

## [MS-OXWSRSLNM]:

# Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol

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# 1 Introduction

The Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol enables a client that has incomplete **recipient** identifying information to retrieve a list of matching and similar recipients that are known to the server.

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

## 1.1 Glossary

This document uses the following terms:

**contact:** A person, company, or other entity that is stored in a directory and is associated with one or more unique identifiers and attributes, such as an Internet message address or login name.

**Contacts folder:** A Folder object that contains Contact objects.

**directory service (DS):** A service that stores and organizes information about a computer network's users and network shares, and that allows network administrators to manage users' access to the shares. See also Active Directory.

**distribution list:** A collection of users, computers, contacts, or other groups that is used only for email distribution, and addressed as a single recipient.

**email address:** A string that identifies a user and enables the user to receive Internet messages.

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

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

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

**mailbox:** A message store that contains email, calendar items, and other Message objects for a single recipient.

**recipient:** An entity that is in an address list, can receive email messages, and contains a set of attributes. Each attribute has a set of associated values.

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

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

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

**SOAP header:** A mechanism for implementing extensions to a **SOAP message** in a decentralized manner without prior agreement between the communicating parties. See [SOAP1.2-1/2007] section 5.2 for more information.

**SOAP message:** An **XML** document consisting of a mandatory SOAP envelope, an optional **SOAP header**, and a mandatory **SOAP body**. See [SOAP1.2-1/2007] section 5 for more information.

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

**web server:** A server computer that hosts websites and responds to requests from applications.

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

**WSDL message:** An abstract, typed definition of the data that is communicated during a WSDL operation [WSDL]. Also, an element that describes the data being exchanged between web service providers and clients.

**WSDL port type:** A named set of logically-related, abstract **Web Services Description Language (WSDL)** operations and messages.

**XML:** The Extensible Markup Language, as described in [XML1.0].

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

**XML namespace prefix:** An abbreviated form of an **XML namespace**, as described in [XML].

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

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

## 1.2 References

Links to a document in the Microsoft Open Specifications library point to the correct section in the most recently published version of the referenced document. However, because individual documents in the library are not updated at the same time, the section numbers in the documents may not match. You can confirm the correct section numbering by checking the [Errata](#).

### 1.2.1 Normative References

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[MS-OXWSCDATA] Microsoft Corporation, "[Common Web Service Data Types](#)".

[MS-OXWSCONT] Microsoft Corporation, "[Contacts Web Service Protocol](#)".

[MS-OXWSFOLD] Microsoft Corporation, "[Folders and Folder Permissions Web Service Protocol](#)".

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>

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[XMLSCHEMA1] Thompson, H., Beech, D., Maloney, M., and Mendelsohn, N., Eds., "XML Schema Part 1: Structures", W3C Recommendation, May 2001, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xmlschema-1-20010502/>

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

## 1.2.2 Informative References

[MS-OXDSCLI] Microsoft Corporation, "[Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol](#)".

[MS-OXWSADISC] Microsoft Corporation, "[Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup SOAP-Based Web Service Protocol](#)".

## 1.3 Overview

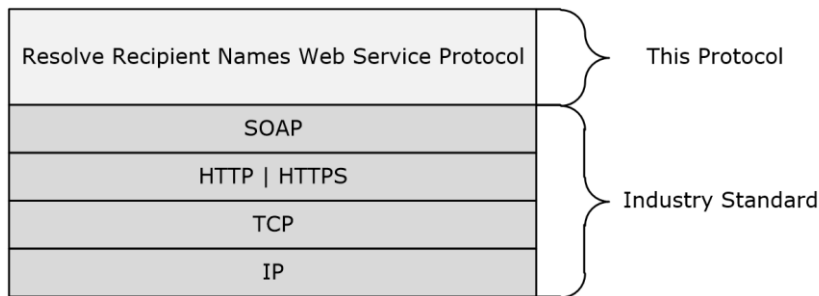
The Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol enables a client to retrieve a list of **email addresses** or **contacts** that are known to the server. The client can provide the full or partial name for the intended **recipient**. The server that is implementing the Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol will return a list of matching or similarly named recipients. The client can then use those names when addressing items for the server to send. The server can return valid recipients that are known to it; for example, recipient names that are stored in a **directory service** or in a global or user-specific list of contacts.

## 1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

A client that implements this protocol can use the Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup SOAP-Based Web Service Protocol, as described in [\[MS-OXWSADISC\]](#), or the Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol, as described in [\[MS-OXDSCLI\]](#), to identify the target **endpoint** to use for each operation.

This protocol uses the **SOAP** Protocol, as described in [\[SOAP1.1\]](#), to specify the structure information exchanged between the client and server. This protocol uses the **XML** Protocol, as described in [\[XMLSCHEMA1\]](#) and [\[XMLSCHEMA2\]](#), to describe the message content sent to and from the server.

The Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol uses SOAP over **HTTP**, as specified in [\[RFC2616\]](#), and SOAP over **HTTPS**, as described in [\[RFC2818\]](#), as shown in the layering diagram.



**Figure 1: This protocol in relation to other protocols**

For conceptual background information and overviews of the relationships and interactions between this and other protocols, see [\[MS-OXPROTO\]](#).

## 1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

The **endpoint URL** that is returned by either the Autodiscover Publishing Lookup SOAP-Based Web Service Protocol, as described in [\[MS-OXWSADISC\]](#), or the Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol, as described in [\[MS-OXDSCLI\]](#), is required to form the **HTTP** request to the **Web server** that hosts this protocol. The operations that this protocol defines cannot be accessed unless the correct endpoint is identified in the HTTP Web requests that target this protocol.

## 1.6 Applicability Statement

The Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol is applicable to clients that obtain a list of candidate **recipients** that are possible matches for ambiguous or partial names that are provided to the client. The server returns the list of candidate matches, and the client application determines whether any of the listed candidates is the intended recipient.

## 1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

This document covers versioning issues in the following areas:

- **Supported Transports:** This protocol uses multiple transports with SOAP 1.1, as specified in section [2.1](#).
- **Protocol Versions:** This protocol specifies only one **WSDL port type** version. The **WSDL** version of the request is identified by using the **t:RequestServerVersion** element, as described in [\[MS-OXWSCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.3.9, and the version of the server responding to the request is identified by using the **t:ServerVersionInfo** element, as described in [\[MS-OXWSCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.3.10.
- **Security and Authentication Methods:** This protocol relies on the **Web server** that is hosting it to perform authentication.
- **Localization:** This protocol includes text strings in various messages. Localization considerations for such strings are specified in section [3.1.4](#).
- **Capability Negotiation:** This protocol does not support version negotiation.

## 1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.



## 1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

## 2 Messages

In the following sections, the schema definition might differ from the processing rules imposed by the protocol. The **WSDL** in this specification provides a base description of the protocol. The schema in this specification provides a base description of the message syntax. The text that specifies the WSDL and schema might specify restrictions that reflect actual protocol behavior. For example, the schema definition might allow for an element to be **empty**, **null**, or **not present** but the behavior of the protocol as specified restricts the same elements to being **non-empty**, **not null**, or **present**.

### 2.1 Transport

The **SOAP** version supported is SOAP 1.1. For details, see [\[SOAP1.1\]](#).

This protocol relies on the **Web server** that hosts the application to perform authentication. The protocol **MUST** support SOAP over **HTTP**, as specified in [\[RFC2616\]](#). The protocol **SHOULD** use secure communications by means of **HTTPS**, as defined in [\[RFC2818\]](#).

### 2.2 Common Message Syntax

This section contains common definitions that are used by this protocol. The syntax of the definitions uses **XML schema** as defined in [\[XMLSCHEMA1\]](#) and [\[XMLSCHEMA2\]](#), and **WSDL** as defined in [\[WSDL\]](#).

#### 2.2.1 Namespaces

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

Prefix	Namespace URI	Reference
soap	<a href="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/</a>	<a href="#">[SOAP1.1]</a>
tns	<a href="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages">http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages</a>	
m	<a href="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages">http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages</a>	
wsdl	<a href="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/</a>	<a href="#">[WSDL]</a>
t	<a href="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types">http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types</a>	
xs	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema</a>	<a href="#">[XMLSCHEMA1]</a> <a href="#">[XMLSCHEMA2]</a>

#### 2.2.2 Messages

This specification does not define any common **WSDL message** definitions.

#### 2.2.3 Elements

This specification does not define any common **XML schema** element definitions.

## **2.2.4 Complex Types**

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.

### 3.1 ExchangeServicePortType Server Details

The Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol defines a single port type with one operation.

#### 3.1.1 Server Abstract Data Model

None.

#### 3.1.2 Server Timers

None.

#### 3.1.3 Server Initialization

None.

#### 3.1.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The following table summarizes the WSDL operations as defined by this specification.

Operation name	Description
<b>ResolveNames</b>	Returns a list of candidate <b>recipient</b> names that are known to the server and that match or are similar to the recipient name provided in the request by the client.

##### 3.1.4.1 ResolveNames Operation

The **ResolveNames** operation returns a list of candidate **recipients** that match an ambiguous recipient name that is provided by the client.

The following is the **WSDL port type** specification for the **ResolveNames** operation.

```
<wsdl:operation name="ResolveNames" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <wsdl:input message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn"/>
  <wsdl:output message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapOut"/>
</wsdl:operation>
```

The following is the **WSDL binding** specification for the **ResolveNames** operation.

```
<wsdl:operation name="ResolveNames" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <soap:operation
    soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages/ResolveNames"
    xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    <wsdl:input>
```

```

    <soap:body parts="request" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn" part="Impersonation" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn" part="MailboxCulture" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn" part="RequestVersion" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    </wsdl:input>
    <wsdl:output>
    <soap:body parts="ResolveNamesResult" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapOut" part="ServerVersion" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    </wsdl:output>
</wsdl:operation>

```

### 3.1.4.1.1 Messages

The following table lists and describes the **WSDL messages** that are specific to the **ResolveNames** operation.

Message name	Description
<b>ResolveNamesSoapIn</b>	Specifies the <b>SOAP message</b> that requests name resolution from the server.
<b>ResolveNamesSoapOut</b>	Specifies the SOAP message that is returned in response.

#### 3.1.4.1.1.1 tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn

The **ResolveNamesSoapIn WSDL message** specifies the **ResolveNames** operation request to match an ambiguous **recipient** name.

```

<wsdl:message name="ResolveNamesSoapIn" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <wsdl:part name="request" element="tns:ResolveNames"/>
  <wsdl:part name="Impersonation" element="t:ExchangeImpersonation"/>
  <wsdl:part name="MailboxCulture" element="t:MailboxCulture"/>
  <wsdl:part name="RequestVersion" element="t:RequestServerVersion"/>
</wsdl:message>

```

The **ResolveNamesSoapIn WSDL message** is the input message for the **SOAP action** <http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages/ResolveNames>.

The parts of the **ResolveNamesSoapIn WSDL message** are listed and described in the following table.

Part name	Element/type	Description
<b>request</b>	<b>tns:ResolveNames</b> (section <a href="#">3.1.4.1.2.1</a> )	Specifies the <b>SOAP body</b> of the request.
<b>Impersonation</b>	<b>t:ExchangeImpersonation</b> ([ <a href="#">MS-OXWSCDATA</a> ] section 2.2.3.3)	Specifies the identifier of the account to impersonate.
<b>MailboxCulture</b>	<b>t:MailboxCulture</b> ([ <a href="#">MS-OXWSCDATA</a> ] section 2.2.3.6)	Specifies a <b>SOAP header</b> that identifies the culture to be used for accessing the server. The cultures are defined by <a href="#">[RFC3066]</a> .

Part name	Element/type	Description
<b>RequestVersion</b>	<b>t:RequestServerVersion</b> ([MS-OXWSCDATA] section 2.2.3.9)	Specifies a SOAP header that identifies the schema version for the request.

### 3.1.4.1.1.2 tns:ResolveNamesSoapOut

The **ResolveNamesSoapOut** WSDL message specifies the server response to the **ResolveNames** operation request to match an ambiguous **recipient** name.

```
<wsdl:message name="ResolveNamesSoapOut"
xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <wsdl:part name="ResolveNamesResult" element="tns:ResolveNamesResponse"/>
  <wsdl:part name="ServerVersion" element="t:ServerVersionInfo"/>
</wsdl:message>
```

The **ResolveNamesSoapOut** WSDL message is the output message for the **SOAP action** <http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages/ResolveNames>.

The parts of the **ResolveNamesSoapOut** WSDL message are listed and described in the following table.

Part name	Element/type	Description
<b>ResolveNamesResult</b>	<b>tns:ResolveNamesResponse</b> (section <a href="#">3.1.4.1.2.2</a> )	Specifies the <b>SOAP body</b> of the response.
<b>ServerVersion</b>	<b>t:ServerVersionInfo</b> ( <a href="#">[MS-OXWSCDATA]</a> section 2.2.3.10)	Specifies a <b>SOAP header</b> that identifies the server version for the response.

### 3.1.4.1.2 Elements

The following table lists and describes the **XML schema** elements that are specific to the **ResolveNames** operation.

Element name	Description
<b>ResolveNames</b>	Specifies the parameters and the unresolved <b>recipient</b> name to the server.
<b>ResolveNamesResponse</b>	Specifies the candidate matches that are returned in the server response.

#### 3.1.4.1.2.1 ResolveNames Element

The **ResolveNames** element is a container that specifies the parameters and the unresolved **recipient** name to the server.

```
<xs:element name="ResolveNames"
  type="m:ResolveNamesType"
/>
```

### 3.1.4.1.2.2 ResolveNamesResponse Element

The **ResolveNamesResponse** element is a container that specifies the candidate matches that are returned in the server response.

```
<xs:element name="ResolveNamesResponse"
  type="m:ResolveNamesResponseType"
/>
```

### 3.1.4.1.3 Complex Types

The following table lists the **XML schema** complex type definitions that are specific to the **ResolveNames** operation.

Complex type name	Description
<b>ArrayOfResolutionType</b>	Specifies the list of matching <b>recipient</b> candidates that are returned by the server.
<b>ResolutionType</b>	Specifies the type of a matching recipient candidate that is returned by the server.
<b>ResolveNamesResponseMessageType</b>	Specifies the status and result of a <b>ResolveNames</b> operation.
<b>ResolveNamesResponseType</b>	Specifies the contents of the response from the server.
<b>ResolveNamesType</b>	Specifies the contents of a request from the client to locate matching recipient candidates.

#### 3.1.4.1.3.1 t:ArrayOfResolutionType Complex Type

The **ArrayOfResolutionType** complex type specifies the list of matching **recipient** candidates that are returned by the server. Note that the server returns a maximum of 100 candidate matches.

```
<xs:complexType name="ArrayOfResolutionType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Resolution"
      type="t:ResolutionType"
      maxOccurs="100"
      minOccurs="0"
    />
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attributeGroup
    ref="t:FindResponsePagingAttributes"
  />
</xs:complexType>
```

The following table lists and describes the child element of the **ArrayOfResolutionType** complex type.

Element name	Type	Description
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>t:ResolutionType</b> (section <a href="#">3.1.4.1.3.2</a> )	Specifies a single resolved entity.

The attribute group of the **ArrayOfResolutionType** complex type is the **FindResponsePagingAttributes** attribute group, as specified in [\[MS-OXWSCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.8.1.

### 3.1.4.1.3.2 t:ResolutionType Complex Type

The **ResolutionType** complex type specifies the type of matching **recipient** candidate that is returned by the server.

```
<xs:complexType name="ResolutionType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Mailbox"
      type="t:EmailAddressType"
    />
    <xs:element name="Contact"
      type="t:ContactItemType"
      minOccurs="0"
    />
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```

The following table lists and describes the child elements of the **ResolutionType** complex type.

Element name	Type	Description
<b>Mailbox</b>	<b>t:EmailAddressType</b> ( <a href="#">[MS-OXWSCDATA]</a> section 2.2.4.31)	Specifies an <b>email address</b> .
<b>Contact</b>	<b>t:ContactItemType</b> ( <a href="#">[MS-OXWSCONT]</a> section 2.2.4.3)	Specifies a <b>contact</b> item.

### 3.1.4.1.3.3 m:ResolveNamesResponseMessageType Complex Type

The **ResolveNamesResponseMessageType** complex type specifies the status and result of a **ResolveNames** operation. The **ResolveNamesResponseMessageType** complex type extends the **ResponseMessageType** complex type, as specified in [\[MS-OXWSCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.4.67.

```
<xs:complexType name="ResolveNamesResponseMessageType">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:extension
      base="m:ResponseMessageType"
    >
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="ResolutionSet"
          type="t:ArrayOfResolutionType"
          minOccurs="0"
        />
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:extension>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
```

The following table lists and describes the child elements of the **ResolveNamesResponseMessageType** complex type.

Element name	Type	Description
<b>ResolutionSet</b>	<b>t:ArrayOfResolutionType</b> (section <a href="#">3.1.4.1.3.1</a> )	Specifies the list of matching <b>recipient</b> candidates that are returned by the server.



#### 3.1.4.1.3.4 m:ResolveNamesResponseType Complex Type

The **ResolveNamesResponseType** complex type specifies the contents of the response from the server. The **ResolveNamesResponseType** complex type extends the **BaseResponseMessageType** complex type, as specified in [\[MS-OXWSCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.4.18.

```
<xs:complexType name="ResolveNamesResponseType">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:extension
      base="m:BaseResponseMessageType"
    />
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
```

#### 3.1.4.1.3.5 m:ResolveNamesType Complex Type

The **ResolveNamesType** complex type specifies the contents of a request from the client to locate matching **recipient** candidates. The **ResolveNamesType** complex type extends the **BaseRequestType** complex type, as specified in [\[MS-OXWSCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.4.17.

```
<xs:complexType name="ResolveNamesType">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:extension
      base="m:BaseRequestType"
    >
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="ParentFolderIds"
        type="t:NonEmptyArrayOfBaseFolderIdsType"
        minOccurs="0"
      />
      <xs:element name="UnresolvedEntry"
        type="t:NonEmptyStringType"
      />
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="ReturnFullContactData"
      type="xs:boolean"
      use="required"
    />
    <xs:attribute name="SearchScope"
      type="t:ResolveNamesSearchScopeType"
      default="ActiveDirectoryContacts"
    />
    <xs:attribute name="ContactDataShape"
      type="t:DefaultShapeNamesType"
    />
  </xs:extension>
</xs:complexType>
```

The following table lists and describes the child elements of the **ResolveNamesType** complex type.

Element name	Type	Description
<b>ParentFolderIds</b>	<b>t:NonEmptyArrayOfBaseFolderIdsType</b> ( <a href="#">[MS-OXWSFOLD]</a> section 3.1.4.6.3.3)	Specifies the ID of the parent folder that contains the item.
<b>UnresolvedEntry</b>	<b>t:NonEmptyStringType</b> ( <a href="#">[MS-OXWSCDATA]</a> section 2.2.5.20)	Specifies the name of a <b>contact</b> or <b>distribution list</b> to be resolved.

The following table lists and describes the attributes of the **ResolveNamesType** complex type.

Attribute name	Type	Description
<b>ReturnFullContactData</b>	<b>xs:boolean</b> [XMLSCHEMA2]	Specifies whether all the data is to be returned for a resolved contact.
<b>SearchScope</b>	<b>t:ResolveNamesSearchScopeType</b> (section 3.1.4.1.4.1)	Specifies a location where the server searches for candidate matches.
<b>ContactDataShape</b>	<b>t:DefaultShapeNamesType</b> ([MS-OXWSCDATA] section 2.2.5.7)	Specifies the standard set of properties to be returned for the resolved names. This attribute SHOULD <a href="#">&lt;1&gt;</a> be included.

### 3.1.4.1.4 Simple Types

The following table lists and describes the **XML schema** simple type that is specific to the **ResolveNames** operation.

Simple type name	Description
<b>ResolveNamesSearchScopeType</b>	Specifies a location where the server searches for match candidates.

#### 3.1.4.1.4.1 t:ResolveNamesSearchScopeType Simple Type

The **ResolveNamesSearchScopeType** simple type specifies a location where the server searches for match candidates.

```
<xs:simpleType name="ResolveNamesSearchScopeType">
  <xs:restriction
    base="xs:string"
  >
    <xs:enumeration
      value="ActiveDirectory"
    />
    <xs:enumeration
      value="ActiveDirectoryContacts"
    />
    <xs:enumeration
      value="Contacts"
    />
    <xs:enumeration
      value="ContactsActiveDirectory"
    />
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
```

The following table lists and describes the values that are defined by the **ResolveNamesSearchScopeType** simple type.

Value name	Description
<b>ActiveDirectory</b>	Specifies that the server searches for match candidates in the directory service.
<b>ActiveDirectoryContacts</b>	Specifies that the server searches for match candidates in the directory service first, then in the <b>Contacts folder</b> of the <b>mailbox</b> .

<b>Value name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Contacts</b>	Specifies that the server searches for match candidates in the Contacts folder of the mailbox.
<b>ContactsActiveDirectory</b>	Specifies that the server searches for match candidates in the Contacts folder of the mailbox first, then in the directory service.

### **3.1.5 Timer Events**

None.

### **3.1.6 Other Local Events**

None.

## 4 Protocol Examples

The following example of a **ResolveNames** operation shows how to resolve the entry **User2**.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types">
  <soap:Body>
    <ResolveNames xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
      xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
      ReturnFullContactData="true">
      <UnresolvedEntry>User2</UnresolvedEntry>
    </ResolveNames>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

The following example shows a successful response to a **ResolveNames** operation.

```
<?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:Header>
    <t:ServerVersionInfo MajorVersion="8" MinorVersion="0" MajorBuildNumber="685"
      MinorBuildNumber="8"
      xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types" />
  </soap:Header>
  <soap:Body>
    <ResolveNamesResponse
      xmlns:m="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
      xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
      xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages">
      <m:ResponseMessages>
        <m:ResolveNamesResponseMessage ResponseClass="Success">
          <m:ResponseCode>NoError</m:ResponseCode>
          <m:ResolutionSet TotalItemsInView="1" IncludesLastItemInRange="true">
            <t:Resolution>
              <t:Mailbox>
                <t:Name>User2</t:Name>
                <t:EmailAddress>User2@example.com</t:EmailAddress>
                <t:RoutingType>SMTP</t:RoutingType>
                <t:MailboxType>Mailbox</t:MailboxType>
              </t:Mailbox>
              <t:Contact>
                <t:DisplayName>User2</t:DisplayName>
                <t:EmailAddresses>
                  <t:Entry Key="EmailAddress1">SMTP:User2@example.com</t:Entry>
                </t:EmailAddresses>
                <t:ContactSource>ActiveDirectory</t:ContactSource>
              </t:Contact>
            </t:Resolution>
          </m:ResolutionSet>
        </m:ResolveNamesResponseMessage>
      </m:ResponseMessages>
    </ResolveNamesResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

## **5 Security**

### **5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers**

The Resolve Recipient Names Web Service Protocol does not use any additional security mechanisms.

### **5.2 Index of Security Parameters**

None.

## 6 Appendix A: Full WSDL

The XML files that are listed in the following table are required in order to implement the functionality described in this document.

File name	Description	Section
MS-OXWSRSLNM.wsdl	Contains the <b>WSDL</b> for the implementation of this protocol.	6
MS-OXWSRSLNM-messages.xsd	Contains the <b>XML schema</b> message definitions that are used in this protocol.	<a href="#">7.1</a>
MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd	Contains the XML schema type definitions that are used in this protocol.	<a href="#">7.2</a>

These files have to be placed in a common folder in order for the WSDL to validate and operate. Also, any schema files that are included in or imported into the MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd or MS-OXWSRSLNM-messages.xsd schemas have to be placed in the common folder along with the files listed in the table.

This section contains the contents of the MS-OXWSRSLNM.wsdl file.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<wsdl:definitions xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types">
  <wsdl:types>
    <xs:schema id="messages" elementFormDefault="qualified" version="Exchange2016"
xmlns:m="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages">
      <xs:include schemaLocation="MS-OXWSRSLNM-messages.xsd"/>
    </xs:schema>
    <xs:schema id="types" elementFormDefault="qualified" version="Exchange2016"
xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
      <xs:include schemaLocation="MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd"/>
    </xs:schema>
  </wsdl:types>
  <wsdl:portType name="ExchangeServicePortType">
    <wsdl:operation name="ResolveNames" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
      <wsdl:input message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn"/>
      <wsdl:output message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapOut"/>
    </wsdl:operation>
  </wsdl:portType>
  <wsdl:message name="ResolveNamesSoapIn" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
    <wsdl:part name="request" element="tns:ResolveNames"/>
    <wsdl:part name="Impersonation" element="t:ExchangeImpersonation"/>
    <wsdl:part name="MailboxCulture" element="t:MailboxCulture"/>
    <wsdl:part name="RequestVersion" element="t:RequestServerVersion"/>
  </wsdl:message>
  <wsdl:message name="ResolveNamesSoapOut" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
    <wsdl:part name="ResolveNamesResult" element="tns:ResolveNamesResponse"/>
    <wsdl:part name="ServerVersion" element="t:ServerVersionInfo"/>
  </wsdl:message>
  <wsdl:binding name="ExchangeServiceBinding" type="tns:ExchangeServicePortType">
    <wsdl:documentation xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
```

```

    <wsi:Claim conformsTo="http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic/1.0" xmlns:wsi="http://ws-
i.org/schemas/conformanceClaim/" />
  </wsdl:documentation>
  <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" style="document"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
  <wsdl:operation name="ResolveNames" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
    <soap:operation
soapAction="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages/ResolveNames"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
    <wsdl:input>
      <soap:body parts="request" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
      <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn" part="Impersonation" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
      <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn" part="MailboxCulture" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
      <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapIn" part="RequestVersion" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
    </wsdl:input>
    <wsdl:output>
      <soap:body parts="ResolveNamesResult" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
      <soap:header message="tns:ResolveNamesSoapOut" part="ServerVersion" use="literal"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" />
    </wsdl:output>
  </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>
</wsdl:definitions>

```

## 7 Appendix B: Full XML Schema

For ease of implementation, the following sections provide the full **XML schema** for this protocol.

Schema name	Prefix	Section
Messages schema	m:	<a href="#">7.1</a>
Types schema	t:	<a href="#">7.2</a>

These files have to be placed in a common folder in order for the WSDL to validate and operate. Also, any schema files that are included in or imported into the MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd or MS-OXWSRSLNM-messages.xsd schemas have to be placed in the common folder along with the files listed in the table.

### 7.1 Messages Schema

This section contains the contents of the MS-OXWSRSLNM-messages.xsd file and information about additional files that this schema file requires to operate correctly.

MS-OXWSRSLNM-messages.xsd includes or imports the files listed in the following table. For the schema file to operate correctly, these files have to be in the folder that contains the **WSDL**, types schema, and messages schema files for this protocol.

File name	Defining specification
MS-OXWSCDATA-messages.xsd	<a href="#">[MS-OXWSCDATA]</a> section 7.1
MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd	section <a href="#">7.2</a>

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:m="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/messages"
elementFormDefault="qualified" version="Exchange2016" id="messages">
  <xs:import namespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
schemaLocation="MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd"/>
  <xs:include schemaLocation="MS-OXWSCDATA-messages.xsd"/>
  <xs:complexType name="ResolveNamesResponseMessageType">
    <xs:complexContent>
      <xs:extension base="m:ResponseMessageType">
        <xs:sequence>
          <xs:element name="ResolutionSet" type="t:ArrayOfResolutionType" minOccurs="0"/>
        </xs:sequence>
      </xs:extension>
    </xs:complexContent>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:complexType name="ResolveNamesResponseType">
    <xs:complexContent>
      <xs:extension base="m:BaseResponseMessageType"/>
    </xs:complexContent>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:complexType name="ResolveNamesType">
    <xs:complexContent>
      <xs:extension base="m:BaseRequestType">
        <xs:sequence>
          <xs:element name="ParentFolderIds" type="t:NonEmptyArrayOfBaseFolderIdsType"
minOccurs="0"/>
          <xs:element name="UnresolvedEntry" type="t:NonEmptyStringType"/>
        </xs:sequence>
      </xs:extension>
    </xs:complexContent>
  </xs:complexType>

```



```

    <xs:attribute name="ReturnFullContactData" type="xs:boolean" use="required"/>
    <xs:attribute name="SearchScope" type="t:ResolveNamesSearchScopeType"
default="ActiveDirectoryContacts"/>
    <xs:attribute name="ContactDataShape" type="t:DefaultShapeNamesType"/>
  </xs:extension>
</xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:element name="ResolveNames" type="m:ResolveNamesType"/>
<xs:element name="ResolveNamesResponse" type="m:ResolveNamesResponseType"/>
</xs:schema>

```

## 7.2 Types Schema

This section contains the contents of the MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd file and information about additional files that this schema file requires to operate correctly.

MS-OXWSRSLNM-types.xsd includes the file listed in the following table. For the schema file to operate correctly, this file has to be in the folder that contains the **WSDL**, types schema, and messages schema files for this protocol.

File name	Defining specification
MS-OXWSCDATA-types.xsd	<a href="#">[MS-OXWSCDATA]</a> section 7.2

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:t="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/exchange/services/2006/types"
elementFormDefault="qualified" version="Exchange2016" id="types">
  <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"/>
  <xs:include schemaLocation="MS-OXWSCDATA-types.xsd"/>
  <xs:complexType name="ArrayOfResolutionType">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="Resolution" type="t:ResolutionType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="100"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:attributeGroup ref="t:FindResponsePagingAttributes"/>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:complexType name="ResolutionType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Mailbox" type="t:EmailAddressType"/>
    <xs:element name="Contact" type="t:ContactItemType" minOccurs="0"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:simpleType name="ResolveNamesSearchScopeType">
  <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
    <xs:enumeration value="ActiveDirectory"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="ActiveDirectoryContacts"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="Contacts"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="ContactsActiveDirectory"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
</xs:schema>

```

## 8 Appendix C: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include updates to those products.

- Microsoft Exchange Server 2007
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2010
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2013
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2016
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2019

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

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

[<1> Section 3.1.4.1.3.5](#): Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010 and Microsoft Exchange Server 2010 Service Pack 1 (SP1) do not support the **ContactDataShape** attribute. The **ContactDataShape** attribute was introduced in Microsoft Exchange Server 2010 Service Pack 2 (SP2).

## 9 Change Tracking

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

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.
- A document revision that captures changes to protocol functionality.

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 **None** means that no new technical changes were introduced. Minor editorial and formatting changes may have been made, but the relevant technical content is identical to the last released version.

The changes made to this document are listed in the following table. For more information, please contact [dochelp@microsoft.com](mailto:dochelp@microsoft.com).

Section	Description	Revision class
<a href="#">8</a> Appendix C: Product Behavior	Updated list of supported products.	Major

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