

3GPP MMS MM7 proposal

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General structure

- General abstract framework -> Envelope
 - outlined in principles (some section copied from Logica CR)
 - Define binding of the framework to SOAP 1.1
 - stable version, widely implemented
- Use HTTP/1.1 as required transport protocol
- Separate MMS functionality from non-functional extensions
 - MM7 structure entirely in SOAP body
 - Possible future extensions (user authentication, user authorization)
 - Extensions as headers can be processed by dedicated SOAP nodes (multi-hop) =>
 - Processing time gain (performance)

General structure - 2

- Use SOAPAction header in HTTP
 - Define SOAPAction for every operation (needed for WSDL description)
 - Easier implementation
 - Easier extension with new message exchange patterns
- **ContentType** on transport layer:
 - xml/text** for single SOAP message
 - or
 - mime/multipart** for multimedia message with SOAP attachment method

Message exchange

- Synchronous communication

Request in HTTP POST method request

Reply in HTTP reply

What if error occurs during processing of reply?

- Asynch communication

Request in HTTP POST method (A -> B)

Ack of request as HTTP reply (B -> A)

Response in HTTP POST (B -> A)

Ack of response in HTTP reply (A -> B)

Possible processing of Response errors in Ack of response.

Error handling

Two-level error handling

- **Envelope (SOAP level) error**

Errors on SOAP level (parse, validation errors etc.)

- **MMS application error or warning**

MMS application level errors (content not accepted, unresolved address, invalid TransactionID etc.)

The **GeneralError** container is envelope framework independent.

Open issues

- Sender address format and semantics in Submit and Deliver primitives ?
- How to include To:/CC:/BCC: informational addresses?
- How to identify VASP,VAS,MMR/S ?
- Error classes (fatal / tolerable etc.) and required handling processes?
- Text-only messages should be in the Body instead of using MiME multipart ?
- EncodingStyle is not used, shouldn't we mention it explicitly?
- Do we need ContentType explicitly (or transport level) ?

Open issues - 2

- Do we need ContentSize to be present in elements ?
(or mandate Content-Length header in MIME body parts)
- MessageID uniqueness?