

[MS-AUTHWS]: Authentication Web Service Protocol

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1 Introduction

This document specifies the Authentication Web Service Protocol. This protocol enables a protocol client to determine which type of **authentication (2)** is used by a **website (2)**. In addition, if authentication (2) requests for that site are redirected to an HTML form, then this protocol enables a protocol client and a protocol server to authenticate a user.

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

1.1 Glossary

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

- authentication**
- authentication mode**
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)**
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Sockets Layer (HTTPS)**
- Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)**
- SOAP**
- SOAP action**
- SOAP body**
- SOAP fault**
- SOAP message**
- ticket**
- XML namespace**

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

- cookie**
- forms authentication**
- Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)**
- Internet Information Services (IIS)**
- Transport Layer Security (TLS)**
- Uniform Resource Locator (URL)**
- web application**
- Web Services Description Language (WSDL)**
- website**
- WSDL operation**
- XML namespace prefix**

The following terms are specific to this document:

replay attack: An attempt to circumvent an authentication (2) protocol by copying authentication (2) messages from a legitimate protocol client and resending them to the protocol server during an authentication (2) process.

Windows Live ID: A web-based service that enables participating sites to authenticate a user with a single set of credentials.

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

1.2 References

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

1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com. We will assist you in finding the relevant information.

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

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[MS-OFCGLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "[Microsoft Office Master Glossary](#)".

[RFC2818] Rescorla, E., "HTTP Over TLS", RFC 2818, May 2000, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2818.txt>

1.3 Protocol Overview (Synopsis)

This protocol enables a protocol client to determine which **authentication mode** is used by a **web application (1)**. If the web application (1) uses **forms authentication**, this protocol also enables a protocol client and a protocol server to authenticate a user.

A typical scenario for implementing this protocol is one in which forms authentication (2) is used to programmatically log a user onto an application and authenticate subsequent requests by that user.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

This protocol uses the **SOAP** message protocol for formatting request and response messages, as described in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#), [\[SOAP1.2/1\]](#) and [\[SOAP1.2/2\]](#). 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:

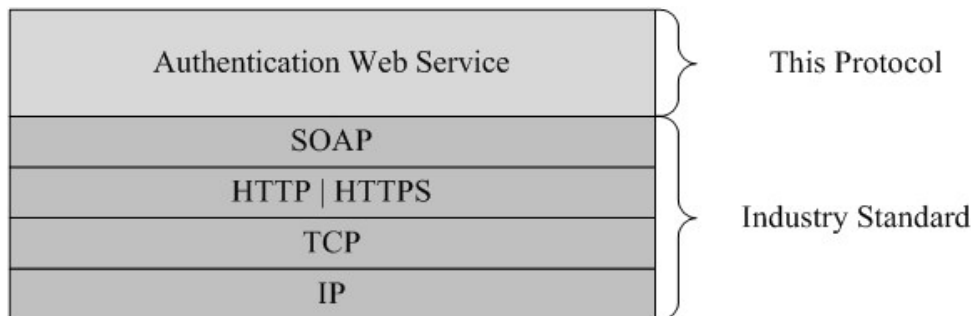


Figure 1: This protocol in relation to other protocols

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

This protocol operates against a website (2) that is identified by a **URL** that is known by protocol clients. The protocol server endpoint is formed by appending "/_vti_bin/Authentication.asmx" to the URL of the site: for example, http://www.example.com/Repository/_vti_bin/Authentication.asmx.

1.6 Applicability Statement

This protocol applies to the following scenarios:

- Retrieving the authentication mode that a specified web application (1) uses.
- By using the logon name and password for a user, logging a user onto a web application (1) that is using forms authentication.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

None.

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 to help secure communication with protocol clients.

Protocol messages MUST be formatted as specified in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#) section 4 or [\[SOAP1.2/1\]](#) section 5. Protocol server faults MUST be returned by using either HTTP status codes, as specified in [\[RFC2616\]](#) section 10, or **SOAP faults**, as specified in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#) section 4.4 or [\[SOAP1.2/1\]](#) section 5.4.

2.2 Common Message Syntax

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

2.2.1 Namespaces

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

Prefix	Namespace URI	Reference
s	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema	[XMLSCHEMA1] [XMLSCHEMA2]
soap	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/	[SOAP1.1]
soap12	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap12/	[SOAP1.2/1] [SOAP1.2/2]
tns	http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/	
wsdl	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/	[WSDL]
(none)	http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/	

2.2.2 Messages

None.

2.2.3 Elements

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

2.2.4 Complex Types

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

2.2.5 Simple Types

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

2.2.6 Attributes

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

2.2.7 Groups

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

2.2.8 Attribute Groups

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

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.

This protocol allows protocol servers to perform implementation-specific authorization checks and to notify protocol clients of authorization faults by using either HTTP status codes or SOAP faults. Except where specified otherwise, protocol clients SHOULD interpret HTTP status codes as specified in [\[RFC2616\]](#) section 10. This protocol allows protocol servers to notify protocol clients of application-level faults by using SOAP faults. Except where specified otherwise, these SOAP faults are not significant for interoperability, and protocol clients can interpret them in an implementation-specific manner.

3.1 Server Details

All of the operations that are defined by this protocol consist of a basic request/response pair, and the protocol server treats each request as an independent transaction that is unrelated to any previous request.

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

None.

3.1.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The following table summarizes the list of **WSDL operations** that are defined by this protocol.

Operation	Description
Login	Logs a user onto an application by using the user's logon name and password.
Mode	Retrieves the authentication mode that a web application (1) uses.

3.1.4.1 Login

The **Login** operation logs a user onto a web application (1) by using the user's logon name and password. For the operation to succeed, the protocol server MUST use forms authentication and the logon name and password that is provided by the protocol client MUST be valid. If the operation succeeds, a **ticket** for the specified user is created and it is attached to a **cookie** collection that is associated with the outgoing response. A redirect to the HTML login form is not performed.

```
<wsdl:operation name="Login">
  <wsdl:input message="tns:LoginSoapIn" />
  <wsdl:output message="tns:LoginSoapOut" />
</wsdl:operation>
```

```
</wsdl:operation>
```

The protocol client sends a **LoginSoapIn** request WSDL message and the protocol server responds with a **LoginSoapOut** response WSDL message, as specified in section [3.1.4.1.1.2](#).

3.1.4.1.1 Messages

The following WSDL message definitions are specific to this operation.

3.1.4.1.1.1 LoginSoapIn

The **LoginSoapIn** message is the request WSDL message that is used by a protocol client when logging on a user.

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

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

The **SOAP body** contains a **login** element, as specified in section [3.1.4.1.2.1](#).

3.1.4.1.1.2 LoginSoapOut

The **LoginSoapOut** message is the response WSDL message that is used by a protocol server when logging on a user in response to a **LoginSoapIn** request message.

The SOAP body contains a **LoginResponse** element, as specified in section [3.1.4.1.2.2](#).

3.1.4.1.2 Elements

The following XML Schema element definitions are specific to this operation.

3.1.4.1.2.1 Login

The **Login** element defines the input parameters for the **Login** WSDL operation.

```
<s:element name="Login">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element name="username" type="s:string" minOccurs="0"/>
      <s:element name="password" type="s:string" minOccurs="0"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
```

username: A string that specifies the logon name of the user.

password: A string that specifies the password for the user.

3.1.4.1.2.2 LoginResponse

The **LoginResponse** element defines the output of the **Login** WSDL operation.

```

<s:element name="LoginResponse">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element name="LoginResult" type="tns:LoginResult"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>

```

LoginResult: A **LoginResult** complex type, as specified in section [3.1.4.1.3.1](#).

3.1.4.1.3 Complex Types

The following XML Schema complex type definitions are specific to this operation.

3.1.4.1.3.1 LoginResult

The **LoginResult** complex type contains an error code and, if a **Login** WSDL operation succeeded, the name of an authentication (2) cookie.

```

<s:complexType name="LoginResult">
  <s:sequence>
    <s:element name="CookieName" type="s:string" minOccurs="0"/>
    <s:element name="ErrorCode" type="tns:LoginErrorCode"/>
    <s:element name="TimeoutSeconds" type="s:int" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
  </s:sequence>
</s:complexType>

```

CookieName: A string that specifies the name of the cookie that is used to store the forms authentication ticket. The default value is "FedAuth".[<1>](#) This element MUST NOT be present if the **Login** WSDL operation failed.

ErrorCode: An error code, as specified in section [3.1.4.1.4.1](#).

TimeoutSeconds: An integer that specifies the number of seconds before the cookie, which is specified in the **CookieName** element, expires.[<2>](#)

3.1.4.1.4 Simple Types

The following XML Schema simple type definitions are specific to this operation.

3.1.4.1.4.1 LoginErrorCode

The **LoginErrorCode** simple type indicates the result of a **Login** WSDL operation.

```

<s:simpleType name="LoginErrorCode">
  <s:restriction base="s:string">
    <s:enumeration value="NoError"/>
    <s:enumeration value="NotInFormsAuthenticationMode"/>
    <s:enumeration value="PasswordNotMatch"/>
  </s:restriction>
</s:simpleType>

```

The following table defines the allowable values for the **LoginErrorCode** simple type:

Value	Description
NoError	The Login operation succeeded.
NotInFormsAuthenticationMode	The Login operation failed because the authentication mode is not set to forms authentication.
PasswordNotMatch	The Login operation failed because the logon name is not found by the server, or the password does not match what is stored on the server.

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 Mode

The **Mode** operation retrieves the authentication mode that a web application (1) uses.

```
<wsdl:operation name="Mode">
  <wsdl:input message="tns:ModeSoapIn" />
  <wsdl:output message="tns:ModeSoapOut" />
</wsdl:operation>
```

The protocol client sends a **ModeSoapIn** request WSDL message and the protocol server responds with a **ModeSoapOut** response WSDL message.

3.1.4.2.1 Messages

The following WSDL message definitions are specific to this operation.

3.1.4.2.1.1 ModeSoapIn

The **ModeSoapIn** message is the request WSDL message that a protocol client uses to retrieve the authentication mode.

The SOAP action value of the message is defined as:

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

The SOAP body contains a **Mode** element, as specified in section [3.1.4.2.2.1](#).

3.1.4.2.1.2 ModeSoapOut

The **ModeSoapOut** message is the response WSDL message that a protocol server sends after retrieving the authentication mode.

The SOAP body contains a **ModeResponse** element, as specified in section [3.1.4.2.2.2](#).

3.1.4.2.2 Elements

The following XML Schema element definitions are specific to this operation.

3.1.4.2.2.1 Mode

The **Mode** element specifies the **Mode** WSDL operation.

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

3.1.4.2.2.2 ModeResponse

The **ModeResponse** element specifies the output of the **Mode** WSDL operation.

```
<s:element name="ModeResponse">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element name="ModeResult" type="tns:AuthenticationMode"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
```

ModeResult: An **AuthenticationMode** simple type, as specified in section [3.1.4.2.4.1](#).

3.1.4.2.3 Complex Types

None.

3.1.4.2.4 Simple Types

The following XML Schema simple type definitions are specific to this operation.

3.1.4.2.4.1 AuthenticationMode

The **AuthenticationMode** simple type specifies the authentication mode for the **Mode** WSDL operation.

```
<s:simpleType name="AuthenticationMode">
  <s:restriction base="s:string">
    <s:enumeration value="None"/>
    <s:enumeration value="Windows"/>
    <s:enumeration value="Passport"/>
    <s:enumeration value="Forms"/>
  </s:restriction>
</s:simpleType>
```

The following table defines the allowable values for the **AuthenticationMode** simple type.

Value	Description
None<3>	No authentication (2) is used or a custom authentication (2) scheme is used.
Windows	Authentication (2) is handled by Internet Information Services (IIS) . The application context uses a security token that is received from IIS.
Passport<4>	Windows Live ID is used for authentication.
Forms	A protocol client submits credentials by using an HTML form. If the protocol server authenticates the protocol client, it issues a cookie to the protocol client and the protocol client presents that cookie in subsequent requests.

3.1.4.2.5 Attributes

None.

3.1.4.2.6 Groups

None.

3.1.4.2.7 Attribute Groups

None.

3.1.5 Timer Events

None.

3.1.6 Other Local Events

None.

4 Protocol Examples

4.1 Retrieving the Authentication Mode

In this example, a protocol client sends the following **SOAP message** to retrieve the authentication mode:

```
<?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>
    <Mode xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/" />
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

The protocol server uses forms authentication and, therefore, responds with the following SOAP message:

```
<?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>
    <ModeResponse xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
      <ModeResult>Forms</ModeResult>
    </ModeResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

4.2 Logging On a User

In this example, a protocol client sends the following SOAP message to log on a user whose name is Anat Kerry:

```
<?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>
    <Login xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
      <username>Anat Kerry</username>
      <password>password</password>
    </Login>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

The protocol server uses forms authentication and authenticates Anat Kerry. Therefore, the protocol server responds with the following SOAP message:

```
<?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>
  <LoginResponse xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
    <LoginResult>
      <CookieName>.ASPXAUTH</CookieName>
      <ErrorCode>NoError</ErrorCode>
      <TimeoutSeconds>180</TimeoutSeconds>
    </LoginResult>
  </LoginResponse>
</soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

The **Login** WSDL operation requires that a user's logon name and password be sent as plain text in the body of the request WSDL message. Therefore, the message is inherently not secure. In addition, forms authentication is subject to **replay attacks** for the lifetime of the cookie. To help increase the security of the message, use of **Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)** and **Transport Layer Security (TLS)** is recommended.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

6 Appendix A: Full WSDL

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

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<wsdl:definitions xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
xmlns:tm="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/mime/textMatching/"
xmlns:soapenc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
xmlns:mime="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/mime/"
xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/"
xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:soap12="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap12/"
xmlns:http="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/http/"
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:element name="Login">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element minOccurs="0" name="username" type="s:string" />
            <s:element minOccurs="0" name="password" type="s:string" />
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
      <s:element name="LoginResponse">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element name="LoginResult" type="tns:LoginResult" />
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
      <s:complexType name="LoginResult">
        <s:sequence>
          <s:element minOccurs="0" name="CookieName" type="s:string" />
          <s:element name="ErrorCode" type="tns:LoginErrorCode" />
          <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="TimeoutSeconds" type="s:int" />
        </s:sequence>
      </s:complexType>
      <s:simpleType name="LoginErrorCode">
        <s:restriction base="s:string">
          <s:enumeration value="NoError" />
          <s:enumeration value="NotInFormsAuthenticationMode" />
          <s:enumeration value="PasswordNotMatch" />
        </s:restriction>
      </s:simpleType>
      <s:element name="Mode">
        <s:complexType />
      </s:element>
      <s:element name="ModeResponse">
        <s:complexType>
          <s:sequence>
            <s:element name="ModeResult" type="tns:AuthenticationMode" />
          </s:sequence>
        </s:complexType>
      </s:element>
      <s:simpleType name="AuthenticationMode">
        <s:restriction base="s:string">
```

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        <s:enumeration value="None" />
        <s:enumeration value="Windows" />
        <s:enumeration value="Passport" />
        <s:enumeration value="Forms" />
    </s:restriction>
</s:simpleType>
</s:schema>
</wsdl:types>
<wsdl:message name="LoginSoapIn">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:Login" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="LoginSoapOut">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:LoginResponse" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="ModeSoapIn">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:Mode" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="ModeSoapOut">
    <wsdl:part name="parameters" element="tns:ModeResponse" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:portType name="AuthenticationSoap">
    <wsdl:operation name="Login">
        <wsdl:input message="tns:LoginSoapIn" />
        <wsdl:output message="tns:LoginSoapOut" />
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="Mode">
        <wsdl:input message="tns:ModeSoapIn" />
        <wsdl:output message="tns:ModeSoapOut" />
    </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:portType>
<wsdl:binding name="AuthenticationSoap" type="tns:AuthenticationSoap">
    <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" />
    <wsdl:operation name="Login">
        <soap:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/Login"
style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:input>
        <wsdl:output>
            <soap:body use="literal" />
        </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
    <wsdl:operation name="Mode">
        <soap:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/Mode"
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="AuthenticationSoap12" type="tns:AuthenticationSoap">
    <soap12:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" />
    <wsdl:operation name="Login">
        <soap12:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/Login"
style="document" />
        <wsdl:input>

```

```
        <soap12:body use="literal" />
    </wsdl:input>
    <wsdl:output>
        <soap12:body use="literal" />
    </wsdl:output>
</wsdl:operation>
<wsdl:operation name="Mode">
    <soap12:operation soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/Mode"
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 released service packs:

- Microsoft SharePoint Foundation 2010
- Windows SharePoint Services 3.0
- Microsoft SharePoint Foundation 2013

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

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

[<1> Section 3.1.4.1.3.1:](#) Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 returns the default value of ".ASPXAUTH".

[<2> Section 3.1.4.1.3.1:](#) Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 does not return this element.

[<3> Section 3.1.4.2.4.1:](#) SharePoint Foundation 2010 (SP1) returns "Forms" when the value for **AuthenticationMode** is "None".

[<4> Section 3.1.4.2.4.1:](#) Use of Windows Live ID for authentication is not supported by Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2012.

8 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to the [MS-AUTHWS] protocol document between the February 2014 and April 2014 releases. Changes are classified as New, Major, Minor, Editorial, or No change.

The revision class **New** means that a new document is being released.

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- The removal of a document from the documentation set.

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

- Obsolete document removed.

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- **Protocol syntax** refers to data elements (such as packets, structures, enumerations, and methods) as well as interfaces.
- **Protocol revision** refers to changes made to a protocol that affect the bits that are sent over the wire.

The changes made to this document are listed in the following table. For more information, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Change type
1 Introduction	Formatted "authentication" as a glossary term and added the definition number.	N	Content updated.
1 Introduction	Updated "Web site" to "website" and added a the definition number (2) for this term.	N	Content updated.
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3.1.4.1.3.1 LoginResult	Added note for the TimeoutSeconds element.	N	New product behavior note added.
3.1.4.1.3.1 LoginResult	Formatted "authentication" as a glossary term and added the definition number.	N	Content updated.
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3.1.4.2.4.1 AuthenticationMode	Formatted "authentication" as a glossary term and added the definition number.	N	Content updated.
3.1.4.2.4.1 AuthenticationMode	Changed "Login WSDL operation" to "Mode WSDL Operation" in the description for this simple type.	N	Content updated.

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