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Administration Web Service Protocol

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1 Introduction

The Administration Web Service Protocol enables a protocol client to create and delete **websites** and to retrieve information about the languages supported by a website.

Sections 1.5, 1.8, 1.9, 2, and 3 of this specification are normative. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

1.1 Glossary

This document uses the following terms:

absolute URL: The full Internet address of a page or other World Wide Web resource. The absolute URL includes a protocol, such as "http," a network location, and an optional path and file name — for example, <http://www.treyresearch.net/>.

configuration database: A database that is stored on a back-end database server and contains both persisted objects and site collection metadata for lookup purposes.

endpoint: A communication port that is exposed by an application server for a specific shared service and to which messages can be addressed.

globally unique identifier (GUID): A term used interchangeably with universally unique identifier (UUID) in Microsoft protocol technical documents (TDs). Interchanging the usage of these terms does not imply or require a specific algorithm or mechanism to generate the value. Specifically, the use of this term does not imply or require that the algorithms described in [\[RFC4122\]](#) or [\[C706\]](#) must be used for generating the **GUID**. See also universally unique identifier (UUID).

Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP): An application-level protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypermedia information systems (text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files) on the World Wide Web.

Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS): An extension of HTTP that securely encrypts and decrypts web page requests. In some older protocols, "Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Sockets Layer" is still used (Secure Sockets Layer has been deprecated). For more information, see [\[SSL3\]](#) and [\[RFC5246\]](#).

language code identifier (LCID): A 32-bit number that identifies the user interface human language dialect or variation that is supported by an application or a client computer.

portal site: A type of SharePoint site that can act as an umbrella to other sites and can be used by a large organization.

request message: A Traversal Using Relay NAT (TURN) message that is sent from a protocol client to a protocol server.

response message: A Traversal Using Relay NAT (TURN) message that is sent from a protocol server to a protocol client in response to a request message. It is sent when the request message is handled successfully by the protocol server.

site: A group of related pages and data within a SharePoint site collection. The structure and content of a site is based on a site definition. Also referred to as SharePoint site and web site.

site collection: A set of websites that are in the same content database, have the same owner, and share administration settings. A site collection can be identified by a **GUID** or the **URL** of the top-level site for the site collection. Each site collection contains a top-level site, can contain one or more subsites, and can have a shared navigational structure.

site definition: A family of site definition configurations. Each site definition specifies a name and contains a list of associated site definition configurations.

site template: An XML-based definition of site settings, including formatting, lists, views, and elements such as text, graphics, page layout, and styles. Site templates are stored in .stp files in the content database.

SOAP: A lightweight protocol for exchanging structured information in a decentralized, distributed environment. **SOAP** uses XML technologies to define an extensible messaging framework, which provides a message construct that can be exchanged over a variety of underlying protocols. The framework has been designed to be independent of any particular programming model and other implementation-specific semantics. SOAP 1.2 supersedes SOAP 1.1. See [\[SOAP1.2-1/2003\]](#).

SOAP action: The HTTP request header field used to indicate the intent of the **SOAP** request, using a URI value. See [\[SOAP1.1\]](#) section 6.1.1 for more information.

SOAP body: A container for the payload data being delivered by a SOAP message to its recipient. See [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#) section 5.3 for more information.

SOAP fault: A container for error and status information within a SOAP message. See [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#) section 5.4 for more information.

Status-Code: A 3-digit integer result code in an HTTP response message, as described in [\[RFC2616\]](#).

Uniform Resource Locator (URL): A string of characters in a standardized format that identifies a document or resource on the World Wide Web. The format is as specified in [\[RFC1738\]](#).

user name: A unique name that identifies a specific user account. The user name of an account is unique among the other group names and user names within its own domain or workgroup.

web application: A container in a configuration database that stores administrative settings and entry-point **URLs** for **site collections**.

Web Services Description Language (WSDL): An XML format for describing network services as a set of endpoints that operate on messages that contain either document-oriented or procedure-oriented information. The operations and messages are described abstractly and are bound to a concrete network protocol and message format in order to define an endpoint. Related concrete endpoints are combined into abstract endpoints, which describe a network service. WSDL is extensible, which allows the description of endpoints and their messages regardless of the message formats or network protocols that are used.

website: A group of related pages and data within a SharePoint site collection. The structure and content of a site is based on a site definition. Also referred to as SharePoint site and site.

WSDL operation: A single action or function of a web service. The execution of a WSDL operation typically requires the exchange of messages between the service requestor and the service provider.

XML namespace: A collection of names that is used to identify elements, types, and attributes in XML documents identified in a URI reference [\[RFC3986\]](#). A combination of XML namespace and local name allows XML documents to use elements, types, and attributes that have the same names but come from different sources. For more information, see [\[XMLNS-2ED\]](#).

XML schema: A description of a type of XML document that is typically expressed in terms of constraints on the structure and content of documents of that type, in addition to the basic syntax constraints that are imposed by XML itself. An XML schema provides a view of a document type at a relatively high level of abstraction.

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

1.2 References

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1.2.1 Normative References

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[MS-LCID] Microsoft Corporation, "[Windows Language Code Identifier \(LCID\) Reference](#)".

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1.3 Protocol Overview (Synopsis)

This protocol allows a protocol client to create or delete a **site collection** and to retrieve information about which languages are supported by a site collection.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

This protocol uses the **SOAP** message protocol for formatting request and response messages, as described in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#), [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#) and [\[SOAP1.2-2/2007\]](#). It transmits those messages by using **HTTP**, as described in [\[RFC2616\]](#), or **Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Sockets Layer (HTTPS)**, as described in [\[RFC2818\]](#).

The following diagram shows the underlying messaging and transport stack used by the protocol.

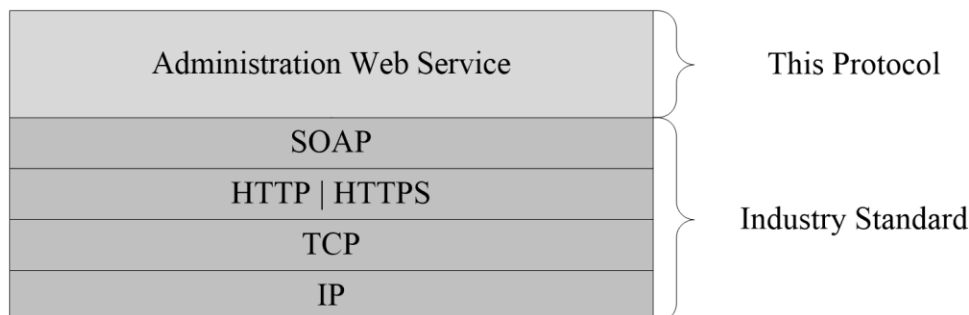


Figure 1: This protocol in relation to other protocols

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

This protocol operates against a **site** that is identified by a **URL** that is known by protocol clients. The protocol server **endpoint** is formed by appending `"/_vti_adm/admin.asmx"` to the URL of the site, for example `http://www.contoso.com/Repository/_vti_adm/admin.asmx`.

This protocol assumes that authentication has been performed by the underlying protocols.

1.6 Applicability Statement

This protocol is applicable in scenarios where managing **site collections** is required.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

This document covers versioning issues in the following areas:

Supported Transports: This protocol uses multiple transports with SOAP as specified in section [2.1](#), Transport.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

Protocol servers MUST support SOAP over **HTTP**. Protocol servers SHOULD additionally support SOAP over **HTTPS** for securing communication with clients.

Protocol messages MUST be formatted as specified either in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#), section 4 "SOAP Envelope" or in [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#), section 5 "SOAP Message Construct." Protocol server faults MUST be returned either using HTTP **Status-Codes** as specified in [\[RFC2616\]](#), section 10 "Status Code Definitions" or using **SOAP faults** as specified either in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#), section 4.4 "SOAP Fault" or in [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#), section 5.4 "SOAP Fault."

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 [\[XMLSCHEMA1/2\]](#) and [\[XMLSCHEMA2/2\]](#), and WSDL as defined in [\[WSDL\]](#).

2.2.1 Namespaces

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

Prefix	Namespace URI	Reference
soap	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/	[SOAP1.1]
tns	http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/	
s	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema	[XMLSCHEMA1/2] [XMLSCHEMA2/2]
soap12	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap12/	[SOAP1.2-1/2007] [SOAP1.2-2/2007]
(none)	http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/	
wsdl	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/	[WSDL]
mime	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/mime/	[WSDL]
s1	http://microsoft.com/wsdl/types/	
tm	http://microsoft.com/wsdl/mime/textMatching/	
http	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/http/	[RFC2616]
soapenc	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/	[SOAP1.2-1/2007] [SOAP1.2-2/2007]

2.2.2 Messages

This specification does not define any common WSDL message definitions.

2.2.3 Elements

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

2.2.4 Complex Types

2.2.4.1 SOAPFaultDetails

The details of a SOAP fault.

```
<s:schema xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" targetNamespace="
http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap">
  <s:complexType name="SOAPFaultDetails">
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element name="errorstring" type="s:string"/>
      <s:element name="errorcode" type="s:string" minOccurs="0"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:schema>
```

errorstring: A human-readable text explaining the application-level fault.

errorcode: The hexadecimal representation of a 4-byte result code. The format inside the string MUST be 0xAAAAAAAA.

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.

3 Protocol Details

The client side of this protocol is simply a pass-through. That is, no additional timers or other state is required on the client side of this protocol. Calls made by the higher-layer protocol or application are passed directly to the transport, and the results returned by the transport are passed directly back to the higher-layer protocol or application.

Except where specified, protocol clients SHOULD interpret **HTTP Status-Codes** returned by the protocol server as specified in [\[RFC2616\]](#), section 10 "Status Code Definitions."

This protocol allows protocol servers to notify protocol clients of application-level faults using **SOAP faults**. This protocol allows protocol servers to provide additional details for SOAP faults by including a **detail** element as specified either in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#), section 4.4 "SOAP Fault" or [\[SOAP1.2-1/2007\]](#), section 5.4 "SOAP Fault" that conforms to the **XML schema** of the **SOAPFaultDetails** complex type specified in section [2.2.4.1](#). Except where specified, these SOAP faults are not significant for interoperability, and protocol clients can interpret them in an implementation-specific manner.

This protocol allows protocol servers to perform implementation-specific authorization checks and to notify protocol clients of authorization faults either using HTTP status codes or SOAP faults as specified previously in this section.

3.1 Server Details

The following diagram describes the communication between the protocol client and the protocol server.

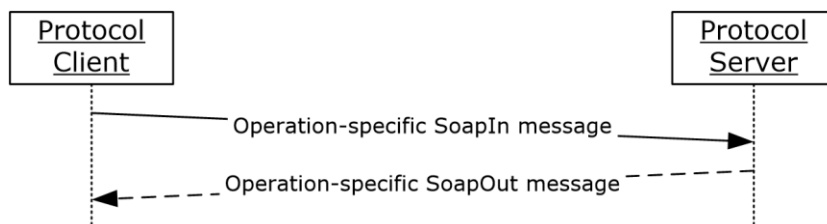


Figure 2: Message exchange between client and server

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

This section describes a conceptual model of possible data organization that an implementation maintains to participate in this protocol. The described organization is provided to facilitate the explanation of how the protocol behaves. This document does not mandate that implementations adhere to this model as long as their external behavior is consistent with that described in this document.

There is a list of **site definitions** supported by this protocol server. The protocol client can customize a site to create custom templates. The protocol server maintains a mapping between a custom template and its site definition.

For an overview of **site**, **site collection** and site definition and protocol server in general, see [\[MS-WSSTS\]](#) section 2.1.2.6 Site, [\[MS-WSSTS\]](#) section 2.1.2.5 Site Collection, and [\[MS-WSSTS\]](#) section 2.1.3.1 Site Definition.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

None.

3.1.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The following table summarizes the list of **WSDL operations** defined in this specification.

Operation	Description
CreateSite	Creates a site collection.
DeleteSite	Deletes the specified site collection.
GetLanguages	Returns information about the languages used in the protocol server deployment.
RefreshConfigCache	This operation does nothing and is now obsolete.

3.1.4.1 CreateSite

This operation creates a site collection.

```
<wsdl:operation name="CreateSite">
  <wsdl:input message="tns:CreateSiteSoapIn" />
  <wsdl:output message="tns:CreateSiteSoapOut" />
</wsdl:operation>
```

The client sends a **CreateSiteSoapIn** request message and the server responds with a **CreateSiteSoapOut** response message.

3.1.4.1.1 Messages

3.1.4.1.1.1 CreateSiteSoapIn

The request message that initiates the creation of the site collection.

The **SOAP action** value of the message is as follows:

```
http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/CreateSite
```

The **SOAP body** contains a **CreateSite** element. The request message is governed by the following rules:

- The **absolute URL** of the **site collection** to be created **MUST** be included in the **request message**.
- If the URL is missing, the server **MUST** return a **SOAP fault**.
- If the URL is not valid, the server **MUST** return a SOAP fault. See section [3.1.4.1.2.1](#) for restrictions.
- If the URL already exists, the server **MUST** return a SOAP fault.

- If the **LCID** is zero, the server MUST create the site with current server language. Otherwise, if the LCID is invalid or not installed, then the server MUST return a SOAP fault with error code 0x8102005e.
- If **WebTemplate** is not empty, and if it is not available in the list of templates and it is not a custom template, then the server MUST return a SOAP fault.
- The valid **OwnerLogin** MUST be included in the request message.
- If **OwnerLogin** is not an existing domain user account, the server MUST return a SOAP fault with error code 0x80131600.

3.1.4.1.1.2 CreateSiteSoapOut

The **response message** in reply to the request initiated with the **CreateSiteSoapIn** message to create a **site collection**.

The **SOAP body** contains a **CreateSiteResponse** element.

3.1.4.1.2 Elements

3.1.4.1.2.1 CreateSite

Creates a **site collection**.

```
<s:element name="CreateSite">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Url" type="s:string" />
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Title" type="s:string"/>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Description" type="s:string"/>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Lcid" type="s:int" />
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="WebTemplate" type="s:string"/>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="OwnerLogin" type="s:string" />
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="OwnerName" type="s:string"/>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="OwnerEmail" type="s:string"/>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="PortalUrl" type="s:string"/>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="PortalName" type="s:string"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
```

Url: The **absolute URL** of the site collection. It MUST be formatted as either `http://ServerName:PortNumber/sites/SiteCollectionName` or `http://ServerName/sites/SiteCollectionName`. Its maximum length, not including `http://ServerName` or `http://ServerName:PortNumber`, is 128 characters. If it is missing or absent, the server MUST return a **SOAP fault**. **PortNumber** in the first format MUST be the port number used by either the **web application** or the Administration Web Service on the protocol server.

Title: The display name of the site collection. It MUST be less than or equal to 255 characters. If nothing is specified, the site will have a default title of "Team Site".

Description: A description of the site collection. If nothing is specified, the site will not have a description.

Lcid: A valid **LCID**, as specified in [\[MS-LCID\]](#), which specifies the language that is used in the site collection. If it is missing, the server MUST assign a default LCID. [<1>](#)

WebTemplate: The name of the **site template** to use when creating the site collection.
GetSiteTemplates in [\[MS-SITESS\]](#) section 3.1.4.5 can be used to get a list of site templates. If no template is specified, then no template will be applied to the site at creation time.

OwnerLogin: The **user name** of the site collection owner. It MUST be less than or equal to 255 characters. [<2>](#) If it is missing or empty, the server MUST return a SOAP fault.

OwnerName: The display name of the owner. It MUST be less than or equal to 255 characters. If it is not specified, the name will be taken from the user database entry corresponding to the owner user.

OwnerEmail: The e-mail address of the owner. It MUST be less than or equal to 255 characters. If it is not specified, the e-mail will be taken from the user database entry corresponding to the owner user.

PortalUrl: The URL of the **portal site** for the site collection. It MUST be less than or equal to 260 characters. If nothing is specified, no portal **URL** will be set in the database. There is no URL validation performed on this element other than the check for its existence. If the URL is absent or empty, no portal URL will be set in the database.

PortalName: The name of the portal site for the site collection. It MUST be less than or equal to 255 characters. If nothing is specified, no portal name will be set in the database.

3.1.4.1.2.2 CreateSiteResponse

CreateSiteResponse is returned as the response to the **CreateSiteRequest** message.

```
<s:element name="CreateSiteResponse">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="CreateSiteResult" type="s:string"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
```

CreateSiteResult: Specifies the **URL** of the new **site collection**. It MUST be returned if the CreateSite operation succeeds.

3.1.4.1.3 Complex Types

None.

3.1.4.1.4 Simple Types

None.

3.1.4.1.5 Attributes

None.

3.1.4.1.6 Groups

None.

3.1.4.1.7 Attribute Groups

None.

3.1.4.2 DeleteSite

This operation deletes the specified **site collection**.

```
<wsdl:operation name="DeleteSite">
  <wsdl:input message="tns:DeleteSiteSoapIn" />
  <wsdl:output message="tns:DeleteSiteSoapOut" />
</wsdl:operation>
```

The client sends a **DeleteSiteSoapIn request message** and the server responds with a **DeleteSiteSoapOut response message**.

- The request message MUST contain the **absolute URL** of the site collection to be deleted.

3.1.4.2.1 Messages

3.1.4.2.1.1 DeleteSiteSoapIn

The message requesting deletion of the **site collection**.

The **SOAP action** value of the message is as follows:

```
http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/DeleteSite
```

The **SOAP body** contains a **DeleteSite** element. The **request message** is governed by the following rules:

- The **absolute URL** of the site collection to be deleted MUST be included in the request message.
- If the **URL** is missing, the server MUST return a **SOAP fault**.
- If the URL is not valid, the server MUST return a SOAP fault.
- If the URL does not exist, the server MUST return a SOAP fault.

3.1.4.2.1.2 DeleteSiteSoapOut

The **response message** reply to the request initiated with the **DeleteSiteSoapIn** message to delete the **site collection**.

The SOAP body contains a **DeleteSiteResponse** element.

3.1.4.2.2 Elements

3.1.4.2.2.1 DeleteSite

Deletes the specified **site collection**.

```
<s:element name="DeleteSite">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element name="Url" type="s:string" />
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
```

Url: The **absolute URL** of the site collection to be deleted.

3.1.4.2.2 DeleteSiteResponse

DeleteSiteResponse is returned as the response to the **DeleteSiteRequest**.

```
<s:element name="DeleteSiteResponse"> <s:complexType/></s:element>
```

3.1.4.2.3 Complex Types

None.

3.1.4.2.4 Simple Types

None.

3.1.4.2.5 Attributes

None.

3.1.4.2.6 Groups

None.

3.1.4.2.7 Attribute Groups

None.

3.1.4.3 GetLanguages

Returns **LCID** values that specify the languages used in the protocol server deployment.

```
<wsdl:operation name="GetLanguages">  
  <wsdl:input message="tns:GetLanguagesSoapIn" />  
  <wsdl:output message="tns:GetLanguagesSoapOut" />  
</wsdl:operation>
```

The client sends a **GetLanguagesSoapIn request message** and the server responds with a **GetLanguagesSoapOut response message**.

3.1.4.3.1 Messages

3.1.4.3.1.1 GetLanguagesSoapIn

Provides the **request message** to obtain **LCID** values.

The **SOAP action** value of the message is as follows:

```
http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/GetLanguages
```

The **SOAP body** contains a **GetLanguages** element.

3.1.4.3.1.2 GetLanguagesSoapOut

The **response message** to the **LCID** request.

The **SOAP body** contains a **GetLanguagesResponse** element.

3.1.4.3.2 Elements

3.1.4.3.2.1 GetLanguages

GetLanguages returns **LCID** values that specify the languages used in the protocol server deployment.

```
<s:element name="GetLanguages">
  <s:complexType/>
</s:element>
```

3.1.4.3.2.2 GetLanguagesResponse

GetLanguagesResponse is returned as the **response message** in reply to the **GetLanguagesRequest** message.

```
<s:element name="GetLanguagesResponse">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" name="GetLanguagesResult">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element name="Languages">
              <s:complexType>
                <s:sequence>
                  <s:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="LCID" type="s:int" />
                </s:sequence>
              </s:complexType>
            </s:element>
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
```

GetLanguagesResult: Provides the locale identifiers (**LCIDs**) of languages used in the deployment.

Languages: Specifies the languages used in the deployment.

LCID: Specifies the locale identifier (LCID) of a language used in the deployment.

3.1.4.3.3 Complex Types

None.

3.1.4.3.4 Simple Types

None.

3.1.4.3.5 Attributes

None.

3.1.4.3.6 Groups

None.

3.1.4.3.7 Attribute Groups

None.

3.1.4.4 RefreshConfigCache

This operation does nothing and is obsolete. **RefreshConfigCache** SHOULD NOT [<3>](#) be used.

```
<wsdl:operation name="RefreshConfigCache">
  <wsdl:input message="tns:RefreshConfigCacheSoapIn" />
  <wsdl:output message="tns:RefreshConfigCacheSoapOut" />
</wsdl:operation>
```

The client sends a **RefreshConfigCacheSoapIn** request message and the server responds with a **RefreshConfigCacheSoapOut** response message.

3.1.4.4.1 Messages

3.1.4.4.1.1 RefreshConfigCacheSoapIn

The response message reply to the request initiated with the **RefreshConfigCacheSoapIn** message is obsolete.

The SOAP action value of the message is as follows:

```
http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/RefreshConfigCache
```

The SOAP body contains a **RefreshConfigCache** element.

3.1.4.4.1.2 RefreshConfigCacheSoapOut

RefreshConfigCacheSoapOut does nothing and is obsolete.

The SOAP body contains a **RefreshConfigCacheResponse** element.

3.1.4.4.2 Elements

3.1.4.4.2.1 RefreshConfigCache

This element does nothing and is obsolete.

```
<s:element name="RefreshConfigCache">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element name="VirtualServerId" type="s1:guid"/>
      <s:element name="AdminGroupChanged" type="s:boolean"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
```

VirtualServerId: A **s1:guid** (as specified in section 3.1.4.4.4) type. Represents the **GUID** for **web application**.

AdminGroupChanged: Set to "true" to specify that the administrator group has changed; otherwise, "false".

3.1.4.4.2 RefreshConfigCacheResponse

RefreshConfigCacheResponse does nothing and is obsolete.

```
<s:element name="RefreshConfigCacheResponse">
  <s:complexType/>
</s:element>
```

3.1.4.4.3 Complex Types

None.

3.1.4.4.4 Simple Types

The following table summarizes the XML schema simple definitions that are specific to this operation.

Simple Type	Description
s1:guid	Represents a GUID .

3.1.4.4.4.1 s1:guid

The **s1:guid** simple type is used to represent a GUID value.

```
<s:simpleType name="s1:guid">
  <s:restriction base="s:string">
    <s:pattern value="[0-9a-fA-F]{8}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{12}" />
  </s:restriction>
</s:simpleType>
```

3.1.4.4.5 Attributes

None.

3.1.4.4.6 Groups

None.

3.1.4.4.7 Attribute Groups

None.

3.1.5 Timer Events

None.

3.1.6 Other Local Events

None.

4 Protocol Examples

4.1 CreateSite

The following example demonstrates the protocol client requests and protocol server responses from the Administration Web Service Protocol to create a **site collection**.

The protocol client sends a **CreateSite** request to create a site collection.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <CreateSite xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
      <Url>http://server/sites/examplesite</Url>
      <Title>ExampleSite</Title>
      <Description>ExampleSite description </Description>
      <Lcid>1033</Lcid>
      <WebTemplate>STS#0</WebTemplate>
      <OwnerLogin>domain\username</OwnerLogin>
      <OwnerName>owner name</OwnerName>
      <OwnerEmail>someone@microsoft.com</OwnerEmail>
      <PortalUrl />
      <PortalName />
    </CreateSite>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

The protocol server creates the site collection and responds as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <CreateSiteResponse xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
      <CreateSiteResult>http://server/sites/examplesite</CreateSiteResult>
    </CreateSiteResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

4.2 DeleteSite

The following example demonstrates the protocol client requests and protocol server responses from the Administration Web Service Protocol to delete the **site collection**.

The protocol client sends a **DeleteSite** request to delete the site collection.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <DeleteSite xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
      <Url>http://server/sites/examplesite</Url>
    </DeleteSite>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

The protocol server deletes the site collection and responds as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <DeleteSiteResponse xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/" />
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

4.3 GetLanguages

The following example demonstrates the protocol client requests and protocol server responses from the Administration Web Service Protocol to get information about languages used in the deployment of the protocol server.

The protocol client sends a **GetLanguages** request.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <GetLanguages xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/" />
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

The protocol server responds as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <GetLanguagesResponse xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
      <GetLanguagesResult>
        <Languages xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
          <LCID>1033</LCID>
        </Languages>
      </GetLanguagesResult>
    </GetLanguagesResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

This protocol introduces no additional security considerations beyond those applicable to its underlying protocols.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

6 Appendix A: Full WSDL

For ease of implementation, the following full **WSDL** is provided:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<wsdl:definitions xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:soap12="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap12/"
xmlns:mime="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/mime/"
xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/"
xmlns:sl="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/types/"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
xmlns:tm="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/mime/textMatching/"
xmlns:http="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/http/"
xmlns:soapenc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/"
xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <wsdl:types>
    <s:schema elementFormDefault="qualified"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
      <s:import namespace="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/types/" />
      <s:element name="CreateSite">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Url" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Title" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Description" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="Lcid" type="s:int" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="WebTemplate" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="OwnerLogin" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="OwnerName" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="OwnerEmail" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="PortalUrl" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="PortalName" type="s:string" />
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
      <s:element name="CreateSiteResponse">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="CreateSiteResult" type="s:string" />
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
      <s:element name="DeleteSite">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element name="Url" type="s:string" />
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
      <s:element name="DeleteSiteResponse">
        <s:complexType />
      </s:element>
      <s:element name="GetLanguages">
        <s:complexType />
      </s:element>
      <s:element name="GetLanguagesResponse">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" name="GetLanguagesResult">
              <s:complexType>
                <s:sequence>
                  <s:element name="Languages">
                    <s:complexType>
                      <s:sequence>
                        <s:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="LCID" type="s:int" />
                      </s:sequence>
                    </s:complexType>
                  </s:element>
                </s:sequence>
              </s:complexType>
            </s:element>
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
    </s:schema>
  </wsdl:types>

```

```

        </s:complexType>
    </s:element>
</s:sequence>
</s:complexType>
</s:element>
</s:sequence>
</s:complexType>
</s:element>
<s:element name="RefreshConfigCache">
    <s:complexType>
        <s:sequence>
            <s:element name="VirtualServerId" type="s1:guid" />
            <s:element name="AdminGroupChanged" type="s:boolean" />
        </s:sequence>
    </s:complexType>
</s:element>
<s:element name="RefreshConfigCacheResponse">
    <s:complexType />
</s:element>
</s:schema>
<s:schema elementFormDefault="qualified"
targetNamespace="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/types/">
    <s:simpleType name="guid">
        <s:restriction base="s:string">
            <s:pattern value="[0-9a-fA-F]{8}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-
9a-fA-F]{12}" />
        </s:restriction>
    </s:simpleType>
</s:schema>
<s:schema targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap">
    <s:complexType name="SOAPFaultDetails">
        <s:sequence>
            <s:element name="errorstring" type="s:string"/>
            <s:element name="errorcode" type="s:string" minOccurs="0"/>
        </s:sequence>
    </s:complexType>
</s:schema>
</wsdl:types>
<wsdl:message name="CreateSiteSoapIn">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:CreateSite" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="CreateSiteSoapOut">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:CreateSiteResponse" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="DeleteSiteSoapIn">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns>DeleteSite" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="DeleteSiteSoapOut">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns>DeleteSiteResponse" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="GetLanguagesSoapIn">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:GetLanguages" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="GetLanguagesSoapOut">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:GetLanguagesResponse" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="RefreshConfigCacheSoapIn">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:RefreshConfigCache" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="RefreshConfigCacheSoapOut">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:RefreshConfigCacheResponse" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:portType name="AdminSoap">
    <wsdl:operation name="CreateSite">
        <wsdl:input message="tns:CreateSiteSoapIn" />
        <wsdl:output message="tns:CreateSiteSoapOut" />
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="DeleteSite">
        <wsdl:input message="tns>DeleteSiteSoapIn" />

```

```

        <wsdl:output message="tns:DeleteSiteSoapOut" />
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="GetLanguages">
        <wsdl:input message="tns:GetLanguagesSoapIn" />
        <wsdl:output message="tns:GetLanguagesSoapOut" />
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="RefreshConfigCache">
        <wsdl:input message="tns:RefreshConfigCacheSoapIn" />
        <wsdl:output message="tns:RefreshConfigCacheSoapOut" />
    </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:portType>
<wsdl:binding name="AdminSoap" type="tns:AdminSoap">
    <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" />
    <wsdl:operation name="CreateSite">
        <soap:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/CreateSite"
style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="DeleteSite">
        <soap:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/DeleteSite"
style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="GetLanguages">
        <soap:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/GetLanguages"
style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="RefreshConfigCache">
        <soap:operation
soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/RefreshConfigCache" style="document"
/>
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>
<wsdl:binding name="AdminSoap12" type="tns:AdminSoap">
    <soap12:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" />
    <wsdl:operation name="CreateSite">
        <soap12:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/CreateSite"
style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="DeleteSite">

```

```

        <soap12:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/DeleteSite"
style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="GetLanguages">
        <soap12:operation
soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/GetLanguages" style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="RefreshConfigCache">
        <soap12:operation
soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/RefreshConfigCache" style="document"
/>
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap12:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>
</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 updates to those products.

- Microsoft SharePoint Foundation 2010
- Windows SharePoint Services 2.0
- Windows SharePoint Services 3.0
- Microsoft SharePoint Foundation 2013
- Microsoft SharePoint Server 2016
- Microsoft SharePoint Server 2019
- Microsoft SharePoint Server Subscription Edition

Exceptions, if any, are noted in this section. If an update version, service pack or Knowledge Base (KB) number appears with a product name, the behavior changed in that update. The new behavior also applies to subsequent updates unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

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

[<1> Section 3.1.4.1.2.1](#): Windows SharePoint Services 2.0, Windows SharePoint Services 3.0, SharePoint Foundation 2010, and SharePoint Foundation 2013 use a default LCID based on the default server install language.

[<2> Section 3.1.4.1.2.1](#): 1 The max length for **OwnerLogin** is 20 characters on Windows Server 2008 operating system with Service Pack 2 (SP2).

[<3> Section 3.1.4.4](#): Windows SharePoint Services 2.0 uses this operation to refresh in-memory copies of data from the **configuration database**.

8 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to this document since the last release. Changes are classified as Major, Minor, or None.

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