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Abstract

WSDL 1.1 Element Identifiers defines a syntax to identify individual elements in a WSDL 1.1 document.

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1. Introduction

This document defines an element identifier syntax for WSDL 1.1 elements.

1.1 Notational Conventions

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [*RFC 2119 [p.9]*].

With the exception of examples and sections explicitly marked as "Non-Normative", all parts of this specification are normative.

2. Fragment Identifiers

This section defines a fragment identifier syntax for identifying elements of a WSDL 1.1 document. This fragment identifier syntax is compliant with the [*XPointer Framework [p.9]*]. This document is primarily based upon [*WSDL 2.0 Core [p.8]*]. There is a substantial difference between the WSDL 1.1 and WSDL 2.0 fragment identifiers.WSDL 2.0 defines fragment identifiers with respect to the WSDL 2.0 component model, whereas WSDL 1.1 defines XML element and attribute syntax only. Because there is no WSDL 1.1 component model, the WSDL 1.1 fragment identifiers identify WSDL 1.1 elements. Note: the fragment identifers identify the WSDL 1.1 elements prior to any processing of the WSDL document, such as validation, inclusion, imports, schema type validation, etc. Note further: WSDL 1.1 fragment identifiers require a targetNamespace so WSDL 1.1 documents without a targetNamespace will not have fragment identifiers.

A WSDL 1.1 fragment identifier is an XPointer [*XPointer Framework [p.9]*], augmented with WSDL 1.1 pointer parts as defined below. Note that many of these parts require the pre-appearance of one or more `xmlns` pointer parts (see 3.4 Namespace Binding Context in [*XPointer Framework [p.9]*]). The pointer parts have a scheme name that corresponds to one of the standard WSDL 1.1 element names, and scheme data that is a path composed of names that identify the elements. The scheme names all begin with the prefix "wsdl11." to avoid name conflicts with other schemes. The names in the path are of type either QName, NCName, IRI, URI, or Pointer Part depending on the context. The scheme data for WSDL 1.1 extension elements is defined by the corresponding extension specification.

For QNames, any prefix MUST be defined by a preceding xmlns pointer part. If a QName does not have a prefix then its namespace name is the target namespace of the WSDL 1.1 document.

The fragment identifier is typically constructed from the `name` property of the element and the `name` properties of its ancestors as a path according to Table 2-1 [p.3] . The first column of this table gives the name of the WSDL 1.1 element. Columns labeled 1 through 3 specify the identifiers that uniquely identify the element within its context. Identifiers are typically formed from the `name` property, although in several cases references to other elements are used. These identifiers are then used to construct the pointer part in the last column. The fragment identifier in a WSDL 1.1 element IRI-reference MUST resolve to some element as defined by the construction rules in Table 2-1 [p.3] .

Table 2-1. Rules for determining pointer parts for WSDL 1.1 elements

element	1	2	3	Pointer Part
Definitions	n/a	n/a	n/a	`wsdl11.definitions()`
Message	`message` NCName	n/a	n/a	`wsdl11.message(message)`
Message Part	`message` NCName	`part` NCName	n/a	`wsdl11.messagePart(message/part)`
portType	`portType` NCName	n/a	n/a	`wsdl11.portType(portType)`
portType Operation	`portType` NCName	`operation` NCName	n/a	`wsdl11.portTypeOperation(portType/operation)`
portType Operation Input	`portType` NCName	`operation` NCName	n/a	`wsdl11.portTypeOperation.input(portType/operation)`
portType Operation Output	`portType` NCName	`operation` NCName	n/a	`wsdl11.portTypeOperation.output(portType/operation)`
portType Operation Fault	`portType` NCName	`operation` NCName	`fault` NCName	`wsdl11.portTypeOperation.fault(portType/operation/fault)`
Binding	`binding` NCName	n/a	n/a	`wsdl11.binding(binding)`
Binding Operation	`binding` NCName	`operation` QName	n/a	`wsdl11.bindingOperation(binding/operation)`
Binding Operation Input	`binding` NCName	`operation` QName	na/	`wsdl11.bindingOperation.input(binding/operation)`
Binding Operation Output	`binding` NCName	`operation` QName	na/	`wsdl11.bindingOperation.output(binding/operation)`
Binding Operation Fault	`binding` NCName	`operation` QName	`fault` NCName	`wsdl11.bindingOperation.fault(binding/operation/fault)`
Service	`service` NCName	n/a	n/a	`wsdl11.service(service)`

port	`service` NCName	`port` NCName	n/a	`wsdl11.port(service/port)`
Extensions	`namespace` URI	`identifier` extension-specific-syntax	n/a	`wsdl11.extension(namespace,identifier)`

3. IRI-References for WSDL 1.1 Elements

This section provides a syntax for IRI-references for all elements found in a [*WSDL 1.1 [p.8]*] document. The IRI-references are easy to understand and compare, while imposing no burden on the WSDL 1.1 author.

3.1 WSDL 1.1 IRIs

There are two main cases for WSDL 1.1 IRIs:

- the IRI of a WSDL 1.1 document
- the IRI of a WSDL 1.1 namespace

The IRI of a WSDL 1.1 document can be dereferenced to give a resource representation that contributes elements to a single WSDL 1.1 namespace. If the media type is set to the WSDL 1.1 media type i.e. application/xml, then the fragment identifiers can be used to identify the main elements that are defined in the document.

In keeping with WSDL 1.1, which has a recommendation that that the namespace URI be dereferencible to a WSDL 1.1 document, this section specifies the use of the namespace IRI with the WSDL 1.1 fragment identifiers to form an IRI-reference.

The IRI in an IRI-reference for a WSDL 1.1 element is the namespace name of the `name` property of either the element itself, in the case of `portType` , `Binding` , and `Service` elements, or the `name` property of the ancestor top-level element. The IRI provided by the namespace name of the `name` property is combined with a zero or more `xmlns` pointer parts (see 3.4 Namespace Binding Context in [*XPointer Framework [p.9]*]) followed by a single WSDL 1.1 pointer part, following the same rules as defined for

WSDL 1.1 fragment ids **2. Fragment Identifiers** [p.3] .

3.2 IRI Identification Of SOAP Binding elements

`SOAP Binding` elements (binding, operation, body, header, fault, headerfault, and address) can be identified using the *wsdl11.extension* XPointer Framework scheme according to the following rules:

`wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/, w11soap.binding(parent))`, where:

- *`parent`* is the pointer part of the `SOAP Binding's parent` element

`wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/, w11soap.operation(parent))`

- *`parent`* is the pointer part of the `SOAP Operation's parent` element

`wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/, w11soap.body(parent))`

- *`parent`* is the pointer part of the `SOAP Body's parent` element

`wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/, w11soap.header(parent))`

- *`parent`* is the pointer part of the `SOAP Header's parent` element

`wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/, w11soap.headerfault(parent))`

- *`parent`* is the pointer part of the `SOAP HeaderFault's parent` element

`wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/, w11soap.fault(parent))`

- *`parent`* is the pointer part of the `SOAP Fault's parent` element

`wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/, w11soap.address(parent))`

- *`parent`* is the pointer part of the `SOAP Address's parent` element

3.3 Canonical Form for WSDL 1.1 element identifiers

The IRI-references described above MAY be used as WSDL 1.1 element identifiers. For ease of comparison, the fragment identifier of WSDL 1.1 element identifiers SHOULD conform to the following canonicalization rules:

- The fragment identifier consists of a sequence zero or more `xmlns()` pointer parts followed by exactly one `wsdl1.*()` pointer part.
- Each `xmlns()` pointer part that appears in the fragment identifier defines a namespace that is referenced by the `wsdl1.*()` pointer part.
- Each `xmlns()` pointer part defines a unique namespace.
- The `xmlns()` pointer parts define namespaces in the same order as they are referenced in the `wsdl1.*()` pointer part.
- The namespace prefixes defined by the `xmlns()` pointer parts are named `ns1` , `ns2` , etc., in the order of their appearance.
- The fragment identifier contains no optional whitespace.

3.4 Example

Consider WSDL 1.1 document located at http://example.org/TicketAgent.wsdl. Each WSDL 1.1 Element Identifier is shown in comments above the WSDL 1.1 element

Example 3-1. IRI-References - Example WSDL 1.1 Document

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<wsdl:definitions targetNamespace="http://example.org/TicketAgent.wsdl11"
    xmlns:tns="http://example.org/TicketAgent.wsdl11"
    xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
    xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:xsTicketAgent="http://example.org/TicketAgent.xsd"
    xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/ http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/NOTE-wsdl-20010315/wsdl11.xsd">

    <!-- http://example.org/TicketAgent.wsdl11#wsdl11.definitions() -->

    <wsdl:types>
        <xs:schema xmlns:xsTicketAgent="http://example.org/TicketAgent.xsd"
            targetNamespace="http://example.org/TicketAgent.xsd">
            <xs:element name="listFlightsRequest" type="xsTicketAgent:tListFlights"/>
            <xs:complexType name="tListFlights">
                <xs:sequence>
                    <xs:element name="travelDate" type="xs:date"/>
                    <xs:element name="startCity" type="xs:string"/>
                    <xs:element name="endCity" type="xs:string"/>
                </xs:sequence>
            </xs:complexType>
            <xs:element name="listFlightsResponse" type="xsTicketAgent:tFlightsResponse"/>
            <xs:complexType name="tFlightsResponse">
                <xs:sequence>
                    <xs:element name="flightNumber" type="xs:integer" minOccurs="0"
                        maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
                </xs:sequence>
            </xs:complexType>
        </xs:schema>
    </wsdl:types>

    <wsdl:message name="listFlightsRequest">
        <!-- Starting from here, http://example.org/TicketAgent.wsdl11 will be shortened to http://... -->
        <!-- http://...#wsdl11.message(listFlightsRequest) -->
        <wsdl:part name="body" element="xsTicketAgent:listFlightsRequest"/>
        <!-- http://...#wsdl11.messagePart(listFlightsRequest/body) -->
    </wsdl:message>
```

```
    <wsdl:message name="listFlightsResponse">
        <!-- http://...#wsdl11.message(listFlightsResponse) -->
        <wsdl:part name="body" element="xsTicketAgent:listFlightsResponse"/>
        <!-- http://...#wsdl11.messagePart(listFlightsResponse/body) -->
    </wsdl:message>

    <wsdl:portType name="TicketAgent">
        <!-- http://...#wsdl11.portType(TicketAgent) -->
        <wsdl:operation name="listFlights">
            <!-- http://...#wsdl11.portTypeOperation(TicketAgent/listFlights) -->
            <wsdl:input message="tns:listFlightsRequest"/>
            <!-- http://...#wsdl11.portTypeOperation.input(TicketAgent/listFlights) -->
            <wsdl:output message="tns:listFlightsResponse"/>
            <!-- http://...#wsdl11.portTypeOperation.output(TicketAgent/listFlights) -->
        </wsdl:operation>
    </wsdl:portType>

    <wsdl:binding name="TicketAgentSoap" type="tns:TicketAgent">
        <!-- http://...#wsdl11.binding(TicketAgentSoap) -->
        <soap:binding style="document" transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
        <!-- http://...#wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/,
             w11soap.binding( wsdl11.binding(TicketAgentSoap)) -->
        <wsdl:operation name="listFlights">
            <!-- http://...#wsdl11.bindingOperation(TicketAgentSoap/listFlights) -->
            <wsdl:input>
                <!-- http://...#wsdl11.bindingOperation.input(TicketAgentSoap/listFlights) -->
                <soap:body parts="body" use="literal"/>
                <!-- http://...#wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/,
                                w11soap.body(wsdl11.bindingOperation.input
                                            (TicketAgentSoap/listFlights)) -->
            </wsdl:input>
            <wsdl:output>
                <!-- http://...#wsdl11.bindingOperation.output(TicketAgentSoap/listFlights) -->
                <soap:body parts="body" use="literal"/>
                <!-- http://...#wsdl11.extension(http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/,
                                w11soap.body(wsdl11.bindingOperation.output
                                            (TicketAgentSoap/listFlights)) -->
            </wsdl:output>
        </wsdl:operation>
    </wsdl:binding>

</wsdl:definitions>
```

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A. Change Log (Non-Normative)

Table A-1. Changes

Who	When	What
DBO	20061108	Initial Revision
DBO	20061212	Uncommented canonical section, fixed editorial items
DBO	20070122	Resolution of bug 4208, AI is 145
FS	20070127	Editorial fixes for publication preparation
DBO	20070219	Changed MessageReference to .input and .output, resolution of bug 4251, AI is 150
DBO	20070308	Added note about targetnamespace being required. 4331, AI is 177
DBO	20070308	Removed Schema element and type defs. 4332, AI is 178
FS	20070717	Updated Reference to WSDL20