [XMLDSIG] be used to digitally sign  
2074 the document. The *ds:Signature* element is the root of a subtree of elements that MAY be used  
2075 for signing the *CPP*. The syntax is:

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```
2077 <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>
```

2078

2079 The content of this element and any subelements are defined by the XML Digital Signature  
2080 specification[XMLDSIG]. The following additional constraints on *ds:Signature* are imposed:

2081

- 2082 • A *CPA* MUST be considered invalid if any *ds:Signature* fails core validation as defined  
2083 by the XML Digital Signature specification.
- 2084 • Whenever a *CPA* is signed, each *ds:Reference* within a *ProcessSpecification* MUST  
2085 pass reference validation and each *ds:Signature* MUST pass core validation.

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2087 NOTE: In case a *CPA* is unsigned, software MAY nonetheless validate the *ds:Reference*  
2088 elements within *ProcessSpecification* elements and report any exceptions.

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2091 NOTE: Software for creation of *CPPs* and *CPAs* MAY recognize *ds:Signature* and  
2092 automatically insert the element structure necessary to define signing of the *CPP* and *CPA*.  
2093 Signature creation itself is a cryptographic process that is outside the scope of this  
2094 specification.

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2096 NOTE: See non-normative note in section 7.5.4.5 for a discussion of times at which a *CPA*  
2097 MAY be validated.  
2098

## 2099 **8.7.1 Persistent Digital Signature**

2100 If [XMLDSIG] is used to sign an ebXML *CPP* or *CPA*, the process defined in this section of the  
2101 specification SHALL be used.

### 2102 **8.7.1.1 Signature Generation**

2103 Following are the steps to create a digital signature:

- 2104 1. Create a *SignedInfo* element, a child element of *ds:Signature*. *SignedInfo* SHALL have  
2105 child elements *SignatureMethod*, *CanonicalizationMethod*, and *Reference* as prescribed by  
2106 [XMLDSIG].
- 2107 2. Canonicalize and then calculate the **SignatureValue** over *SignedInfo* based on algorithms  
2108 specified in *SignedInfo* as specified in [XMLDSIG].
- 2109 3. Construct the *Signature* element that includes the *SignedInfo*, *KeyInfo*  
2110 (RECOMMENDED), and *SignatureValue* elements as specified in [XMLDSIG].
- 2111 4. Include the namespace qualified *Signature* element in the document just signed, following  
2112 the last *PartyInfo* element.  
2113

### 2114 **8.7.1.2 ds:SignedInfo element**

2115 The *ds:SignedInfo* element SHALL be comprised of zero or one *ds:CanonicalizationMethod*  
2116 element, the *ds:SignatureMethod* element, and one or more *ds:Reference* elements.  
2117

### 2118 **8.7.1.3 ds:CanonicalizationMethod element**

2119 The *ds:CanonicalizationMethod* element is defined as OPTIONAL in [XMLDSIG], meaning  
2120 that the element need not appear in an instance of a *ds:SignedInfo* element. The default  
2121 canonicalization method that is applied to the data to be signed is [XMLC14N] in the absence of  
2122 a *ds:CanonicalizationMethod* element that specifies otherwise. This default SHALL also serve  
2123 as the default canonicalization method for the ebXML *CPP* and *CPA* documents.  
2124

### 2125 **8.7.1.4 ds:SignatureMethod element**

2126 The *ds:SignatureMethod* element SHALL be present and SHALL have an *Algorithm* attribute.  
2127 The RECOMMENDED value for the *Algorithm* attribute is:  
2128

2129 <http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#dsa-sha1>  
2130

2131 This RECOMMENDED value SHALL be supported by all compliant ebXML *CPP* or *CPA*  
2132 software implementations.  
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### 2135 **8.7.1.5 ds:Reference element**

2136 The *ds:Reference* element for the *CPA* or *CPA* document SHALL have a REQUIRED URI  
2137 attribute value of "" to provide for the signature to be applied to the document that contains the  
2138 *ds:Signature* element (the *CPA* or *CPA* document). The *ds:Reference* element for the *CPA* or  
2139 *CPA* document MAY include an IMPLIED *type* attribute that has a value of:

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2140  
2141     "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#Object"
```

2142  
2143 in accordance with [XMLDSIG]. This attribute is purely informative. It MAY be omitted.  
2144 Implementations of software designed to author or process an ebXML *CPA* or *CPA* document  
2145 SHALL be prepared to handle either case. The *ds:Reference* element MAY include the *id*  
2146 attribute, type ID, by which this *ds:Reference* element MAY be referenced from a *ds:Signature*  
2147 element.

### 2148 2149 **8.7.1.6 ds:Transform element**

2150 The *ds:Reference* element for the *CPA* or *CPA* document SHALL include a descendant  
2151 *ds:Transform* element that excludes the containing *ds:Signature* element and all its descendants.  
2152 This exclusion is achieved by means of specifying the *ds:Algorithm* attribute of the *Transform*  
2153 element as

```
2154     "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature".
```

2155  
2156 For example:

```
2157     <ds:Reference ds:URI="">  
2158         <ds:Transforms>  
2159             <ds:Transform  
2160                 ds:Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature" />  
2161             </ds:Transforms>  
2162             <ds:DigestMethod  
2163                 ds:Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1" />  
2164                 <ds:DigestValue>...</ds:DigestValue>  
2165             </ds:Reference>
```

### 2166 2167 **8.7.1.7 ds:Algorithm element**

2168 The *ds:Transform* element SHALL include a *ds:Algorithm* attribute that has a value of:

```
2169     http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature
```

2170  
2171 NOTE: When digitally signing a *CPA*, it is RECOMMENDED that each *Party* sign the  
2172 document in accordance with the process described above. The first *Party* that signs the  
2173 *CPA* will sign only the *CPA* contents, excluding their own signature. The second *Party*  
2174 signs over the contents of the *CPA* as well as the *ds:Signature* element that contains the  
2175 first *Party's* signature. It MAY be necessary that a notary sign over both signatures.

## 2176 2177 **8.8 Comment element**

2178 The *CollaborationProtocolAgreement* element MAY contain zero or more *Comment* elements.  
2179 See section 7.9 for details of the syntax of the *Comment* element.

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## 2181 **8.9 Composing a CPA from Two CPPs**

2182 This section discusses normative issues in composing a *CPA* from two *CPPs*. See also Appendix  
2183 F , "Composing a CPA from Two CPPs (Non-Normative)".

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### 2185 **8.9.1 ID Attribute Duplication**

2186 In composing a *CPA* from two *CPPs*, there is a hazard that ID attributes from the two *CPPs*  
2187 might have duplicate values. When a *CPA* is composed from two *CPPs*, duplicate ID attribute  
2188 values SHALL be tested for. If a duplicate ID attribute value is present, one of the duplicates  
2189 shall be given a new value and the corresponding IDREF attribute values from the corresponding  
2190 *CPP* SHALL be corrected.

2191

## 2192 **8.10 Modifying Parameters of the Process-Specification Document Based on** 2193 **Information in the CPA**

2194 A *Process-Specification* document contains a number of parameters, expressed as XML  
2195 attributes. An example is the security attributes that are counterparts of the attributes of the *CPA*  
2196 *Characteristics* element. The values of these attributes can be considered to be default values or  
2197 recommendations. When a *CPA* is created, the *Parties* MAY decide to accept the  
2198 recommendations in the *Process-Specification* or they MAY agree on values of these parameters  
2199 that better reflect their needs.

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2201 When a *CPA* is used to configure a run-time system, choices specified in the *CPA* MUST always  
2202 assume precedence over choices specified in the referenced *Process-Specification* document. In  
2203 particular, all choices expressed in a *CPA*'s *Characteristics* and *Packaging* elements MUST be  
2204 implemented as agreed to by the *Parties*. These choices SHALL override the default values  
2205 expressed in the *Process-Specification* document. The process of installing the information from  
2206 the *CPA* and *Process-Specification* document MUST verify that all of the resulting choices are  
2207 mutually consistent and MUST signal an error if they are not.

2208

2209 NOTE: There are several ways of overriding the information in the *Process-*  
2210 *Specification* document by information from the *CPA*. For example:

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- 2212 • The CPA composition tool can create a separate copy of the *Process-Specification*  
2213 document. The tool can then directly modify the *Process-Specification* document  
2214 with information from the *CPA*. One advantage of this method is that the override  
2215 process is performed entirely by the *CPA* composition tool. A second advantage is  
2216 that with a separate copy of the *Process-Specification* document associated with the  
2217 particular *CPA*, there is no exposure to modifications of the *Process-Specification*  
2218 document between the time that the *CPA* is created and the time it is installed in the  
2219 *Parties'* systems.
- 2220 • A *CPA* installation tool can dynamically override parameters in the *Process-*  
2221 *Specification* document using information from the corresponding parameters in the  
2222 *CPA* at the time the *CPA* and *Process-Specification* document are installed in the  
2223 *Parties'* systems. This eliminates the need to create a separate copy of the *Process-*  
2224 *Specification* document.

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- Other possible methods might be based on XSLT transformations of the parameter information in the *CPA* and/or the *Process-Specification* document.

## 2227 9 References

2228 Some references listed below specify functions for which specific XML definitions are provided  
2229 in the *CPP* and *CPA*. Other specifications are referred to in this specification in the sense that  
2230 they are represented by keywords for which the *Parties* to the *CPA* MAY obtain plug-ins or  
2231 write custom support software but do not require specific XML element sets in the *CPP* and  
2232 *CPA*.

2233  
2234 In a few cases, the only available specification for a function is a proprietary specification.  
2235 These are indicated by notes within the citations below.

2236  
2237 [ccOVER] ebXML Core Components and Business Process Document Overview,  
2238 <http://www.ebxml.org>.

2239  
2240 [DIGENV] Digital Envelope, RSA Laboratories, <http://www.rsasecurity.com/rsalabs/>. NOTE:  
2241 At this time, the only available specification for digital envelope appears to be the RSA  
2242 Laboratories specification.

2243  
2244 [ebBPSS] ebXML Business Process Specification Schema, <http://www.ebxml.org>.

2245  
2246 [ebGLOSS] ebXML Glossary, <http://www.ebxml.org>.

2247  
2248 [ebMS] ebXML Message Service Specification, <http://www.ebxml.org>.

2249  
2250 [ebRS] ebXML Registry Services Specification, <http://www.ebxml.org>.

2251  
2252 [ebTA] ebXML Technical Architecture Specification, <http://www.ebxml.org>.

2253  
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2255  
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2257  
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2260  
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2264  
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- 2282 Masinter - August 1998.
- 2283
- 2284 [S/MIME] S/MIME Version 3 Message Specification, Internet Engineering Task Force RFC
- 2285 2633.
- 2286
- 2287 [S2ML] Security Services Markup Language, <http://s2ml.org/>.
- 2288
- 2289 [SMTP] Simple Mail Transfer Protocol, Internet Engineering Task Force RFC 821.
- 2290
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- 2293 of SSL. Work is in progress in IETF on "Transport Layer Security", which is intended as a
- 2294 replacement for SSL.
- 2295
- 2296 [XAML] Transaction Authority Markup Language, <http://xaml.org/>.
- 2297
- 2298 [XLINK] XML Linking Language, <http://www.w3.org/TR/xlink/>.
- 2299
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- 2301 <http://www.w3.org>.
- 2302
- 2303 [XMLC14N] Canonical XML, Ver. 1.0, <http://www.w3.org/TR/XML-C14N/>.
- 2304
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- 2306 <http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlsig-core/>.
- 2307
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- 2310
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- 2312
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- 2314 <http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/>.
- 2315
- 2316 [XPOINTER] XML Pointer Language, ver. 1.0, <http://www.w3.org/TR/xptr>.

2317 **10 Conformance**

2318 In order to conform to this specification, an implementation:

- 2319 a) SHALL support all the functional and interface requirements defined in this specification,  
2320 b) SHALL NOT specify any requirements that would contradict or cause non-conformance  
2321 to this specification.

2322

2323 A conforming implementation SHALL satisfy the conformance requirements of the applicable  
2324 parts of this specification.

2325

2326 An implementation of a tool or service that creates or maintains ebXML *CPP* or *CPA* instance  
2327 documents SHALL be determined to be conformant by validation of the *CPP* or *CPA* instance  
2328 documents, created or modified by said tool or service, against the XML  
2329 Schema[XMLSCHEMA-1] definition of the *CPP* or *CPA* in Appendix D and available from

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2331 [http://www.ebxml.org/schemas/cpp-cpa-v1\\_0.xsd](http://www.ebxml.org/schemas/cpp-cpa-v1_0.xsd)

2332

2333 by using two or more validating XML Schema parsers that conform to the W3C XML Schema  
2334 specifications[XMLSCHEMA-1,XMLSCHEMA-2].

2335

2336 The objective of conformance testing is to determine whether an implementation being tested  
2337 conforms to the requirements stated in this specification. Conformance testing enables vendors to  
2338 implement compatible and interoperable systems. Implementations and applications SHALL be  
2339 tested using available test suites to verify their conformance to this specification.

2340

2341 Publicly available test suites from vendor neutral organizations such as OASIS and the U.S.A.  
2342 National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) SHOULD be used to verify the  
2343 conformance of implementations, applications, and components claiming conformance to this  
2344 specification. Open-source reference implementations MAY be available to allow vendors to test  
2345 their products for interface compatibility, conformance, and interoperability.

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## 2350 11 Disclaimer

2351 The views and specification expressed in this document are those of the authors and are not  
2352 necessarily those of their employers. The authors and their employers specifically disclaim  
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2409 **Appendix A** Example of CPP Document (Non-Normative)

2410 This example is available as an ASCII file at

2411 [http://ebxml.org/project\\_teams/trade\\_partner/cpp-example.xml](http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpp-example.xml)

```

2412
2413 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2414 <tp:CollaborationProtocolProfile
2415     xmlns:tp="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner"
2416     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema-instance"
2417     xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
2418     xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
2419     xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner
2420 http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpp-cpa-v1_0.xsd"
2421     tp:version="1.1">
2422     <tp:PartyInfo>
2423         <tp:PartyId tp:type="DUNS">123456789</tp:PartyId>
2424         <tp:PartyRef tp:href="http://example.com/about.html"/>
2425         <tp:CollaborationRole tp:id="N00">
2426             <tp:ProcessSpecification tp:version="1.0" tp:name="buySell"
2427 xlink:type="simple" xlink:href="http://www.ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml"/>
2428             <tp:Role tp:name="buyer" xlink:type="simple"
2429 xlink:href="http://ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml#buyer"/>
2430             <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2431             <tp:ServiceBinding tp:channelId="N04" tp:packageId="N0402">
2432                 <tp:Service
2433 tp:type="uriReference">uri:example.com/services/buyerService</tp:Service>
2434
2435                 <tp:Override tp:action="orderConfirm" tp:channelId="N07"
2436 tp:packageId="N0402" xlink:href="http://ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml#orderConfirm"
2437 xlink:type="simple"/>
2438             </tp:ServiceBinding>
2439         </tp:CollaborationRole>
2440         <tp:Certificate tp:certId="N03">
2441             <ds:KeyInfo/>
2442         </tp:Certificate>
2443         <tp:DeliveryChannel tp:channelId="N04" tp:transportId="N05"
2444 tp:docExchangeId="N06">
2445             <tp:Characteristics tp:syncReplyMode="none"
2446 tp:nonrepudiationOfOrigin="true" tp:nonrepudiationOfReceipt="false"
2447 tp:secureTransport="true" tp:confidentiality="true" tp:authenticated="true"
2448 tp:authorized="false"/>
2449         </tp:DeliveryChannel>
2450         <tp:DeliveryChannel tp:channelId="N07" tp:transportId="N08"
2451 tp:docExchangeId="N06">
2452             <tp:Characteristics tp:syncReplyMode="none"
2453 tp:nonrepudiationOfOrigin="true" tp:nonrepudiationOfReceipt="false"
2454 tp:secureTransport="false" tp:confidentiality="true" tp:authenticated="true"
2455 tp:authorized="false"/>
2456         </tp:DeliveryChannel>
2457         <tp:Transport tp:transportId="N05">
2458             <tp:SendingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:SendingProtocol>
2459             <tp:ReceivingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:ReceivingProtocol>
2460             <tp:Endpoint
2461 tp:uri="https://www.example.com/servlets/ebxmlhandler" tp:type="allPurpose"/>
2462             <tp:TransportSecurity>
2463                 <tp:Protocol tp:version="3.0">SSL</tp:Protocol>
2464                 <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2465             </tp:TransportSecurity>
2466         </tp:Transport>
2467         <tp:Transport tp:transportId="N08">

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2468         <tp:SendingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:SendingProtocol>
2469         <tp:ReceivingProtocol tp:version="1.1">SMTP</tp:ReceivingProtocol>
2470         <tp:Endpoint tp:uri="mailto:ebxmlhandler@example.com"
2471 tp:type="allPurpose"/>
2472         </tp:Transport>
2473         <tp:DocExchange tp:docExchangeId="N06">
2474             <tp:ebXMLBinding tp:version="0.98b">
2475                 <tp:ReliableMessaging
2476 tp:deliverySemantics="OnceAndOnlyOnce" tp:idempotency="true"
2477 tp:messageOrderSemantics="Guaranteed">
2478                     <tp:Retries>5</tp:Retries>
2479                     <tp:RetryInterval>30</tp:RetryInterval>
2480                     <tp:PersistDuration>P1D</tp:PersistDuration>
2481                 </tp:ReliableMessaging>
2482                 <tp:NonRepudiation>
2483
2484         <tp:Protocol>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#</tp:Protocol>
2485
2486         <tp:HashFunction>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#sha1</tp:HashFunction>
2487
2488         <tp:SignatureAlgorithm>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#dsa-
2489 sha1</tp:SignatureAlgorithm>
2490             <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2491         </tp:NonRepudiation>
2492         <tp:DigitalEnvelope>
2493             <tp:Protocol tp:version="2.0">S/MIME</tp:Protocol>
2494             <tp:EncryptionAlgorithm>DES-
2495 CBC</tp:EncryptionAlgorithm>
2496             <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2497         </tp:DigitalEnvelope>
2498         </tp:ebXMLBinding>
2499     </tp:DocExchange>
2500 </tp:PartyInfo>
2501 <tp:Packaging tp:id="N0402">
2502     <tp:ProcessingCapabilities tp:parse="true" tp:generate="true"/>
2503     <tp:SimplePart tp:id="N40" tp:mimetype="text/xml">
2504         <tp:NamespaceSupported
2505 tp:location="http://ebxml.org/project_teams/transport/messageService.xsd"
tp:version="0.98b">http://wwNNNc5e 36 u9ng

```

2529 **Appendix B** Example of CPA Document (Non-Normative)

2530 The example in this appendix is to be parsed with an XML Schema parser. It is available as an  
 2531 ASCII file at

2532 [http://ebxml.org/project\\_teams/trade\\_partner/cpa-example.xml](http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpa-example.xml)  
 2533

2534 An example that can be parsed with the DTD is available at:

2535 [http://ebxml.org/project\\_teams/trade\\_partner/cpa-example-dtd.xml](http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpa-example-dtd.xml)  
 2536

2537 NOTE: Two separate examples of the CPA are needed because at least some existing tools  
 2538 require the DTD to have a `<!DOCTYPE . . . >` to assign the DTD and not to have a  
 2539 namespace qualifier.

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2540
2541 <?xml version="1.0"?>
2542 <!-- edited with XML Spy v3.5 (http://www.xmlspy.com) by christopher ferris (sun
2543 microsystems, inc) -->
2544 <tp:CollaborationProtocolAgreement
2545     xmlns:tp="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner"
2546     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema-instance"
2547     xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner
2548 http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpp-cpa-v1_0.xsd"
2549     xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
2550     xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
2551     tp:cpaid="uri:yoursandmycpa"
2552     tp:version="1.2">
2553     <tp:Status tp:value="proposed"/>
2554     <tp:Start>2001-05-20T07:21:00Z</tp:Start>
2555     <tp:End>2002-05-20T07:21:00Z</tp:End>
2556     <tp:ConversationConstraints tp:invocationLimit="100"
2557 tp:concurrentConversations="100"/>
2558     <tp:PartyInfo>
2559         <tp:PartyId tp:type="DUNS">123456789</tp:PartyId>
2560         <tp:PartyRef xlink:href="http://example.com/about.html"/>
2561         <tp:CollaborationRole tp:id="N00">
2562             <tp:ProcessSpecification tp:version="1.0" tp:name="buySell"
2563 xlink:type="simple" xlink:href="http://www.ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml"/>
2564             <tp:Role tp:name="buyer" xlink:type="simple"
2565 xlink:href="http://ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml#buyer"/>
2566             <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2567             <tp:ServiceBinding tp:channelId="N04" tp:packageId="N0402">
2568                 <tp:Service
2569 tp:type="uriReference">uri:example.com/services/buyerService</tp:Service>
2570                 <tp:Override tp:action="orderConfirm" tp:channelId="N08"
2571 tp:packageId="N0402" xlink:href="http://ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml#orderConfirm"
2572 xlink:type="simple"/>
2573             </tp:ServiceBinding>
2574             </tp:CollaborationRole>
2575             <tp:Certificate tp:certId="N03">
2576                 <ds:KeyInfo/>
2577             </tp:Certificate>
2578             <tp:DeliveryChannel tp:channelId="N04" tp:transportId="N05"
2579 tp:docExchangeId="N06">
2580                 <tp:Characteristics tp:syncReplyMode="none"
2581 tp:nonrepudiationOfOrigin="true" tp:nonrepudiationOfReceipt="false"
2582 tp:secureTransport="true" tp:confidentiality="true" tp:authenticated="true"
2583 tp:authorized="false"/>
2584             </tp:DeliveryChannel>
    
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2585         <tp:DeliveryChannel tp:channelId="N07" tp:transportId="N08"
2586 tp:docExchangeId="N06">
2587             <tp:Characteristics tp:syncReplyMode="none"
2588 tp:nonrepudiationOfOrigin="true" tp:nonrepudiationOfReceipt="false"
2589 tp:secureTransport="false" tp:confidentiality="true" tp:authenticated="true"
2590 tp:authorized="false"/>
2591         </tp:DeliveryChannel>
2592         <tp:Transport tp:transportId="N05">
2593             <tp:SendingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:SendingProtocol>
2594             <tp:ReceivingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:ReceivingProtocol>
2595             <tp:Endpoint
2596 tp:uri="https://www.example.com/servlets/ebxmlhandler" tp:type="allPurpose"/>
2597             <tp:TransportSecurity>
2598                 <tp:Protocol tp:version="3.0">SSL</tp:Protocol>
2599                 <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2600             </tp:TransportSecurity>
2601         </tp:Transport>
2602         <tp:Transport tp:transportId="N18">
2603             <tp:SendingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:SendingProtocol>
2604             <tp:ReceivingProtocol tp:version="1.1">SMTP</tp:ReceivingProtocol>
2605             <tp:Endpoint tp:uri="mailto:ebxmlhandler@example.com"
2606 tp:type="allPurpose"/>
2607         </tp:Transport>
2608         <tp:DocExchange tp:docExchangeId="N06">
2609             <tp:ebXMLBinding tp:version="0.98b">
2610                 <tp:ReliableMessaging
2611 tp:deliverySemantics="OnceAndOnlyOnce" tp:idempotency="true"
2612 tp:messageOrderSemantics="Guaranteed">
2613                     <tp:Retries>5</tp:Retries>
2614                     <tp:RetryInterval>30</tp:RetryInterval>
2615                     <tp:PersistDuration>P1D</tp:PersistDuration>
2616                 </tp:ReliableMessaging>
2617                 <tp:NonRepudiation>
2618
2619                     <tp:Protocol>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#</tp:Protocol>
2620
2621                     <tp:HashFunction>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1</tp:HashFunction>
2622
2623                     <tp:SignatureAlgorithm>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#dsa-
2624 sha1</tp:SignatureAlgorithm>
2625                         <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2626                     </tp:NonRepudiation>
2627                     <tp:DigitalEnvelope>
2628                         <tp:Protocol tp:version="2.0">S/MIME</tp:Protocol>
2629                         <tp:EncryptionAlgorithm>DES-
2630 CBC</tp:EncryptionAlgorithm>
2631                         <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N03"/>
2632                     </tp:DigitalEnvelope>
2633                 </tp:ebXMLBinding>
2634             </tp:DocExchange>
2635         </tp:PartyInfo>
2636         <tp:PartyInfo>
2637             <tp:PartyId tp:type="DUNS">987654321</tp:PartyId>
2638             <tp:PartyRef xlink:type="simple" xlink:href="http://contrived-
2639 example.com/about.html"/>
2640             <tp:CollaborationRole tp:id="N30">
2641                 <tp:ProcessSpecification tp:version="1.0" tp:name="buySell"
2642 xlink:type="simple" xlink:href="http://www.ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml"/>
2643                 <tp:Role tp:name="seller" xlink:type="simple"
2644 xlink:href="http://ebxml.org/processes/buySell.xml#seller"/>
2645                 <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N33"/>
2646                 <tp:ServiceBinding tp:channelId="N34" tp:packageId="N0402">
2647                     <tp:Service

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2648 tp:type="uriReference">uri:example.com/services/sellerService</tp:Service>
2649     </tp:ServiceBinding>
2650   </tp:CollaborationRole>
2651   <tp:Certificate tp:certId="N33">
2652     <ds:KeyInfo/>
2653   </tp:Certificate>
2654   <tp:DeliveryChannel tp:channelId="N34" tp:transportId="N35"
2655 tp:docExchangeId="N36">
2656     <tp:Characteristics tp:nonrepudiationOfOrigin="true"
2657 tp:nonrepudiationOfReceipt="false" tp:secureTransport="true" tp:confidentiality="true"
2658 tp:authenticated="true" tp:authorized="false"/>
2659   </tp:DeliveryChannel>
2660   <tp:Transport tp:transportId="N35">
2661     <tp:SendingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:SendingProtocol>
2662     <tp:ReceivingProtocol tp:version="1.1">HTTP</tp:ReceivingProtocol>
2663     <tp:Endpoint tp:uri="https://www.contrived-
2664 example.com/servlets/ebxmlhandler" tp:type="allPurpose"/>
2665     <tp:TransportSecurity>
2666       <tp:Protocol tp:version="3.0">SSL</tp:Protocol>
2667       <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N33"/>
2668     </tp:TransportSecurity>
2669   </tp:Transport>
2670   <tp:DocExchange tp:docExchangeId="N36">
2671     <tp:ebXMLBinding tp:version="0.98b">
2672       <tp:ReliableMessaging
2673 tp:deliverySemantics="OnceAndOnlyOnce" tp:idempotency="true"
2674 tp:messageOrderSemantics="Guaranteed">
2675         <tp:Retries>5</tp:Retries>
2676         <tp:RetryInterval>30</tp:RetryInterval>
2677         <tp:PersistDuration>P1D</tp:PersistDuration>
2678       </tp:ReliableMessaging>
2679       <tp:NonRepudiation>
2680
2681         <tp:Protocol>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#</tp:Protocol>
2682
2683         <tp:HashFunction>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1</tp:HashFunction>
2684
2685         <tp:SignatureAlgorithm>http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#dsa-
2686 sha1</tp:SignatureAlgorithm>
2687           <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N33"/>
2688         </tp:NonRepudiation>
2689         <tp:DigitalEnvelope>
2690           <tp:Protocol tp:version="2.0">S/MIME</tp:Protocol>
2691           <tp:EncryptionAlgorithm>DES-
2692 CBC</tp:EncryptionAlgorithm>
2693           <tp:CertificateRef tp:certId="N33"/>
2694         </tp:DigitalEnvelope>
2695       </tp:ebXMLBinding>
2696     </tp:DocExchange>
2697   </tp:PartyInfo>
2698   <tp:Packaging tp:id="N0402">
2699     <tp:ProcessingCapabilities tp:parse="true" tp:generate="true"/>
2700     <tp:SimplePart tp:id="N40" tp:mimetype="text/xml">
2701       <tp:NamespaceSupported
2702 tp:location="http://ebxml.org/project_teams/transport/messageService.xsd"
2703 tp:version="0.98b">http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/messageService</tp:NamespaceSupport
2704 ed>
2705       <tp:NamespaceSupported
2706 tp:location="http://ebxml.org/project_teams/transport/xmldsig-core-schema.xsd"
2707 tp:version="1.0">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig</tp:NamespaceSupported>
2708     </tp:SimplePart>
2709     <tp:SimplePart tp:id="N41" tp:mimetype="text/xml">
2710       <tp:NamespaceSupported

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2711 tp:location="http://ebxml.org/processes/buysell.xsd"
2712 tp:version="1.0">http://ebxml.org/processes/buysell.xsd</tp:NamespaceSupported>
2713     </tp:SimplePart>
2714     <tp:CompositeList>
2715         <tp:Composite tp:id="N42" tp:mimetype="multipart/related"
2716 tp:mimeparameters="type=text/xml;">
2717             <tp:Constituent tp:idref="N40"/>
2718             <tp:Constituent tp:idref="N41"/>
2719         </tp:Composite>
2720     </tp:CompositeList>
2721 </tp:Packaging>
2722 <tp:Comment xml:lang="en-us">buy/sell agreement between example.com and
2723 contrived-example.com</tp:Comment>
2724 </tp:CollaborationProtocolAgreement>
2725
2726
```

2727 **Appendix C** DTD Corresponding to Complete CPP/CPA  
 2728 Definition (Normative)

2729 This DTD is available as an ASCII file at:

2730 [http://ebxml.org/project\\_teams/trade\\_partner/cpp-cpa-v1\\_0.dtd](http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpp-cpa-v1_0.dtd)

```

2731
2732 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2733 <!--Generated by XML Authority-->
2734 <!ELEMENT CollaborationProtocolAgreement (Status, Start, End,
2735 ConversationConstraints?, PartyInfo+, Packaging, ds:Signature*, Comment*)>
2736 <!ATTLIST CollaborationProtocolAgreement
2737     cpaid CDATA #IMPLIED
2738     version CDATA #IMPLIED
2739 >
2740 <!ELEMENT CollaborationProtocolProfile (PartyInfo+, Packaging, ds:Signature?,
2741 Comment*)>
2742 <!ATTLIST CollaborationProtocolProfile
2743     version CDATA #IMPLIED
2744 >
2745 <!ELEMENT ProcessSpecification (ds:Reference?)>
2746 <!ATTLIST ProcessSpecification
2747     version CDATA #REQUIRED
2748     name CDATA #REQUIRED
2749     xlink:type CDATA #FIXED "simple"
2750     xlink:href CDATA #IMPLIED
2751 >
2752 <!ELEMENT Protocol (#PCDATA)>
2753 <!ATTLIST Protocol
2754     version CDATA #IMPLIED
2755 >
2756 <!ELEMENT SendingProtocol (#PCDATA)>
2757 <!ATTLIST SendingProtocol
2758     version CDATA #IMPLIED
2759 >
2760 <!ELEMENT ReceivingProtocol (#PCDATA)>
2761 <!ATTLIST ReceivingProtocol
2762     version CDATA #IMPLIED
2763 >
2764 <!ELEMENT CollaborationRole (ProcessSpecification, Role, CertificateRef?,
2765 ServiceBinding+)>
2766 <!ATTLIST CollaborationRole
2767     id ID #IMPLIED
2768 >
2769 <!ELEMENT PartyInfo (PartyId+, PartyRef, CollaborationRole+, Certificate+,
2770 DeliveryChannel+, Transport+, DocExchange+)>
2771 <!ELEMENT PartyId (#PCDATA)>
2772 <!ATTLIST PartyId
2773     type CDATA #IMPLIED
2774 >
2775 <!ELEMENT PartyRef EMPTY>
2776 <!ATTLIST PartyRef
  
```

```
2777         xlink:type (simple) #IMPLIED
2778         xlink:href CDATA #IMPLIED
2779     >
2780 <!ELEMENT DeliveryChannel (Characteristics)>
2781 <!ATTLIST DeliveryChannel
2782         channelId ID #REQUIRED
2783         transportId IDREF #REQUIRED
2784         docExchangeId IDREF #REQUIRED
2785     >
2786 <!ELEMENT Transport (SendingProtocol+, ReceivingProtocol, Endpoint+,
2787 TransportSecurity?)>
2788 <!ATTLIST Transport
2789         transportId ID #REQUIRED
2790     >
2791 <!ELEMENT Endpoint EMPTY>
2792 <!ATTLIST Endpoint
2793         uri CDATA #REQUIRED
2794         type (login | request | response | error | allPurpose) "allPurpose"
2795     >
2796 <!ELEMENT Retries (#PCDATA)>
2797 <!ELEMENT RetryInterval (#PCDATA)>
2798 <!ELEMENT TransportSecurity (Protocol, CertificateRef)>
2799 <!ELEMENT Certificate (ds:KeyInfo)>
2800 <!ATTLIST Certificate
2801         certId ID #REQUIRED
2802     >
2803 <!ELEMENT DocExchange (ebXMLBinding)>
2804 <!ATTLIST DocExchange
2805         docExchangeId ID #REQUIRED
2806     >
2807 <!ELEMENT PersistDuration (#PCDATA)>
2808 <!ATTLIST PersistDuration
2809         e-dtype NMTOKEN #FIXED "timeDuration"
2810     >
2811 <!ELEMENT ReliableMessaging (Retries, RetryInterval, PersistDuration)?>
2812 <!ATTLIST ReliableMessaging
2813         deliverySemantics (OnceAndOnlyOnce | BestEffort) #REQUIRED
2814         messageOrderSemantics (Guaranteed | NotGuaranteed) "NotGuaranteed"
2815         idempotency CDATA #REQUIRED
2816     >
2817 <!ELEMENT NonRepudiation (Protocol, HashFunction, SignatureAlgorithm, CertificateRef)>
2818 <!ELEMENT HashFunction (#PCDATA)>
2819 <!ELEMENT EncryptionAlgorithm (#PCDATA)>
2820 <!ELEMENT SignatureAlgorithm (#PCDATA)>
2821 <!ELEMENT DigitalEnvelope (Protocol, EncryptionAlgorithm, CertificateRef)>
2822 <!ELEMENT CertificateRef EMPTY>
2823 <!ATTLIST CertificateRef
2824         certId IDREF #REQUIRED
2825     >
2826 <!ELEMENT ebXMLBinding (ReliableMessaging?, NonRepudiation?, DigitalEnvelope?,
2827 NamespaceSupported*)>
2828 <!ATTLIST ebXMLBinding
2829         version CDATA #REQUIRED
```

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2830 >
2831 <!ELEMENT NamespaceSupported (#PCDATA)>
2832 <!ATTLIST NamespaceSupported
2833     location CDATA #REQUIRED
2834     version CDATA #IMPLIED
2835 >
2836 <!ELEMENT Characteristics EMPTY>
2837 <!ATTLIST Characteristics
2838     syncReplyMode (responseOnly | signalsAndResponse | signalsOnly | none) #IMPLIED
2839     nonrepudiationOfOrigin CDATA #IMPLIED
2840     nonrepudiationOfReceipt CDATA #IMPLIED
2841     secureTransport CDATA #IMPLIED
2842     confidentiality CDATA #IMPLIED
2843     authenticated CDATA #IMPLIED
2844     authorized CDATA #IMPLIED
2845 >
2846 <!ELEMENT ServiceBinding (Service, Override*)>
2847 <!ATTLIST ServiceBinding
2848     channelId IDREF #REQUIRED
2849     packageId IDREF #REQUIRED
2850 >
2851 <!ELEMENT Service (#PCDATA)>
2852 <!ATTLIST Service
2853     type CDATA #IMPLIED>
2854
2855 <!ELEMENT Status EMPTY>
2856 <!ATTLIST Status
2857     value (agreed | signed | proposed) #REQUIRED
2858 >
2859 <!ELEMENT Start (#PCDATA)>
2860 <!ELEMENT End (#PCDATA)>
2861 <!ELEMENT Type (#PCDATA)>
2862 <!ELEMENT ConversationConstraints EMPTY>
2863 <!ATTLIST ConversationConstraints
2864     invocationLimit CDATA #IMPLIED
2865     concurrentConversations CDATA #IMPLIED
2866 >
2867 <!ELEMENT Override EMPTY>
2868 <!ATTLIST Override
2869     action CDATA #REQUIRED
2870     channelId ID #REQUIRED
2871     packageId IDREF #REQUIRED
2872     xlink:href CDATA #IMPLIED
2873     xlink:type CDATA #FIXED "simple"
2874 >
2875 <!ELEMENT Role EMPTY>
2876 <!ATTLIST Role
2877     name CDATA #REQUIRED
2878     xlink:type CDATA #FIXED "simple"
2879     xlink:href CDATA #IMPLIED
2880 >
2881 <!ELEMENT Constituent EMPTY>
2882 <!ATTLIST Constituent
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```
2883         idref CDATA #REQUIRED
2884     >
2885     <!ELEMENT ProcessingCapabilities EMPTY>
2886     <!ATTLIST ProcessingCapabilities
2887         parse CDATA #REQUIRED
2888         generate CDATA #REQUIRED
2889     >
2890     <!ELEMENT SimplePart (NamespaceSupported*)>
2891     <!ATTLIST SimplePart
2892         id ID #IMPLIED
2893         mimetype CDATA #REQUIRED
2894     >
2895     <!ELEMENT Encapsulation (Constituent)>
2896     <!ATTLIST Encapsulation
2897         id ID #IMPLIED
2898         mimetype CDATA #REQUIRED
2899         mimeparameters CDATA #IMPLIED
2900     >
2901     <!ELEMENT Composite (Constituent+)>
2902     <!ATTLIST Composite
2903         id ID #IMPLIED
2904         mimetype CDATA #REQUIRED
2905         mimeparameters CDATA #IMPLIED
2906     >
2907     <!ELEMENT CompositeList (Encapsulation | Composite)+>
2908     <!ELEMENT Packaging (ProcessingCapabilities, SimplePart+, CompositeList?)>
2909     <!ATTLIST Packaging
2910         id ID #REQUIRED
2911     >
2912     <!ELEMENT Comment (#PCDATA)>
2913     <!ATTLIST Comment
2914         xml:lang CDATA #REQUIRED
2915     >
2916     <!ELEMENT ds:Signature ANY>
2917     <!ELEMENT ds:Reference ANY>
2918     <!ELEMENT ds:KeyInfo ANY>
2919
```

2920 **Appendix D** XML Schema Document Corresponding to  
 2921 Complete CPP and CPA Definition (Normative)

2922 This XML Schema document is available as an ASCII file at:

2923 [http://ebxml.org/project\\_teams/trade\\_partner/cpp-cpa-v1\\_0.xsd](http://ebxml.org/project_teams/trade_partner/cpp-cpa-v1_0.xsd)

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2924 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2925 <schema targetNamespace="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner"
2926 xmlns:xml="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"
2927 xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema"
2928 xmlns:tns="http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/tradePartner"
2929 xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
2930 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema-instance"
2931 xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#" elementFormDefault="qualified"
2932 attributeFormDefault="unqualified" version="1.0">
2933   <import namespace="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
2934     schemaLocation="http://ebxml.org/project_teams/transport/xlink.xsd"/>
2935   <import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
2936     schemaLocation="http://ebxml.org/project_teams/transport/xmldsig-core-schema.xsd"/>
2937   <import namespace="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"
2938     schemaLocation="http://ebxml.org/project_teams/transport/xml_lang.xsd"/>
2939   <attributeGroup name="pkg.grp">
2940     <attribute ref="tns:id"/>
2941     <attribute name="mimetype" type="tns:non-empty-string" use="required"/>
2942     <attribute name="mimeparameters" type="tns:non-empty-string"/>
2943   </attributeGroup>
2944   <attributeGroup name="xlink.grp">
2945     <attribute ref="xlink:type"/>
2946     <attribute ref="xlink:href"/>
2947   </attributeGroup>
2948   <element name="CollaborationProtocolAgreement">
2949     <complexType>
2950       <sequence>
2951         <element ref="tns:Status"/>
2952         <element ref="tns:Start"/>
2953         <element ref="tns:End"/>
2954         <element ref="tns:ConversationConstraints" minOccurs="0"/>
2955         <element ref="tns:PartyInfo" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
2956         <element ref="tns:Packaging"/>
2957         <element ref="ds:Signature" minOccurs="0"
2958 maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
2959         <element ref="tns:Comment" minOccurs="0"
2960 maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
2961       </sequence>
2962       <attribute name="cpaid" type="tns:non-empty-string"/>
2963       <attribute ref="tns:version"/>
2964       <anyAttribute namespace="##targetNamespace
2965 http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema-instance" processContents="lax"/>
2966     </complexType>
2967   </element>
2968   <element name="CollaborationProtocolProfile">
2969     <complexType>

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2970         <sequence>
2971             <element ref="tns:PartyInfo" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
2972             <element ref="tns:Packaging" />
2973             <element ref="ds:Signature" minOccurs="0" />
2974             <element ref="tns:Comment" minOccurs="0"
2975 maxOccurs="unbounded" />
2976         </sequence>
2977         <attribute ref="tns:version" />
2978         <anyAttribute namespace="##targetNamespace
2979 http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema-instance" processContents="lax" />
2980     </complexType>
2981 </element>
2982 <element name="ProcessSpecification">
2983     <complexType>
2984         <sequence>
2985             <element ref="ds:Reference" minOccurs="0" />
2986         </sequence>
2987         <attribute ref="tns:version" />
2988         <attribute name="name" type="tns:non-empty-string"
2989 use="required" />
2990         <attributeGroup ref="tns:xlink.grp" />
2991     </complexType>
2992 </element>
2993 <element name="Service" type="tns:service.type" />
2994 <element name="Protocol" type="tns:protocol.type" />
2995 <element name="SendingProtocol" type="tns:protocol.type" />
2996 <element name="ReceivingProtocol" type="tns:protocol.type" />
2997 <element name="CollaborationRole">
2998     <complexType>
2999         <sequence>
3000             <element ref="tns:ProcessSpecification" />
3001             <element ref="tns:Role" />
3002             <element ref="tns:CertificateRef" minOccurs="0" />
3003             <element ref="tns:ServiceBinding" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3004         </sequence>
3005         <attribute ref="tns:id" />
3006     </complexType>
3007 </element>
3008 <element name="PartyInfo">
3009     <complexType>
3010         <sequence>
3011             <element ref="tns:PartyId" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3012             <element ref="tns:PartyRef" />
3013             <element ref="tns:CollaborationRole"
3014 maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3015             <element ref="tns:Certificate" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3016             <element ref="tns:DeliveryChannel" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3017             <element ref="tns:Transport" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3018             <element ref="tns:DocExchange" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3019         </sequence>
3020     </complexType>
3021 </element>
3022 <element name="PartyId">
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3023         <complexType>
3024             <simpleContent>
3025                 <extension base="tns:non-empty-string">
3026                     <attribute name="type" type="tns:non-empty-string"/>
3027                 </extension>
3028             </simpleContent>
3029         </complexType>
3030     </element>
3031     <element name="PartyRef">
3032         <complexType>
3033             <attributeGroup ref="tns:xlink.grp"/>
3034             <attribute name="type" type="tns:non-empty-string"/>
3035         </complexType>
3036     </element>
3037     <element name="DeliveryChannel">
3038         <complexType>
3039             <sequence>
3040                 <element ref="tns:Characteristics"/>
3041             </sequence>
3042             <attribute name="channelId" type="ID" use="required"/>
3043             <attribute name="transportId" type="IDREF" use="required"/>
3044             <attribute name="docExchangeId" type="IDREF" use="required"/>
3045         </complexType>
3046     </element>
3047     <element name="Transport">
3048         <complexType>
3049             <sequence>
3050                 <element ref="tns:SendingProtocol" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
3051                 <element ref="tns:ReceivingProtocol"/>
3052                 <element ref="tns:Endpoint" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
3053                 <element ref="tns:TransportSecurity" minOccurs="0"/>
3054             </sequence>
3055             <attribute name="transportId" type="ID" use="required"/>
3056         </complexType>
3057     </element>
3058     <element name="Endpoint">
3059         <complexType>
3060             <attribute name="uri" type="uriReference" use="required"/>
3061             <attribute name="type" type="tns:endpointType.type" use="default"
3062 value="allPurpose"/>
3063         </complexType>
3064     </element>
3065     <element name="Retries" type="string"/>
3066     <element name="RetryInterval" type="string"/>
3067     <element name="TransportSecurity">
3068         <complexType>
3069             <sequence>
3070                 <element ref="tns:Protocol"/>
3071                 <element ref="tns:CertificateRef" minOccurs="0"/>
3072             </sequence>
3073         </complexType>
3074     </element>
3075     <element name="Certificate">
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3076         <complexType>
3077             <sequence>
3078                 <element ref="ds:KeyInfo" />
3079             </sequence>
3080             <attribute name="certId" type="ID" use="required" />
3081         </complexType>
3082     </element>
3083     <element name="DocExchange">
3084         <complexType>
3085             <sequence>
3086                 <element ref="tns:ebXMLBinding" />
3087             </sequence>
3088             <attribute name="docExchangeId" type="ID" use="required" />
3089         </complexType>
3090     </element>
3091     <element name="ReliableMessaging">
3092         <complexType>
3093             <sequence minOccurs="0">
3094                 <element ref="tns:Retries" />
3095                 <element ref="tns:RetryInterval" />
3096                 <element name="PersistDuration" type="timeDuration" />
3097             </sequence>
3098             <attribute name="deliverySemantics" type="tns:ds.type"
3099 use="required" />
3100             <attribute name="idempotency" type="boolean" use="required" />
3101             <attribute name="messageOrderSemantics" type="tns:mos.type"
3102 use="optional" value="NotGuaranteed" />
3103         </complexType>
3104         <!-- <element name="PersistDuration" type="duration" /> -->
3105     </element>
3106     <element name="NonRepudiation">
3107         <complexType>
3108             <sequence>
3109                 <element ref="tns:Protocol" />
3110                 <element ref="tns:HashFunction" />
3111                 <element ref="tns:SignatureAlgorithm" />
3112                 <element ref="tns:CertificateRef" />
3113             </sequence>
3114         </complexType>
3115     </element>
3116     <element name="HashFunction" type="string" />
3117     <element name="EncryptionAlgorithm" type="string" />
3118     <element name="SignatureAlgorithm" type="string" />
3119     <element name="DigitalEnvelope">
3120         <complexType>
3121             <sequence>
3122                 <element ref="tns:Protocol" />
3123                 <element ref="tns:EncryptionAlgorithm" />
3124                 <element ref="tns:CertificateRef" />
3125             </sequence>
3126         </complexType>
3127     </element>
3128     <element name="CertificateRef">

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3129         <complexType>
3130             <attribute name="certId" type="IDREF" use="required" />
3131         </complexType>
3132     </element>
3133     <element name="ebXMLBinding">
3134         <complexType>
3135             <sequence>
3136                 <element ref="tns:ReliableMessaging" minOccurs="0" />
3137                 <element ref="tns:NonRepudiation" minOccurs="0" />
3138                 <element ref="tns:DigitalEnvelope" minOccurs="0" />
3139                 <element ref="tns:NamespaceSupported" minOccurs="0"
3140 maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3141             </sequence>
3142             <attribute ref="tns:version" />
3143         </complexType>
3144     </element>
3145     <element name="NamespaceSupported">
3146         <complexType>
3147             <simpleContent>
3148                 <extension base="uriReference">
3149                     <attribute name="location" type="uriReference"
3150 use="required" />
3151                     <attribute ref="tns:version" />
3152                 </extension>
3153             </simpleContent>
3154         </complexType>
3155     </element>
3156     <element name="Characteristics">
3157         <complexType>
3158             <attribute ref="tns:syncReplyMode" />
3159             <attribute name="nonrepudiationOfOrigin" type="boolean" />
3160             <attribute name="nonrepudiationOfReceipt" type="boolean" />
3161             <attribute name="secureTransport" type="boolean" />
3162             <attribute name="confidentiality" type="boolean" />
3163             <attribute name="authenticated" type="boolean" />
3164             <attribute name="authorized" type="boolean" />
3165         </complexType>
3166     </element>
3167     <element name="ServiceBinding">
3168         <complexType>
3169             <sequence>
3170                 <element ref="tns:Service" />
3171                 <element ref="tns:Override" minOccurs="0"
3172 maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3173             </sequence>
3174             <attribute name="channelId" type="IDREF" use="required" />
3175             <attribute name="packageId" type="IDREF" use="required" />
3176         </complexType>
3177         <unique name="action.const">
3178             <selector xpath="//Override"/>
3179             <field xpath="@action" />
3180         </unique>
3181     </element>

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3182     <element name="Status">
3183         <complexType>
3184             <attribute name="value" type="tns:statusValue.type"
3185 use="required" />
3186         </complexType>
3187     </element>
3188     <element name="Start" type="timeInstant"/>
3189     <element name="End" type="timeInstant"/>
3190     <!--
3191     <element name="Start" type="dateTime"/>
3192     <element name="End" type="dateTime"/>
3193     -->
3194     <element name="Type" type="string"/>
3195     <element name="ConversationConstraints">
3196         <complexType>
3197             <attribute name="invocationLimit" type="int"/>
3198             <attribute name="concurrentConversations" type="int"/>
3199         </complexType>
3200     </element>
3201     <element name="Override">
3202         <complexType>
3203             <attribute name="action" type="tns:non-empty-string"
3204 use="required" />
3205             <attribute name="channelId" type="ID" use="required" />
3206             <attribute name="packageId" type="IDREF" use="required" />
3207             <attributeGroup ref="tns:xlink.grp" />
3208         </complexType>
3209     </element>
3210     <element name="Role">
3211         <complexType>
3212             <attribute name="name" type="tns:non-empty-string"
3213 use="required" />
3214             <attributeGroup ref="tns:xlink.grp" />
3215         </complexType>
3216     </element>
3217     <element name="Constituent">
3218         <complexType>
3219             <attribute ref="tns:idref" />
3220         </complexType>
3221     </element>
3222     <element name="Packaging">
3223         <complexType>
3224             <sequence>
3225                 <element name="ProcessingCapabilities">
3226                     <complexType>
3227                         <attribute name="parse" type="boolean"
3228 use="required" />
3229                         <attribute name="generate" type="boolean"
3230 use="required" />
3231                     </complexType>
3232                 </element>
3233                 <element name="SimplePart" maxOccurs="unbounded">
3234                     <complexType>
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3235         <sequence>
3236             <element ref="tns:NamespaceSupported"
3237 minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3238         </sequence>
3239         <attributeGroup ref="tns:pkg.grp" />
3240     </complexType>
3241 </element>
3242 <element name="CompositeList" minOccurs="0">
3243     <complexType>
3244         <choice maxOccurs="unbounded">
3245             <element name="Encapsulation">
3246                 <complexType>
3247                     <sequence>
3248                         <element
3249 ref="tns:Constituent" />
3250                     </sequence>
3251                     <attributeGroup
3252 ref="tns:pkg.grp" />
3253                 </complexType>
3254             </element>
3255             <element name="Composite">
3256                 <complexType>
3257                     <sequence>
3258                         <element
3259 ref="tns:Constituent" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
3260                     </sequence>
3261                     <attributeGroup
3262 ref="tns:pkg.grp" />
3263                 </complexType>
3264             </element>
3265         </choice>
3266     </complexType>
3267 </element>
3268 </sequence>
3269 <attribute ref="tns:id" />
3270 </complexType>
3271 </element>
3272 <element name="Comment">
3273     <complexType>
3274         <simpleContent>
3275             <extension base="tns:non-empty-string">
3276                 <attribute ref="xml:lang" />
3277             </extension>
3278         </simpleContent>
3279     </complexType>
3280 </element>
3281 <!-- COMMON -->
3282 <simpleType name="ds.type">
3283     <restriction base="NMTOKEN">
3284         <enumeration value="OnceAndOnlyOnce" />
3285         <enumeration value="BestEffort" />
3286     </restriction>
3287 </simpleType>

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3288     <simpleType name="mos.type">
3289         <restriction base="NMTOKEN">
3290             <enumeration value="Guaranteed"/>
3291             <enumeration value="NotGuaranteed"/>
3292         </restriction>
3293     </simpleType>
3294     <simpleType name="statusValue.type">
3295         <restriction base="NMTOKEN">
3296             <enumeration value="agreed"/>
3297             <enumeration value="signed"/>
3298             <enumeration value="proposed"/>
3299         </restriction>
3300     </simpleType>
3301     <simpleType name="endpointType.type">
3302         <restriction base="NMTOKEN">
3303             <enumeration value="login"/>
3304             <enumeration value="request"/>
3305             <enumeration value="response"/>
3306             <enumeration value="error"/>
3307             <enumeration value="allPurpose"/>
3308         </restriction>
3309     </simpleType>
3310     <simpleType name="non-empty-string">
3311         <restriction base="string">
3312             <minLength value="1"/>
3313         </restriction>
3314     </simpleType>
3315     <simpleType name="syncReplyMode.type">
3316         <restriction base="NMTOKEN">
3317             <enumeration value="responseOnly"/>
3318             <enumeration value="signalsAndResponse"/>
3319             <enumeration value="signalsOnly"/>
3320             <enumeration value="none"/>
3321         </restriction>
3322     </simpleType>
3323     <complexType name="service.type">
3324         <simpleContent>
3325             <extension base="tns:non-empty-string">
3326                 <attribute name="type" type="tns:non-empty-string"/>
3327             </extension>
3328         </simpleContent>
3329     </complexType>
3330     <complexType name="protocol.type">
3331         <simpleContent>
3332             <extension base="tns:non-empty-string">
3333                 <attribute ref="tns:version"/>
3334             </extension>
3335         </simpleContent>
3336     </complexType>
3337     <attribute name="idref" type="IDREF" form="unqualified"/>
3338     <attribute name="id" type="ID" form="unqualified"/>
3339     <attribute name="version" type="tns:non-empty-string"/>
3340     <attribute name="syncReplyMode" type="tns:syncReplyMode.type"/>
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3341 </schema>



3342 **Appendix E** Formats of Information in the CPP and CPA  
3343 (Normative)

3344 This section defines format information that is not defined by the [XML] specification and is not  
3345 defined in the descriptions of specific elements.

3346

3347 Formats of Character Strings

3348

3349 **Protocol and Version Elements**

3350

3351 Values of *Protocol*, *Version*, and similar elements are flexible. In general, any protocol and  
3352 version for which the support software is available to both *Parties* to a *CPA* MAY be selected as  
3353 long as the choice does not require changes to the DTD or schema and therefore a change to this  
3354 specification.

3355

3356 NOTE: A possible implementation MAY be based on the use of plug-ins or exits to  
3357 support the values of these elements.

3358

3359 **Alphanumeric Strings**

3360

3361 Alphanumeric strings not further defined in this section follow these rules unless otherwise  
3362 stated in the description of an individual element:

3363

- 3364 • Values of elements are case insensitive unless otherwise stated.
- 3365 • Strings which represent file or directory names are case sensitive to ensure that they are  
3366 acceptable to both UNIX and Windows systems.

3367

3368 **Numeric Strings**

3369

3370 A numeric string is a signed or unsigned decimal integer in the range imposed by a 32-bit binary  
3371 number, i.e. -2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647. Negative numbers MAY or MAY not be  
3372 permitted in particular elements.

## 3373 **Appendix F** Composing a CPA from Two CPPs (Non- 3374 Normative)

### 3375 3376 Overview and Limitations

3377  
3378 In this appendix, we discuss the tasks involved in *CPA* formation from *CPPs*. The detailed  
3379 procedures for *CPA* formation are currently left for implementers. Therefore, no normative  
3380 specification is provided for algorithms for *CPA* formation. In this initial section, we provide  
3381 some background on *CPA* formation tasks.

3382  
3383 There are three basic reasons why we prefer to provide information about the component tasks  
3384 involved in *CPA* formation rather than attempt to provide an algorithm for *CPA* formation:

- 3385 1. The precise informational inputs to the *CPA* formation procedure vary.
- 3386 2. There exist at least two distinct approaches to *CPA* formation. One useful approach for  
3387 certain situations involves basing *CPA* formation from a *CPA* template; the other approach  
3388 involves composition from *CPPs*.
- 3389 3. The conditions for output of a given *CPA* given two *CPPs* can involve different levels and  
3390 extents of interoperability. In other words, when an optimal solution that satisfies every level  
3391 of requirement and every other additional constraint does not exist, a *Party* MAY propose a  
3392 *CPA* that satisfies enough of the requirements for “a good enough” implementation. User  
3393 input MAY be solicited to determine what is a good enough implementation, and so MAY  
3394 be as varied as there are user configuration options to express preferences. In practice,  
3395 compromises MAY be made on security, reliable messaging, levels of signals and  
3396 acknowledgements, and other matters in order to find some acceptable means of doing  
3397 *Business*.

3398  
3399 Each of these reasons is elaborated in greater detail in the following sections.

### 3400 3401 3402 Variability in Inputs

3403  
3404 User preferences provide one source of variability in the inputs to the *CPA* formation process.  
3405 Let us suppose in this section that each of the *Parties* has made its *CPP* available to potential  
3406 collaborators. Normally one *Party* will have a desired *Business Collaboration* (defined in a  
3407 *Process-Specification* document) to implement with its intended collaborator. So the information  
3408 inputs will normally involve a user preference about intended *Business Collaboration* in addition  
3409 to just the *CPPs*.

3410  
3411 A *CPA* formation tool MAY have access to local user information not advertised in the *CPP* that  
3412 MAY contribute to the *CPA* that is formed. A user MAY have chosen to only advertise those  
3413 system capabilities that reflect nondeprecated capabilities. For example, a user MAY only  
3414 advertise HTTP and omit FTP, even when capable of using FTP. The reason for omitting FTP  
3415 might be concerns about the scalability of managing user accounts, directories, and passwords

3417 for FTP sessions. Despite not advertising an FTP capability, configuration software MAY use  
3418 tacit knowledge about its own FTP capability to form a *CPA* with an intended collaborator who  
3419 happens to have only an FTP capability for implementing a desired *Business Collaboration*. In  
3420 other words, *Business* interests MAY, in this case, override the deprecation policy. Both tacit  
3421 knowledge and detailed preference information account for variability in inputs into the *CPA*  
3422 formation process.

3423  
3424

## 3425 Different Approaches

3426  
3427 When a *CPA* is formed from a *CPA* template, it is typically because the capabilities of one of the  
3428 *Parties* are limited, and already tacitly known. For example, if a *CPA* template were implicitly  
3429 presented to a Web browser for use in an implementation using browser based forms capabilities,  
3430 then the template maker can assume that the other *Party* has suitable web capabilities (or is about  
3431 to download them). Therefore, all that really needs to be done is to supply *PartyRef*, *Certificate*,  
3432 and similar items for substitution into a *CPA* template. The *CPA* template will already have all  
3433 the capabilities of both *Parties* specified at the various levels, and will have placeholders for  
3434 values to be supplied by one of the *Partners*. A simple form might be adequate to gather the  
3435 needed information and produce a *CPA*.

3436  
3437

## 3438 Variable Output "Satisficing" Policies

3439  
3440 A *CPA* can support a fully interoperable configuration in which agreement has been reached on  
3441 all technical levels needed for *Business Collaboration*. In such a case, matches in capabilities  
3442 will have been found in all relevant technical levels.

3443  
3444 However, there can be interoperable configurations agreed to in a *CPA* in which not all aspects  
3445 of a *Business Collaboration* match. Gaps MAY exist in packaging, security, signaling, reliable  
3446 messaging and other areas and yet the systems can still transport the *Business* data, and special  
3447 means can be employed to handle the exceptions. In such situations, a *CPA* MAY reflect  
3448 configured policies or expressly solicited user permission to ignore some shortcomings in  
3449 configurations. A system might not be capable of responding in a *Business Collaboration* so as  
3450 to support a recommended ability to supply nonrepudiation of receipt, but might still be  
3451 acceptable for *Business* reasons. A system might not be able to handle all the processing required  
3452 to support, for example, SOAP with Attachments and yet still be able to treat the multipart  
3453 according to "multipart/mixed" handling and allow *Business Collaboration* to take place. In fact,  
3454 short of a failure to be able to transport data and a failure to be able to provide data relevant to  
3455 the *Business Collaboration*, there are few features that might not be temporarily or indefinitely  
3456 compromised about, given overriding *Business* interests. This situation of "partial  
3457 interoperability" is to be expected to persist for some time, and so interferes with formulating a  
3458 "clean" algorithm for deciding on what is sufficient for interoperability.

3459  
3460 In summary, the previous considerations indicate that at the present it is at best premature to seek  
3461 a simple algorithm for *CPA* formation from *CPPs*. It is to be expected that as capability  
3462 characterization and exchange becomes a more refined subject, that advances will be made in

3463 characterizing *CPA* formation and negotiation.

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3465 Despite it being too soon to propose a simple algorithm for *CPA* formation that covers all the  
3466 above variations, it is currently possible to enumerate the basic tasks involved in matching  
3467 capabilities within *CPPs*. This information might assist the software implementer in designing a  
3468 partially automated and partially interactive software system useful for configuring *Business*  
3469 *Collaboration* so as to arrive at satisfactorily complete levels of interoperability. To understand  
3470 the context for characterizing the constituent tasks, the general perspective on *CPPs* and *CPAs*  
3471 needs to be briefly recalled.

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## 3474 CPA Formation Component Tasks

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3476 Technically viewed, a *CPA* provides "bindings" between *Business-Collaboration* specifications  
3477 (as defined in the *Process-Specification* document) and those services and protocols that are used  
3478 to implement these specifications. The implementation takes place at several levels and involves  
3479 varied services at these levels. A *CPA* that arrives at a fully interoperable binding of a *Business*  
3480 *Collaboration* to its implementing services and protocols can be thought of as arriving at  
3481 interoperable, application-to-application integration. *CPAs* MAY fall short of this goal and still  
3482 be useful and acceptable to the collaborating *Parties*. Certainly, if no matching data-transport  
3483 capabilities can be discovered, a *CPA* would not provide much in the way of interoperable  
3484 *Business-to-Business* integration. Likewise, partial *CPAs* will leave significant system work to be  
3485 done before a completely satisfactory application-to-application integration is realized. Even so,  
3486 partial integration MAY be sufficient to allow collaboration, and to enjoy payoffs from increased  
3487 levels of automation.

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3489 In practice, the *CPA* formation process MAY produce a complete *CPA*, a failure result, a gap list  
3490 that drives a dialog with the user, or perhaps even a *CPA* that implements partial interoperability  
3491 "good enough" for the *Business* collaborators. Because both matching capabilities and  
3492 interoperability can be matters of degree, the constituent tasks are finding the matches in  
3493 capabilities at different levels and for different services. We next proceed to characterize many  
3494 of these constituent tasks.

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## 3497 CPA Formation from *CPPs*: Enumeration of Tasks

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3499 To simplify discussion, assume in the following that we are viewing the tasks faced by a  
3500 software agent when:

- 3501 1. an intended collaborator is known and the collaborator's *CPP* has been retrieved,
- 3502 2. the *Business Collaboration* between us and our intended collaborator has been selected,
- 3503 3. the specific role that our software agent is to play in the *Business Collaboration* is  
3504 known, and
- 3505 4. the capabilities that are to be advertised in our *CPP* are known.

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3507 For vividness, we will suppose that our example agent wishes to play the role of supplier and  
3508 seeks to find one of its current customers to begin a Purchase Order *Business Collaboration* in

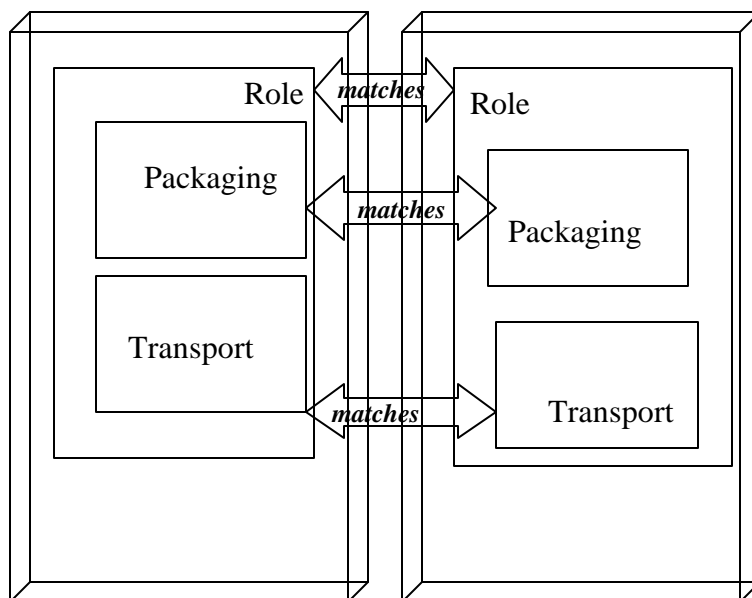
3509 which the intended player plays a complementary role. For simplicity, we assume that the  
 3510 information about capabilities is restricted to what is available in our agent's *CPP* and in the  
 3511 *CPP* of its intended collaborator.

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 3513 In general, the constituent tasks consist of finding "matches" between our capabilities and our  
 3514 intended collaborator's at the various levels of the protocol stacks and with respect to the  
 3515 services supplied at these various levels.

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 3517 Figure 6 illustrates the basic tasks informing a *CPA* from two *CPPs*: matching roles, matching  
 3518 packaging, and matching transport.

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**Figure 6: Basic Tasks in Forming a CPA**



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 3521 The first task to be considered is certainly the most basic: finding that our intended collaborator  
 3522 and ourselves have complementary role capabilities.

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 3525 **Matching Roles**

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 3527 Our agent has its role already selected in the *Business Collaboration*. So it now begins to check  
 3528 the **Role** elements in its collaborator's *CPP*. The first element to examine is the **PartyInfo**  
 3529 element that contains a subtree of elements called **CollaborationRole**. This set is searched to  
 3530 discover a role that complements the role of our agent within the *Business Collaboration* that we  
 3531 have chosen. For simple binary collaboration cases, it is typically sufficient to find that our

3532 intended collaborator's *CollaborationRole* set contains *ProcessSpecification* elements that we  
 3533 intend to implement and where the role is not identical to our role. For more general  
 3534 collaborations, we would need to know the list of roles available within the process, and keep  
 3535 track that for each of the collaborators, the roles chosen instantiate those that have been specified  
 3536 within the *Process-Specification* document. Collaborations involving more than two roles are not  
 3537 discussed further.

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## 3540 Matching Transport

3541 We now have available a list of candidate *CollaborationRole* elements with the desired  
 3542 *ProcessSpecification* element (Purchase Ordering) and where our intended collaborator plays the  
 3543 buyer role. For simplicity, we shall suppose just one *CollaborationRole* element meets these  
 3544 conditions within each of the relevant *CPPs* and not discuss iterating over lists. (Within these  
 3545 remarks, where repetition is possible, we will frame the discussion by assuming that just one  
 3546 element is present.)  
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3548 Matching transport first means matching the *SendingProtocol* capabilities of our intended  
 3549 collaborator with the *ReceivingProtocol* capabilities found on our side. Perusal of the *CPP* DTD  
 3550 or Schema will reveal that the *ServiceBinding* element provides the doorway to the relevant  
 3551 information from each side's *CollaborationRole* element with the *channelId* attribute. This  
 3552 *channelId* attribute's value allows us to find *DeliveryChannels* within each *CPP*. The  
 3553 *DeliveryChannel* has a *transportId* attribute that allows us to find the relevant *Transport*  
 3554 subtrees.  
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3557 For example, suppose that our intended buyer has a *Transport* entry:

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3559 <Transport transportId = "buyerid001">
3560     <SendingProtocol>HTTP</SendingProtocol>
3561     <ReceivingProtocol>
3562     HTTP
3563     </ReceivingProtocol>
3564     <Endpoint uri = "https://www.buyername.com/po-response"
3565             type = "allPurpose"/>
3566     <TransportSecurity>
3567         <Protocol version = "1.0">TLS</Protocol>
3568         <CertificateRef certId = certid001">BuyerName</CertificateRef>
3569     </TransportSecurity>
3570 </Transport>
```

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3572 and our seller has a *Transport* entry:

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3574 <Transport transportId = "sellid001">
3575     <SendingProtocol>HTTP</SendingProtocol>
3576     <ReceivingProtocol>
3577     HTTP
3578     </ReceivingProtocol>
3579     <Endpoint uri = "https://www.sellername.com/pos_here"
3580             type = "allPurpose"/>
3581     <TransportSecurity>
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3582         <Protocol version = "1.0">TLS</Protocol>
3583         <CertificateRef certId ="certid002">Sellername</CertificateRef>
3584     </TransportSecurity>
3585 </Transport>
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3587 A transport match for requests involves finding the initiator role or buyer has a *SendingProtocol*  
3588 that matches one of our *ReceivingProtocols*. So here, "HTTP" provides a match. A transport  
3589 match for responses involves finding the responder role or seller has a *SendingProtocol* that  
3590 matches one of the buyer's *ReceivingProtocols*. So in the above example, "HTTP" again  
3591 provides a match. When such matches exist, we then have discovered an interoperable solution at  
3592 the transport level. If not, no *CPA* will be available, and a high-priority gap has been identified  
3593 that will need to be remedied by whatever exception handling procedures are in place.

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### 3596 Matching Transport Security

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3598 Matches in transport security, such as in the above, will reflect agreement in versions and values  
3599 of protocols. Software can supply some knowledge here so that if one side has SSL-3 and the  
3600 other TLS-1, it can guess that security is available by means of a fallback of TLS to SSL.

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### 3603 Matching Document Packaging

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3605 Probably one of the most complex matching problems arises when it comes to finding whether  
3606 there are matches in document-packaging capabilities. Here both security and other MIME  
3607 handling capabilities can combine to create complexity for appraising whether full  
3608 interoperability can be attained.

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3610 Access to the information needed for undertaking this task is found under the *ServiceBinding*  
3611 elements, and again we suppose that each side has just one *ServiceBinding* element. However,  
3612 we will initially suppose that two *Packaging* elements are available to consider under each role.  
3613 Several quite different ways of thinking about the matching task are available, and several  
3614 methods for the tasks MAY be performed when assessing whether a good enough match exists.

3615  
3616 To continue our previous purchase-ordering example, we recall that the packaging is the  
3617 particular combination of body parts, XML instances (*Headers* and payloads), and security  
3618 encapsulations used in assembling the *Message* from its data sources. Both requests and  
3619 responses will have packaging. The most complete specification of packaging, which MAY not  
3620 always be needed, would consist of:

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- 3623 1. The buyer asserting what packaging it can generate for its purchase order, and what  
3624 packaging it can parse for its purchase order response *Messages*.
  - 3625 2. The seller asserting what packaging it can generate for its purchase order responses and  
3626 what packaging it can parse for received purchase orders.

3627 Matching by structural comparison would then involve comparing the packaging details of the  
3628 purchase orders generated by the seller with the purchase orders parsable by the buyer. The

3629 comparison would seek to establish that the MIME types of the *SimplePart* elements of  
 3630 corresponding subtrees match and would then proceed to check that the *CompositeList* matched  
 3631 in MIME types and in sequence of composition.

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3633 For example, if each *CPP* contained the packaging subtrees below, and under the appropriate  
 3634 *ServiceBindings*, then there would be a straightforward match by structural comparison:

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3636 <Packaging id="I1001">
3637     <ProcessingCapabilities parse = "true" generate = "true"/>
3638     <SimplePart id = "P1" mimetype = "text/xml"/>
3639         <NamespaceSupported location
3640             = "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/" version = "1.1">
3641             http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope
3642         </NamespaceSupported>
3643         <NamespaceSupported location =
3644             "http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/messageHeader"
3645             version = "1.0">
3646             http://www.ebxml.org/namespaces/messageHeader
3647         </NamespaceSupported>         <NamespaceSupported location =
3648             "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
3649             version = "1.0">
3650             http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#
3651         </NamespaceSupported>
3652     <SimplePart id = "P2" mimetype = "application/xml"/>
3653     <CompositeList>
3654         <Composite mimetype = "multipart/related" id = "P3"
3655             mimeparameters = "type=text/xml">
3656             <Constituent idref = "P1"/>
3657             <Constituent idref = "P2"/>
3658         </Composite>
3659     </CompositeList>
3660 </Packaging>
3661 <Packaging id="I2001">
3662     <ProcessingCapabilities parse = "true" generate = "true"/>
3663     <SimplePart id = "P11" mimetype = "text/xml"/>
3664     <SimplePart id = "P12" mimetype = "application/xml"/>
3665     <CompositeList>
3666         <Composite mimetype = "multipart/related" id = "P13"
3667             mimeparameters = "type=text/xml">
3668             <Constituent idref = "P11"/>
3669             <Constituent idref = "P12"/>
3670         </Composite>
3671     </CompositeList>
3672 </Packaging>
  
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3674 However, it is to be expected that over time it will become possible only to assert what  
 3675 packaging is *generated* within each *ServiceBinding* for the requester and responder roles. This  
 3676 simplification assumes that each side has knowledge of what MIME types it handles correctly,  
 3677 what encapsulations it handles correctly, and what composition modes it handles correctly. By  
 3678 scanning the packaging specifications against its lists of internal capabilities, it can then look up  
 3679 whether other side's generated packaging scheme is one it can process and accept it under those  
 3680 conditions. Knowing what generated packaging style was produced by the other side could  
 3681 enable the software agent to propose a packaging scheme using only the MIME types and



3682 packaging styles used in the incoming *Message*. Such a packaging scheme would be likely to be  
3683 acceptable to the other side when included within a proposed *CPA*. Over time, and as proposal  
3684 and negotiation conventions get established, it is to be expected that the methods used for  
3685 determining a match in packaging capabilities will move away from structural comparison to  
3686 simpler methods, using more economical representations. For example, parsing capabilities may  
3687 eventually be captured by using a compact description of the accepting grammar for the  
3688 packaging and content labelling schemes that can be parsed and for which semantic handlers are  
3689 available.

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## 3691 Matching Document-Level Security

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3693 Although the matching task for document-level security is a subtask of the Packaging-matching  
3694 task, it is useful to discuss some specifics tied to the three major document-level security  
3695 approaches found in [S/MIME], OpenPGP[RFC2015], and XMLDsig[XMLDSIG].

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3697 XMLDsig matching capability can be inferred from document-matching capabilities when the  
3698 use of ebXML *Message Service*[ebMS] packaging is present. However, there are other sources  
3699 that should be checked to confirm this match. A *SimplePart* element can have a  
3700 *NameSpaceSupported* element. XMLDsig capability should be found there. Likewise, a detailed  
3701 check on this match should examine the information under the *NonRepudiation* element and  
3702 similar elements under the ebXMLBinding element to check for compatibility in hash functions  
3703 and algorithms.

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3705 The existence of several radically different approaches to document-level security, together with  
3706 the fact that it is unusual at present for a given *Party* to commit to more than one form of such  
3707 security, means that there can be basic failures to match security frameworks. Therefore, there  
3708 might be no match in capabilities that supports full interoperability at all levels. For the moment,  
3709 we assume that document-level security matches will require both sides able to handle the same  
3710 security composites (multipart/signed using S/MIME, for example.)

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3712 However, suppose that there are matches at the transport and transport layer security levels, but  
3713 that the two sides have failures at the document-security layer because one side makes use of  
3714 PGP signatures while the other uses S/MIME. Does this mean that no *CPA* can be proposed?  
3715 That is not necessarily the case.

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3717 Both S/MIME and OpenPGP permit signatures to be packaged within "multipart/signed"  
3718 composites. In such a case, it MAY be possible to extract the data and arrive at a partial  
3719 implementation that falls short with respect to nonrepudiation. While neither side could check  
3720 the other's signatures, it might still be possible to have confidential document transmission and  
3721 transport-level authentication for the *Business* data. Eventually *CPA*-formation software MAY  
3722 be created that is able to identify these exceptional situations and "salvage" a proposed *CPA* with  
3723 downgraded security features. Whether the other side would accept such a proposed *CPA* would,  
3724 naturally, involve what their preferences are with respect to initiating a *Business Collaboration*  
3725 and sacrificing some security features. *CPA*-formation software MAY eventually be capable of  
3726 these adaptations, but it is to be expected that human assistance will be required for such  
3727 situations in the near term.

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3729 Of course, an implementation MAY simply decide to terminate looking for a *CPA* when a match  
3730 fails in any crucial factor for an interoperable implementation. At the very least, the users should  
3731 be warned that the only *CPAs* that can be proposed will be missing security or other normally  
3732 desirable features or features recommended by the *Business Collaboration*.  
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### 3735 Other Considerations

3736 Though preferences among multiple capabilities are indicated by the document order in which  
3737 they are listed, it is possible that ties may occur. At present, these ties are left to be resolved by a  
3738 negotiation process not discussed here.  
3739