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UPnP AV Architecture:1	ISO/IEC 29341-3-1
UPnP MediaRenderer:1 Device	ISO/IEC 29341-3-2
UPnP MediaServer:1 Device	ISO/IEC 29341-3-3
UPnP AVTransport:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-3-10
UPnP ConnectionManager:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-3-11
UPnP ContentDirectory:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-3-12
UPnP RenderingControl:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-3-13
UPnP MediaRenderer:2 Device	ISO/IEC 29341-4-2
UPnP MediaServer:2 Device	ISO/IEC 29341-4-3
UPnP AV Datastructure Template:1	ISO/IEC 29341-4-4
UPnP AVTransport:2 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-4-10
UPnP ConnectionManager:2 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-4-11
UPnP ContentDirectory:2 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-4-12
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UPnP RemoteUIClient:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-12-10
UPnP RemoteUIServer:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-12-11
UPnP DeviceSecurity:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-13-10
UPnP SecurityConsole:1 Service	ISO/IEC 29341-13-11

1 Overview and Scope

This service template is compliant with the UPnP Device Architecture version 1.0. It defines a service type referred to herein as ContentDirectory service.

1.1 Introduction

Many devices within the home network contain various types of content that other devices would like to access (for example, music, videos, still images, etc). As an example, a MediaServer device might contain a significant portion of the homeowner's audio, video, and still-image library. In order for the homeowner to enjoy this content, the homeowner must be able to browse the objects stored on the MediaServer, select a specific one, and cause it to be played on an appropriate rendering device (for example, an audio player for music objects, a TV for video content, an Electronic Picture Frame for still-images, etc).

For maximum convenience, it is highly desirable to allow the homeowner to initiate these operations from a variety of UI devices. In most cases, these UI devices will either be a UI built into the rendering device, or it will be a stand-alone UI device such as a wireless PDA or tablet. In any case, it is unlikely that the homeowner will interact directly with the device containing the content (that is: the homeowner won't have to walk over to the server device). In order to enable this capability, the server device needs to provide a uniform mechanism for UI devices to browse the content on the server and to obtain detailed information about individual content objects. This is the purpose of the ContentDirectory service.

The ContentDirectory service additionally provides a lookup/storage service that allows clients (for example, UI devices) to locate (and possibly store) individual objects (for example, songs, movies, pictures, etc) that the (server) device is capable of providing. For example, this service can be used to enumerate a list of songs stored on an MP3 player, a list of still-images comprising various slide-shows, a list of movies stored in a DVD-Jukebox, a list of TV shows currently being broadcast (a.k.a an EPG), a list of songs stored in a CD-Jukebox, a list of programs stored on a PVR (Personal Video Recorder) device, etc. Nearly any type of content can be enumerated via this ContentDirectory service. For devices that contain multiple types of content (for example, MP3, MPEG2, JPEG, etc.), a single instance of the ContentDirectory service can be used to enumerate all objects, regardless of their type.

1.2 Notation

- In this document, features are described as Required, Recommended, or Optional as follows:

The key words "MUST," "MUST NOT," "REQUIRED," "SHALL," "SHALL NOT," "SHOULD," "SHOULD NOT," "RECOMMENDED," "MAY," and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119].

In addition, the following keywords are used in this specification:

PROHIBITED – The definition or behavior is an absolute prohibition of this specification. Opposite of **REQUIRED**.

CONDITIONALLY REQUIRED – The definition or behavior depends on a condition. If the specified condition is met, then the definition or behavior is **REQUIRED**, otherwise it is **PROHIBITED**.

CONDITIONALLY OPTIONAL – The definition or behavior depends on a condition. If the specified condition is met, then the definition or behavior is **OPTIONAL**, otherwise it is **PROHIBITED**.

These keywords are thus capitalized when used to unambiguously specify requirements over protocol and application features and behavior that affect the interoperability and security of implementations. When these words are not capitalized, they are meant in their natural-language sense.

- Strings that are to be taken literally are enclosed in "double quotes".
- Words that are emphasized are printed in *italic*.
- Keywords that are defined by the UPnP AV Working Committee are printed using the *forum* character style.
- Keywords that are defined by the UPnP Device Architecture are printed using the *arch* character style.
- A double colon delimiter, "::", signifies a hierarchical parent-child (parent::child) relationship between the two objects separated by the double colon. This delimiter is used in multiple contexts, for example: Service::Action(), Action()::Argument, parentProperty::childProperty.

1.2.1 Data Types

This specification uses data type definitions from two different sources. The UPnP Device Architecture defined data types are used to define state variable and action argument data types [DEVICE]. The XML Schema namespace is used to define property data types [XML SCHEMA-2].

For UPnP Device Architecture defined Boolean data types, it is strongly RECOMMENDED to use the value “0” for false, and the value “1” for true. However, when used as input arguments, the values “false”, “no”, “true”, “yes” may also be encountered and MUST be accepted. Nevertheless, it is strongly RECOMMENDED that all state variables and output arguments be represented as “0” and “1”.

For XML Schema defined Boolean data types, it is strongly RECOMMENDED to use the value “0” for false, and the value “1” for true. However, when used as input properties, the values “false”, “true” may also be encountered and MUST be accepted. Nevertheless, it is strongly RECOMMENDED that all properties be represented as “0” and “1”.

1.2.2 Strings Embedded in Other Strings

Some string variables and arguments described in this document contain substrings that MUST be independently identifiable and extractable for other processing. This requires the definition of appropriate substring delimiters and an escaping mechanism so that these delimiters can also appear as ordinary characters in the string and/or its independent substrings. This document uses embedded strings in two contexts – Comma Separated Value (CSV) lists (see Section 1.3.1, “Comma Separated Value (CSV) Lists”) and property values in search criteria strings. Escaping conventions use the backslash character, “\” (character code U+005C), as follows:

- a. Backslash (“\”) is represented as “\\” in both contexts.
- b. Comma (“,”) is
 1. represented as “\,” in individual substring entries in CSV lists
 2. not escaped in search strings
- c. Double quote (“””) is
 1. not escaped in CSV lists
 2. not escaped in search strings when it appears as the start or end delimiter of a property value
 3. represented as “\”” in search strings when it appears as a character that is part of the property value

1.2.3 Extended Backus-Naur Form

Extended Backus-Naur Form is used in this document for a formal syntax description of certain constructs. The usage here is according to the reference [EBNF].

1.2.3.1 Typographic conventions for EBNF

Non-terminal symbols are unquoted sequences of characters from the set of English upper and lower case letters, the digits “0” through “9”, and the hyphen (“-”). Character sequences between 'single quotes' are terminal strings and MUST appear literally in valid strings. Character sequences between (*comment delimiters*) are English language definitions or supplementary explanations of their associated symbols. White space in the EBNF is used to separate elements of the EBNF, not to represent white space in valid strings. White space usage in valid strings is described explicitly in the EBNF. Finally, the EBNF uses the following operators:

Table 1-1: EBNF Operators

Operator	Semantics
: :=	definition – the non-terminal symbol on the left is defined by one or more alternative sequences of terminals and/or non-terminals to its right.
	alternative separator – separates sequences on the right that are independently allowed definitions for the non-terminal on the left.
*	null repetition – means the expression to its left MAY occur zero or more times.
+	non-null repetition – means the expression to its left MUST occur at least once and MAY occur more times.
[]	optional – the expression between the brackets is optional.
()	grouping – groups the expressions between the parentheses.
-	character range – represents all characters between the left and right character operands inclusively.

1.3 Derived Data Types

This section defines a derived data type that is represented as a string data type with special syntax. This specification uses string data type definitions that originate from two different sources. The UPnP Device Architecture defined **string** data type is used to define state variable and action argument **string** data types. The XML Schema namespace is used to define property xsd:string data types. The following definition applies to both string data types.

1.3.1 Comma Separated Value (CSV) Lists

The UPnP AV services use state variables, action arguments and properties that represent lists – or one-dimensional arrays – of values. The UPnP Device Architecture, Version 1.0 [DEVICE], does not provide for either an array type or a list type, so a list type is defined here. Lists MAY either be homogeneous (all values are the same type) or heterogeneous (values of different types are allowed). Lists MAY also consist of repeated occurrences of homogeneous or heterogeneous subsequences, all of which have the same syntax and semantics (same number of values, same value types and in the same order). The data type of a homogeneous list is **string** or xsd:string and denoted by CSV (*x*), where *x* is the type of the individual values. The data type of a heterogeneous list is also **string** or xsd:string and denoted by CSV (*x*, *y*, *z*), where *x*, *y* and *z* are the types of the individual values. If the number of values in the heterogeneous list is too large to show each type individually, that variable type is represented as CSV (*heterogeneous*), and the variable description includes additional information as to the expected sequence of values appearing in the list and their corresponding types. The data type of a repeated subsequence list is **string** or xsd:string and denoted by CSV ({*x*, *y*, *z*}), where *x*, *y* and *z* are the types of the individual values in the subsequence and the subsequence MAY be repeated zero or more times.

- A list is represented as a **string** type (for state variables and action arguments) or xsd:string type (for properties).
- Commas separate values within a list.
- Integer values are represented in CSVs with the same syntax as the integer data type specified in [DEVICE] (that is: optional leading sign, optional leading zeroes, numeric ASCII)
- Boolean values are represented in state variable and action argument CSVs as either “**0**” for false or “**1**” for true. These values are a subset of the defined Boolean data type values specified in [DEVICE]: **0, false, no, 1, true, yes.**
- Boolean values are represented in property CSVs as either “**0**” for false or “**1**” for true. These values are a subset of the defined Boolean data type values specified in [XML SCHEMA-2]: 0, false, 1, true.
- Escaping conventions for the comma and backslash characters are defined in Section 1.2.2, “Strings Embedded in Other Strings”.
- White space before, after, or interior to any numeric data type is not allowed.
- White space before, after, or interior to any other data type is part of the value.

Table 1-2: CSV Examples

Type refinement of string	Value	Comments
CSV (string) or CSV (xsd:string)	“+artist,-date”	List of 2 property sort criteria.
CSV (int) or CSV (xsd:integer)	“1,-5,006,0,+7”	List of 5 integers.
CSV (boolean) or CSV (xsd:Boolean)	“0,1,1,0”	List of 4 booleans
CSV (string) or CSV (xsd:string)	“Smith\, Fred,Jones\, Davey”	List of 2 names, “Smith, Fred” and “Jones, Davey”
CSV (i4 , string , ui2) or CSV (xsd:int, xsd:string, xsd:unsignedShort)	“-29837, string with leading blanks,0”	Note that the second value is “ string with leading blanks”
CSV (i4) or CSV (xsd:int)	“3, 4”	Illegal CSV. White space is not allowed as part of an integer value.
CSV (string) or CSV (xsd:string)	“ ”	List of 3 empty string values
CSV (heterogeneous)	“Alice,Marketing,5,Sue,R&D,21,Dave,Finance,7”	List of unspecified number of people and associated attributes. Each person is described by 3 elements: a name string , a department string and years-of-service ui2 or a name xsd:string, a department xsd:string and years-of-service xsd:unsignedShort.

1.4 Management of XML Namespaces in Standardized DCPs

UPnP specifications make extensive use of XML namespaces. This allows separate DCPs, and even separate components of an individual DCP, to be designed independently and still avoid name collisions when they share XML documents. Every name in an XML document belongs to exactly one namespace. In documents, XML names appear in one of two forms: qualified or unqualified. An unqualified name (or no-colon-name) contains no colon (“:”) characters. An unqualified name belongs to the document’s default namespace. A qualified name is two no-colon-names separated by one colon character. The no-colon-name before the colon is the qualified name’s namespace prefix, the no-colon-name after the colon is the qualified name’s “local” name (meaning local to the namespace identified by the namespace prefix). Similarly, the unqualified name is a local name in the default namespace.

The formal name of a namespace is a URI. The namespace prefix used in an XML document is *not* the name of the namespace. The namespace name is, or should be, globally unique. It has a single definition that is accessible to anyone who uses the namespace. It has the same meaning anywhere that it is used, both inside and outside XML documents. The namespace prefix, however, in formal XML usage, is defined only in an XML document. It must be locally unique to the document. Any valid XML no-colon-name may be used. And, in formal XML usage, no two XML documents are ever required to use the same namespace prefix to refer to the same namespace. The creation and use of the namespace prefix was standardized by the W3C XML Committee in [XML-NMSP] strictly as a convenient local shorthand replacement for the full URI name of a namespace in individual documents.

All AV object properties are represented in XML by element and attribute names, therefore, all property names belong to an XML namespace.

For the same reason that namespace prefixes are convenient in XML documents, it is convenient in specification text to refer to namespaces using a namespace prefix. Therefore, this specification declares a “standard” prefix for all XML namespaces used herein. In addition, this specification expands the scope where these prefixes have meaning, beyond a single XML document, to all of its text, XML examples, and certain string-valued properties. This expansion of scope *does not* supersede XML rules for usage in documents, it only augments and complements them in important contexts that are out-of-scope for the XML specifications.

All of the namespaces used in this specification are listed in the Tables “Namespace Definitions” and “Schema-related Information”. For each such namespace, Table 1-3, “Namespace Definitions” gives a brief description of it, its name (a URI) and its defined “standard” prefix name. Some namespaces included in these tables are not directly used or referenced in this document. They are included for completeness to accommodate those situations where this specification is used in conjunction with other UPnP specifications to construct a complete system of devices and services. The individual specifications in such collections all use the same standard prefix. The standard prefixes are also used in Table 1-4, “Schema-related Information”, to cross-reference additional namespace information. This second table includes each namespace’s valid XML document root elements (if any), its schema file name, versioning information (to be discussed in more detail below), and links to the entries in the Reference section for its associated schema.

The normative definitions for these namespaces are the documents referenced in Table 1-3. The schemas are designed to support these definitions for both human understanding and as test tools. However, limitations of the XML Schema language itself make it difficult for the UPnP-defined schemas to accurately represent all details of the namespace definitions. As a result, the schemas will validate many XML documents that are not valid according to the specifications.

The Working Committee expects to continue refining these schemas after specification release to reduce the number of documents that are validated by the schemas while violating the specifications, but the schemas will still be informative, supporting documents. Some schemas might become normative in future versions of the specifications.

Table 1-3: Namespace Definitions

Standard Name-space Prefix	Namespace Name	Namespace Description	Normative Definition Document Reference
<i>AV Working Committee defined namespaces</i>			
av:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:av:av	Common data types for use in AV schemas	[AV-XSD]
avs:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:av:avs	Common structures for use in AV schemas	[AVS-XSD]
avdt:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:av:avdt	Datastructure Template	[AVDT]
avt-event:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/AVT/	Evented <i>LastChange</i> state variable for AVTransport	[AVT]
didl-lite:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/DIDL-Lite/	Structure and metadata for ContentDirectory	[CDS]
rcs-event:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/RCS/	Evented <i>LastChange</i> state variable for RenderingControl	[RCS]
srs:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:av:srs	Metadata and structure for ScheduledRecording	[SRS]
srs-event:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:av:srs-event	Evented <i>LastChange</i> state variable for ScheduledRecording	[SRS]
upnp:	urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/upnp/	Metadata for ContentDirectory	[CDS]
<i>Externally defined namespaces</i>			
dc:	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/	Dublin Core	[DC-TERMS]
xsd:	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema	XML Schema Language 1.0	[XML SCHEMA-1] [XML SCHEMA-2]
xsi:	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance	XML Schema Instance Document schema	Sections 2.6 & 3.2.7 of [XML SCHEMA-1]
xml:	http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace	The “xml:” Namespace	[XML-NS]

Table 1-4: Schema-related Information

Standard Name-space Prefix	Relative URI and File Name		Schema Reference
	• Form 1	• Form 2	
Valid Root Element(s)			
<i>AV Working Committee Defined Namespaces</i>			
av:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • av-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • av-vn.xsd 	<i>n/a</i>	[AV-XSD]
avs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avs-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • avs-vn.xsd 	<Features> <stateVariableValuePairs>	[AVS-XSD]
avdt:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avdt-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • avdt-vn.xsd 	<AVDT>	[AVDT]
avt-event:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avt-event-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • avt-event-vn.xsd 	<Event>	[AVT-EVENT-XSD]
didl-lite:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • didl-lite-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • didl-lite-vn.xsd 	<DIDL-Lite>	[DIDL-LITE-XSD]
rcs-event:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rcs-event-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • rcs-event-vn.xsd 	<Event>	[RCS-EVENT-XSD]
srs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • srs-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • srs-vn.xsd 	<srs>	[SRS-XSD]
srs-event:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • srs-event-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • srs-event-vn.xsd 	<StateEvent>	[SRS-EVENT-XSD]
upnp:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upnp-vn-yyyymmdd.xsd • upnp-vn.xsd 	<i>n/a</i>	[UPNP-XSD]
<i>Externally Defined Namespaces</i>			
dc:	<i>Absolute URL:</i> http://dublincore.org/schemas/xmls/simpledc20021212.xsd		[DC-XSD]
xsd:	<i>n/a</i>	<schema>	[XMLSCHEMA-XSD]
xsi:	<i>n/a</i>		<i>n/a</i>
xml:	<i>n/a</i>		[XML-XSD]

1.4.1 Namespace Prefix Requirements

There are many occurrences in this specification of string data types that contain XML names (property names). These XML names in strings will not be processed under namespace-aware conditions. Therefore, all occurrences in instance documents of XML names in strings MUST use the standard namespace prefixes as declared in Table 1-3. In order to properly process the XML documents described herein, control points and devices MUST use namespace-aware XML processors [XML-NMSP] for both reading and writing. As allowed by [XML-NMSP], the namespace prefixes used in an instance document are at the sole discretion of the document creator. Therefore, the declared prefix for a namespace in a document MAY be different from the standard prefix. All devices MUST be able to correctly process any valid XML instance document, even when it uses a non-standard prefix for ordinary XML names. It is strongly RECOMMENDED that all devices use these standard prefixes for all instance documents to avoid confusion on the part of both human and machine readers. These standard prefixes are used in all descriptive text and all XML examples in this and related UPnP specifications. Also, each individual specification may assume a default namespace for its descriptive text. In that case, names from that namespace may appear with no prefix.

The assumed default namespace, if any, for each UPnP AV specification is given in Table 1-5, “Default Namespaces for the AV Specifications”.

Note: all UPnP AV schemas declare attributes to be “unqualified”, so namespace prefixes are never used with AV Working Committee defined attribute names.

Table 1-5: Default Namespaces for the AV Specifications

AV Specification Name	Default Namespace Prefix
AVTransport:2	avt-event:
ConnectionManager:2	<i>n/a</i>
ContentDirectory:2	didl-lite:
MediaRenderer:2	<i>n/a</i>
MediaServer:2	<i>n/a</i>
RenderingControl:2	rsc-event:
ScheduledRecording:1	srs:

1.4.2 Namespace Names, Namespace Versioning and Schema Versioning

Each namespace that is defined by the AV Working Committee is named by a URN.

In order to enable both forward and backward compatibility, the UPnP TC has established the general policy that namespace names will not change with new versions of specifications, even when the specification changes the definition of a namespace. But, namespaces still have version numbers that reflect definitional changes. Each time the definition of a namespace is changed, the namespace's version number is incremented by one.

Therefore, namespace version information must be provided with each XML instance document so that the document's receiver can properly understand its meaning. This is achieved by the following rules:

- Every release of a schema is identified by a version number and date of the form “*n-yyyymmdd*”, where *n* corresponds to the namespace definition version number and *yyyymmdd* is the year, month and day in the Gregorian calendar that the schema is released.

For example, the new version numbers of the pre-existing “DIDL-Lite” and “upnp” schemas are “2”. Versions for new schemas, such as “srs” are “1”.

For each schema, the version-date will appear in two places:

1. In the schema file name, according to the naming structure shown in Table 1-4, “Schema-related Information”.
2. As the value of the `version` attribute of each schema's `schema` root element.

Namespaces are referenced in both schema and XML instance documents by namespace name. The namespace name appears as the value of an `xmlns` attribute. The `xmlns` attribute also declares a namespace prefix that will be used to qualify names from each namespace. Schemas are referenced in both schema and XML instance documents by URI in the `schemaLocation` attribute. See section 1.4.3, “Namespace Usage Examples”. Two different forms of URI are available, each with a different meaning. All UPnP AV-defined schema URIs share a common base path of “`http://www.upnp.org/schemas/av/`”. Each schema URI has two unique relative forms (see Table 1-4, “Schema-related Information”), according to which version of a namespace and its representative schema is of interest. The allowed relative URI forms are:

1. *schema-root-name* “-v” *version-date*
where *version-date* is a full version-date of the form *n-yyyymmdd*. This form references the schema whose “root” name (typically the standardized prefix name used for the namespace that the schema represents) and version-date match *schema-root-name* and *version-date*, respectively.
2. *schema-root-name* “-v” *version*
where *version* is an integer representing the namespace's version number. This form references the most recent version of the schema whose root name and namespace version number match *schema-root-name* and the *version*, respectively.

Usage rules for schema location URIs are as follows:

- All instance documents, whether generated by a service or a control point, MUST use Form 1.
- All UPnP AV published schemas that reference other UPnP AV schemas will also use Form 1.
- Validation of XML instance documents in UPnP AV systems potentially serves two purposes. The first is based on standard XML and XML Schema semantics: the document's creator asserts that the document is syntactically correct with respect to the referenced schema. The receiving processor can

confirm this with a validating parser that uses the referenced schema(s). The second is based on UPnP AV namespace semantics. The receiving processor knows that the XML instance document is supposed to conform to one or more specific UPnP AV specifications. Since the second context is actually the more important context for instance document processing, the receiving processor MAY validate the instance document against any version of a schema that satisfies its needs in assessing the acceptability of the received instance document.

1.4.3 Namespace Usage Examples

The `schemaLocation` attribute for XML instance documents comes from the XML Schema instance namespace “`http://www.w3.org/2002/XMLSchema-instance`”. A single occurrence of the attribute can declare the location of one or more schemas. The `schemaLocation` attribute value consists of a whitespace separated list of values: namespace name followed by its schema location URL. This pair-sequence is repeated as necessary for the schemas that need to be located for this instance document.

Example 1:

Sample *DIDL-Lite XML Document*. This document assumes version-date 2-20060531 of the “`didl-lite:`” namespace/schema combination and (a possible later) version 2-20061231 of “`upnp:`”. The lines with the gray background show how to express this versioning information in the instance document.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<DIDL-Lite
  xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
  xmlns="urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/DIDL-Lite/"
  xmlns:upnp="urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/upnp/"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/DIDL-Lite/
    http://www.upnp.org/schemas/av/didl-lite-v2-20060531.xsd
    urn:schemas-upnp-org:metadata-1-0/upnp/
    http://www.upnp.org/schemas/av/upnp-v2-20061231.xsd">
  <item id="18" parentID="13" restricted="0">
    ...
  </item>
</DIDL-Lite>
```

Example 2:

Sample *srs XML Document*. This document assumes version 1-20060531 of the “`srs:`” namespace/schema combination. Again, the lines with the gray background show how to express this versioning information in the instance document.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<srs
  xmlns="urn:schemas-upnp-org:av:srs"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    urn:schemas-upnp-org:av:srs
    http://www.upnp.org/schemas/av/srs-v1-20060531.xsd">
  ...
</srs>
```

1.5 Vendor-defined Extensions

Whenever vendors create additional vendor-defined state variables, actions or properties, their assigned names and XML representation MUST follow the naming conventions and XML rules as specified in [DEVICE], Section 2.5, “Description: Non-standard vendor extensions”.

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