

[MS-SWSB]: SOAP Over WebSocket Protocol Binding

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1 Introduction

The SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding Specification defines a binding of **SOAP** to the WebSocket protocol (as defined in [\[RFC6455\]](#)), including a WSDL transport **URI** and supported message exchange patterns (MEPs). This specification also defines a WebSocket subprotocol.

Note This specification does not define any SOAP messages. Rather, it specifies how messages defined by a higher-layer protocol are formed and framed for transport over [\[RFC6455\]](#).

Sections 1.8, 2, and 3 of this specification are normative and can contain the terms MAY, SHOULD, MUST, MUST NOT, and SHOULD NOT as defined in RFC 2119. Sections 1.5 and 1.9 are also normative but cannot contain those terms. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

1.1 Glossary

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

endpoint
SOAP
SOAP message
URI
Web Services Description Language (WSDL)

The following terms are specific to this document:

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

1.2 References

References to Microsoft Open Specifications documentation do not include a publishing year because links are to the latest version of the documents, which are updated frequently. References to other documents include a publishing year when one is available.

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1.2.1 Normative References

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

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[XMLSCHEMA2] Biron, P.V., and Malhotra, A., Eds., "XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes", W3C Recommendation, May 2001, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xmlschema-2-20010502/>

1.2.2 Informative References

[MS-GLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "[Windows Protocols Master Glossary](#)".

1.3 Overview

The SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding:

- Specifies a WSDL Transport URI (<http://schemas.microsoft.com/soap/websocket>) for identifying this protocol as the transport for sending SOAP 1.2 messages [\[SOAP1.2-2/2007\]](#).
- Defines a new WebSocket subprotocol (soap), as described in [\[RFC6455\]](#), which is used by the client to indicate to the service that it intends to use the SOAP-over-WebSockets protocol for message exchange.
- Defines two new HTTP headers ('soap-content-type' and 'microsoft-binary-transfer-mode') that are used by the client during the initial WebSocket handshake to indicate the SOAP content-type and the transfer-mode of the subsequent messages.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

The SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding uses the WebSocket protocol, as described in [\[RFC6455\]](#), as the transport. The SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding uses WebSocket framing as defined in section 5 of [\[RFC6455\]](#) to send SOAP 1.2 messages [\[SOAP1.2-2/2007\]](#).

The following figure shows the protocol stack.

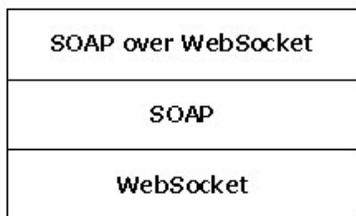


Figure 1: Protocol stack

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

The SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding requires that a client can connect to the service over the WebSocket protocol, as described in [\[RFC6455\]](#).

1.6 Applicability Statement

The SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding is applicable in scenarios where a client and a service require a communication mechanism to send and receive **SOAP messages** over WebSocket ([\[RFC6455\]](#)).

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

This document covers versioning issues in the following areas:

- **Supported transports:** This protocol requires WebSocket ([\[RFC6455\]](#)) as the transport.
- **Protocol versions:** The use of SOAP version 1.2 [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#) is required.
- **Capability negotiation:** This protocol does not support negotiation of the version or the capabilities to use.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

This protocol has no vendor-extensible fields.

1.9 Standards Assignments

There are no standards assignments for this protocol.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

The SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding requires the WebSocket transport protocol (as specified in [\[RFC6455\]](#)).

A service **endpoint** that uses the SOAP over WebSocket Protocol Binding with SOAP 1.2 [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#) MUST set the value of the transport attribute of the `wsoap12:binding` element [\[WSDLSOAP\]](#) to `http://schemas.microsoft.com/soap/websocket`.

2.2 Common Message Syntax

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

2.2.1 Namespaces

This specification defines and references various XML namespaces using the mechanisms specified in [\[XMLNS-2ED\]](#). Although this specification associates a specific XML namespace prefix for each XML namespace that is used, the choice of any particular XML namespace prefix is implementation-specific and not significant for interoperability.

Prefix	Namespace URI	Reference
soap12	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap12/	[WSDLSOAP]
wsdl	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/	[WSDL]

2.2.2 Messages

This specification does not define any common XML schema message definitions.

2.2.3 Elements

This specification does not define any common XML schema element definitions.

2.2.4 Complex Types

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

2.2.5 Simple Types

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

2.2.6 Attributes

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

2.2.7 Groups

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

2.2.8 Attribute Groups

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

2.2.9 Common Data Structures

This specification does not define any common XML schema data structures.

2.3 Directory Service Schema Elements

None.

3 Protocol Details

3.1 Server Details

A service endpoint MUST support the following message exchange patterns:

- <http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap/mep/request-response/> (defined in [\[SOAP1.2-2/2007\]](#))
- <http://www.w3.org/2006/08/soap/mep/one-way/> (defined in [\[SOAP1.2-3/2007\]](#))

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

None.

3.1.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

None.

3.1.5 Timer Events

None.

3.1.6 Other Local Events

None.

3.2 Client Details

A client initiates the process by establishing a WebSocket connection, as specified in [\[RFC6455\]](#), to a service. A client MUST specify that it intends to communicate with the service using this SOAP-over-WebSocket subprotocol by providing a "soap" value in the "Sec-WebSocket-Protocol" HTTP header during the initialization while performing a WebSocket handshake as specified in [\[RFC6455\]](#) section 1.3. A client MUST also specify a soap-content-type header to indicate the content-type of the subsequent SOAP messages once the WebSocket handshake is successfully completed. A client SHOULD also specify a 'microsoft-binary-transfer-mode' with the transfer-mode while using the binary encoding as specified in [\[MC-NBFS\]](#) or [\[MC-NBFSE\]](#). Valid values for the transfer-mode are:

1. 'Streamed', which indicates that messages sent and received from the web service endpoint are transferred as a stream of bytes.
2. 'StreamedRequest', which indicates that only the messages sent to a web service endpoint are transferred as a stream of bytes.
3. 'StreamedResponse', which indicates that the messages received from the web service endpoint are interpreted as a stream of bytes.

Once a WebSocket connection has been successfully established between the client and the server, all subsequent message exchanges MUST conform to the SOAP 1.2 [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#) specification with the encoding as specified in [\[RFC3902\]](#) while sending the messages using the framing as defined in [\[RFC6455\]](#).

3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.2.2 Timers

None.

3.2.3 Initialization

None.

3.2.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

None.

3.2.5 Timer Events

None.

3.2.6 Other Local Events

None.

4 Protocol Examples

Section 6, Appendix A: Full WSDL, specifies the SOAP over WebSocket Binding Transport URI defined in this document.

The following HTTP headers section is an example of the WebSocket subprotocol defined by this specification:

```
GET http://myHost/myService HTTP/1.1
Connection: Upgrade,Keep-Alive
Upgrade: websocket
Sec-WebSocket-Key: R00w9dYOJkStW2nx5r1k9w==
Sec-WebSocket-Version: 13
Sec-WebSocket-Protocol: soap
soap-content-type: application/soap+msbinsession1
microsoft-binary-transfer-mode: Buffered
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

HTTP/1.1 101 Switching Protocols
Upgrade: websocket
Connection: Upgrade
Sec-WebSocket-Accept: s3pPLMBiTxaQ9kYGzZhZRbK+xOo=
Sec-WebSocket-Protocol: soap
```

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

Security considerations are discussed in detail under the security considerations section (section 10) in [\[RFC6455\]](#).

There are no special security considerations for this protocol.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

6 Appendix A: Full WSDL

The following WSDL specifies the WSDL 1.1 binding extension transport URI with SOAP1.2:

WSDL 1.1 binding extension transport URI with SOAP 1.2 [SOAP1.2-2/2007]

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<wsdl:definitions
  xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
  xmlns:soap12="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap12/">
  <!-- omitted elements -->
  <wsdl:binding name="MyBinding" type="MyPortType">
    <!-- omitted elements -->
    <soap12:binding transport="http://schemas.microsoft.com/soap/websocket"/>
    <wsdl:operation name="MyOperation">
      <!-- omitted elements -->
    </wsdl:operation>
  </wsdl:binding>
  <wsdl:service name="MyService">
    <wsdl:port name="MyPort" binding="MyBinding">
      <soap12:address location=" ws://myHost/myService/" />
    </wsdl:port>
  </wsdl:service>
</wsdl:definitions>
```

7 Appendix B: Product Behavior

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

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5
- Windows 8 operating system
- Windows Server 2012 operating system
- Windows 8.1 operating system
- Windows Server 2012 R2 operating system

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

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

8 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to the [MS-SWSB] protocol document between the January 2013 and August 2013 releases. Changes are classified as New, Major, Minor, Editorial, or No change.

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Major and minor changes can be described further using the following change types:

- New content added.
- Content updated.
- Content removed.
- New product behavior note added.
- Product behavior note updated.
- Product behavior note removed.
- New protocol syntax added.
- Protocol syntax updated.
- Protocol syntax removed.
- New content added due to protocol revision.
- Content updated due to protocol revision.
- Content removed due to protocol revision.
- New protocol syntax added due to protocol revision.

- Protocol syntax updated due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax removed due to protocol revision.
- New content added for template compliance.
- Content updated for template compliance.
- Content removed for template compliance.
- Obsolete document removed.

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- **Protocol syntax** refers to data elements (such as packets, structures, enumerations, and methods) as well as interfaces.
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The changes made to this document are listed in the following table. For more information, please contact protocol@microsoft.com.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Change type
Z Appendix B: Product Behavior	Modified this section to include references to Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2.	N	Content updated.

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