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**Web Services for Management  
(WS-Management) Specification**

*Spécification des services Web pour le management  
(WS-Management)*



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196 WS-Management sub-group of the WBEM Infrastructure & Protocols Working Group.

197 This International Standard makes use of functionality similar to the following W3C  
198 Recommendations:

- 199 • Web Services Eventing (WS-Eventing)
- 200 • Web Services Transfer (WS-Transfer)
- 201 • Web Services Enumeration (WS-Enumeration)

202 These W3C Recommendations were not available at the time WS-Management was defined, and  
203 similar functionality was incorporated directly into provisions of the WS-Management specification.  
204 Future revisions of WS-Management might incorporate these functions by External Reference to  
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# Web Services for Management (WS-Management) Specification

## 289 1 Scope

290 The *Web Services for Management (WS-Management) Specification* describes a Web services  
291 protocol based on SOAP for use in management-specific domains. These domains include the  
292 management of entities such as PCs, servers, devices, Web services and other applications, and  
293 other manageable entities. Services can expose only a WS-Management interface or compose the  
294 WS-Management service interface with some of the many other Web service specifications.

295 A crucial application for these services is in the area of systems management. To promote  
296 interoperability between management applications and managed resources, this specification  
297 identifies a core set of Web service specifications and usage requirements that expose a common set  
298 of operations central to all systems management. This includes the ability to do the following:

- 299 • Get, put (update), create, and delete individual resource instances, such as settings and  
300 dynamic values
- 301 • Enumerate the contents of containers and collections, such as large tables and logs
- 302 • Subscribe to events emitted by managed resources
- 303 • Execute specific management methods with strongly typed input and output parameters

304 In each of these areas of scope, this specification defines minimal implementation requirements for  
305 conformant Web service implementations. An implementation is free to extend beyond this set of  
306 operations, and to choose not to support one or more of the preceding areas of functionality if that  
307 functionality is not appropriate to the target device or system.

308 This specification intends to meet the following requirements:

- 309 • Constrain Web services protocols and formats so that Web services can be implemented  
310 with a small footprint in both hardware and software management services.
- 311 • Define minimum requirements for compliance without constraining richer implementations.
- 312 • Ensure backward compatibility and interoperability with WS-Management version 1.0.
- 313 • Ensure composability with other Web services specifications.

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