

# Demystifying the Protocol and Specification v1.1

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# Presentation Outline

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- Network Exchange Protocol (Protocol) and Network Node Functional Specification (Specification) Descriptions and Purpose
- Design Assumptions
- Out of Scope/Limitations
- Extensions
- Using the Protocol and Specification for Node Building and Flowing Information
- A Gaze into a Crystal Ball

How do you build only  
ONE Network while  
balancing the varied  
needs and capabilities of  
potential Partners with  
the efficiencies of  
standardization?

# Network Exchange Protocol (Protocol)

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The Protocol is the set of rules that govern the generation and use of valid service requests and responses on the Exchange Network.

# Network Node Functional Specification (Specification)

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- The Specification is a detailed description of a Node's expected behavior. It includes a description of:
  - the functions the Node will perform
  - how those functions are to be invoked
  - the output expected from the Node

# Design Assumptions

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- Simple as possible, even if unable to meet a small number of identified, but advanced needs.
- Consistent with all other Network Guidance
- Designed to be used for all information exchanges.
  - Web Services/Web Methods
  - Used to construct transactions

# Design Assumptions

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- Shelf-life of 18-24 months
- Forward-Looking
  - Infrastructure
  - Use
- Known reliance on immature standards
  - SOAP 1.1
  - WSDL 1.0
  - DIME
- **MUST BE IMPLEMENTABLE!**

# Web Methods

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- Submit
- Download
- Notify
- Query
- Solicit
- Authenticate
- NodePing
- GetStatus
- GetServices
- Execute (Optional)
- Security Methods

# Network Exchange Business Processes

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- Simple Submit
- Simple Download
- Notify for Download
- Solicit with Submit Return
- Solicit with Download Return
- Query

# Out of Scope/Limitations

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- Protocol and Specification only define a “listener.”
- Does not fully leverage the standards and tools
  - Dynamic Binding
  - SOAP 1.2
- Attachments
  - Only DIME attachments
- Does not define any payload specifications
  - Defining and handling the common types of “missing,” “unavailable,” or “inapplicable” data.

# Extensions

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- Payload Extensions
  - Payload Header
  - Data Request
    - Naming
    - Schema
- Client
  - Node Management Interface
- Security Layer
  - Additional Web Services outlined in Security Guidance documents
- Orchestration



**I. Node**

1. Unknown

2. Pre-Planning

3. Planning

4. Development

5. Testing

6. Node Ready to Flow

**II. Flow**

1. System Development

2. Planning

3. Development

4. Testing/Debugging

5. Ready to Flow X

**III. Client**

1. Obtain/Develop Client

2. Client Install  
(Configuration)

3. Testing/Initial Use

**Node in Production for Flow X**

**Client in Production for Flow X**

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local and national level. Countries  
benefit and learn from these efforts.



# Version 2.0

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- Migrate to Document Literal Encoding
- Leverage SOAP 1.2
- Leverage WSDL 1.1
- Consider additional attachment methods
- Web Service Security Extensions
- Orchestration

# Take Home Messages

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- Protocol and Specification are the foundation of the Network and the Network WSDL or DNCs should be used to guide Node development.
- Protocol and Specification will remain stable.
- Most states will want/need to build Node clients.

# Questions?

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