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# **1** Introduction

This document forms part of the overall document set for ITK Architecture.

# **1.1 Purpose of Document**

This document defines a set of requirements for ITK Web Services Transport.

# **1.2 ITK Architecture Documentation Set**

The position of this document in relation to the document set is shown below.

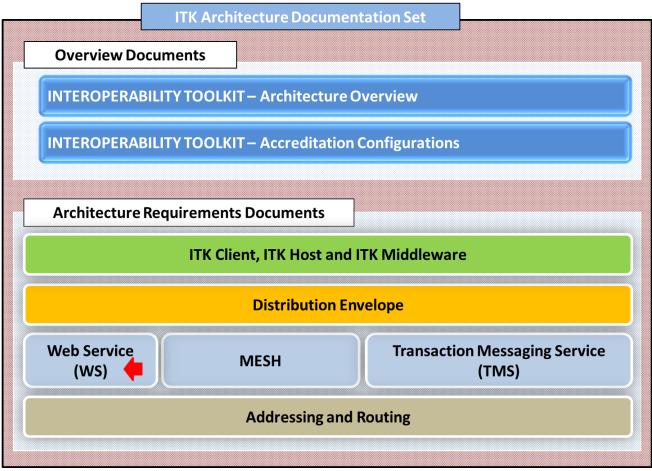


Figure 1 – ITK Architecture Documentation Set

### **1.3 Audience**

The primary audience are supplier technical and product development staff who are interested in developing a Toolkit Implementation.

### 1.4 Document Scope

The document covers the ITK Web Services Transport Interoperability requirements required for accreditation.

### **1.5 Document Overview**

The rest of this document covers a number of areas of functionality. Within each area the functionality is described, and a number of formal requirements are listed in bold type, with additional detail provided in smaller type below this.

### **1.6 Requirements Presentation**

Ref <mark>(1)</mark>	Description (2)	Client (3)	Host (4)	MW (5)	SMSP (6)
COR-REL-03	Toolkit Implementations MUST retain responsibility for processing until a request completes	Y	N	Y	N
NВ (7)	Specifically, any response returned from the initial part of the NOT indicate a transfer of responsibility. It is only a transport NOT imply that the message has necessarily been persisted of responsibility, nor promise that subsequent application pro-	acknowl , nor doe:	edgeme s it indic	nt, and i ate a tra	t does Insfer

The requirements are presented in the format given below:

#### **Clarification Notes**

- (1) The requirement reference
- (2) The Description of the requirement
- (3), (4), (5) and (6) Shows the requirements applicability for accreditation
- (7) Provides further details relating to the requirement and supplementary notes

#### **Colour Coding Notes**

- The fill colour of the Reference relates to a particular document from the document map.
- Where requirements are universally applied the fill colour will always be blue. Where requirements are conditional and may impact accreditation the fill colour will be Orange.
- See the Accreditation Configuration spread sheet for related details.

# **1.7 Reference Implementation**

An ITK reference implementation pack is available as a training and development aid and it contains example code snippets for typical Healthcare Interoperability scenarios.

http://developer.nhs.uk/library/interoperability/nhs-interoperability-framework/

# 2 Web Service Overview

ITK Web Services are described within a single ITKService.wsdl file, defining operations under soap 1.1 and soap 1.2.

The ITK Web Services are shown in more detail within Section 7 (ITK Web Service in Practice).

### 2.1 Message Structure Overview

The diagram below shows an overview of an ITK Web Service message.

Web Service		
НТТРІ	Header	
SOAP E	nvelope	
SOAP	Header	
Web Service	e Addressing	
Web Servio	ce Security	
SOAP	Body	
Distribution	1 Envelope	
Head	der	
Payl	oads	
Paylo	pad	
Payload		

Figure 2 - An ITK Web Service Message Structure

### 2.2 SOAP Header

The SOAP Header provides generic functionality common to all messages and relating to technical distribution over a single messaging "hop". There are a defined set of ITK related elements to enable healthcare interoperability.

```
<soap:Header>
    <wsa:MessageID>__MESSAGEID__</wsa:MessageID>
    <wsa:Action>urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendDistEnvelope</wsa:Action>
    <wsa:To> SENDTO </wsa:To>
    <wsa:From>
        <wsa:Address>http://localhost:4000</wsa:Address>
    </wsa:From>
    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-20040]</pre>
        <wsu:Timestamp xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-20</pre>
        "D6CD5232-14CF-11DF-9423-1F9A910D4703">
            <wsu:Created> TIMESTAMP </wsu:Created>
            <wsu:Expires>__EXPIRES__</wsu:Expires>
        </wsu:Timestamp>
        <wsse:UsernameToken>
            <wsse:Username>TKS Server test</wsse:Username>
        </wsse:UsernameToken>
    </wsse:Security>
</soap:Header>
```

#### SOAP 1.1 used. Known ITK SOAP Elements are

WS Addressing:

- \MessageID
- \To
- \Action
- \From
- \ReplyTo
- \FaultTo
- \RelatesTo
- WS Security:
- \UsernameToken
- \UsernameToken\Created
- \UsernameToken\Expires

Any other SOAP Elements must be within a local namespace. Known ITK SOAP Elements can only have attribute mustUnderstand="1". The following sections explain the ITK approach in detail.

#### 2.2.1 SOAP Header Explained

The table below provides the detailed requirements associated with the ITK Soap Header.

Requirement	SOAP Header	Cardinality	Details
WS-ADR-01	\MessageID	11	Must be unique and in upper case.
WS-ADR-03	\То	11	Contains the web service endpoint
WS-ADR-04	\Action	11	The SOAP action binding is detailed within the ITKService.wsdl file.
WS-ADR-05	\From	01	May be omitted, listening web service should not require this field to be populated.
WS-ADR-06	\ReplyTo	01	Must be populated for asynchronous service calls. Responding system will use this address for asynchronous SOAP response.
WS-ADR-06	\FaultTo	01	MAY be populated for asynchronous service calls. Responding system will use this address for asynchronous SOAP fault response.
WS-ADR-07	\RelatesTo	01	Must be populated for asynchronous SOAP responses, containing the originating SOAP request MessageID.
WS-SEC-02	\UsernameTok en	11	This should contain the calling systems identifier. The UsernameToken should be the same as the Subject field CN_within the presented TLS -certificate
WS-SEC-04	\Created \Expires	11	All header timestamps MUST be in GMT/UTC and MUST be synchronised with a consistent time source to within 250 milliseconds.

#### **Table 1 : SOAP Header Element Definitions**

#### 2.2.2 SOAP Header Post Processing

The table below provides an overview the element definitions of the SOAP Header Elements post processing.

Requirement	SOAP Header	Cardinality	Host Processing Details
WS-ADR-01	\MessageID	11	Reject with a SOAP fault message if this field is missing.
WS-ADR-03	∖То	11	Reject with a SOAP fault message if this field is missing. If the address cannot be resolved, reject with a SOAP Fault.
WS-ADR-04	\Action	11	Reject with a SOAP fault if the service does not exist.
WS-ADR-05	\From	01	None
WS-ADR-06	\ReplyTo	01	IF using Synchronous web service and this header is included, then the host system needs to check it is using the Anonymous address - http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anon ymous If not the anonymous address then respond with a SOAP fault. Asynchronous service call – host system will us this address for the SOAP response.
WS-ADR-06	\FaultTo	01	Can be populated and if present this is the address used by the host for asynchronous SOAP faults.
WS-ADR-07	\RelatesTo	01	Will only be present if the message is an asynchronous response.
WS-SEC-02	∖UsernameTok en	11	The host should check the username is trusted. Host has the option to additionally check of the username matched the TLS MA presented certificates subject field CN= value.
WS-SEC-04	\Created \Expires	11	Host needs to check the message has not expired and that the created time is not after the expired time.

#### Table 2 : SOAP Header Post Processing

# 2.3 SOAP Body

For all ITK web services, the SOAP Body will always contain an ITK "Distribution Envelope". This carries information relating to the end-to-end technical distribution of a message and encloses the business Payload e.g. clinical document.

#### 2.3.1 SOAP Body - Distribution Envelope

Detailed requirements for the ITK Distribution Envelope can be found in the Distribution Envelope Requirements Specification.

#### 2.3.2 SOAP Body - Processing

Once the SOAP Body has been parsed the expectation is that the Distribution Envelope will be processed outside of the SOAP operation i.e. by a separate software component.

### 2.4 ITK Service WSDL

From the publication of this specification, the ITK Service WSDL replaces and therefore deprecates all existing ITK WSDLs.

# **3 Web Service Standards**

The following are the Web Service standards used by the ITK.

Standard	Notes
XML [1.0] and XML Schema [1.1]	As per standards defined by W3C.
WS-I Basic Profile [1.1]	This standard restricts and clarifies the usage of other specifications
HTTP [1.1]	With restrictions and clarifications as per the WS-Basic Profile
SOAP [1.1]	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope
	With restrictions and clarifications as per the WS-Basic Profile
SOAP [1.2]	http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope
WSDL [1.1]	With restrictions and clarifications as per the WS-Basic Profile
WS-Addressing [1.0]	http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing
WS-Security [1.1]	http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss- wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd
	http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss- wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd
SAML [1.1]	https://www.oasis-open.org/standards#samlv1.1
XML Signature [1.1]	http://www.w3.org/TR/xmldsig-core/
XML Encryption [1.1]	http://www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmlenc-core-20021210/
UDDI [3.0]	https://www.oasis-open.org/standards#uddiv3
ITK [2.0] urn:nhs-itk:ns:201005	Additional items explicitly defined as part of the Interoperability Toolkit.
UTF-8	All Toolkit Messages MUST use UTF-8 encoding.

#### Table 3 : List of Standards

### 3.1 ITK Web Service Standards

The following are the ITK Requirements associated with the Web Service standards.

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP		
WS-STD-01	Standards used for ITK Web Services Implementations MUST be selected from those listed in the table above	Y	Y	Y	Y		
NB	The standards in the table above have been selected as mature and widely accepted Web Services standards.						

WS-STD-03	SOAP Header elements MUST be nested directly underneath a single SOAP "Header" tag	Y	Y	Y	Y	
NB	For the purposes of the Toolkit, all of the SOAP Header elements described in this specification MUST be nested directly under a single SOAP "Header.					

WS-STD-04	xsi:schemaLocation attribute MUST NOT be used	Y	Y	Y	Y

WS-PAT-04	The SimpleMessageResponse element of the SOAP Body MUST contain a simple acknowledgement	N	N	N	Y
1	The payload element of this SimpleMessageResponse MU It MUST NOT contain any significant information which the understand or process.				" string.

Requirement is deprecated from July 2015.

WS-PAT-05	The appropriate pattern and invocation style MUST be used for each ITK defined service.	Y	Y	Y	Y
NB	Details can be found in the Accreditation Pack - Service List Configuration / invocations that must be used.	tings, foi	the Me	ssage	

Requirement is deprecated from July 2015.

# 3.2 Reliability

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP		
WS-REL-01	Toolkit Implementations MUST ensure all relevant	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ		
	processing is completed before providing a SOAP						
	response						
1	• <b>Request Service Behaviour Type</b> - the request MUST be accepted and persisted. The "dummy" SOAP Response indicates the transfer of responsibility (in that the next recipient in the chain confirms that the message is received, accepted, and persisted) and confirms that this next recipient is now responsible for attempting further processing in due course.						
2	• Request, Response Service Behaviour Type – For an intermediary this means that the request MUST have been forwarded and all processing completed by the ultimate recipient application. The SOAP response indicates that all processing of the service request is complete, and contains any necessary information about the results.						
3	• Request, Response Service Behaviour Type – For a recipient application this means that any update MUST have been committed to persistent storage. The SOAP response indicates that all processing of the service request is complete, and contains any necessary information about the results.						
NB	In the case of the synchronous invocation, this SOAP response HTTP 200.	onse MU	ST be re	eturned	on an		

NB	In the case of the coursely and investige this COAD represents will be returned via a
NB	In the case of the asynchronous invocation, this SOAP response will be returned via a
	separate HTTP connection over HTTP 202.

WS-REL-02	Toolkit Implementations MAY retry if a transport (HTTP) response is not received	Y	N	Y	Y
1	The lack of a transport-level (HTTP) response within the exp indication that the transport-level transmission may have faile sending Toolkit Implementation MAY retry.				

WS-REL-03	Toolkit Implementations MUST retain responsibility for processing until a SOAP Response is received	Y	N	Y	Y
NB	Specifically, the HTTP 202 response returned from the initial invocation pattern does NOT indicate a transfer of responsible acknowledgement, and it does NOT imply that the message persisted, nor promises that subsequent application procession.	ility. It is has nec	only a ti essarily	ransport been	

WS-REL-04	The Toolkit Middleware MUST support configurable outbound retries	N	Z	Y	N

Requirement is deprecated from July 2015.

### 3.3 Validation

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP
WS-VAL-01	The Toolkit Implementation SHOULD always perform at least syntactical validation before providing a SOAP response	N	Y	Y	Y

# 3.4 Messaging Security

A combination of WS-Security SOAP headers and mutually-authenticated TLS are used to provide messaging security.

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP
WS-SEC-01	Toolkit Implementations MUST use TLS	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
	for transport security. TLS 1.0 MUST be				
	supported				
1	A valid certificate from a trusted CA MUST be us authentication of the sender, by means of the "Su				on and
2	TLS mutual authentication MUST be used.				

3	<ul> <li>Connections MUST NOT be established if any of the following certificate errors occur when establishing a TLS session:</li> <li>A Relying Party determines that the presented End Entity certificate 'Subject' 'CN' field does NOT match the FQDN of the End Entity presenting the certificate</li> <li>A Relying Party cannot build a valid certificate path to validate the presented End Entity certificate to a trusted Root Certificate Authority that the Relying Party trusts</li> <li>A Relying Party determines that any certificates in the certificate chain fail integrity checks</li> <li>A Relying Party determines that any certificates in the certificate path are not yet valid, have expired or have been revoked.</li> </ul>
4	A certificate presented as part of TLS mutual authentication MAY have its subject Distinguished Name checked against an access control list or other reliable resource.
5	In terms of version support, TLS 1.0 MUST be supported as a minimum, and higher levels (i.e. 1.1, 1.2) MAY also be supported. SSLv3 MAY also be supported, however SSLv2 MUST NOT be used.

WS-SEC-02	Toolkit Implementations MUST populate all messages with the identity of the requestor	Y	N	Y	N	
1	The Username element of the UsernameToken MUST be po value from the X.509 certificate used to secure the TLS conne					

WS-SEC-04	Toolkit Implementations MUST populate all messages with a Creation timestamp	Y	Ν	Y	Y

WS-SEC-05	Toolkit Implementations MUST populate all messages with an Expiry timestamp		N	Y	Y
NB	As a default 10 minutes is recommended.				

WS-SEC-06	Toolkit Implementations MUST reject any message whose expiry timestamp has passed		Y	Y	Y

WS-SEC-07	Toolkit Implementations MUST be able to establish a requestor's identity	Y	Y	Y	Y	
1	Toolkit Implementations MUST be able to use either TLS certificate subject or a WS- Security UsernameToken to establish a requestor's identity.					
2	Although Toolkit implementations can choose a single methor they SHOULD be able to use both.	od of req	uestor id	dentifica	tion,	

3	If implemented, a WS-Security UsernameToken SHOULD (except for the local security context) be verified against the Subject field CN of the presented X.509 certificate used to secure the TLS connection, if these 2 values are not equal, the Toolkit Implementation
	MUST reject the message.

WS-SEC-08	Toolkit Implementations MUST be able to authorise a service request, based on the Service and the Requestor's identity	Y	Y	Y	Y		
NB	Inbound messages must be able to be checked to ensure to allowed to invoke this service. Due to the application-based requestor's identity will usually be either that of the calling a As described in WS-SEC-07, for a Web Services implement requestor is provided by the Subject field of the certificate of connection and / or the Username field of the WS-Security	ased security approach, the ling application or of an intermediary. ementation the identity of the ate used to secure the TLS					
1	Connection and / or the Username field of the WS-Security Username Loken element. The Toolkit Implementation MUST include logic that ensures that the requestor is authorised to invoke that service e.g. via an Access Control List. The Toolkit Implementation MUST reject any messages that fail this authorisation check.						

WS-SEC-09	Toolkit Implementations SHOULD have a flexible approach to certificate selection	Y	Y	Y	Y	
1	A sending system SHOULD be able to select between a number of available certificates when establishing a TLS connection.					
2	A receiving system SHOULD be able to configure multiple ce	rtificates	s in its tr	usted sto	ore.	

WS-SEC-16	WS-Security elements MAY be omitted for SOAP messages returning on a synchronous HTTP Response	N	Y	Y	Y
1	This requirement specifically overrides and takes precedence relating to WS-Security. In the case of a synchronous HTTP response down a channe sender then the WS-Security elements MAY be omitted.			•	

# 4 WS-Addressing

# 4.1 Message Identity - Element definitions

Element	Cardinality	Notes
MessageID	11	A unique identifier for each request message instance.

#### **Table 4 : Element Definitions - Identity**

### 4.2 Message Identity - Detailed Requirements

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP	
WS-ADR-01	The "MessageID" field MUST be populated with a unique uuid for each message instance	Y	Y	Y	Y	
1	Every web service call MUST have a unique MessageID formatted as a UUID.					
2	Refer to IETF RFC4122 for UUID/GUID					

WS-ADR-02	There MUST NOT be any expectation that this MessageID is the same as other identifiers which may be defined within the message payload		Y	Y	Y

# 4.3 Addressing - Element definitions

Element	Cardinality	Notes
То	11	Indicates the url of the target endpoint.
Action	11	The SOAP Action being performed.
ReplyTo	01	Allows a url to be nominated for subsequent asynchronous SOAP response.
FaultTo	01	Allows a url to be nominated for subsequent asynchronous SOAP fault response.
RelatesTo	01	Used in a SOAP Response to correlate with the MessageID of the originating SOAP Request.

### Table 5 : Element Definitions - Addressing

# 4.4 Addressing Detailed Requirements

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP		
WS-ADR-03	The "To" element MUST be populated with the url of the target endpoint	Y	Y	Y	Y		
1	For example, in the simple and common case of a SOAP message bound to a single-hop HTTP Post, the "To" element MUST contain the same HTTP address as the underlying HTTP Post.						
2	In the case of a synchronous request-response, then the response will be returned via the still-open HTTP connection. Thus the "To" address MAY NOT be supplied in this scenario. If, despite this, it is populated then it MUST contain the standard anonymous uri http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anonymous						

WS-ADR-04	The "Action" element MUST be populated	Y	Y	Y	Y				
NB	For a SOAP Request then the Action MUST be the same as the HTTP SOAP action, as specified in the WSDL HTTP binding.								
NB	For a SOAP Response then the Action MUST be as per the corresponding SOAP Request, but with "Response" appended.								
NB	For a SOAP Fault then the Action MUST be the standard action of http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/soap/fault. For fundamental fault conditions such as (but not limited to) malformed XML, that are signalled synchronously, the Action MAY be omitted.								
NB	For a WS-Addressing Fault then the Action MUST be the stand "http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/fault.	dard act	ion of						
NB	SOAP 1.1 Synchronous faults MUST be returned with an HTTP 500 response code. Synchronous faults MAY exceptionally omit the WS-Addressing "Action" element where the fault is detected before a correct value for Action can be determined.								
	Note: SOAP 1.2 provisions usage of HTTP Status codes other than HTTP 500 to indicate error conditions.								

WS-ADR-05	The "From" element MAY be omitted		Y	Y	Y	
1	Web Service Hosts MUST NOT require the "From" element to be populated.					
2	Web Service Clients MAY omit the FROM element.					

WS-ADR-06	For asynchronous invocation the "ReplyTo" element of the request message MUST be populated with the uri to be used. (And the "FaultTo" element MAY be populated).YY	Y	Y					
1	supply a FaultTo address. This is an alternative address to be used if the async	In scenarios when a non-anonymous ReplyTo address is supplied then the caller MAY also supply a FaultTo address. This is an alternative address to be used if the asynchronous response is a fault. (For example, if the implementation comprises a separate fault handler).						
2	The ReplyTo address MUST contain a uri which is the address of the endpoint t for the SOAP response. (i.e. it MUST be the same as the "To" address which is subsequently used for the SOAP response).							
3	It is only relevant to supply this element in the initiating SOAP request message and MUST NOT be supplied in any other scenario (e.g. in the SOAP response messages themselves							
4	In the case of a synchronous request-response, then the response will be return still-open HTTP connection. Thus the ReplyTo address MAY NOT be supplied in scenario. If, despite this, it is populated then it MUST contain the standard anon "http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anonymous".	n this						
5	If the ReplyTo address is omitted then the recipient MUST treat this in exactly the as if an anonymous ReplyTo had been supplied.	If the ReplyTo address is omitted then the recipient MUST treat this in exactly the same way						
6	The ReplyTo address MAY contain the uri of a queue, if "pull" collection of the reference from a queue is desired.	The ReplyTo address MAY contain the uri of a queue, if "pull" collection of the response from a queue is desired.						
NB	The ReplyTo address is needed to support the asynchronous invocation pattern indicating where the SOAP response will be sent.	The ReplyTo address is needed to support the asynchronous invocation pattern, by indicating where the SOAP response will be sent.						

WS-ADR-07	For asynchronous invocation the "RelatesTo" element of the SOAP response MUST be populated with the MessageID of the initiating SOAP request message	Ŷ	Y	Y	Y		
NB	The "RelatesTo" field in SOAP response message MUST contain the MessageID of the initiating SOAP request message, to assist the original requestor in correlating the asynchronous response.						

WS-ADR-08	The ReferenceParameter and/or ReferenceProperty sub-elements of an Endpoint Reference MUST NOT be used	Y	Y	Y	Y

Requirement is deprecated from July 2015.

WS-ADR-09	For synchronous invocation, any response will be returned via the still-open HTTP connection. The RelatesTo field MAY be omitted in this scenario.	Y	Ŷ	Y	Ŷ
NB	If, despite this, it is populated then it MUST contain the Messa Request message.	geID of	the origi	nating S	OAP

WS-ADR-10	For synchronous invocation, any response will be returned via the still-open HTTP connection. Thus the ReplyTo address MAY NOT be supplied in this scenario.	Y	Y	Y	Y	
1	If, despite this, it is populated then it MUST contain the standard anonymous uri "http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anonymous".					
2	If the ReplyTo address is omitted then the recipient MUST treat this in exactly the same way as if an anonymous ReplyTo had been supplied.					

# 4.5 WS Security Time Stamp

Field	Cardinality	Notes
Created	11	A timestamp indicating when the message was created.
Expires	11	Provides the sender with an opportunity to specify a time beyond which the message should be considered as expired and not processed

#### **Table 6 : Element Definitions – Time Stamp**

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP	
WS-DSC-01	The "Created" timestamp element MUST be populated with the creation time of the message					
1	Every web service call MUST have a fresh timestamp.					
NB	Deprecated. Found duplicate requirement of WS-SEC-04					

Requirement is deprecated from July 2015.

WS-DSC-02	The "Expires" timestamp element MUST be populated with an expiry time for the message				
NB	As a default 10 minutes is recommended.				
NB	Deprecated. Found duplicate requirement of WS-SEC-05				
Paguirament is depresented from July 2015					

Requirement is deprecated from July 2015.

WS-DSC-03	All header timestamps MUST be in GMT/UTC and MUST be synchronised with a consistent time source to within 250 milliseconds	Y	Y	Y	Y	
1	All header timestamps MUST be synchronised with a time source common to all systems connected to that Toolkit instance. This time source SHOULD be the N3 NTP time service.					

# 4.6 WS-Security - Security Tokens

Field	Cardinality	Notes
Username	11	Used to identify application
Password	01	Not used

#### **Table 7 : Element Definitions – Security Tokens**

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP
WS-DSC-04	A Username Token MUST be provided containing the identity of the application	Y	Y	Y	Y

# 4.7 WS-Security - XML

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP
WS-DSC-17	PKI certificates MUST be from a recognised CA	Y	Y	Y	Y

WS-DSC-20	Toolkit middleware and applications MAY preinstall the Root Certificate from other CAs that they choose to trust	Y	Y	Y	Y

# **5 SOAP Header Extensibility**

The design of SOAP headers is inherently intended to be flexible and extensible. To allow for potential future Toolkit enhancements it is important that this extensibility is realised by Toolkit implementations. Therefore:

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP
WS-EXT-01	Implementations MUST understand all SOAP Header fields that are explicitly defined as mandatory in this specification document	Ŷ	Y	Y	Ŷ

WS-EXT-02	Implementations MUST be able to ignore any	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ
	additional SOAP Header fields which are not in this				
	specification, but which may be added in future				

WS-EXT-03	Implementations MUST raise a SOAP Fault if SOAP	Υ	Y	Υ	Y
	Header fields are encountered with the				
	"mustUnderstand" attribute set which cannot be				
	successfully processed				

WS-EXT-04	Local SOAP Header extensions MUST use their own namespace	Y	Y	Y	Y			
1	SOAP Headers may be used to define local or implementation-specific extensions. In this case these MUST be clearly distinguished by the use of their own namespace.							
2	Local extensions SHOULD also define a schema for a single thus simplifying documentation and usage of these extension		l contair	er elem	ent –			

# 6 SOAP Faults

SOAP faults are handled in a WS\* standards based manner with the addition of itk specific information within the detail element.

### 6.1 SOAP 1.1 Fault structure - Element definitions

Element	Cardinality	Notes
faultcode	11	A code for identifying the fault. Must be one of the 4 standard SOAP fault codes.
faultstring	11	A human readable explanation of the fault. This MUST be populated, in accordance with the SOAP specification, but is anticipated as providing minimal information (and might be simple pre-defined text). The more useful application error information will be provided in the "detail" element.
faultactor	01	The endpoint where the fault occurred.
detail	01	<ul><li>Holds application specific error information related to the Body element.</li><li>A Toolkit specific structure is defined for this detailed error information, see below for details.</li></ul>

Fault reporting is based on the standard SOAP 1.1 fault specification.

#### Table 8 : Element Definitions – SOAP Fault Structure

#### 6.1.1 Detailed Requirements

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP
WS-FLT-01	The "faultcode" element MUST contain a standard fault code as-per SOAP and WS-* specifications	N	Y	Y	Y
NB	<ul> <li>SOAP defines 4 standard Fault Codes which are:</li> <li>1. VersionMismatch - Found an invalid namespace for the</li> <li>2. MustUnderstand - An immediate child element of the H mustUnderstand attribute set to "1", was not understood</li> <li>3. Client - The message was incorrectly formed or contain</li> <li>4. Server - There was a problem with the server so the m</li> <li>Refer to the SOAP specification for a more complete expla Additional codes are defined by other WS-* specifications, WS-Security.</li> </ul>	leader ele od ned incor essage c nation of	ement, w rect infor ould not these st	vith the rmation proceed	odes

WS-FLT-02	The "faultactor" element SHOULD be populated with the HTTP url of the endpoint raising the fault	N	Y	Y	Y					
NB	This may assist with tracing the source of the error.									
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Requirement is deprecated from July 2015.

WS-FLT-03	For faults reported due to "inability to complete" the request then the "detail" element MUST be populated with the Toolkit Fault structure	N	Ŷ	Y	Y	
1	SOAP faults reported with a faultcode of "Client" or "Ser malformed message or because of some other non-bus (for example, an authorisation failure or inability to conta reason for the fault is such a failure-to-complete the SO populated with a Toolkit Fault structure.	iness failı ıct a back	ure-to-co k-end se	omplete the ervice). Wher	request e the	
2	populated with a Toolkit Fault structure.         This means that systems using third-party SOAP components which can fail a request early, for example for malformedness or a "MustUnderstand" error, and which generate their own SOAP faults under such circumstances, MAY replace the Toolkit Fault structure with their own appropriate content.					

# 6.2 SOAP 1.2 Fault Handling

The most significant changes made in SOAP 1.2 protocol specification is the fault handling block of the schema as opposed to its predecessor SOAP 1.1.

Web service definition of the ITK Service can be implemented in both SOAP 1.1 and SOAP 1.2.

The key features of SOAP 1.2 fault schema are

- The elements are namespace qualified.
- The elements are hierarchically ordered.
- The Code and Reason elements are mandatory. The Node, Role and Detail elements are optional.

#### 6.2.1 Detailed Requirements

To keep backward compatibility of ITK implementations, SOAP 1.2 fault handling requirement specifications are defined as follows:

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP
WS-FLT-21	ITK Implementation MUST populate the <env:code> element with at least one immediate child element <env:value> . The value MUST be any one of the following and MUST be namespace qualified.</env:value></env:code>	Y	Y	Y	Y
	<ul> <li>VersionMismatch</li> <li>MustUnderstand</li> <li>DataEncodingUnknown</li> <li>Sender</li> <li>Receiver</li> </ul> ITK Implementation MAY implement				
NB	<env:subcode>         If the service endpoint binding used is SOAP 1.2 and the intention is not to change the application nested inside that expects a SOAP 1.1 fault structure, then the following maguidelines can be used.         Please see more about the SOAP fault codes in the SOAP spec - fault codes section.         • <env:value> can be mapped to SOAP 1.1 <env:fault>/<faultcode> <env:subcode> and subsequent child nodes e.g <env:value> implementation is option</env:value></env:subcode></faultcode></env:fault></env:value></env:subcode>				

WS-FLT-22	ITK Implementation MUST populate the <env:reason> element with a brief statement of the fault generated at the application level. The said statement MUST be wrapped within only one child element <env:text xml:lang=""></env:text></env:reason>	Y	Y	Y	Y
NB	The xml fragment of this block may look like this. <env:reason> <env:text xml:lang="en-GB ">Brief error description goes h </env:text></env:reason> <env:text> can be mapped to SOAP 1.1 <env:fault>/<faults< th=""><th></th><th>:Text&gt;</th><th></th><th></th></faults<></env:fault></env:text>		:Text>		

WS-FLT-23	ITK Implementation MUST populate the <env:detail> element with <itk:toolkiterrorinfo></itk:toolkiterrorinfo></env:detail>	Y	Y	Y	Y
NB	<pre><env:detail> can be mapped to SOAP 1.1 <env:fault>/<deta <env:text=""> can be mapped to SOAP 1.1 <env:fault>/<faults< pre=""></faults<></env:fault></deta></env:fault></env:detail></pre>				

WS-FLT-24	ITK Implementation MAY implement <env:node> and <env:role>.</env:role></env:node>	Y	Y	Y	Y
NB	If implemented <env:node> and <env:role> can be mapped <env:fault>/<faultactor>.</faultactor></env:fault></env:role></env:node>	to SOAF	9 1.1		

### 6.3 Toolkit Fault structure - Element definitions

The following structure is defined for use in the SOAP Fault "detail" element, for transmitting error information between Toolkit applications.

Element	Cardinality	Notes
ErrorID	11	A unique id (uuid) to identify the error instance.
ErrorCode	11	An error code.
ErrorCode@codeSystem	01	An optional identifier (OID) indicating the vocabulary from which the error code comes.
		A simple generic set of default technical error codes is provided by NHSD.
		It also is possible that alternative error vocabularies might be defined for specific services, should this be deemed necessary in future.
ErrorText	11	Additional error text provided by the application - suitable for displaying to a user (i.e. in addition to the standard text pre-defined with the error code).
ErrorDiagnosticText	01	Additional diagnostic information provided by the application, which might be of use to a systems administrator investigating the problem.

#### **Table 9 : Element Definitions – Toolkit Fault Structure**

### **6.4 Detailed Requirements**

Ref	Description	Client	Host	MW	SMSP	
WS-FDT-01	The "ErrorID" element MUST be populated with a uuid to identify the error instance.	uuid to identify the error instance.				
1	The uuid MUST be formatted into 5 hyphen-separate 8, 4, 4, and 12 places respectively, and the hexad converted to upper case. The ErrorID MUST contain the uuid only. Specifically as "urn:" or "uuid:".	ecimal di	gits A-F	in UUIDs MUS	Г be	

WS-FDT-02	The "ErrorCode" element MUST be populated with an error code	N	Y	Y	Y
NB	<ul> <li>NHSD have pre-defined the following error code vocabulary default (i.e. unless a different service-specific SOAP Fault er defined and documented).</li> <li>1000 = Invalid Message (There is something incorrect wit content – a bug fix for the sender)</li> <li>2100 = Processing Error (Retryable) (A processing error system temporarily down)</li> <li>2200 = Processing Error (Not Retryable) (A processing error programming bug in the integration infrastructure code)</li> <li>3000 = Access Denied (A security problem)</li> </ul>	ror vocab h the mee that may	oulary is ssage st be retry	explicitly ructure /-able –	y or e.g.

WS-FDT-03	The "codeSystem" attribute MAY be populated with an OID that identifies an error code vocabulary	N	Y	Y	Y	
NB	The OID for the NHSD default error code vocabulary described in HDR-FDT-02 is 2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.17.268 (ToolkitSOAPErrorCodes) - and this will be assumed if this attribute is omitted.					
	If a different error vocabulary is used for some reason then the populated with an alternative OID to define what this is.	le coues	ystem a		1031	

	WS-FDT-05	The "ErrorText" element MUST be populated with	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ
		additional human-readable description about the				
		error – suitable for displaying to an end user				
ľ						

WS-FDT-06	The "ErrorDiagnosticText" element SHOULD be populated with additional diagnostic information about the error	Ν	Y	Y	Y

### 6.5 Distribution Envelope Fault Handling

The itkservice wsdl details a SOAP fault response for all operations. The only time it would be used for the SOAP Body was if the content cannot be parsed i.e. cannot access the Distribution Envelope.

Distribution Envelope processing and fault handling operations are as detailed within the ITK Distribution Envelope specification.

# 7 ITK Web Service in Practice

The following examples show the two ITK service types in practice for SOAP 1.1:

- ITK Service Send Message Only
- ITK Service Send Message and Receive Message

NB: Invocation styles are either:

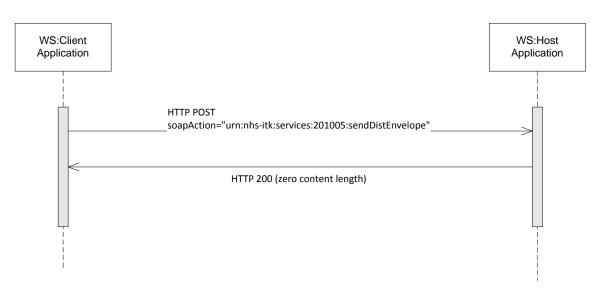
- Synchronous SOAP call waits for a SOAP response on the calling connection
- Asynchronous SOAP call doesn't expect a SOAP response (other than a SOAP fault) on the calling connection

### 7.1 ITK Service - Send Message Only Success

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSend1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendDistEnvelope"

invocation style = asynchronous



- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) The Web Service Host successfully completes processing of the SOAP Header and SOAP Body, passing the Distribution Envelope on for further processing.
- c) The SOAP Response is bound to the HTTP 200 response with zero content length.

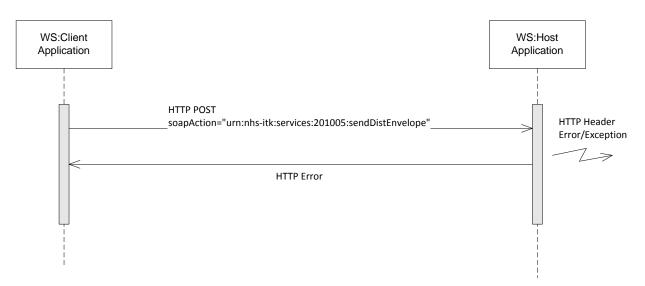
Note that "success" means that the web service call completes successfully. However, it is possible that the Distribution Envelope processing may result in a subsequent Send Message Only interaction to indicate a business error. This behaviour is detailed within the ITK Distribution Envelope specification.

# 7.2 ITK Service – Send Message Only HTTP Header Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSend1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = asynchronous



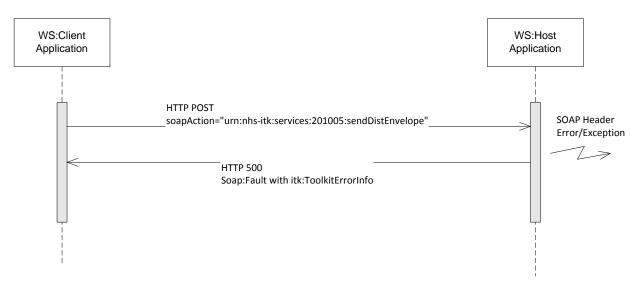
- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) Before the Web Service Host processing of the SOAP Header can commence there is an HTTP error/exception event (e.g. server unavailable).
- c) The HTTP error response is returned (e.g. 4xx, 5xx) with no SOAP payload

# 7.3 ITK Service – Send Message Only SOAP Header Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSend1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = asynchronous



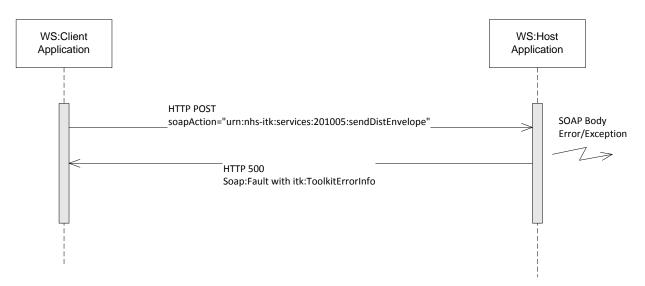
- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) The Web Service Host processing of the SOAP Header results in an error/exception event.
- c) A SOAP Fault is returned bound to the HTTP 500 response with itk:ToolkitErrorInfo block within the SOAP Fault details element.
- d) The itk:ToolkitErrorInfo contains sufficient information to inform the client that an error/exception events has occurred whilst processing the SOAP header.

# 7.4 ITK Service – Send Message Only SOAP Body Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSend1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = asynchronous



- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) The Web Service Host processing of the SOAP Body cannot parse the Distribution Envelope (e.g. badly formed) results in an error/exception event.
- c) A SOAP Fault is returned bound to the HTTP 500 response with itk:ToolkitErrorInfo block within the SOAP Fault details element.
- d) The itk:ToolkitErrorInfo contains sufficient information to inform the client that an error/exception events has occurred whilst processing the SOAP header.

Note: as mentioned previously, the only time a SOAP Fault is used in relation to the SOAP Body, is if the content cannot be parsed i.e. cannot access the Distribution Envelope.

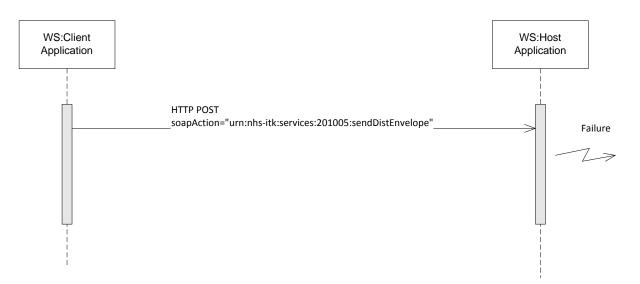
If the Distribution Envelope is successfully parsed, any subsequent (business payload) errors within the Distribution Envelope are returned via a Send Message Only interaction to indicate a business error. The Distribution Envelope Error handling behaviour, which effectively de-coupling the SOAP layer from the business content layer, is detailed within the ITK Distribution Envelope specification.

# 7.5 ITK Service – Send Message Only HTTP Timeout Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSend1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = asynchronous



- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) An error occurs, causing the HTTP Post to timeout
- c) The Web Service client will detect a transport level timeout, and MAY retry

# 7.6 ITK Service - Send Message and Receive Message (Success)

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSendRecv1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendRecvDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = synchronous



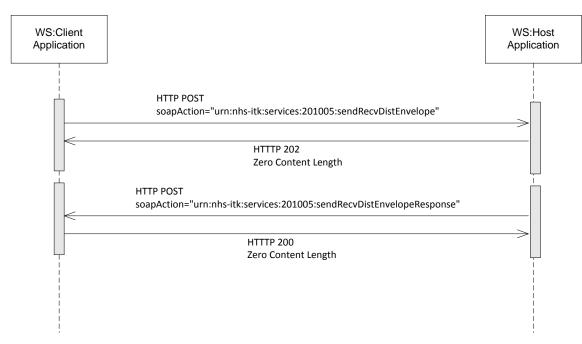
- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) The Web Service Host successfully completes processing of the SOAP Header and SOAP Body, passing the Distribution Envelope on for further processing.
- c) Use of web service indicates a response is expected once the distribution envelope has been processed.
- d) The SOAP Response is bound to the HTTP 200 response with SOAP Body containing a distribution envelope containing the 'business' response.

### 7.7 ITK Service - Send Message and Receive Message (asynchronous) Success

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSendRecv1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendRecvDistEnvelope"

invocation style = asynchronous



- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) The HTTP response is a 202 which SHOULD contain no SOAP payload. (It has been observed that some tools do put some default SOAP content in this response, in which case this MUST be ignored).
- c) The Web Service Host completes processing, as appropriate for the relevant Toolkit Interaction / Messaging Configuration.
- d) The Web Service Host opens a new HTTP connection to the endpoint specified in the "ReplyTo" header of the SOAP Request.
- e) The SOAP Response is bound to the HTTP Post on this new connection.
- f) The HTTP response is a 200 which again SHOULD contain no SOAP payload. (It has been observed that some tools do put some default SOAP content in this response, in which case this MUST be ignored).

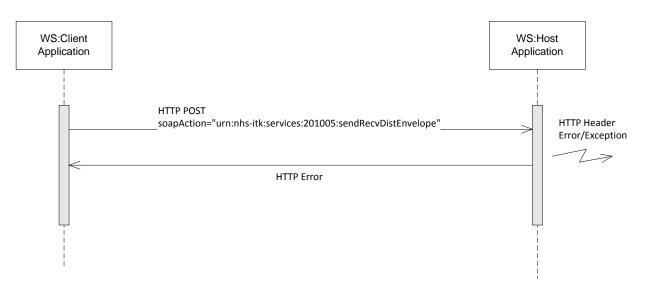
Note that "success" means that the web service call completes successfully. However it is possible that the SOAP Response contains information that indicates a business error.

### 7.8 ITK Service – Send Message and Receive Message HTTP Header Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSendRecv1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendRecvDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = synchronous



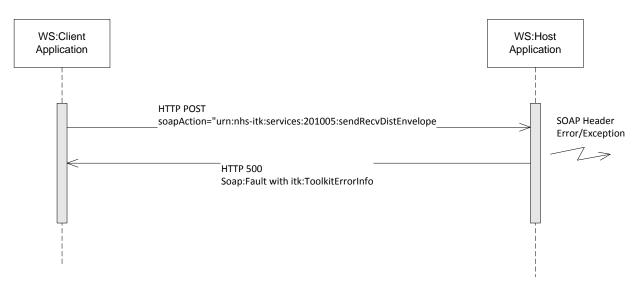
- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) Before the Web Service Host processing of the SOAP Header can commence there is an HTTP error/exception event (e.g. server unavailable).
- c) The HTTP error response is returned (e.g. 4xx, 5xx) with no SOAP payload

### 7.9 ITK Service – Send Message and Receive Message SOAP Header Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSendRecv1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendRecvDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = synchronous



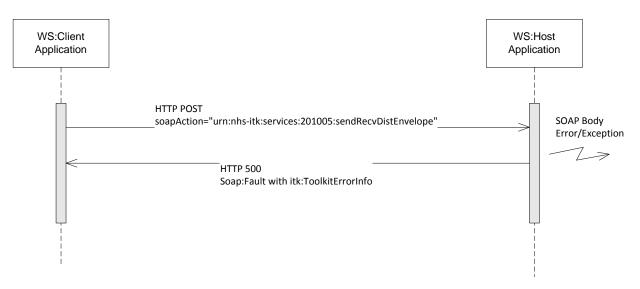
- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) The Web Service Host processing of the SOAP Header results in an error/exception event.
- c) A SOAP Fault is returned bound to the HTTP 500 response with itk:ToolkitErrorInfo block within the SOAP Fault details element.
- d) The itk:ToolkitErrorInfo contains sufficient information to inform the client that an error/exception events has occurred whilst processing the SOAP header

### 7.10 ITK Service – Send Message and Receiver Message SOAP Body Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSendRecv1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendRecvDistEnvelope"

#### invocation style = synchronous



- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) The Web Service Host processing of the SOAP Body cannot parse the Distribution Envelope (e.g. badly formed) results in an error/exception event.
- c) A SOAP Fault is returned bound to the HTTP 500 response with itk:ToolkitErrorInfo block within the SOAP Fault details element.
- d) The itk:ToolkitErrorInfo contains sufficient information to inform the client that an error/exception events has occurred whilst processing the SOAP header.

Note: as mentioned previously, the only event anticipated to result from SOAP Body processing is the inability to parse the Distribution Envelope. If the DE is successfully parsed, any subsequent (business payload) errors within the DE are returned via a subsequent Send Message Only interaction to indicate a business error. This behaviour, effectively de-coupling the SOAP layer from the business content layer, is detailed within the ITK Distribution Envelope specification.

### 7.11 ITK Service – Send Message and Receive Message HTTP Timeout Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSendRecv1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendRecvDistEnvelope"

invocation style = synchronous



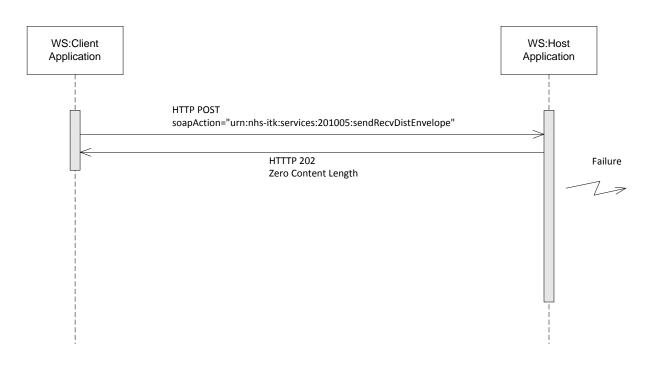
- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) An error occurs, causing the HTTP Post to timeout
- c) The Web Service client will detect a transport level timeout, and MAY retry

### 7.12 ITK Service - Send Message and Receive Message Asynchronous Response Timeout Failure

wsdl port type = ITKServiceSendRecv1

soapAction="urn:nhs-itk:services:201005:sendRecvDistEnvelope"

invocation style = asynchronous



- a) The SOAP Request is bound to the HTTP Post
- b) After issuing the HTTP 202 Response then an error occurs. As a result of this error it is not possible to return a SOAP Fault (e.g. server crash)
- c) The Web Service Host has NOT necessarily persisted the message, and responsibility remains with the Web Service Client to detect an application-level timeout and perform appropriate error handling. For example it MAY retry.

# 8 SOAP Fault Handling Use Cases

A typical example of SOAP 1.2 fault out of ITK implementation is given below. Elements shown in **RED** are mandatory and that of **GREEN** are optional.

```
<env:Fault>
 <env:Code>
   <env:Value>env:Sender</env:Value>
   <env:Subcode>
     <env:Value>env:Sender</env:Value>
     <env:Subcode> <!-- Recursive Subcode is possible --> </env:Subcode>
   </env:Subcode>
 </env:Code>
 <env:Reason>
   <env:Text xml:lang="en-GB">Brief error description</env:Text>
   <!-- Multiple Text is possible but ITK specifies only one child node -->
 </env:Reason>
 <env:Node>http://nhs.net/theNodeThatFailed</env:Node>
 <env:Role>
   http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/ultimateReceiver
 </env:Role>
 <env:Detail>
   <itk:ToolkitErrorInfo xmlns:itk="urn:nhs-itk:ns:201005">
      <!-- application specific error -->
   </itk:ToolkitErrorInfo>
 </env:Detail>
</env:Fault>
```

#### Use Case I (SOAP 1.1 node receives SOAP 1.2)

If a SOAP 1.1 node receives a SOAP 1.2 request message is not processed. A typical SOAP fault may look as follows.

```
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<env:Header>
<!-- Header is optional -->
</env:Header>
<env:Body>
<env:Fault xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<faultcode>env:Fault xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
</env:Fault xmls</pre>
```

</env:Body>

#### Use Case II (SOAP 1.2 node receives SOAP 1.1)

If a SOAP 1.2 node receives a SOAP 1.1 request message may be processed or a typical SOAP fault may look as follows.

xmlns:ns2="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"/>
</env:Upgrade>
</env:Header>
<env:Body>
<env:Fault>
<env:Code><env:Value>env:VersionMismatch</env:Value></env:Code>
<env:Reason>
<env:Text xml:lang="en">Message was not SOAP 1.1 conformant </env:Text>
</env:Reason>
</env:Fault>
</env:Fault>
</env:Envelope>

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