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1 Introduction

The Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol is used by clients to retrieve **URLs** and settings that are needed to gain access to the Web services that are offered by the server.

Sections 1.8, 2, and 3 of this specification are normative and contain RFC 2119 language. Section 1.5 and 1.9 are also normative but cannot contain RFC 2119 language. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

1.1 Glossary

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

Active Directory distinguished name (DN)
domain
Domain Name System (DNS)
fully qualified domain name (FQDN)
GUID
Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Sockets Layer (HTTPS)
Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
remote procedure call (RPC)
Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)
XML

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

address book
Autodiscover client
Autodiscover server
endpoint
enterprise/site/server distinguished name (ESSDN)
Internet Message Access Protocol - Version 4 (IMAP4)
mailbox
offline address book (OAB)
Out of Office (OOF)
Post Office Protocol - Version 3 (POP3)
public folder
Short Message Service (SMS)
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)
store
Transport Layer Security (TLS)
Unified Messaging
Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)
Uniform Resource Locator (URL)
Web server
XML namespace
XSD

The following terms are specific to this document:

Exchange Control Panel (ECP): A feature that enables end users to manage server options without the assistance of an administrator.

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

1.2.1 Normative References

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1.3 Overview

The Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol is a set of methods, headers, and content types that extend the **HTTP**/1.1, as described in [\[RFC2616\]](#). A list of possible **URIs** is first discovered utilizing the [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) protocol. The Autodiscover service obtains the list of servers of the managed network (**domain**) that are configured with the specified e-mail address. The Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol enables **Autodiscover clients** to acquire e-mail configuration settings for specific e-mail addresses from the list of **Autodiscover servers** obtained from the [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) protocol.

This document specifies the following Autodiscover operations:

- A mechanism for Autodiscover clients to issue queries against Autodiscover servers.
- A mechanism for Autodiscover servers to send client configuration data to Autodiscover clients.
- A mechanism for Autodiscover servers to send referrals to Autodiscover clients.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

The Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol and the Autodiscover HTTP Service Protocol [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) work together to use the standard HTTP mechanisms defined in [\[RFC2068\]](#) to provide client management over the Internet. The Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol requires the Autodiscover HTTP Service Protocol [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) to discover the server and to allow Autodiscover clients to find Autodiscover servers that support this protocol. A higher-level protocol, given a server name or URL, uses this protocol to locate the corresponding full-qualified domain name (FQDN).

This protocol relies on HTTP 1.1, as specified in [\[RFC2616\]](#). It relies on **HTTPS**, as specified in [\[RFC2818\]](#), for data protection services.

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

This protocol requires a **Web server** that supports the **HTTP POST** command.

This protocol also requires that Autodiscover clients have URIs that point to Autodiscover servers. Autodiscover clients can obtain these URIs by using the Autodiscover HTTP Service Protocol [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#).

The Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol assumes that the client has found the Autodiscover server via the Autodiscover HTTP Service Protocol, as specified in [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#).

1.6 Applicability Statement

The Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol is used by a client to discover e-mail configuration settings for a given e-mail address.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

Different versions of this protocol can be negotiated by using the **AcceptableResponseSchema** element, which is specified in section [2.2.2.1](#).

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

Vendors MAY pass additional **XML** elements to Autodiscover clients from the Autodiscover server. To do so, the vendor SHOULD use a separate **XML namespace** and pass this in the **AcceptableResponseSchema** element, as described in section [2.2.2.1](#).

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

Messages are transported by using an **HTTP POST** command, as specified in [\[RFC2518\]](#) and [\[RFC2068\]](#).

This protocol SHOULD be used with **Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)/Transport Layer Security (TLS)**, as specified in [\[RFC2246\].<1>](#)

2.2 Message Syntax

All messages sent between the Autodiscover client and the Autodiscover server are XML messages.

2.2.1 Namespaces

Autodiscover requests are in the "http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/requestschema/2006" namespace.

Autodiscover responses are in the "http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/responseschema/2006a" namespace.

2.2.2 Request

The **Request** element contains the request to the Autodiscover service.

The **AcceptableResponseSchema** element and the **EmailAddress** or **LegacyDN** element MUST be child elements of the **Request** element. The expected version is [http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/responseschema/2006a](#).

The elements specified in the following sections can be child elements of the **Request** element. For an example of the **Request** element, see section [4](#).

2.2.2.1 AcceptableResponseSchema

The **AcceptableResponseSchema** element identifies the schema for an Autodiscover response.

Clients MUST include this element. The value MUST be the following:
[http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/responseschema/2006a](#).

2.2.2.2 EmailAddress

The **EmailAddress** element identifies the e-mail address of the account for which the configuration information will be retrieved.

This element is an optional element for an Autodiscover request. If it is omitted, the **LegacyDN** MUST be present.

If both the **EmailAddress** and **LegacyDN** elements are present, the server MUST use **LegacyDN**.

2.2.2.3 LegacyDN

The **LegacyDN** element identifies a user's **mailbox** by a legacy **distinguished name (DN)**. The **LegacyDN** element is also known as the **enterprise/site/server distinguished name (ESSDN)**, which is the naming scheme that defines the user.

The **LegacyDN** element is an optional element in the request. If it is omitted, the **EmailAddress** element **MUST** be present.

If both the **EmailAddress** and **LegacyDN** elements are present, the server **MUST** use **LegacyDN**.

2.2.3 Response

The **Response** element contains the response from the Autodiscover server that includes a list of URLs that are used to establish a connection with Web services.

The elements specified in the following sections can be child elements of the **Response** element. For an example that shows the XML schema of the **Response** element and its child elements, see section [4](#).

2.2.3.1 User

The **User** element and its child elements provide user-specific information. Servers **MUST** include this element.

The elements specified in the following sections can be child elements of the **User** element.

2.2.3.1.1 DisplayName

The **DisplayName** element represents the user's display name.

The server **MUST** include the **DisplayName** element when a **User** element, as specified in section [2.2.3.1](#) element, is included in the server response.

2.2.3.1.2 LegacyDN

The **LegacyDN** element identifies a user's mailbox by legacy **DN**. The **LegacyDN** is also known as the ESSDN, which is the naming scheme that defines the user.

The server **MUST** include the **LegacyDN** element when a **User** element, as specified in section [2.2.3.1](#) element, is included in the server response, if one or both of the EXCH and EXPR protocol sections are returned.

2.2.3.1.3 AutoDiscoverSMTPAddress

The **AutoDiscoverySMTPAddress** element represents the user's primary **Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)** address. This is the e-mail address that is used for the Autodiscover process. The **AutoDiscoverySMTPAddress** element returns the proxy address in lieu of the e-mail address if a proxy address exists.

The server **MUST** include the **DisplayName** element when a **User** element, as specified in section [2.2.3.1](#), is included in the server response. <2>

2.2.3.1.4 DeploymentId

The **DeploymentId** element uniquely identifies the server forest in a **GUID** format.

The **DeploymentId** element is returned when the user is within a server forest. The returned value is the GUID identifier of the **Active Directory** forest in which the mailbox user account is contained.

2.2.3.1.5 DefaultABView

The **DefaultABView** element indicates the view that a user's **address book** will be open to when the user logs on. If the user has permission to view the address book, this element is not returned. If the user does not have permission to view the address book, this element returns a string that indicates that Global Access Default View is set. <3>

2.2.3.2 Account

The **Account** element specifies account settings for the user.

The elements specified in the following sections can be child elements of the **Account** element.

2.2.3.2.1 AccountType

The **AccountType** element represents the account type. The only allowed **AccountType** value is "email".

2.2.3.2.2 Action

The **Action** element provides information that is used to determine whether another Autodiscover request is required to return the user configuration information.

If the value of **Action** is "settings" (case-insensitive), the Autodiscover server has returned configuration settings in the **Protocol** element.

If the value of **Action** is "redirectAddr" (case-insensitive), the Autodiscover server has returned a **RedirectAddr** element and the Autodiscover client MUST perform another Autodiscover request with the new address.

If the value of **Action** is "redirectUrl" (case-insensitive), the Autodiscover server has returned a **RedirectUrl** element, and the Autodiscover client MUST perform another Autodiscover request with the new URL.

2.2.3.2.3 RedirectAddr

The **RedirectAddr** element specifies the e-mail address that SHOULD be used for a subsequent Autodiscover request. If this element is present, the Autodiscover client SHOULD perform another Autodiscover request by using the e-mail address provided in the **RedirectAddr** element.

The **RedirectAddr** element is returned when the server requires another e-mail address to perform another Autodiscover request. If this element is omitted, the value of the **Action** element is either "settings" or "redirectUrl".

2.2.3.2.4 RedirectUrl

The **RedirectUrl** element contains the URL of the server that SHOULD be used for a subsequent Autodiscover request. If this element is present, the client SHOULD perform another Autodiscover request by using the URL that is provided in the **RedirectUrl** element. <4>

The **RedirectUrl** element is returned when the server requires another URL to perform another Autodiscover request. If this element is omitted, the value of the **Action** element is either "settings" or "redirectAddr".

2.2.3.2.5 Protocol

The **Protocol** element contains the specifications for connecting a client to the server.

The **Protocol** element is returned unless there is a redirection to a **RedirectAddr** element. If the server does not return a protocol section, it MUST return a **RedirectAddr** element, a **RedirectUrl** element, or an error.

If either internal or external access is not available, the **Protocol** element within either the **External** or **Internal** element will be omitted.

The following sections describe elements that can be child elements of the **Protocol** element.

2.2.3.2.5.1 AD

The **AD** element specifies the Active Directory server used in conjunction with the mailbox. The element contains the **FQDN** of a **Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)** server that the client can connect to for directory information.

2.2.3.2.5.2 ASUrl

The **ASUrl** element specifies the URL of the best **endpoint** instance of Availability Web services for an e-mail-enabled user, as specified in [\[MS-OXWAVLS\]](#).

The **ASUrl** element is returned when the server implements a URL for internal or external access.

2.2.3.2.5.3 AuthPackage

The **AuthPackage** element specifies the authentication method that is used when authenticating to the server that contains the user's mailbox. The **AuthPackage** element is used only when the **Type** element has a text value of "EXPR".

The following are the possible values:

- **Basic**: Indicates that the client SHOULD use basic authentication, as specified in [\[RFC2617\]](#).
- **kerb**: Indicates that the client SHOULD use Kerberos authentication, as specified in [\[RFC4120\]](#)
- **kerbntlm**: Indicates that the client SHOULD use Kerberos authentication or NTLM authentication, as specified in [\[MS-NLMP\]](#).
- **Ntlm**: Indicates that the client SHOULD use NTLM authentication.
- **Certificate**: Indicates that the client SHOULD use certificate authentication.
- **Negotiate**: Indicates that the client SHOULD use the **Negotiate** method for authentication. [<5>](#)

The **AuthPackage** element is returned only when there is an external mailbox server authentication method. If the **AuthPackage** element is omitted, the client SHOULD use Kerberos or NTLM authentication.

2.2.3.2.5.4 AuthRequired

The **AuthRequired** element specifies whether authentication is required. The following are the possible values:

- on: Authentication is required by the server.
- off: Authentication is not required by the server.

If a value is not specified, the default value is "on".

The **AuthRequired** element is returned only when the **Type** element has a text value of "**POP3**".

2.2.3.2.5.5 CertPrincipalName

The **CertPrincipalName** element specifies the SSL certificate principal name that is required to connect to the server by using SSL.

If the **CertPrincipalName** element is not specified, the default is set to "msstd:SERVER", where "SERVER" is the value that is specified in the **Server** element. For example, if "SERVER" is specified as "server.Contoso.com" and **CertPrincipalName** is left blank with SSL turned on, the default value of **CertPrincipalName** would be "msstd:server.Contoso.com".

The **CertPrincipalName** element is returned only when the connection to the server is authenticated with SSL.

2.2.3.2.5.6 DomainName

The **DomainName** element specifies the user's domain. If no value is specified, the default value is the e-mail address in **user principal name (UPN)** format. For example:
<username>@<domain>.[<6>](#)

2.2.3.2.5.7 DomainRequired

The **DomainRequired** element contains a text value that indicates whether the domain is required for authentication. The possible values are "on" and "off". If the value is "on", the subsequent request **MUST** contain the domain of the user's account.[<7>](#)

If the domain is not specified in the **LoginName** element, or if the **LoginName** element was not specified, the user must specify the domain before authentication will succeed.

2.2.3.2.5.8 EcpUrl

The **EcpUrl** element is the base **Exchange Control Panel (ECP)** URL. The URL contains the following information:

- Protocol: requires "https"
- Host: Host name
- Path: ECP path within the host server

The value of the **EcpUrl** element is similar to the following: https://machine.domain.Contoso.com/ecp.

The ECP URLs are formed by joining the **EcpUrl** element with the landing page path for the respective entry points. For example, the full URL for a voice -mail link would be **EcpUrl+EcpUrl-um** (<https://machine.domain.Contoso.com/ecp + ?p=customize/voicemail.aspx&exsvurl=1>).<8>

2.2.3.2.5.9 EcpUrl-um

The **EcpUrl-um** element, in conjunction with the **EcpUrl** element, specifies the landing page path for voice-mail. The value of the **EcpUrl-um** element is similar to the following:
[?p=customize/voicemail.aspx&exsvurl=1.<9>](#)

2.2.3.2.5.10 EcpUrl-aggr

The **EcpUrl-aggr** element, in conjunction with the **EcpUrl** element, specifies the landing page path for e-mail aggregation. The value of the **EcpUrl-aggr** element is similar to the following:
[?p=personalsettings/EmailSubscriptions.slabs&exsvurl=1.<10>](#)

2.2.3.2.5.11 EcpUrl-sms

The **EcpUrl-sms** element, in conjunction with the **EcpUrl** element, specifies the landing page path for Mobile Notifications/**Short Message Service (SMS)**. The **EcpUrl-sms** element would appear similar to: [?p=sms/textmessaging.slabs&exsvurl=1.<11>](#)

2.2.3.2.5.12 EcpUrl-mt

The **EcpUrl-mt** element, in conjunction with the **EcpUrl** element, specifies the landing page path for Email-Message Tracking. The **EcpUrl-mt** element specified here provides tracking information pertinent to a specific message. The **EcpUrl-mt** element contains parameters that MUST be substituted by the client as shown in the following table.

Parameter	Substitute with
<i>IsOWA</i>	n
<i>MsgID</i>	Internet message identifier of the message as specified by the message-ID (MID). See [RFC2822] .
<i>Mbx</i>	The SMTP address of the user's mailbox.
<i>Sender</i>	The SMTP address of the message's sender.

The **EcpUrl-mt** element would appear similar to the following:
[PersonalSettings/DeliveryReport.aspx?exsvurl=1&IsOWA=<IsOWA>&MsgID=<MsgID>&Mbx=<Mbx>&Sender=<Sender>.<12>](#)

2.2.3.2.5.13 EcpUrl-ret

The **EcpUrl-ret** element, in conjunction with the **EcpUrl** element, specifies the landing page path for retention tags. The value of the **EcpUrl-ret** element is similar to the following:
[?p=organize/retentionpolicytags.slabs&exsvurl=1.<13>](#)

2.2.3.2.5.14 EcpUrl-publish

The **EcpUrl-publish** element, in conjunction with the **EcpUrl** element, specifies the configuration page for calendar publishing. The **EcpUrl-publish** element contains a parameter that MUST be substituted by the client, as shown in the following table.

Parameter	Substitute with
<i>FldID</i>	The folder identifier to the calendar folder to be published.

The **EcpUrl-publish** element appears similar to the following:
 customize/calendarpublishing.slab?exsvurl=1&FldID=&FldID>.<14>

2.2.3.2.5.15 EwsUrl

The **EwsUrl** element specifies the URL for the Web services virtual directory.

2.2.3.2.5.16 LoginName

The **LoginName** element specifies the user's mail server logon name.

If the domain is not specified in the **LoginName** element, or if the **LoginName** element was not specified, the user must specify the domain for authentication to succeed.<15>

2.2.3.2.5.17 MdbDN

The **MdbDN** element represents the legacy DN of the mailbox database.

2.2.3.2.5.18 OABUrl

The **OABUrl** element specifies the **offline address book (OAB)** configuration server URL for a server. For more details about the services that are available at this URL, see [\[MS-OXWOAB\]](#).

The **OABUrl** element is returned if there is an internal or external OAB.

2.2.3.2.5.19 OOFUrl

The **OOFUrl** element specifies the URL of the best instance of the Availability service for a mail-enabled user. For more details about the services that are available at this URL, see [\[MS-OXWOOF\]](#).

The **OOFUrl** element is returned when the server implements a URL for internal or external access. If the **OOFUrl** element is omitted, the **Out of Office (OOF)** services are not available to the client.

2.2.3.2.5.20 Port

The **Port** element specifies the port that is used to connect to the **store**. For more details, see [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#).<16>

The **Port** element is not returned when the **Server** element contains a URL.

2.2.3.2.5.21 PublicFolderServer

The **PublicFolderServer** element specifies the FQDN for the **public folder** server.

2.2.3.2.5.22 ReferralPort

The **ReferralPort** element specifies the port that is used to get a referral to a directory. For more details, see [\[MS-OXABREF\]](#).<17>

2.2.3.2.5.23 Server

The **Server** element specifies the name of the mail server.

The text value identifies the server. For **Protocol** elements with a **Type** element value of "EXCH", "EXPR", "POP3", "SMTP", or "IMAP", this value will be either a host name or an IP address.

2.2.3.2.5.24 ServerDN

The **ServerDN** element specifies the DN of the e-mail server. The **ServerDN** element is used only when the **Type** element has a value of "EXCH".

2.2.3.2.5.25 ServerVersion

The **ServerVersion** element represents the version number of the server software. The **ServerVersion** value is a 32-bit hexadecimal number that contains the major version number, minor version number, and major build number of the server. The **ServerVersion** element is used only when the **Type** element has a value of "EXCH".

2.2.3.2.5.26 SharingUrl

The **SharingUrl** element specifies the endpoint for a sharing server, which is a server used for sharing calendars and contacts.

The **SharingUrl** element is returned when the server implements a URL for cross-organization sharing.

2.2.3.2.5.27 TTL

The **TTL** element specifies the Time to Live (TTL), in hours, during which the settings remain valid. A value of "0" (zero) indicates that rediscovery is not required.

The **TTL** element is returned when the TTL value is anything other than the default value of "1".

2.2.3.2.5.28 Type

The **Type** element identifies the type of the configured mail account. The following types are defined:

- **EXCH**: The **Protocol** element contains information that the Autodiscover client can use to communicate with the mailbox via a **remote procedure call (RPC)**. For details, see [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#). The **AuthPackage** element, the **ServerVersion** element, or the **ServerDN** element can be used.
- **EXPR**: The **Protocol** element contains information that the Autodiscover client can use to communicate when outside the firewall, including RPC/HTTP connections. For details, see [\[MS-RPCH\]](#). The **AccountType** element MUST be set to email. The **AuthPackage** element or the **ServerVersion** element can be used.
- **POP3**: The **Protocol** element contains settings that the client can use to communicate with the mail server via POP3. For details, see [\[RFC1939\]](#).
- **SMTP: Protocol** element contains settings the client can use to send mail via SMTP. For details, see [\[RFC2821\]](#).

- **IMAP**: The **Protocol** element contains settings the client can use to communicate with the mail server via **IMAP4**. For details, see [\[RFC3501\]](#).
- **DAV**: The **Protocol** element contains settings the client can use to communicate with the mail server via the DAV protocol. For details, see [\[RFC2518\]](#).
- **WEB**: The **Protocol** element contains settings the client can use to connect via a Web browser. The **AccountType** element MUST be set to email.

The server MUST return this element.

2.2.3.2.5.29 SMTPLast

The **SMTPLast** element specifies whether the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) server requires that e-mail be downloaded before it sends e-mail by using the SMTP server. Some Internet service providers (ISPs) use **SMTPLast** to enable authenticated sends.

The possible values are **on** and **off**. If this element is not present, the default value is **off**.

The **SMTPLast** element is used only when the **Type** element is equal to SMTP.

2.2.3.2.5.30 SPA

The **SPA** element indicates whether Secure Password Authentication (SPA) is required. If the text value of this element is "on", SPA is required. [<18>](#)

The possible values for this element are "on" and "off". If this element is not present, the default value is "on".

2.2.3.2.5.31 SSL

The **SSL** element specifies whether the server requires SSL for logon. The following are the possible values:

- on: SSL is required by the server.
- off: SSL is not required by the server.

If a value is not specified, the default value is "on".

2.2.3.2.5.32 UMUrl

The **UMUrl** element specifies the [\[RFC3986\]](#) URL of the best instance of the **Unified Messaging** Web service for a mail-enabled user.

The **UMUrl** element is returned when the server implements a URL for internal or external access. If the **UMUrl** element is omitted, the Unified Messaging Web service can be unavailable to the client.

2.2.3.2.5.33 UsePOPAuth

The **UsePOPAuth** element indicates whether the authentication information that is provided for a POP3 type of account is also used for SMTP.

The possible values are "on" and "off".

The **UsePOPAuth** element is used only when **Type** is equal to "SMTP".

2.2.3.2.5.34 Internal

The **Internal** element contains a collection of URLs that a client can connect to when it is inside the firewall.

If the server is configured for internal access, the **Internal** element will contain a **Protocol** element, (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5](#)) and an **OWAUrl** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5.34.1](#)). The **Protocol** element SHOULD contain an **ASUrl** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5.2](#)) and a **Type** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5.28](#)). The **Protocol** element SHOULD NOT contain any other child elements.

2.2.3.2.5.34.1 OWAUrl

The **OWAUrl** element contained within the **Internal** element describes the URL, as specified in [\[RFC3986\]](#), and the authentication schema that is used to access the server.

The **OWAUrl** can have an **AuthenticationMethod** attribute. This attribute specifies the allowed authentication methods that are supported by the server. This attribute can be one or more of the following values:

- WindowsIntegrated: Integrated windows Authentication
- Fba: Forms Based Authentication
- Ntlm: NTLM Authentication
- Digest: Digest Authentication
- Basic: Basic Authentication

2.2.3.2.5.35 External

The **External** element contains the collection of URLs that a client can connect to outside the firewall.

The **External** element is returned when the server is configured for an external URL.

If the server is configured for external access, the **External** element will contain a **Protocol** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5](#)) and an **OWAUrl** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5.34.1](#)). The **Protocol** element SHOULD contain an **ASUrl** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5.2](#)) and a **Type** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5.28](#)). The **Protocol** element SHOULD NOT contain any other child elements.

2.2.3.2.5.36 Encryption

The **Encryption** element is an optional element that is valid only if the **Type** element is set to "IMAP", "POP3", or "SMTP". If the **Encryption** element is present, it overrides the SSL element. The following are the possible values of the **Encryption** element: [<19>](#)

- None: No encryption is used.
- SSL: SSL encryption is used.
- TLS: TLS encryption is used.
- Auto: The most secure encryption that the client and server support is used.

2.2.3.2.6 AlternativeMailbox

The **AlternativeMailbox** element contains the subelements that represent an additional mailbox that clients can open.

The **AlternativeMailbox** element is returned only when an alternative mailbox is associated with the user. <20>

The elements specified in the following sections can be child elements of the **AlternativeMailbox** element.

2.2.3.2.6.1 Type

The **Type** element identifies the type of the additional mail account.

The only value for this element is "Archive". <21>

2.2.3.2.6.2 DisplayName

The **DisplayName** element represents the additional mailbox user's display name. This string MAY be used to override how a client will display the user's name in the alternative mailbox. <22>

2.2.3.2.6.3 LegacyDN

The **LegacyDN** element identifies the additional mailbox by legacy DN. The **LegacyDN** is also known as the ESSDN, which is the naming scheme that defines the alternative user. <23>

2.2.3.2.6.4 Server

The **Server** element maps to the FQDN of the additional mail server. <24>

2.2.3.3 Error

The **Error** element contains an Autodiscover error response, which has two attributes, as listed in the following table.

Attribute	Description
Time	Represents the time when the error response was returned.
Id	Represents a hash value of the name of the mail server.

The elements specified in the following sections can be child elements of the **Error** element.

2.2.3.3.1 ErrorCode

The **ErrorCode** element contains the error code for an error Autodiscover response.

The following are the current error codes:

- 500: The e-mail address cannot be found. The Autodiscover server cannot determine how to provide configuration information for the requested e-mail address.
- 501: BadAddress. The Autodiscover server recognizes the given e-mail address but is unable to provide configuration information because the given e-mail address has no configuration options.

- 601: The Autodiscover server was unable to provide configuration information of the requested type.
- 602: Bad Address. The Autodiscover server recognizes the specified e-mail address but is unable to provide configuration information because of configuration errors.
- 603: The Autodiscover server threw an internal error.

The list of error codes can expand. Clients **MUST** accept new error codes.

The **ErrorCode** element is returned when an error occurs.

2.2.3.3.2 DebugData

The **DebugData** element contains the debug data for an Autodiscover error response. The contents of this element will depend on the implementation of the Autodiscover server.

The **DebugData** element is returned when an error occurs.

2.2.3.3.3 Message

The **Message** element contains the error message for an error Autodiscover response. The **Message** element **SHOULD** be in the form of a human-readable error message.

The **Message** element is returned when an error occurs.

3 Protocol Details

The following sections specify details of the Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol, including abstract data models and message processing rules.

3.1 Client Details

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 what is described in this document.

It is important for clients to recognize that not all Autodiscover URIs generated by [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) or returned in a **RedirectAddr** element reference valid Autodiscover servers. Clients **MUST** accept this and not terminate the Autodiscover operation.

3.1.2 Timers

The following are the available timers for this protocol:

- HTTP Timeout, as specified in [\[RFC2068\]](#).
- The TTL in the Autodiscover response. Autodiscover clients are asked to respect the TTL. That is, they **SHOULD** cache the results of an Autodiscover operation and use the cached value if the client needs to autodiscover that e-mail address again before the TTL expires. The TTL time value is expressed as specified in section [2.2.3.2.5.27](#).

3.1.3 Initialization

It is assumed that the Autodiscover client has an e-mail address for which discovery information is needed.

It is also assumed that the Autodiscover client has a list of URIs that can be Autodiscover server URIs. This list could be generated by using the [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) protocol. The list could also be preconfigured.

3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

At a high level, the Autodiscover client **SHOULD**:

1. Acquire an e-mail address for discovery.
2. Execute the Autodiscover HTTP Service Protocol [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) with that e-mail address. This will generate a list of URIs that can provide Autodiscover services.
3. Iteratively execute an Autodiscover query against each URI, and do one of the following:

- If the response to a given query is anything other than a valid Autodiscover response XML, return to step 3 and issue the query with a different URI.
- If the response contains a **RedirectAddr** element, substitute the **RedirectAddr** element for the e-mail address and return to step 2.
- If the response contains User, Account, and Protocol Settings, use the settings as needed.
- If the response contains an error, choose the next URI and perform the next query.
- If no more URIs are available to run Autodiscover against, nothing could be discovered for the specified e-mail address.

3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

3.1.8 Autodiscover Request

An Autodiscover client requests **HTTP POST** commands of XML to an Autodiscover server that contains an e-mail address or **LegacyDN** element. The **LegacyDN** element is also known as the ESSDN.

For an example of an Autodiscover request, see section [4.1](#).

The **AcceptableResponseSchema** element contains the schema of responses that the client understands. This is shown in section [4.1](#).

The following are the five categories of responses:

- The URI is not functional. The URI might not be a valid Autodiscover server. For more details, see section [3.1.8.1](#).
- The **HTTP POST** command returns an HTTP 302 Redirection. In this case, the Autodiscover client SHOULD repost to the redirected server. For more details, see section [3.1.8.2](#).
- The Autodiscover server returns a **RedirectAddr** element. For more details, see section [3.1.8.3](#).
- The Autodiscover server returns configuration information. For more details, see section [3.1.8.4](#).
- The Autodiscover server returns error information. For more details, see section [3.1.8.5](#).

3.1.8.1 Nonfunctional URIs

[\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#) does not guarantee that the generated URIs are valid Autodiscover server URIs. In addition, network resources can become unavailable for any of a number of reasons. When a client reaches a nonfunctional URI, it is best not to abandon the Autodiscover operation. Instead, it is recommended that you continue the Autodiscover operation.

3.1.8.2 HTTP 302 Redirects

If the server returns a redirection URL via an HTTP 302 Redirect, the client SHOULD repost the request to the redirection URL.

3.1.8.3 Autodiscover Redirect

Autodiscover servers can return a redirection with a redirection address.

See section [4.2](#) for an example of a redirect address.

3.1.8.4 Autodiscover Configuration Information

The Autodiscover service provides a mechanism that enables you to automatically configure the server or client applications to access the Client Access server. The server response contains the configuration information. For an example of the Autodiscover Configuration, see section [4.3](#). The Autodiscover response in section [4.3](#) contains a User element and an Account element with protocol settings.

3.1.8.5 Autodiscover Server Errors

If an error occurs during a call to an Autodiscover service, an **Error** element (as specified in section [2.2.3.3](#)) is returned in the server response with error information. For an example of an error returned from an Autodiscover server, see section [4.4](#).

3.2 Server Details

3.2.1 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 what is described in this document.

3.2.2 Timers

None.

3.2.3 Initialization

None.

3.2.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

None.

3.2.6 Timer Events

None.

3.2.7 Other Local Events

None.

3.2.8 Autodiscover Response

An Autodiscover server MUST respond to posts to the URL `https://<Server>/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml`.

The message body of the HTTP post MUST be an Autodiscover request, as defined in section [2.2.2](#). For details about HTTP posts, see [\[RFC2068\]](#).

If the server does not recognize the e-mail address, it SHOULD respond with a 500 error code. Errors and error codes are defined in section [2.2.3.3](#).

If the HTTP post returns an HTTP 302 redirection, the client should repost the request to the redirected server.

If a nonfunctional URI is returned from the Autodiscover server, continue the Autodiscover operation. For more details, see section [3.1.8.1](#).

If the server recognizes the e-mail address, but configuration data for that e-mail address could be found if the client issued a different Autodiscover request for a more appropriate e-mail address, the server SHOULD respond with a referral (redirection) to that e-mail address. Responses are defined in section [2.2.3](#); referral addresses are defined in section [2.2.3.2.3](#).

If the server is returning configuration information to the client, the server SHOULD construct an Autodiscover response with User, Account, Protocol, and AlternativeMailbox sections. These are defined in sections [2.2.3.1](#), [2.2.3.2](#), [2.2.3.2.5](#), and [2.2.3.2.6](#), respectively.

4 Protocol Examples

The following topology is used in this example and is illustrated in the following diagram:

- The **Domain Name System (DNS)** name of the mail server is mail.contoso.com.
- The DNS name of the Web service computer is webservice.contoso.com. It has a valid SSL certificate.
- Autodiscover Web services are available at <https://webservice.contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml>.

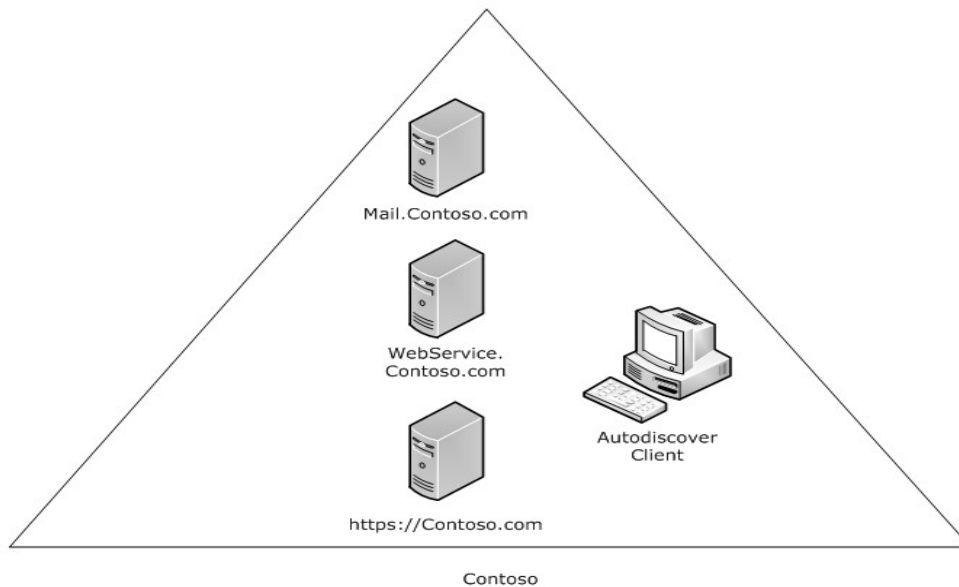


Figure 1: Client and server topology

From executing the Autodiscover HTTP Service Protocol [\[MS-OXDISCO\]](#), the client has the following list of possible Autodiscover servers:

- <https://contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml>
- <https://webservice.contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml>

The Autodiscover service is only available on <https://webservice.contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml>, but <https://contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml> is configured to HTTP 302 redirect to <https://webservice.contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml>.

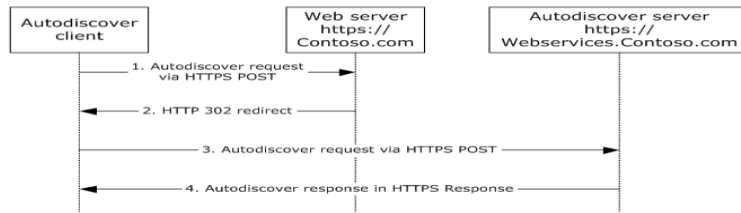


Figure 2: Client and server autodiscovery

Step 1

The Autodiscover client is configured to use the e-mail address user@contoso.com.

The client constructs the Autodiscover request XML, as shown in the following example.

```

<Autodiscover
xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/requestschem/2006">
  <Request>
    <EmailAddress>user@contoso.com</EmailAddress>
    <AcceptableResponseSchema>
      http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/responseschem/2006a
    </AcceptableResponseSchema>
  </Request>
</Autodiscover>
  
```

The client sends the XML via **HTTP POST** to the following URL:

https://contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml.

Step 2

The client is returned an HTTP 302 redirection to the following URL:

https://webservice.contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml.

Step 3

The client then reposts the request to this URL.

Step 4

The server knows that the mailbox is on mail.contoso.com and that Web services are on https://webservice.contoso.com/autodiscover/autodiscover.xml. The server constructs the response XML shown in the following example.

```

<Autodiscover xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/responseschem/2006">
  <Response
xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/responseschem/2006a">
    <User>
  
```

```

    <DisplayName>User Display Name</DisplayName>
    <LegacyDN>
      /o=First Organization/ou=Exchange Administrative Group
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn= User Display Name
    </LegacyDN>
    <AutoDiscoverSMTPAddress>user@Contoso.com</AutoDiscoverSMTPAddress>
    <DeploymentId>5493afdb-cf6c-4d96-bec3-5709e2d9ad69</DeploymentId>
  </User>
  <Account>
    <AccountType>email</AccountType>
    <Action>settings</Action>
    <Protocol>
      <Type>EXCH</Type>
      <Server>Machine.domain.Contoso.com</Server>
      <ServerDN>
        /o=First Organization/ou=Exchange Administrative Group
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT) /cn=Configuration/cn=Servers/cn=machine
      </ServerDN>
      <ServerVersion>738081E2</ServerVersion>
      <MdbDN>
        /o=First Organization/ou=Exchange Administrative Group
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT) /cn=Configuration/cn=Servers/
        cn=machine/cn=Microsoft Private MDB
      </MdbDN>
      <AD>machine.domain.Contoso.com</AD>
      <ASUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com/EWS/Exchange.asmx</ASUrl>
      <EwsUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com /EWS/Exchange.asmx</EwsUrl>
      <SharingUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com/EWS/Exchange.asmx</SharingUrl>
      <EcpUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com /ecp</EcpUrl>
      <EcpUrl-um>?p=customize/voicemail.aspx&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-um>
      <EcpUrl-aggr>?p=personalsettings/EmailSubscriptions.slab&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-aggr>
      <EcpUrl-sms>?p=sms/textmessaging.slab&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-sms>
      <EcpUrl-
publish>customize/calendarpublishing.slab?exsvurl=1&amp;FldID=&lt;FldID&gt;</EcpUrl-publish>
      <EcpUrl-mt>
        PersonalSettings/DeliveryReport.aspx?exsvurl=1&amp;IsOWA=&lt;
IsOWA&gt;& ;&MsgID=&lt;MsgID&gt;& ;&Mbx=&lt;Mbx&gt;& ;&Sender=&lt;Sender&gt;
      </EcpUrl-mt>
      <EcpUrl-ret>?p=organize/retentionpolicytags.slab&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-ret>
      <OOUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com /EWS/Exchange.asmx</OOUrl>
      <UMUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com /EWS/UM2007Legacy.asmx</UMUrl>
      <OABUrl>http://machine.domain.Contoso.com /OAB/8706ac4e-cde7-4d08-a23f-
9d6be9b58f04</OABUrl>
    </Protocol>
    <Protocol>
      <Type>WEB</Type>
      <Internal>
        <OWAUrl AuthenticationMethod="Basic, Fba">https://machine.domain.Contoso.com
/owa</OWAUrl>
      <Protocol>
        <Type>EXCH</Type>
        <ASUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com /EWS/Exchange.asmx</ASUrl>
      </Protocol>
    </Internal>
  </Protocol>
  <AlternativeMailbox>
    <Type>Archive</Type>
    <DisplayName>User Archive</DisplayName>
    <LegacyDN>

```

```

        /o=First Organization/ou=Exchange Administrative Group
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/
        cn=User Display Name/guid=1cfd66a7-23cb-40cb-a735-daddcb98c1b8
    </LegacyDN>
    <Server>machine.domain.Contoso.com </Server>
</AlternativeMailbox>
</Account>
</Response>
</Autodiscover>

```

4.1 Autodiscover Request Example

The following example shows an Autodiscover request.

```

<Autodiscover
xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/requestschem
a/2006">
    <Request>
        <EmailAddress>user@contoso.com</EmailAddress>
        <AcceptableResponseSchema>
            http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/respon
seschema/2006a
        </AcceptableResponseSchema>
    </Request>
</Autodiscover>

```

4.2 Autodiscover Redirect Example

The following example shows an Autodiscover redirect.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Autodiscover xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/respon
seschema/2006">
    <Response
xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/respon
seschema/2006a">
        <Account>
            <Action>redirectAddr</Action>
            <RedirectAddr>user@subdomain.contoso.com</RedirectAddr>
        </Account>
    </Response>
</Autodiscover>

```

4.3 Autodiscover Configuration Example

The following example shows an Autodiscover configuration.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Autodiscover xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/respon
seschema/2006">
    <Response
xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/respon
seschema/2006a">
        <User>
            <DisplayName>User Display Name</DisplayName>
            <LegacyDN>/o=microsoft/ou=Contoso/cn=Recipients/cn=486021</LegacyDN>
            <AutoDiscoverSMTPAddress>user@Contoso.com</AutoDiscoverSMTPAddress>
            <DeploymentId>30c3a927-42aa-5de8-91e3-8e5b4655ed00</DeploymentId>
        </User>
    </Account>

```

```

<AccountType>email</AccountType>
<Action>settings</Action>
<Protocol>
  <Type>EXCH</Type>
  <Server>ExchangeServer.Contoso.com</Server>
  <ServerDN>/o=Contoso/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (GZZHBOHF23SPELT)/
    cn=Configuration/cn=Servers/cn=ExchangeServer</ServerDN>
  <ServerVersion>720180F0</ServerVersion>
  <MdbDN>/o=Contoso/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (GZZHBOHF23SPELT)/
    cn=Configuration/cn=Servers/cn=ExchangeServer/cn=Microsoft Private MDB</MdbDN>
  <PublicFolderServer>PublicFolderServer.Contoso.com</PublicFolderServer>
  <AD>ADServer.Contoso.com</AD>
  <ASUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</ASUrl>
  <EwsUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</EwsUrl>
  <SharingUrl>https://machine.domain.Contoso.com/EWS/Exchange.asmx</SharingUrl>
  <OOFUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</OOFUrl>
  <UMUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/unifiedmessaging/service.asmx</UMUrl>
  <OABUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/oab/68b5509d-87f6-4e78-a9ff-74d7d9572787/</OABUrl>
</Protocol>
<Protocol>
  <Type>EXPR</Type>
  <Server>RPCHTTPServer.Contoso.com</Server>
  <SSL>On</SSL>
  <AuthPackage>Ntlm</AuthPackage>
  <ASUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</ASUrl>
  <EcpUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ecp</EcpUrl>
  <EcpUrl-um>?p=customize/voicemail.aspx&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-um>
  <EcpUrl-aggr>?p=personalsettings/EmailSubscriptions.slab&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-aggr>
  <EcpUrl-sms>?p=sms/textmessaging.slab&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-sms>
  <EcpUrl-
publish>customize/calendarpublishing.slab?exsvurl=1&amp;FldID=&lt;&lt;FldID&gt;&gt;</EcpUrl-publish>
  <EcpUrl-mt>PersonalSettings/DeliveryReport.aspx?
    exsvurl=1&amp;IsOWA=&lt;&lt;IsOWA&gt;&gt;&amp;MsgID=&lt;&lt;
    MsgID&gt;&gt;&amp;Mbx=&lt;&lt;Mbx&gt;&gt;&amp;Sender=&lt;&lt;Sender&gt;&gt;</EcpUrl-mt>
  <EcpUrl-ret>?p=organize/retentionpolicytags.slab&amp;exsvurl=1</EcpUrl-ret>
  <EwsUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</EwsUrl>
  <OOFUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</OOFUrl>
  <UMUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/unifiedmessaging/service.asmx</UMUrl>
  <OABUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/oab/58b5509d-87f6-4e78-a9ff-74d7d9572787/</OABUrl>
</Protocol>
<Protocol>
  <Type>WEB</Type>
  <External>
    <OWAUrl AuthenticationMethod="Fba">https://mail.Contoso.com/owa</OWAUrl>
    <Protocol>
      <Type>EXPR</Type>
      <ASUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</ASUrl>
    </Protocol>
  </External>
  <Internal>
    <OWAUrl AuthenticationMethod="Ntlm,
WindowsIntegrated">https://Internal.mail.Contoso.com/owa</OWAUrl>
    <OWAUrl AuthenticationMethod="Basic, Fba">https://mail.Contoso.com/owa</OWAUrl>
    <Protocol>
      <Type>EXCH</Type>
      <ASUrl>https://mail.Contoso.com/ews/exchange.asmx</ASUrl>
    </Protocol>
  </Internal>
</Protocol>

```

```
</Account>
</Response>
</Autodiscover>
```

4.4 Autodiscover Server Errors Example

The following example shows an error that is returned from an Autodiscover server.

```
<Autodiscover xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/responseschema/2006">
  <Response>
    <Error Time="17:40:40.6157343" Id="3191339394">
      <ErrorCode>500</ErrorCode>
      <Message>The e-mail address cannot be found.</Message>
      <DebugData />
    </Error>
  </Response>
</Autodiscover>
```

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

There are no special security considerations specific to this specification. It is recommended that clients perform an Autodiscover request by using this protocol over HTTPS (HTTP with SSL).

It is also recommended that a server not answer Autodiscover queries unless the Autodiscover client has been authenticated with the Autodiscover server.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

6 Appendix A: XSDs

For ease of implementation, the following sections provide the four XML schema definitions (XSDs) for this protocol.

XSD name	Prefix	Section
Autodiscover request XSD	xs:	6.1
Autodiscover response XSD	xs:	6.2
Autodiscover error response XSD	xs:	6.3
Autodiscover redirect response XSD	xs:	6.4

6.1 Autodiscover Request XSD

The following is the Autodiscover request XSD. [<25>](#)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified"
  elementFormDefault="qualified"

targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/requestschema/2006"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="Autodiscover">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="Request">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="EmailAddress" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" />
              <xs:element name="LegacyDN" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0"/>
              <xs:element name="AcceptableResponseSchema" type="xs:string" minOccurs="1"/>
            </xs:sequence>
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

6.2 Autodiscover Response XSD

The following is the Autodiscover response XSD. [<26>](#) [<27>](#)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified" elementFormDefault="qualified"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/responseschema/2006"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:import
namespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/responseschema/2006a"
/>
  <xs:element name="Autodiscover">
    <xs:complexType>
```

```

<xs:sequence>
  <xs:element name="Response">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="User">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="DisplayName" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element name="LegacyDN" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element name="AutoDiscoverSMTPAddress" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element name="DeploymentId" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element name="DefaultABView" type="xs:string" />
            </xs:sequence>
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
        <xs:element name="Account">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="AccountType" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element name="Action" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="Protocol">
                <xs:complexType>
                  <xs:sequence>
                    <xs:element name="Type" type="xs:string" />
                    <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="Internal">
                      <xs:complexType>
                        <xs:sequence>
                          <xs:element name="OWAUrl">
                            <xs:complexType>
                              <xs:simpleContent>
                                <xs:extension base="xs:string">
                                  <xs:attribute name="AuthenticationMethod"
type="xs:string" use="required" />
                                </xs:extension>
                              </xs:simpleContent>
                            </xs:complexType>
                          </xs:element>
                        </xs:sequence>
                      </xs:complexType>
                    </xs:element>
                    <xs:element name="Protocol">
                      <xs:complexType>
                        <xs:sequence>
                          <xs:element name="Type" type="xs:string" />
                          <xs:element name="ASUrl" type="xs:string" />
                        </xs:sequence>
                      </xs:complexType>
                    </xs:element>
                  </xs:sequence>
                </xs:complexType>
              </xs:element>
              <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="External">
                <xs:complexType>
                  <xs:sequence>
                    <xs:element name="OWAUrl">
                      <xs:complexType>
                        <xs:simpleContent>
                          <xs:extension base="xs:string">
                            <xs:attribute name="AuthenticationMethod"
type="xs:string" use="required" />
                          </xs:extension>
                        </xs:simpleContent>
                      </xs:complexType>
                    </xs:element>
                  </xs:sequence>
                </xs:complexType>
              </xs:element>
            </xs:sequence>
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>

```

```

        </xs:complexType>
    </xs:element>
    <xs:element name="Protocol">
        <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
                <xs:element name="Type" type="xs:string" />
                <xs:element name="ASUrl" type="xs:string" />
            </xs:sequence>
        </xs:complexType>
    </xs:element>
    </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="Server" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="SSL" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="AuthPackage" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="ServerDN" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="ServerVersion" type="xs:string"
/>

<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="MdbDN" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="PublicFolderServer"

<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="AD" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="ASUrl" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EwsUrl" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="SharingUrl" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EcpUrl" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EcpUrl-um" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EcpUrl-aggr" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EcpUrl-mt" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EcpUrl-ret" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EcpUrl-sms" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="EcpUrl-publish" type="xs:string"

/>

<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="OOFUrl" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="UMUrl" type="xs:string" />
<xs:element minOccurs="0" name="OABUrl" type="xs:string" />
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="AlternativeMailbox">
    <xs:complexType>
        <xs:sequence>
            <xs:element name="Type" type="xs:string" />
            <xs:element name="DisplayName" type="xs:string" />
            <xs:element name="LegacyDN" type="xs:string" />
            <xs:element name="Server" type="xs:string" />
        </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

```

```
</xs:schema>
```

6.3 Autodiscover Error Response XSD

The following is the Autodiscover error response XSD.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified"
  elementFormDefault="qualified"

targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/responseschema/2006"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="Autodiscover">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="Response">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="Error">
                <xs:complexType>
                  <xs:sequence>
                    <xs:element name="ErrorCode" type="xs:unsignedShort" minOccurs="1" />
                    <xs:element name="Message" type="xs:string" minOccurs="1" />
                    <xs:element name="DebugData" minOccurs="1" />
                  </xs:sequence>
                  <xs:attribute name="Time" type="xs:time" use="required" />
                  <xs:attribute name="Id" type="xs:unsignedInt" use="required" />
                </xs:complexType>
              </xs:element>
            </xs:sequence>
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

6.4 Autodiscover Redirect Response XSD

The following is the Autodiscover redirect response XSD.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified" elementFormDefault="qualified"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/responseschema/2006"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:import
namespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/autodiscover/outlook/responseschema/2006a"
  />
  <xs:element name="Autodiscover">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="Response">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="Account">
                <xs:complexType>
```

```
        <xs:sequence>
          <xs:element name="Action" type="xs:string" />
          <xs:element name="RedirectAddr" type="xs:string" />
        </xs:sequence>
      </xs:complexType>
    </xs:element>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

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® Exchange Server 2007
- Microsoft® Exchange Server 2010
- Microsoft® Exchange Server 2010 Service Pack 1 (SP1)
- Microsoft® Office Outlook® 2007
- Microsoft® Outlook® 2010

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 2.1:](#) Office Outlook 2007 and Outlook 2010 will not use Autodiscover servers that do not use SSL.

[<2> Section 2.2.3.1.3:](#) Exchange 2007, and Exchange 2010 do not include the **AutoDiscoverySMTPAddress** element.

[<3> Section 2.2.3.1.5:](#) Exchange 2007, and Exchange 2010 do not include the **DefaultABView** element.

[<4> Section 2.2.3.2.4:](#) The **RedirectUrl** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007 or Exchange 2010. Note that Office Outlook 2007 and Outlook 2010 will use this element if the server sends it.

[<5> Section 2.2.3.2.5.3:](#) The **Negotiate** authentication method is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.

[<6> Section 2.2.3.2.5.6:](#) **DomainName** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.

[<7> Section 2.2.3.2.5.7:](#) **DomainRequired** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.

[<8> Section 2.2.3.2.5.8:](#) Exchange 2007 does not support the **EcpUrl** element.

[<9> Section 2.2.3.2.5.9:](#) Exchange 2007 does not support the **EcpUrl-um** element.

[<10> Section 2.2.3.2.5.10:](#) Exchange 2007 does not support the **EcpUrl-aggr** element.

[<11> Section 2.2.3.2.5.11:](#) Exchange 2007 does not support the **EcpUrl-sms** element.

[<12> Section 2.2.3.2.5.12:](#) Exchange 2007 does not support the **EcpUrl-mt** element.

- [<13> Section 2.2.3.2.5.13](#): Exchange 2007 does not support the **EcpUrl-ret** element.
- [<14> Section 2.2.3.2.5.14](#): Exchange 2007, and Exchange 2010 do not include the **EcpUrl-publish** element.
- [<15> Section 2.2.3.2.5.16](#): The **LoginName** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.
- [<16> Section 2.2.3.2.5.20](#): The **Port** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.
- [<17> Section 2.2.3.2.5.22](#): The **ReferralPort** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.
- [<18> Section 2.2.3.2.5.30](#): The **SPA** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.
- [<19> Section 2.2.3.2.5.36](#): The **Encryption** element is not implemented in Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, Office Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2010.
- [<20> Section 2.2.3.2.6](#): The **AlternativeMailbox** element is not supported by Exchange 2007.
- [<21> Section 2.2.3.2.6.1](#): The **Type** element is not supported by Exchange 2007.
- [<22> Section 2.2.3.2.6.2](#): The **DisplayName** element is not supported by Exchange 2007.
- [<23> Section 2.2.3.2.6.3](#): The **LegacyDN** element is not supported by Exchange 2007.
- [<24> Section 2.2.3.2.6.4](#): The **Server** element is not supported by Exchange 2007.
- [<25> Section 6.1](#): The Exchange 2007 server Autodiscover request XSD is the same as Exchange 2010, with the elements modified as defined in section [2](#).
- [<26> Section 6.2](#): The Exchange 2007 server Autodiscover response XSD is the same as Exchange 2010, with the elements modified as defined in section [2](#).
- [<27> Section 6.2](#): Exchange 2007, and Exchange 2010 do not include the **AutoDiscoverSMTPAddress** and **EcpUrl-publish** elements.

8 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to the [MS-OXDCLI] protocol document between the November 2010 and March 2011 releases. Changes are classified as New, Major, Minor, Editorial, or No change.

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

The revision class **Major** means that the technical content in the document was significantly revised. Major changes affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples of major changes are:

- A document revision that incorporates changes to interoperability requirements or functionality.
- An extensive rewrite, addition, or deletion of major portions of content.
- The removal of a document from the documentation set.
- Changes made for template compliance.

The revision class **Minor** means that the meaning of the technical content was clarified. Minor changes do not affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples of minor changes are updates to clarify ambiguity at the sentence, paragraph, or table level.

The revision class **Editorial** means that the language and formatting in the technical content was changed. Editorial changes apply to grammatical, formatting, and style issues.

The revision class **No change** means that no new technical or language changes were introduced. The technical content of the document is identical to the last released version, but minor editorial and formatting changes, as well as updates to the header and footer information, and to the revision summary, may have been made.

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

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

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

Editorial changes are always classified with the change type **Editorially updated**.

Some important terms used in the change type descriptions are defined as follows:

- **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 protocol@microsoft.com.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Change type
1 Introduction	Added information about which sections of the specification are normative and can contain RFC 2119 language.	Y	New content added for template compliance.

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