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## 1 Change History

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- Formalized the specification and defined missing details.

Version 1.0 – Editor: Mike Anderson ([mja@process.icl.co.uk](mailto:mja@process.icl.co.uk))

- Initial Version

## 2 Purpose

This document corresponds to the Workflow Management Workflow Standard - Interoperability Abstract Specification [WfMC1012], which provides an abstract specification that define the functionality necessary to achieve a defined level of interoperability between two or more workflow engines. This document defines a binding that give concrete type definition and message format for the realization of the abstract specification, using Internet e-mail with MIME encoding as the transport mechanism. This version of the document corrects a number of issues, errors and omissions in the version 1.0 document, first published in October 1996.

## 3 Audience

The intended audience for this document is primarily vendor organizations who seek to implement the MIME Binding of the Workflow Management Coalition Standard - Interoperability. It may also be of interest to those who prepare binding specifications for other transports, and for those seeking to assess conformance claims made by vendors for their products.

## 4 Scope

The scope of this document is defined by the abstract specification of the interoperability standard [WfMC1012].

## 5 Introduction

This document gives concrete definition of the messages that flow between two workflow engines in order to effect interoperability as defined in [WfMC1012]. Abstract definitions of the messages given in [WfMC1012] are mapped onto a simple text interface that uses Internet e-mail as the transport method.

The examples in this version of the specification were manually created. They were reviewed for misspelling and correctness. In any discrepancy between the examples and the specification, the second is normative.

## 6 Defined Terms

The following terms, used in this document, are defined in the Workflow Management Coalition Glossary [WfMC1011].

Source workflow engine	An engine that requests an enactment of a process from another workflow engine. The source workflow engine always starts its dialog by issuing a StartConversation and concludes with a StopConversation. This engine is sometimes called the initiating engine.
Target workflow engine	The workflow engine that receives the request from the source

Receiving workflow engine	workflow engine. An engine that accepts a StartConversation assumes the role of target workflow engine. The process running on this engine is sometimes called enacted process instance.
Sending workflow engine	The engine that is processing the incoming message.
Protocol	The engine that is doing the request or that is creating the outbound message.
Protocol description	The way messages are interchanged between the source workflow engine and the target workflow engine
	The protocol specifies how these workflow engines deal with the idiosyncrasy in the mail system, including lost, duplicated, and out-of-order messages.
Protocol description	The part of the message that contains the information the workflow engine interprets

## 7 MIME Message

This specification is based on MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension - RFC-2045 to RFC-2049). It uses either a text/plain content type or a multipart MIME message in which the first part must be text/plain.

The content type of the message is either multipart/mixed or text/plain, depending on whether attachments are used. When using attachments, the content type must be multipart/mixed. A simple example of the MIME header is:

**Content-type: multipart/mixed**

The preamble and epilogue in a multipart message are ignored.

If attachments are not used, the content type should be text/plain. A simple example of the MIME header, in this case is:

**Content-type: text/plain**

Details on the MIME header are described in the Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension - RFC-2045.

### 7.1 Message subject

The subject of a message implementing this specification follows the following the BNF-like (Backus, Naur Form) syntax:

```
<message Subject> ::= <message type> <sequence> <conversation Id> "&&"  
<message type> ::= "wfmc-if4-request"  
                  | "wfmc-if4-response"  
                  | "wfmc-if4-error"   "(" <message error> ")"  
  
<sequence> ::= "[" <message Id> "]"
```

Where <conversation Id>, <message error>, and <message Id> are described in the next section. The message subject is always encoded in US-ASCII.

Messages with a subject that does not start with a valid <message type> must be ignored by the receiving engine. It is possible that some electronic mail systems will truncate the message subject. A message subject without the "&&" at the end is considered truncated. Truncated messages can still be processed by the receiving engine, by using the message body as described in the next session, as long as it has a valid <message type>.

Example:

```
wfmc-if4-request[12]495+AB010DFF&&
```

The initial request, the one with the StartConversation operation on it, must have zero for <message id>, and it must have a partial <conversation id> (without the TargetConversationID), as showed in here:

```
wfmc-if4-request[0]123ABCD+&&
```

## 7.2 First Part

In a multipart message, the first part must be of content type text/plain and it contains the protocol. The rest of the MIME parts are considered attachments. In a single-part message, the only part present is of content type text/plain and it contains the protocol.

The body of the first part contains one or more operation requests/responses with appropriate fields, encoded using the concepts defined by the CGI (Common Gateway Interface) and the URL encoding scheme [RFC-1738].

Each operation starts with the operation name which is terminated by a "?" character. The fields are defined as name-value pairs and are separated by the "&" character. No positionality of fields is assumed. The operation ends with "&&".

Extended attributes in the form of name-value pairs separated by the "&" character can be appended at the end of the line, after the following marker "&extended&". Extended attributes may be used by workflow engines to extend the fields of an operation. The receiving workflow engine may ignore the extended attribute. Extended attributes are optional and workflow engines must not depend on them to be present.

The following the BNF-like (Backus, Naur Form) syntax, formally describes the body of the first part of the message. Non-terminal tokens enclosed in quotes must be spelled exactly as defined.

```
<message Body>      ::=   <head> <operation list> <tail>
<head>              ::=   <message type> <sequence> <conversation id>
                           "&" <timestampl> <encoding> <terminator>
<message type>      ::=   "wfmc-if4-request"
                           | "wfmc-if4-response"
                           | "wfmc-if4-error"  "(" <message error> ")"
<sequence>          ::=   "[" <message id> "]"
<encoding>          ::=   "," "encoding" "=" <encoding name>
                           | <empty>
<operation list>    ::=   <op>
                           | <op> <operation list>
<op>                ::=   <operation> "?" <name-value list> <extended>
                           <terminator>
<extended>          ::=   "&extended&"  <name-value list>
                           | <empty>
<name-value list>   ::=   <name> "=" <value>
                           | <name> "=" <value> "&" <name-value list>
                           | <empty>
<terminator>        ::=   "&&"
```

---

```
<tail>      ::=      "end" "( " <checksum> " )"
```

Where:

<checksum> This is the message checksum from the first character of this part (always a “w” of either wfmc-if4-request or wfmc-if4-response) to the last character before the “(“ (always the “d” of “end”). See section 7.2.2 Tail. This is a string representation of an integer value.

<empty> This is a syntactical placeholder, which indicates no input.

<encoding name> Implementations may recognize several encodings, including Unicode and JIS. This is an US-ASCII string value. The encoding name values are case insensitive.

For Unicode (ISO/IEC 10646) use the following values:

UTF-8  
UTF-16  
ISO-10646-UCS-2  
ISO-10646-UCS-4

For JIS X-0208-1997 use the following values:

ISO-2022-JP  
Shift\_JIS  
EUC-JP

US-ASCII and the ISO-8859 family should not be used as encoding values because they are part of the text/plain charset

<message error> A message interchange error. Used to tell the remote engine that its last message was not processed because of a message interchange error. This is an US-ASCII string representation of an integer value.

wfmc-if4-error indicates an interchange error of to either a wfmc-if4-request or wfmc-if4-response. The <message id> of the wfmc-if4-error must be the same as the <message id> of the message in error.

Valid values are:

201	-- Truncated message
202	-- Modified Message (Bad Checksum)
203	-- Invalid or unsupported encoding
204	-- Expired Message
205	-- Invalid Message
206	-- Invalid ConversationID
207	-- Invalid Sequence
208	-- Invalid Timestamp

<message id> Message number. This is a string representation of an integer value.

<name> This is the name of a parameter, as defined in the operation, or the name of an extended attribute (if it appears after “&extended&”). The name values are case insensitive.

Valid values are:

ActivityID  
ContractID

ErrorCode  
ErrorText  
Language  
MessageID  
Name  
Number  
ProcessDefinitionID  
ProcessID  
ProductID  
Profile  
RootPID  
SourceAID  
SourceBDefName  
SourceNodeID  
SourcePID  
SourceRoleID  
SourceConversationID  
SourceUserID  
State  
TargetNodeID  
TargetBDefName  
TargetPID  
TargetRoleID  
TargetConversationID  
TargetUserID  
Timestamp  
Type  
Value  
Version

**<operation>** This is the name of an operation as described in section 5 (Specification of Operators for Effecting Interoperation). The operation values are case insensitive.

Valid values are:

ChangeProcessInstanceState  
CreateProcessInstance  
GetProcessInstanceState  
GetProcessInstanceState  
ListProcessInstances  
ProcessInstanceStateChanged  
ProcessInstanceStateChanged  
SetProcessInstanceState  
StartConversation  
StopConversation

**<conversation Id>** Identifies the conversation to which this message belongs. This is a string value.

**<timestamp>** Time stamp of the message. This is a WMTTimestamp value.

**<value>** This is the value of the field or attribute. The type of the value is predefined by the operation.

Note that <encoding name>, <name>, and <operation> are case insensitive. For example: ErrorCode, errorcode, errorCODE, and ERRORcode are all valid <name>s.

### 7.2.1 Head

The head, as described above, is always encoded in US-ASCII. Any other encoding starts immediately after the head terminator ("&&"). For example, if Unicode (a double-byte encoding) is used, the head will still be US-ASCII as follows:

```
wfmc-if4-request[4]ABC+123&1998-04-25T04:25:39Z,encoding=UTF-16&&
```

The rest of the message will be encoded in UTF-16. This convention allows the receiving engine to recognize the encoding.

### 7.2.2 Tail

The tail contains the word "end" followed by a checksum in parenthesis. This allows the receiving engine to detect message modification. The mechanism does not detect all modification, but it is useful to detect those introduced by the mail system (for example: extra blanks or extra carry returns). The tail follows the encoding defined in the head. For example, in US-ASCII this is a possible tail:

```
end(40388)
```

If the tail is not present or does not finish in ")", then the message is considered truncated. Truncated messages must be reported as errors to the transmitting engine. If the checksum calculated by the receiving engine is different from the checksum in the tail, then the message is considered modified. Modified messages must be reported as errors to the transmitting engine. Truncated or modified messages must not be process by the receiving engine.

The checksum is calculated from the first character (always a "w" of either wfmc-if4-request or wfmc-if4-response) to the last character before the checksum in parenthesis (always the "d" of "end"). The following C code implements the variant of the Fletcher checksum algorithm [Fletcher82] used in this specification:

```
unsigned int checksum(const unsigned char *s)
/* Calculates the WfMC message checksum.
 * s is a null terminated string containing the first part of the message.
 * for example: s = "wfmc-if4-request . . . &end";
 */
{
    unsigned int a, b;

    /* the first character of the message is always the 'w' in "wfmc-if4-" */
    assert('w' == *s);
    a = b = 0;
    while(*s)
    {
        a = (a + *s++) % 255;
        b = (a + b) % 255;
    }
    /* in US-ASCII you can also assert the last character is the 'd' in "end"
     * assert('d' == *(--s));
     */
    return (a * 256) + b;
}
```

### 7.2.3 Special Characters

The MIME text/plain content type, used to encode the protocol, uses US-ASCII as the default character set, but it also supports the ISO 8859 family (8859-1 Latin 1 (West European), 8859-2 Latin2 (East European), 8859-3 Latin3 (South European), 8859-4 Latin4 (North European), 8859-5 Cyrillic, 8859-6 Arabic, 8859-7 Greek, 8859-8 Hebrew, and 8859-9 Latin5 (Turkish)). Characters from 0 to 127 (hexadecimal 00 to 7F) are the same in all of these character sets.

This specification uses the subset of characters {10, 13, 32 to 126} (hexadecimal {0A, 0D, 20 to 7E}) as the alphabet for the protocol. Most characters in the alphabet are sent in the clear, all other characters are encoded. The following characters are meaningful to the protocol, so, they are treated as special cases:

<b>char</b>	<b>dec</b>	<b>hex</b>	<b>Comment</b>
LF	10	0A	Inserted by the protocol to break long lines, otherwise encoded.
CR	13	0D	Inserted by the protocol to break long lines, otherwise encoded.
(%)	37	25	Used by the protocol to mark and encoded characters, otherwise encoded.
(&)	38	26	Used by the protocol to indicate the end of a field value, otherwise encoded.

Remaining characters are treated as follows:

<b>dec</b>	<b>hex</b>	<b>Comment</b>
0-9	00-09	Always encoded
11-12	0B-0C	Always encoded
14-31	0E-1F	Always encoded
32-36	20-24	Clear (never encoded)
39-126	27-7E	Clear (never encoded)
127-255	7F-FF	Always encoded

Encoding is achieved by replacing the character with its hexadecimal representation, preceded by a "%" character. For example, the following segment of a SetProcessInstanceAttributes:

```
name=exp&type=WMTText&value=23 && ( foo % 2 )&
```

Is wrong, because the && and % within the value must be encoded. The correct segment is:

```
name=exp&type=WMTText&value=23 %26%26 ( foo %25 2 )&
```

#### 7.2.4 Lines

Following the MIME's text media type, a line is terminated by a carriage return (CR) followed by a line feed (LF). This specification does not rely on the use of lines; however, the email systems processing plain/text do need lines. Although the plain/text MIME specification allows lines of 988 octets, this specification uses 60 octets (similar to UUENCODE).

A line that exceeds 60 single characters (octets) must be broken, by inserting a carriage return (CR) and line feed (LF), in that order. Therefore, In this specification a line does not exceed 62 octets (60 octets plus carriage return and line feed). The carriage return (CR) and line feed (LF) must be removed by the receiving engine before processing the message.

Neither the sender nor the receiver should add any extra characters around the carriage return (CR) and line feed (LF), so that the reconstructed message is similar to the original message ("messCRLFage" becomes "message"). Note, that any CR or LF inside the message must be converted to %13 or %10, as any other special character.

Example:

The following two fragments, are exactly the same (with exception of the checksum, which is calculated including the CRLFs):

```
wfmc-if4-request[0]K1234+&1998-04-25T04:25:39Z&&
StartConversation?ContractID=Nice Group&Version=1.1&
SourceNodeID=xyz@wfmc.org&RootPID=24&
ProductID=MagicWorkflow/5.0&
```

```
SourcePID=24&SourceConversationID=K1234&&
CreateProcessInstance?ProcessDefinitionID=Open Account&
Profile=chain&&
SetProcessInstanceAttributes?Number=2&
Name=copies&Type=WMTINT8&Value=3&
NAME=description&TYPE=WMTTEXT&VALUE=Two lines of text, thi
s is the first line%13%10This is the second line.&&
ChangeProcessInstanceState?&State=start&&
StopConversation?&&
end(47168)
```

It is the same as:

```
wfmc-if4-request[0]K1234+&1998-04-25T04:25:39Z&&StartConvers
ation?ContractID=Nice Group&Version=1.1&SourceNodeID=xyz@wfm
c.org&RootPID=24&ProductID=MagicWorkflow/5.0&SourcePID=24&So
urceConversationID=K1234&&CreateProcessInstance?ProcessDefin
itionID=Open Account&Profile=chain&&SetProcessInstanceAttrib
utes?Number=2&Name=copies&Type=WMTINT8&Value=3&NAME=descript
ion&TYPE=WMTTEXT&VALUE=Two lines of text, this is the first
line%13%10This is the second line.&&ChangeProcessInstanceState?&State=start&&StopConversation?&&end(17828)
```

## 7.3 Attachments

When using attachments, the MIME content type must be multipart/mixed and the first part must be text/plain. The first part contains the protocol description, as defined above, the other parts are considered attachments.

Attachments are referenced by part number. Each part of the multipart message is assigned a number. Zero is assigned to the preamble, one to the first part, and so on. The assigned numbers refer to the attachment, therefore, an attachment number is always greater than one.

## 7.4 Examples

This section shows two examples of the MIME messages. The first requires some attachments, so it is a multipart message. The second does not require attachments, so it is considered a simple message.

### 7.4.1 Multipart Message

When attachments are used, a multipart/mixed context type message must be used. The following example shows this case:

```
From: Workflow Engine X <x@wfmc1.org>
To: Workflow Engine Y <y@wfmc2.org>
Subject: wfmc-if4-request[0]K1234+&
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: multipart/mixed; boundary="simple boundary"

This is the preamble. It is part Zero, and it is ignored.

--simple boundary
Content-type: text/plain
wfmc-if4-request[0]K1234+&1998-04-25T04:25:39Z&&
12345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890
StartConversation?ContractID=Nice Group&Version=1.1&
SourceNodeID=xyz@wfmc.org&RootPID=24&
ProductID=MagicWorkflow/5.0&
SourcePID=24&SourceConversationID=K1234&&
CreateProcessInstance?ProcessDefinitionID=Open Account&
Profile=chain&&
SetProcessInstanceAttributes?Number=4&
Name=copies&Type=WMTINT8&Value=3&
NAME=description&TYPE=WMTTEXT&VALUE=Two lines of text, thi
s is the first line%13%10This is the second line.&
name=file1&type=wmtmime&value=2&
name=file2&type=WMTMIME&value=3&&
ChangeProcessInstanceState?&State=start&&
```

```
StopConversation?&&
end(31082)
--simple boundary
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

This is an attachment. It is attachment number two (name=file1&).
The attachment could be any context type, but in this case it is text/plain.

--simple boundary
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

This is another attachment. It is attachment number three (name=file3&).
This attachment could be any context type, but in this case it is text/plain.

--simple boundary—

This is the epilogue. It is part four, and it is also ignored.
```

#### 7.4.2 Simple Message

If attachments are not required, then a text/plain context type message must be used. The following example shows such a message:

```
From: Workflow Engine X <x@wfmc1.org>
To: Workflow Engine Y <y@wfmc2.org>
Subject: wfmc-if4-response[1]K1234+ABC&&
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain
wfmc-if4-response[1]K1234+ABC&1998-04-25T05:00:33Z&&
StartConversation?ErrorCode=0&SourceConversationID=K1234&
TargetConversationID= ABC&TargetNodeID=abc@wfmc.org&
Version=1.1&ProductID=BetterMagicWorkflow/8.1&&
CreateProcessInstance?ErrorCode=0&
ProcessID=32&state=NotStart&&
SetProcessInstanceAttributes?ErrorCode=0&
Number=4&name=copies&name=description&
Name=file1&name=file2&&
ChangeProcessInstanceState?ErrorCode=0&state=start&&
StopConversation?ErrorCode=0&&
end(51136)
```

## 8 Protocol

This interoperability protocol is accomplished over electronic mail, which is an unreliable communication channel. In this specification, each workflow engine is uniquely identified by the mailbox it listens to (i.e. its mail address). Each message that one workflow engine sends to another is numbered. Moreover, each workflow engine uniquely identifies a message by its class (request or response) and by its number.

Even with those precautions, several problems can occur on an unreliable communication channel. This protocol accounts for:

- Out of sequence messages
- Duplicate messages
- Lost messages
- Truncated messages
- Modified messages

Out of sequence and duplicated messages are addressed by establishing a conversation in which all the messages are enumerated. This specification includes a retransmission strategy that address lost messages. Truncated and modified messages are taken care by the checksum mechanism described in the previous section. This section addresses the following issues:

- Retransmission
- Duplication
- Conversation establishment and termination
- Flow Control
- Crash recovery

## 8.1 Retransmission Strategy

The retransmission strategy addresses lost messages. A timer is associated with each message sent. If the timer expires before the response is received, then the request must be sent again.

An arbitrary timer value is assigned as part of the business agreement between the parties. The timer value should be large enough to allow a message round trip to be completed. A message round trip is the time that elapses between sending an operation and receiving its response.

The sending engine will resend a request if the timer expires before the response is received. The receiving engine must ignore messages for which the <timestamp> plus the timer value is less than the current time.

## 8.2 Duplication Detection

A message from a particular NodeID (see 9.2.8 Node Id) with the same ConversationID (see 9.2.4 Conversation id) and MessageID (see 9.2.6 Message Id) of an already processed message, is considered duplicated. Duplicated messages can occur in two situations:

- A duplicate message received during the current conversation.
- A duplicate message received after the conversation finished (in particular, a duplicated start conversation message that arrives days after the conversation completed must be handled correctly).

### 8.2.1 Duplicate Within the Same Conversation

In this case, the receiving engine receives a message with an active ConversationID, but the MessageID has been used. There are two cases of this problem:

- Message id is the same as last message id received, in which case the receiver must assume that its last message was lost and, therefore, must resend all messages after that message.
- Message id is less than last received message id, in which case, the receiver should ignore the message.

### 8.2.2 Duplicate outside the conversation

Most of the time, an out-of-conversation message, is detected by an invalid conversation id. However, a delayed and duplicated start conversation presents a special problem, because it will look as a valid message to the receiving engine.

This problem is addressed by using the retransmission timer value. An expiration time is calculated by adding the timer value to the message <timestamp>. If the message has expired then the receiving engine must ignore it.

## 8.3 Conversation Establishment and Termination

StartConversation marks the beginning of a message interchange between two workflow engines. After the StartConversation, any number of operations and electronic mail messages maybe interchanged between the workflow engines. The enactment of a workflow and all the required electronic mail

interchanged required between the source and the target workflow engines must occur within a single conversation.

StopConversation marks the end of the message interchange. StopConversation does not force the workflow engine to terminate its process, it just indicates that the source engine wants to stop the message interchange. It tells the target workflow engine that:

1. It should release all the data structures that pertain to the conversation.
2. It must not send any notification messages concerning that particular process enactment to the source engine.
3. The process enacted may continue executing, but the source workflow engine does not have any interest on it anymore.

After the StopConversation, the ConversationID (both source and target) is invalid. After the StopConversation, both workflow engines are free to reassign the ProcessID (both source and target). Note that ProcessIDs can be reassigned, but ConversationIDs must not be reassigned. ProcessIDs are not guaranteed across conversation boundaries.

## 8.4 Flow Control

This specification assumes that there is no limit on the number of messages a workflow engine can receive. There is no mail overflow considerations in this specification.

The incoming mail, within a conversation, must be processed in the order specified by the MessageID (see 9.2.6 Message Id).

A receiving engine is always expecting one of the following MessageID (from a particular NodeID within a ConversationID) to arrive:

- A wfmc-if4-request with a MessageID that is four more than the last request from the other engine. The first message from the other engine is either zero (during conversation establishment), or two which is the first target engine notification message.
- A wfmc-if4-response with a MessageID that is one more than the request this (receiving) engine just sent.
- A wfmc-if4-error with the same MessageID as the last message sent by this (receiving) engine.

A received message that does not comply with the expected MessageID is either duplicated, out-of-sequence, or with an Invalid MessageID. Duplicated messages are treated as specified in 8.2 Duplication Detection. An invalid MessageID is one that does not comply with the sequencing rules as specified in 9.2.6 Message Id. An invalid MessageID must be answered with a wfmc-if4-error.

An engine receiving an out-of-sequence message must ignore it for the time being. The engine may wait until it processes new messages, and then process this message in the correct place in the sequence.

Alternatively, it may ignore the message completely, in which case it becomes lost (and it will be resent by the sending engine).

## 8.5 Crash recovery

This specification assumes that requests are transactional and atomic. The case in that an engine sends a message and then fails must be handled correctly by the sending engine. The message may be a request or a reply. In either case, the message must be sent after the workflow transaction is committed. If the engine fails after committing the transaction, but before sending the message then the message is just a lost message. In a reply, if the engine fails before committing the transaction, then the original request message becomes a lost message. It is preferable to have missing messages than false messages.

Messages must always be send after the workflow transaction is committed. Otherwise, it may result in false messages being sent.

## 9 Data Types & Declaratives

### 9.1 Basic Attribute Types

The following table describes all the basic types used in this specification. Type names are case insensitive.

Type	C type	Comments
WMTBinary		
WMTBoolean	char	See <b>Boolean Values</b> below for details
WMTDate		See <b>Date and Time Values</b> below for details
WMTDouble	double	
WMTFloat	float	
WMTInt16	short	
WMTInt32	long	
WMTInt8	char	
WMTMIME		See <b>MIME Values</b> below for details
WMTText	char*	
WMTTime		See <b>Date and Time Values</b> below for details
WMTTimestamp		See <b>Date and Time Values</b> below for details
WMTUInt16	unsigned short	
WMTUInt32	unsigned long	
WMTUInt8	unsigned char	

#### 9.1.1 Boolean Values

Boolean values passed between workflow engines in messages are as follows:

Boolean Value	Encoding
True	1
False	0

#### 9.1.2 Date and Time Values

Valid values for the date and time types are a subset of the ISO 8601 date/time representations. The subset is based on the complete representation of the date and time formats.

Using 8:25:39p.m (twenty-five minutes and thirty-nine seconds after eight o'clock in the evening) of April 24, 1998 in California (Pacific Standard Time) as an example, we obtain the following table of valid date and time formats.

WMTDate	WMTTime	WMTTimestamp
1998-04-24	20:25:39	1998-04-24T20:25:39
	04:25:39Z	1998-04-25T04:25:39Z

### 9.1.2.1 Calendar Date Format (WMTDate)

Use the following format: YYYY-MM-DD, where YYYY is the year in the Gregorian calendar; MM is the month of the year, from 01 (January) to 12 (December); and DD is the day of the month, from 01 to 31.

### 9.1.2.2 Time Format (WMTTime)

The following formats are permissible: HH:MM:SS or HH:MM:SSZ where HH is the hours, from 00 to 24; MM is the minutes, from 00 to 59; SS is the seconds, from 00 to 59; and Z is the symbol “Z” that indicates that Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) is being used. Midnight may be expressed as 00:00:00 or 24:00:00.

Times of the format HH:MM:SS (without “Z”) are considered local time. The use of local time is discouraged, because there is no guarantee that two interoperating workflow engines are in the same time zone.

Times of the format HH:MM:SSZ are represented in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). For most practical purposes (when fractions of a second are not important) UTC is similar to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), i.e., the local time at the Greenwich meridian (zero degrees longitude).

### 9.1.2.3 Timestamp Format (WMTTimestamp)

The symbol “T” separates the date and time part of a time-stamp format. The date and time components must follow the formats given in the sections above. The use of UTC time may, depending on the time of day, affect the date in a combined format.

## 9.1.3 MIME Values

The value placed in the operation is a reference to the MIME attachment. Attachments are only present in multipart MIME messages. Each part of the multipart message is enumerated for purposes of this protocol. The preamble is assigned number zero, the first part (the protocol) is assign number one, and so on. For example, the following segment of a SetProcessInstanceAttributes refer to the first attachment (part number two):

```
name=attach1&type=WMTMIME&value=2&
```

## 9.2 Operation Fields

In this specification, fields are defined as name-value pairs and are separated by the “&” character. In addition, no positionality of fields is assumed in the operations. A field passed with no given value (null field) will be passed as the field name only, viz:

```
nullparameter=&
```

This forces the receiving engine to set the field to null.

Optional fields may be omitted from the message. When an optional field is not present, the receiving engine may use a default value or null at its discretion.

Operation field names are case insensitive, so contractid, ContractID, and CONTRACTid are all valid spellings.

### 9.2.1 Activity Id

Name	Type	Variations
ActivityID	WMTText	SourceAID

An activity Id identifies a process step. An activity is defined in [WfMC1011] as “a piece of work that forms one logical step within a process”.

The source activity id (SourceAID) variation is used when notifying the source engine of changes. In this case, it must contain the same value received in the StartConversation’s ActivityID. If the StartConversation’s ActivityID was not present or it was null, then this field becomes optional; otherwise, it must contain that value.

Example:

ActivityID=1.2.3&

### 9.2.2 Business Definition Process Name

Name	Type	Variations
BusinessPName	WMTText	SourceBDefName
		TargetBDefName

It describes the business name for the process definition. The business name maybe different from the process definition id. This is an optional field, used for auditing purposes.

Example:

SourceBDefName=Credit Verification Process&

### 9.2.3 Contract Id

Name	Type	Variations
ContractID	WMTText	

When two workflow engines interoperate; they do so based on a business agreement. This business agreement is called ContractID in this specification. It is an identifier, of type WMTText, which has been agreed upon by the administrators of both workflow engines.

This allows the target workflow engine to check the ContractID against a list of business agreements that it is willing to honor. (This specification does not define a mechanism for administrators to define business agreements.)

The initiating (source) workflow engine sends a ContractID with which the target workflow engine agrees. The source engine may maintain a list of valid contexts for each workflow engine that is used as a target.

The target workflow engine checks the ContractID against a list of valid contexts for the source engine. It may reject the message if a match is not found. The ContractID allows the target workflow engine to implement several business agreement policies. For example, it accepts requests that are:

- Independent of the SourceNodeID and the ContractID.
- From “SourceNodeID=x@wfmc.org”, independent of the ContractID.
- From “SourceNodeID=x@wfmc.org” that have “ContractID=Contract1234”.
- With “ContractID=Charity” independent of the SourceNodeID.

Example:

ContractID=equipment suppliers AB12&

### 9.2.4 Conversation id

Name	Type	Variations
ConversationID	WMTText	SourceConversationID TargetConversationID <conversation id>

Each conversation has a two-part conversation identifier. Each engine, in the conversation, assigns an arbitrary but unique identifier for its part of the conversation. The initiating workflow engine assigns a SourceConversationID and the target workflow engine (the one with which the initiating workflow engine wishes to start a conversation) assigns a TargetConversationID. If the source engine alone sets the conversation id, then there is the possibility (albeit remote) that a target workflow engine working with multiple source engines could receive the same conversation id from more than one source. Similarly, if the target engine alone sets the conversation id, then a source workflow engine, working with multiple targets, could receive back the same conversation id from more than one engine. To overcome this problem, a truly unique conversation id can be achieved by having both engines provide a conversation id component that is unique to each. The combined source/target pairing of conversation ids is then guaranteed to be unique for both engines.

ConversationID is a field composed of its two variants. ConversationID is defined as the SourceConversationID "+" TargetConversationID. The character "+" is used in ConversationID to separate the source and the target conversation ids. For example:

```
TargetConversationID=1AB01234&
SourceConversationID=210&
Then
ConversationID=210+1AB01234&
```

Note that "+" is not a valid character for either SourceConversationID or TargetConversationID, because it is used as a separator in ConversationID.

### 9.2.5 Language

Name	Type	Variations
Language	WMTText	

The language uses the two-character ISO 639-1 code. It indicates which language the source workflow engine is using to communicate with the end user. The target workflow engine may use the same language to set the ErrorText.

Note that language does not specify the encoding. It is only used to specify the language preference for error description (ErrorText).

Language is an optional field in StartConversation, in which case the language of the target engine is assumed.

Example:

```
Language=en&
```

### 9.2.6 Message Id

Name	Type	Variations
MessageID	WMTInt32	<message id>

Messages within a conversation are uniquely numbered. This allows the workflow engines to protect against messages being lost, duplicated, or delivered out of sequence. The receiving workflow engine must be able to identify:

- Messages it has received and acted on
- Messages received but, because they are out of sequence, they are not yet eligible for processing

- Messages that have not been received (e.g., if only messages 1, 2 and 5 have been received it is possible to deduce that messages 3 and 4 are missing).

The semantic of the message number is either "*Message n I have sent to engine X during conversation S*" or "*Message n I have received from engine X during conversation S*". To allow each engine to distinguish messages it has sent and messages it has received, both engines number messages they send to the other engine in increments of four. Responses to request/notification messages are numbered by adding 1 to the request/notification message number.

The source workflow engine starts its requests (wfmc-if4-request messages) with message id zero that corresponds to the StartConversation. The target workflow engine will reply (wfmc-if4-response) with message id one. The next source workflow engine will be four (zero plus four), to which the target workflow engine will respond with five (four plus one).

This specification provides two notification operations: ProcessInstanceAttributeChanged and ProcessInstanceStateChanged. These two notification operations are initiated by the target workflow engine by using a wfmc-if4-request message.

The target workflow engine starts its notifications (wfmc-if4-request messages) with message id two. The source workflow engine responds (wfmc-if4-response message) with one more (in this case three).

Interchange error messages (wfmc-if4-error) use the same message id of the bad message, so that the sequencing is not disturbed. An interchange error message may be caused by either a wfmc-if4-request or wfmc-if4-response.

Example:

Source			Target		
wfmc-if4-request	Wfmc-if4-response	Wfmc-if4-error	wfmc-if4-request	Wfmc-if4-response	Wfmc-if4-error
0				1	
4				5	
8					8
8				9	
		9			9
3			2		
7			6		
12				13	

Note that:

- Each request has an even message id.
- Each response has an odd message id.
- The message-id of request coming from the source is divisible by four.
- The message-id of request coming from the target is not divisible by four.

Using the above concepts, it is possible to guarantee that:

- In an environment where there may be many workflow engines conducting interoperability conversations with each other, every conversation is uniquely identifiable
- Within such an environment, every message is uniquely identifiable.

### 9.2.7 Name-Type-Value Group

Name	Type	Variations
Number	WMTInt16	
Name	WMTText	
Type	WMTText	
Value		

The name-type-value group is used when a list of attributes is required. The name-type-value group is always preceded by number. Number indicates how many name-type-value groups are present in the operation. This is the only case in which field positionality is important within an operation.

Example:

```
number=2&name=first&type=WMTInt8&value=2&name=first&type=WMTText&value=test&
```

### 9.2.8 Node Id

Name	Type	Variations
NodeID	WMTText	SourceNodeID
		TargetNodeID

The node id is the electronic mail address of a workflow engine. The receiving engine always ignores the return email address, and instead uses the node id to address the other engine (except in the case of message interchange errors).

The node id in conjunction with the contract id must be used by the receiving engine to validate against its contract information.

Example:

```
NodeID=xyz@wfmc.org&
```

### 9.2.9 Process Definition Id

Name	Type	Variations
ProcessDefinitionID	WMTText	

Process definition id is the name of a workflow process that can be executed in a target engine, by using a CreateProcessInstance operation. It often corresponds to the name of a business process, for example: expense report.

Example:

```
ProcessDefinitionID=expense report&
```

### 9.2.10 Process Id

Name	Type	Variations
ProcessID	WMTText	RootPID
		SourcePID
		TargetPID

The process id is a unique identifier for a process enactment. This arbitrary and unique identifier is assigned by the workflow engine enacting the process. The source workflow engine is executing a process

enactment, and so, it has a process id. A CreateProcessInstance enact a process in the target workflow engine, and it also has a process id.

The RootPID is the process id of the top-level process id. Several levels of process enactment occurs when a top-level process creates a process instance, that in turn creates another process instance, and so for. In this case, it is important to know which was the original process id (process id of the top-level process).

If the process establishing a conversation has a RootPID, then it should pass it as the RootPID of the conversation. If the process establishing the conversation does not have a RootPID (meaning it has been enacted locally in the source workflow engine), then the RootPID must be the same as the SourcePID.

### 9.2.11 Product Id

Name	Type	Variations
ProductID	WMTText	

The product id identifies the product making the request. This allows the other engine to know what product implements the other end of the conversation. Based on that information the engines may use extended attributes. Product id is of the form: <product name>/<version number>.

Example:

```
ProductID=MagicWorkflow/5.1&
```

### 9.2.12 Profile

Name	Type	Variations
Profile	WMTText	

The profile allows the source workflow engine to indicate what kind of conformance profile it is intended to engage with the target workflow engine. See conformance profiles for details on each profile.

Profile can take one of the following, case insensitive, values:

Chain	Simple Chains
Polling	Polling nested sub-process
Suspended	Suspended animation nested sub-process
Deferred	Deferred synchronous nested sub-process
Synchronized	Synchronized enactment nested sub-process

Example:

```
Profile=chain&
```

### 9.2.13 Return Error Codes

Name	Type	Variations
ErrorCode	WMTInt16	
ErrorText	WMTText	

Request and notification messages sent by one workflow engine to another are answered by a response message which tells the sending workflow engine what happened on the receiving workflow engine as a result of the message being sent. There are four possible outcomes to such interactions:

- The request/notification message was not processed due to some preceding error
- The request/notification message was not processed by the receiving workflow engine because the required functionality was not supported or not implemented
- The request/notification message was processed successfully

- An error occurred in the processing of the request/notification message

These four cases are identified to the sending workflow engine via the ErrorCode and ErrorText field in the response message.

Error codes in the range 0 to 255 are used by this specification. Unassigned values in the range 0 to 255 are reserved for future use. The ErrorCode can have the following values:

<b>ErrorCode</b>	<b>Description</b>
0	Success
1	Operation not implemented
2	Not authorized
3	Unknown ProcessID
4	Invalid state
5	Invalid or unknown attribute name
7	Invalid attribute type for this attribute
8	Attribute value does not corresponds to attribute type
10	Invalid or expired ContractID
11	Invalid or unsupported language
12	Invalid or unsuported MIME version
20	There is no conversation in process
40	Invalid ProcessDefinitionID
41	Invalid or not implemented profile
201	Truncated message
202	Modified Message (Bad Checksum)
203	Invalid or unsupported encoding
204	Expired Message
205	Invalid Message
206	Invalid ConversationID
207	Invalid Sequence
208	Invalid Timestamp
255	Operation not performed. This code is used when an early operation (in the same message) fails
256 to 32767	Failure. Implementation specific error code.

The ErrorText field allows for a short explanatory message that explains the error code to be passed back as well (this field may be null). When possible, it should use the StartConversation language argument to decide which language to use for the error message. The StartConversation language field indicates which language the source workflow engine is using to interact with the end user. This scheme allows the target workflow engine the possibility of returning a meaningful value for the Failure state which might convey to the source workflow engine what went wrong, rather than just the fact that something went

wrong. The values for Failure may be workflow engine-specific or they may be the result of an agreement between the designers of the two interoperating workflow definitions.

In a message with several operations, if one operation fails then the rest of the operations are ignored. Their error code is set to 255 (operation not performed). The following message segment illustrate that case:

```
StartConversation?ErrorCode=0&SourceConversationID=K1234&
TargetConversationID= ABC&TargetNodeID=abc@wfmc.org&
Version=1.1&ProductID=BetterMagicWorkflow/8.1&&
CreateProcessInstance?ErrorCode=40&&
SetProcessInstanceAttributes?ErrorCode=255&&
ChangeProcessInstanceState?ErrorCode=255&&
StopConversation?ErrorCode=255&&
```

#### 9.2.14 Role Id

Name	Type	Variations
RoleID	WMTText	SourceRoleID TargetRoleID

A role is defined in [WFMC1011] as “A group of participants exhibiting a specific set of attributes, qualifications and/or skills”, and it is normally associated with security privileges. The use of roles is optional in this specification, and caution is recommended when sending role information to third party organizations.

Example:

```
RoleID=FinanceClerk&
```

#### 9.2.15 State

Name	Type	Variations
State	WMTText	

State can take one of the following, case insensitive, values:

Abort	Process was stopped before completion. Subordinate work is being allowed to continue.
Complete	Process finished normally.
Start	Process is executing. Start can be used to both start a NotStarted process, and to resume a suspended process.
Terminate	Process and all subordinate work was stopped before completion.
Suspend	Process is temporarily paused.
NotStarted	Process had been created but it has not started execution.

Example:

```
State=start&
```

#### 9.2.16 Timestamp

Name	Type	Variations
Timestamp	WMTTimestamp	<timestamp>

The timestamp when the message was sent. The time stamp used for <timestamp> must use Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

#### 9.2.17 User Id

Name	Type	Variations
UserID	WMTText	SourceUserID
		TargetUserID

A user (participant) is defined in [WFMC1011] as “A resource which performs the work represented by a workflow activity instance”, and it is normally associated with security privileges. The use of users is optional in this specification, and caution is recommended when sending user information to third party organizations.

Example:

```
UserID=jdoe&
```

### 9.2.18 Version

Name	Type	Variations
Version	WMTText	

Version of MIME Binding used to construct messages. For this specification, it must contain the value:  
 1.1

Example:

```
version=1.1&
```

## 10 Conformance

A vendor can claim conformance to this or any other WfMC specification only when specifically authorized to make that claim by the WfMC. A vendor of a workflow engine who claims conformance with this interface shall clearly indicate:

- Mechanism/binding required to effect interoperability e.g., Internet e-mail MIME.
- the style of interoperability dialogue supported:
  - atomic
  - batched
  - both
- Style of dialogue supported:
  - half duplex
  - full duplex
- Conformance profile supported:
  - Simple Chains
  - Polling nested sub-process
  - Suspended animation nested sub-process
  - Deferred synchronous nested sub-process
  - Synchronized enactment nested sub-process
  - Process administration
- Audit data implementation:
  - WfMC audit data
  - Product specific audit data

- No audit data

A conforming implementation of this Functional Area of the Workflow Management Coalition specification must support implementation of the relevant portion of the Administration and Monitoring specification through capturing and maintaining the audit data specified. The audit data specified in this document indicates the information that a conforming workflow engine must be able to present, in relation to the status and history of interoperation with other workflow engines, relating to enactment of a process instance. It is not intended as a specification of how or where that information is stored and maintained.

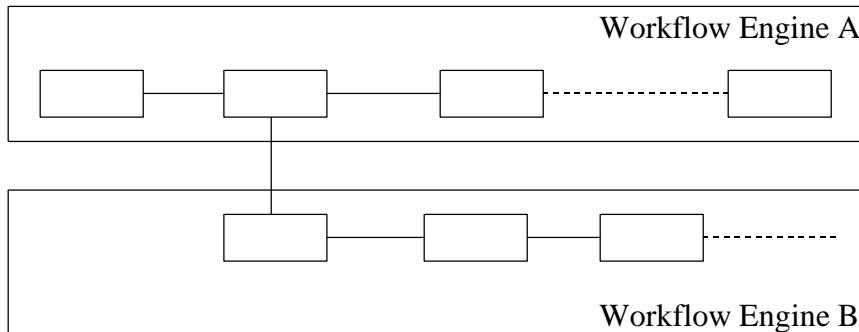
It should be noted that workflow engine interoperability implies more than just the ability to have one workflow engine do things at the behest of another. It requires that both workflow engines are capable of doing things at the behest of the other. Ideally the set of things that each can do for the other will coincide.

The WfMC Interoperability Proving Framework [WFMC1021] outlines a scheme against which vendors may test and which systems integrators and end users can use as a basis for assess compatibility of products that claim to use this binding as a means of interoperability with other workflow products.

## 10.1 Conformance Profiles

### 10.1.1 Simple Chains

#### 10.1.1.1 Intended Use



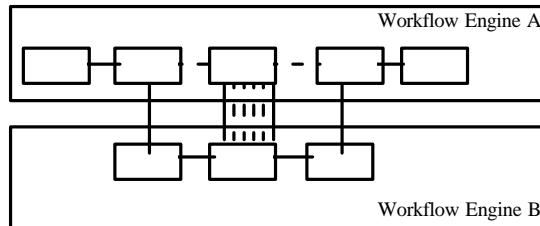
The simple chains conformance profile allows one workflow engine to create a process instance on another according to a known process definition; to instantiate the process instance and to cause enactment of the instantiated process instance.

#### 10.1.1.2 Operations

Source Workflow Engine	Target Workflow Engine
StartConversation	
StopConversation	
CreateProcessInstance	
SetProcessInstanceAttributes	
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Start)	

## 10.1.2 Nested Sub-process (Polling)

### 10.1.2.1 Intended Use



The nested sub-process (polling) conformance profile allows one workflow engine to create a process instance on another according to a known process definition; to instantiate the process instance and to cause enactment of the instantiated process instance. The invoking workflow engine carries on with its own enactment until it reaches a point where it needs to effect a rendezvous with its child sub-process. At this stage it polls the enacting workflow engine to determine when the sub-process has reached completion. It is also possible that the sub-process on the enacting engine is prematurely terminated before the parent process reaches its rendezvous point. Polling is effected using the GetProcessInstanceState operation, which will return the state, one of:

- NotStarted
- Start (up and running)
- Suspend
- Completed
- Terminated
- Aborted

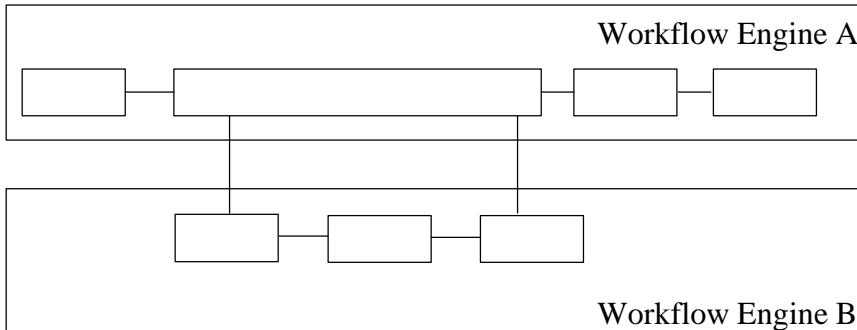
The invoking process can use the GetProcessInstanceAttribute operator to retrieve any consequent values from the sub-process before releasing it.

### 10.1.2.2 Operations

Source Workflow Engine	Target Workflow Engine
StartConversation	
StopConversation	
CreateProcessInstance	
SetProcessInstanceAttributes	
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Start)	
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Abort)	
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Terminate)	
GetProcessInstanceState	
GetProcessInstanceAttribute	

### **10.1.3 Nested Sub-process (Suspended animation)**

#### ***10.1.3.1 Intended Use***



The nested sub-process (suspended animation) conformance profile allows one workflow engine to create a process instance on another according to a known process definition; to instantiate the process instance and to cause enactment of the instantiated process instance. The invoking workflow engine must wait for the sub-process to complete before it can continue its own enactment, i.e. it is in a state of suspended animation. The invoking workflow engine will receive notification of how the sub-process achieves termination. There are three possibilities:

- the sub-process completes normally - Process Instance Completed
- the sub-process is aborted locally - Process Instance Aborted
- the sub-process is terminated locally, gracefully, but before it reaches normal completion - Process Instance Terminated

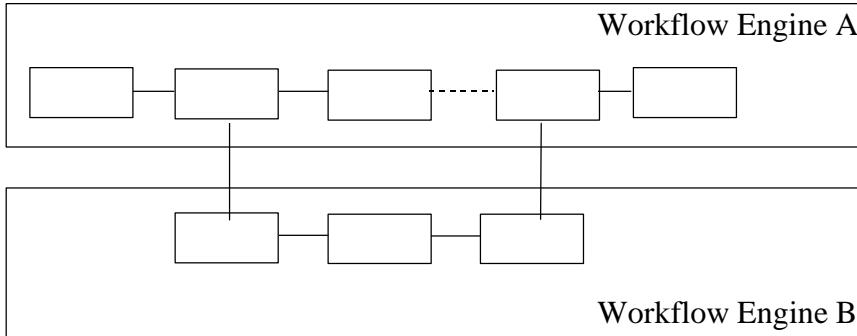
It is also possible that the suspended process on the invoking engine is prematurely terminated before the sub-process reaches completion. In this eventuality it is assumed that control over what happens to the sub-process (i.e. should it be allowed to complete normally; should it be told to terminate prematurely or should it be aborted?) is determined in the definition of the parent process instance.

#### ***10.1.3.2 Operations***

Source Workflow Engine	Target Workflow Engine
StartConversation StopConversation CreateProcessInstance SetProcessInstanceAttributes ChangeProcessInstanceState (Start) ChangeProcessInstanceState (Abort) ChangeProcessInstanceState (Terminate)  ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Abort) ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Terminate)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Start) ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Abort) ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Terminate) ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Complete)

## 10.1.4 Nested Sub-process (Deferred synchronous)

### 10.1.4.1 Intended Use



The nested sub-process (deferred synchronous) conformance profile allows one workflow engine to create a process instance on another according to a known process definition; to instantiate the process instance and to cause enactment of the instantiated process instance. The invoking workflow engine does not wait for the sub-process to complete before it continues enactment of the parent process, but will rendezvous with the sub-process when it has completed at some later time in order to retrieve consequent values of elements of process relevant data. The invoking workflow engine will receive notification of how the sub-process achieves termination. There are three possibilities:

- the sub-process completes normally - Process Instance Completed
- the sub-process is aborted locally - Process Instance Aborted
- the sub-process is terminated locally, gracefully, but before it reaches normal completion - Process Instance Terminated

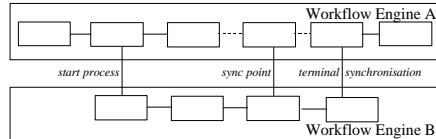
It is also possible that the suspended process on the invoking engine is prematurely terminated before the sub-process reaches completion. In this eventuality it is assumed that control over what happens to the sub-process (i.e. should it be allowed to complete normally; should it be told to terminate prematurely or should it be aborted?) is determined in the definition of the parent process instance.

### 10.1.4.2 Operations

Source Workflow Engine	Target Workflow Engine
StartConversation	
StopConversation	
CreateProcessInstance	
SetProcessInstanceAttributes	
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Start)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Start)
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Abort)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Abort)
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Terminate)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Terminate)
ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Abort)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Complete)
ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Terminate)	
	SetProcessInstanceStateAttributes
GetProcessInstanceStateAttribute	

### 10.1.5 Nested Sub-process (Synchronized enactment)

#### 10.1.5.1 Intended Use



The nested sub-process (deferred synchronous) conformance profile allows one workflow engine to create a process instance on another WfMC conformant workflow engine according to a known process definition; to instantiate the process instance; to cause enactment of the instantiated process instance and to synchronize the enactment of the parent process with that of the invoked sub-process. The invoking workflow engine does not wait for the sub-process to complete before it continues enactment of the parent process, but will rendezvous with the sub-process at pre-defined points in their respective enactment and when it has completed at some later time, in order to retrieve consequent values of elements of process relevant data. The invoking workflow engine will receive notification of how the sub-process achieves termination. There are three possibilities:

- the sub-process completes normally - Process Instance Completed
- the sub-process is aborted locally - Process Instance Aborted
- the sub-process is terminated locally, gracefully, but before it reaches normal completion - Process Instance Terminated

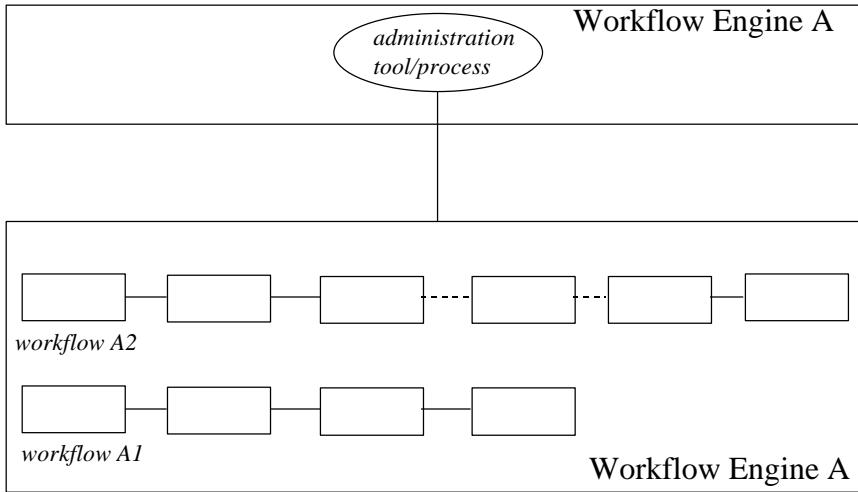
It is also possible that the suspended process on the invoking engine is prematurely terminated before the sub-process reaches completion. In this eventuality it is assumed that control over what happens to the sub-process (i.e. should it be allowed to complete normally; should it be told to terminate prematurely or should it be aborted?) is determined in the definition of the parent process instance.

#### 10.1.5.2 Operations

Source Workflow Engine	Target Workflow Engine
StartConversation	
StopConversation	
CreateProcessInstance	
SetProcessInstanceState	
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Start)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Start)
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Abort)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Abort)
ChangeProcessInstanceState (Terminate)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Terminate)
ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Abort)	ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Complete)
ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Terminate)	
GetProcessInstanceStateAttribute	
	ProcessInstanceStateAttributeChanged
ProcessInstanceStateChanged (Complete)	

## 10.1.6 Process Administration

### 10.1.6.1 Intended Use



The process administration conformance profile allows workflow administration tools or activities defined within workflows enacted on one workflow engine to conduct the following process administration activities on another WfMC conformant workflow engine:

- list process instances currently being enacted on behalf of the querying workflow engine
- ascertain the current state of a given process instance being enacted on behalf of the querying workflow engine
- start and stop enactment of sub-process instances
- monitor the progress of enacted sub-processes
- get and set values of process relevant data

### 10.1.6.2 Operations

Source Workflow Engine	Target Workflow Engine
StartConversation	
StopConversation	
SetProcessInstanceAttributes	
ChangeProcessInstanceState	
ProcessInstanceStateChanged	ProcessInstanceStateChanged
GetProcessInstanceAttribute	ProcessInstanceStateAttributeChanged
	GetProcessInstanceStateAttribute
	ProcessInstanceStateChanged
ListProcessInstances	
GetProcessInstanceState	

## 11 Operations

In the following text, the function specifications define operations required to effect interoperability between two (or more) workflow engines. The message specifications define information that must be passed between two workflow engines in order to effect the operations described.

The position of fields within an operation is arbitrary. Therefore, there is no field positionality. The only exception being the name-type-value groups that must appear in that order.

The position of operations within the message is critical. The operations must be executed by the receiving workflow engine in the order of appearance in the message.

There are situations in which a required field in an operation is the result of a previous operation. In order to place both operations in a single message, the sending engine must skip the field and the receiving engine must replace its value with the result of the previous operation. The typical case being of ProcessID, which is required in SetProcessInstanceAttributes, but it is the result of a CreateProcessInstance.

For example, in the following message fragment, ProcessID (required in SetProcessInstanceAttributes and in ChangeProcessInstanceState) is the result of CreateProcessInstance. In this fragment, the sending engine did not place the unknown ProcessID in the message, but the receiving engine will use the ProcessID resulting from the CreateProcessInstance.

```
CreateProcessInstance?ProcessDefinitionID=Open Account&Profile=chain&&
SetProcessInstanceAttributes?Number=1&Name=copies&Type=WMTINT8&Value=3&&
ChangeProcessInstanceState?&State=start&&
```

In this specification, the operation and field names are case insensitive. Most of the values defined in this specification are also case insensitive. The few exceptions to the case insensitivity rule:

1. Non-terminal tokens enclosed in quotes in the BNF grammar must be spelled exactly as defined. Therefore, they are case sensitive.
2. Values supplied by a workflow engine must be considered case sensitive. These are the values supplied in between the “=” and “&” in a field assignment. Therefore, ConversationID, SessionID, etc. are case sensitive.
3. Values defined as part of a business contract must be considered case sensitive. Therefore, ContractID, ProcessDefinitionID, etc. are case sensitive.

## 11.1 Change Process Instance State

### Abstract Specification Mapping

```
WMAReturnCode WMRequestChangeProcessInstanceState (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id             WMAObjectID,
    in state                  WMAObjectState
);
WMAReturnCode WMRequestAbortProcessInstance (
    In engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id             WMAObjectID,
);
WMAReturnCode WMRequestStartProcessInstance (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id             WMAObjectID
);
WMAReturnCode WMRequestTerminateProcessInstance (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id             WMAObjectID
);
```

**Description** Change the state of the designated process instance. For example, from suspended to resumed or vice versa.

The receiving workflow engine creates a Process/Sub-process audit record, as specified in [WfMC015], to record that enactment of the suspended process instance was resumed or vice versa.

**Rationale** It is an operational requirement of users of interoperating workflow systems that it be possible to suspend and resume enactment of sub-process.

**Direction** This message is always sent from *Source Engine* to *Target Engine*

### Process Instances can be changed to the following states:

Abort	Abort enactment of the identified workflow process instance. Sub-processes are not notified.
Start	Start the enactment of the identified workflow process instance
Suspend	Suspend the process. An start must be issued to reactivate the process again.
Terminate	Terminate enactment of the identified workflow process instance. The process should in turn terminate any active sub-process.

### Request Fields

Field	Comments
ActivityID	The activity on the source workflow engine requesting the change. This field is optional.
SourceRoleID	Role ID responsible for request. This field is optional.
SourceUserID	User ID responsible for request. This field is optional.
State	The state to which the designated process instance is to be changed
TargetPID	Process id of process that must be changed. If this operation is the same message than the StartConversation, this field must be omitted and the target workflow engine will use the TargetPID on the StartConversation reply.
TargetRoleID	Role ID responsible for process instance on target workflow engine. This field is optional.

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TargetUserID	User ID responsible for process instance on target workflow engine. This field is optional.
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Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
ChangeProcessInstanceState?TargetPID=24&State=start&&
```

### Response Fields

Field	Comments
ActivityID	The ID of the current activity in the target workflow engine at the time the state change occurred. This field is optional.
ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional
State	State of the process instance in the target workflow engine.
TargetRoleID	Role assumed by primary user. This field is optional.
TargetUserID	User ID of primary user. This field is optional.

### Error Codes

0	Success
1	Operation not implemented
2	Not authorized
3	Unknown ProcessID (TargetPID)
4	Invalid state
255	Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation.

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
ChangeProcessInstanceState?ErrorCode=0&state=start&&
```

## 11.2 Create Process Instance

### Abstract Specification Mapping

```
WMAReturnCode WMRequestCreateProcessInstance (
    in engine_identifier          WMAEngineID,
    in process_definition_id      WMAObjectID,
    in return_flag                WMABool,
    in parent_pid                 WMAObjectID,
    in activity_id                WMA_Activity_id,
    out sub_process_id            WMA_Process_instance_id,
    out user_id                   WMAResourceID,
    out role_id                   WMAResourceID
);
```

- Description** Identify a process definition that the receiving workflow engine is required to enact.
- Rationale** A workflow engine must be able to communicate the identity of a process definition to another workflow engine in order for the latter to enact it.
- Direction** This message is always sent from *Source* Engine to *Target* Engine

### Request Fields

Field	Comments
ProcessDefinitionID	Identifier of the process definition that the target workflow engine is required to use to create the process instance
Profile	Indicates the type of dialog to be conducted with the created process.
SourceBDefName	Business Definition Process Name for source process instance. This field is optional.
SourceRoleID	Role ID responsible for request. This field is optional.
SourceUserID	User ID responsible for request. This field is optional.
TargetRoleID	Role ID responsible for process instance on target workflow engine. This field is optional.
TargetUserID	User ID responsible for process instance on target workflow engine. This field is optional.

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
CreateProcessInstance?ProcessDefinitionID=Open Account&
Profile=chain&&
```

### Response Fields

Field	Comments
ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional
ProcessID	ID of newly created process instance
State	State of new process instance
TargetBDefName	Business Definition Process Name for target process instance. This field is optional.
TargetRoleID	Role assumed by primary user. This field is optional.

TargetUserID                  User ID of primary user. This field is optional.

#### Error Codes

- |     |  |
|-----|--|
| 0   | Success  |
| 1   | Operation not implemented  |
| 2   | Not authorized   |
| 40  | Invalid ProcessDefinitionID  |
| 41  | Invalid or not implemented profile                                   |
| 255 | Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation. |

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
CreateProcessInstance?ErrorCode=0&
ProcessID=32&state=NotStart&&
```

### 11.3 Get Process Instance Attributes

**Abstract Specification Mapping**

```
WMAReturnCode WMRequestGetProcessInstanceAttributes (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id              WMAObjectID,
    in root_pid                WMAObjectID,
    in activity_id              WMAObjectID,
    out attributes              WMAAttributeList
);
```

**Description** Return the value(s) of the requested process instance attributes (process relevant data).

**Rationale** Checking values of process relevant data is one way in which a workflow engine can check on the progress of a workflow being enacted on another workflow engine.

**Direction** This message is always sent from *Source* Engine to *Target* Engine

#### Request Fields

Field	Comments
ActivityID	Identifies the activity on the source workflow engine. This field is optional.
ProcessID	The PID of the process instance on the target workflow engine from which attribute values are being requested.
SourceBDefName	Business Definition Process Name for source process instance. This field is optional.
SourceRoleID	Role ID responsible for request. This field is optional.
SourceUserID	User ID responsible for request. This field is optional.
TargetRoleID	Role ID responsible for process instance on target workflow engine. This field is optional.
TargetUserID	User ID responsible for process instance on target workflow engine. This field is optional.
Number	The number of Attributes for which values are being requested.
Name <sup>1</sup>	Attribute identifier
...	...

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
GetProcessInstanceAttributes?ProcessID=32&
Number=1&Name=copies&&
```

#### Response Fields

Field	Comments
ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional
Number	The number of Attributes for which values have been supplied

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<sup>1</sup> Information repeated for each attribute value set.

Name <sup>2</sup>	attribute identifier
Type	new attribute type
Value	new attribute value
...	...

### Error Codes

- |     |  |
|-----|--|
| 0   | Success  |
| 1   | Operation not implemented  |
| 2   | Not authorized   |
| 3   | Unknown ProcessID  |
| 5   | Invalid or unknown attribute name                                    |
| 255 | Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation. |

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
GetProcessInstanceAttributes?ErrorCode=0&
Number=1&Name=copies&Type=WMTINT8&Value=3&&
```

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<sup>2</sup> Information repeated for each attribute value to be set.

## 11.4 Get Process Instance State

**Abstract Specification Mapping**

```
WMAReturnCode WMRequestGetProcessInstanceState (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process                WMAObjectID,
    out state                 WMAObjectState
);
```

**Description** Get the status of a process instance that another workflow engine is enacting.

**Rationale** For a long-term sub-process with a life beyond that of the conversation during which it was created, it is important that the invoking workflow engine be able to check that the invoked sub-process is alive and well or that it has completed.

**Direction** This message is always sent from *Source Engine* to *Target Engine*

### Request Fields

Field	Comment
ProcessID	PID of process instance on target workflow engine for which state information is requested

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
GetProcessInstanceState?ProcessID=48&&
```

### Response Fields

Field	Comment
ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional
State	State of process instance

### Error Codes

0	Success
1	Operation not implemented
2	Not authorized
3	Unknown ProcessID
255	Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation.

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
GetProcessInstanceState?ErrorCode=0&state=start&&
```

## 11.5 List Process Instances

Not yet specified

## 11.6 Process Instance Attributes Changed

**Abstract Specification Mapping**

```
WMAReturnCode WMNotifyProcessAttributesChanged (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id              WMAObjectID,
    in attributes              WMAAttributeList
);
```

**Description** Notify the source workflow engine of a change in the (sub) process instance attributes (process relevant data).

**Rationale** This operation is provided so that a workflow engine that is enacting a sub-process can notify the source workflow engine that the value of a set of elements of workflow-relevant data has been changed. This allows tracking of milestones in the management of workflows enacted in a multi-engine contract.

**Direction** This message is always sent from *Target Engine* to *Source Engine*

### Notification Fields

Field	Comment
TargetPID	The ProcessID of the process instance that changed attributes.
SourceAID	The ID of the activity instance within the source workflow engine that is to be notified that the attribute value has changed. This field may be optional.
SourceRoleID	Role ID responsible for the process instance that caused the notification request. This field is optional.
SourceUserID	User ID responsible for the process instance that caused the notification request. This field is optional.
TargetRoleID	Role ID responsible for the process instance on the target workflow engine which caused the newly started process instance to be created. This field is optional.
TargetUserID	User ID responsible for the process instance on the target workflow engine which caused the newly started process instance to be created. This field is optional.
Number	Number of attributes that have changed.
Name <sup>3</sup>	attribute identifier
Type	attribute type
Value	new attribute value
...	...

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
ProcessInstanceAttributeChanged?TargetPID=24&
Number=1&Name=copies&Type=WMTINT8&Value=3&&
```

### Response Fields

Field	Comment
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<sup>3</sup> Information repeated for each attribute value to be set.

ErrorCode

ErrorText                      Optional

**Error Codes**

- |     |  |
|-----|--|
| 0   | Success  |
| 1   | Operation not implemented  |
| 2   | Not authorized   |
| 3   | Unknown ProcessID (TargetPID)  |
| 5   | Invalid or unknown attribute name                                    |
| 7   | Invalid attribute type for this attribute                            |
| 8   | Attribute value does not corresponds to attribute type               |
| 255 | Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation. |

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
ProcessInstanceAttributeChanged?ErrorCode=0&&
```

## 11.7 Process Instance State Changed

### Abstract Specification Mapping

```
WMAReturnCode WMNotifyProcessInstanceStateChange (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id            WMAObjectID,
    in new_state              WMAObjectState
);
WMAReturnCode WMNotifyProcessInstanceAborted (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id            WMAObjectID
);
WMAReturnCode WMNotifyProcessInstanceCompleted (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id            WMAObjectID
);
WMAReturnCode WMNotifyProcessInstanceStarted (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id            WMAObjectID
);
WMAReturnCode WMNotifyProcessInstanceTerminated (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in process_id            WMAObjectID
);
```

- Description** Notify the source workflow engine of a state change in the (sub).
- Rationale** When the invoking process instance hangs while waiting for the enacted sub-process to complete, the workflow engine enacting the sub-process must have a means of communicating the completion to the invoking engine.
- Direction** This message is normally sent from *Target* Engine to *Source* Engine; however, during some scenarios (see conformance profiles), it may be sent from the *Source* engine to the *Target* engine.

### Process Instances can change to the following states:

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Abort     | Notify the invoking workflow engine that enactment of the given workflow instance has been aborted locally on the target workflow engine  |
| Complete  | Notify the invoking workflow engine that enactment of the given workflow instance has completed normally on the target workflow engine  |
| Start     | Notify the invoking workflow engine that the enactment of the given workflow instance has started on the target workflow engine.<br><br>This state is necessary for situations in which the process instance has been created on the host at the behest of another workflow engine, but has not started. It may be that enactment of such a process instance would be started once certain pre-conditions have been satisfied. In such a circumstance, it would be appropriate for the host workflow engine to notify the other workflow engine when enactment of the process instance had started. |
| Suspend   | Notify the invoking workflow engine that enactment of the given workflow instance has been suspended on the target workflow engine  |
| Terminate | Notify the invoking workflow engine that enactment of the given workflow instance has been terminated locally on the target workflow engine.  |

### Notification Fields

Field	Comment
ProcessID	The Process id of the process instance that changed state.

ActivityID	The ID of the activity instance that is to be notified that the attribute value has changed. This field may be optional.
SourceRoleID	Optional
SourceUserID	Optional
State	New state of process instance
TargetRoleID	Optional
TargetUserID	Optional

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
ProcessInstanceStateChanged?ProcessID=24&state=complete&&
```

### Response Fields

Field	Comment
ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional

### Error Codes

0	Success
1	Operation not implemented
2	Not authorized
3	Unknown ProcessID
4	Invalid state
255	Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation.

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
ProcessInstanceStateChanged?ErrorCode=0&&
```

## 11.8 Set Process Instance Attributes

**Abstract Specification Mapping**

```
WMAReturnCode WMRequestSetProcessInstanceAttributes (
    in engine_identifier      WMAEngineID,
    in root_pid                WMAObjectID,
    in activity_id              WMAObjectID,
    in process_id                WMAObjectID,
    out attributes            WMAAttributeList
);
```

**Description**

Set the value(s) of process instance attributes (process relevant data) in a selected process definition.

The attribute list sent to target workflow engine contains value specifications for one or more process instance attributes to be set. The target workflow engine attempts to set attribute values in the order in which they occur in the list. It returns a response message containing a list of those attributes for which the set operation was successful. In the event that part way through enacting a list of attribute values an error occurs, the attribute for which it was unable to set a value is not contained in the response message and the return code value indicates a failure. The target workflow engine does not enact the list of attribute values beyond the point at which a failure occurs.

**Rationale**

Process definitions are only partial and must be fully (or sufficiently) instantiated before enactment may commence.

**Direction**

This message is normally sent from *Source* Engine to *Target* Engine; however, during some scenarios (see conformance profiles), it may be sent from the *Target* engine to the *Source* engine.

**Request Fields**

Field	Comment
ProcessID	The process id of the process instance for which attribute values are being provided. If this operation is the same message than the StartConversation, this field must be omitted and the target workflow engine will use the TargetPID on the StartConversation reply.
Number	The number of Attributes for which value changes are required.
Name <sup>4</sup>	attribute identifier
Type	attribute type (Refer to “Basic Attribute Types” in section 4.2 Data Types & Declaratives)
Value	new attribute value
...	...

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
SetProcessInstanceAttributes?ProcessID=24&
Number=1&Name=copies&Type=WMTINT8&Value=3&&
```

**Response Fields**

Field	Comment
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<sup>4</sup> Information repeated for each attribute value to be set.

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ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional
ProcessID	The process id of the process instance for which changes to attribute values were requested.
Number	The number of Attributes for which value changes have succeeded (should be equal to the number of attributes for which changes were requested).
Name <sup>5</sup>	The name of an attribute that has had its value changed
...	...

### Error Codes

0	Success
1	Operation not implemented
2	Not authorized
3	Unknown ProcessID
5	Invalid or unknown attribute name
7	Invalid attribute type for this attribute
8	Attribute value does not corresponds to attribute type
255	Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation.

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
SetProcessInstanceAttributes?ErrorCode=0&
Number=1&Name=copies&&
```

---

<sup>5</sup> Information repeated for each attribute value set.

## 11.9 Start Conversation

<b>Description</b>	Connect to the designated workflow engine, starting a new conversation. Both workflow engines create a conversation management record as defined in [WfMC015] to mark the start of the conversation.
<b>Rationale</b>	For full duplex dialogues effecting interoperability, it is necessary that a connection be established between the interoperating workflow engines before interoperability can take place.
<b>Direction</b>	This message is always sent from <i>Source Engine</i> to <i>Target Engine</i>

### Request Fields

Field	Comment
ActivityID	Identifies the activity that originates the conversation start request. This field is optional.
ContractID	Contract id for set of workflow engines interoperating within the current business agreement
Language	Two character ISO 639-1 code. This field is optional, in which case the language of the target engine is assumed.
ProductID	String, that identifies the product making the request, of the form: <product name>/<version number>
RootPID	Process id of top root workflow process instance
SourceConversationID	Conversation ID allocated by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
SourceNodeID	Mail address for source workflow engine
SourcePID	Process instance id of process that originates the conversation start request
Version	Version of MIME Binding used to construct messages

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
StartConversation?ContractID=Nice Group&Version=1.1&Language=de&
SourceNodeID=xyz@wfmc.org&RootPID=730&ProductID=MagicWorkflow/5.0&
SourcePID=24&SourceConversationID=123&&
```

### Response Fields

Field	Comments
ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional
ProductID	String, identifying the product (answering the request), of the form: <product name>/<version number>
SourceConversationID	Conversation ID allocated by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversationID	Conversation ID allocated by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

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TargetNodeID	Mail address for target workflow engine
Version	Version of MIME Binding used to construct messages

**Error Codes**

- |    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 0  | Success                            |
| 10 | Invalid or expired ContractID      |
| 11 | Invalid or unsupported language    |
| 12 | Invalid or unsuported MIME version |

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
StartConversation?ErrorCode=0&SourceConversationID=123&
TargetConversationID=456&TargetNodeID=abc@wfmc.org&
Version=1.1&ProductID=BetterMagicWorkflow/8.1&&
```

## 11.10 Stop Conversation

**Abstract Specification Mapping**

```
WMAReturnCode WMRelinquishProcessInstance (
    in engine_identifier          WMAEngineID,
    in process_id                  WMAObjectID
);
```

**Description** Terminate the current conversation, disconnect from the interoperating workflow engine.

Notify another workflow engine that, as far as this workflow engine is concerned, it may now 1) release all memory that contains data structures that pertain to the given conversation and/or 2) not send notification messages concerning that conversation.

This does not terminate processes that started during the conversation, these continue unaffected. Both workflow engines create a conversation management record as defined in [WFMC015] to mark the end of the conversation.

**Rationale** Provides a way to close a conversation.

**Direction** This message is always sent from *Source Engine* to *Target Engine*

### Request Fields

Field	Comments
(none)	

Example of a wfmc-if4-request message:

```
StopConversation?&&
```

### Response Fields

Field	Comments
ErrorCode	
ErrorText	Optional

### Error Codes

0	Success
20	There is no conversation in process
255	Operation not performed, because of a failure by an early operation.

Example of a wfmc-if4-response message:

```
StopConversation?ErrorCode=301&ErrorText=I don't like you&&
```

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## 13 Appendix A -- Audit Data

The audit data specification below, define presentation of audit data that must be possible following interoperation between workflow engines using this binding. It is not intended that this part of the specification be taken as a literal description of how such data must be stored, rather it is included as an aid to designers who subsequently implement the Coalition's Audit and Management Interfaces.

### 13.1 Audit Data Types

The concrete realization (WMTEngineID) of the abstract data type WMTAEEngineID is a data structure that identifies a particular workflow engine by:

- ID of the workflow contract within which the interoperability is effected
- Mail address<sup>6</sup> from which it receives messages from other workflow engines operating within the given workflow contract
- Source conversation ID it has assigned to the interoperability dialogue it conducts with a specified other workflow engine
- Target conversation ID assigned by the other workflow engine to the interoperability dialogue it conducts with this workflow engine<sup>7</sup>

```
typedef
{
    WMTResourceID      contract_id;
    WMTResourceID      node_id;
    WMTResourceID      source_conversation;
    WMTResourceID      target_conversation;
} WMTEngineID;
```

The following types are derived from the audit data specification document [WfMC1015]:

```
Typedef
{
    WMTText          object_id[UNIQUE_ID_SIZE];
} WMTOBJECTID; //Object is Process, Activity or Workitem

typedef
{
    WMTText          resource_ID[UNIQUE_ID_SIZE];
} WMTResourceID;
//Resource is Person,Role or Network Resource
```

All other types and declaratives used in this binding specification are in the specification of the Workflow Management API [WfMC1009]

### 13.2 Audit Information

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<sup>6</sup> In this binding mail address equates to node id

<sup>7</sup> Note that it is possible for two workflow engines to be conducting multiple interoperability dialogues with each other, in parallel, within a given time frame.

### 13.2.1 Change Process Instance State

The following audit data records would be created as a result of changing the state of a process instance being enacted on the source workflow engine on behalf of the target workflow engine.

#### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
InitialProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
CurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
ActivityInstanceID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
ProcessState	M	WMTProcInstState	state of current process instance
EventCode	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentRequestChangeProcessInstanceState'
ContractID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
NodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
UserID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
RoleID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine originating the request to change process state
Target Process Definition ID	O	WMTObjectID	as supplied to target workflow engine
Target Process Instance ID	O	WMTObjectID	Process instance on target workflow engine
Target Process Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting change state request.
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user currently performing the process (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role currently performing the process (may be null)
Target State	O	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance on remote engine
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedRequestChangeProcessInstanceState',
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to change process state was received
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	M	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceCurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceId	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event
SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcessDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that initiated the process instance (may be null)
SourceActivityDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
SourceProcess Definition ID	M	WMTObjectID	as supplied by source workflow engine
SourceRequestedState		WMTProcInstState	state process instance requested to change to
Process Definition Business ID	O	WMTObjectName	as supplied by source workflow engine - may be null
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'

SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data - Operation

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMChangedProcessInstanceState'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Activity ID on source workflow engine
RemoteNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	NodeID of target WFE
RemoteProcessInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance on target workflow engine
RemoteTimestamp	M	WMAObjectID	Timestamp for when enactment of the process instance state changed on target workflow engine
RemoteProcessDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data - Operation

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance

Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMChangedProcessInstanceState'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
PreviousProcessState	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance prior to change
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on target workflow engine
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedChangedProcessInstanceState'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when notification that process state changed was received
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	M	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow

SourceCurrentProcess InstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	engine Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event
SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcessDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that initiated the process instance (may be null)
SourceActivityDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
SourceProcess Definition ID	M	WMTObjectID	as supplied by source workflow engine
SourceRequestedState		WMTProcInstState	state process instance requested to change to
Process Definition Business ID	O	WMTObjectName	as supplied by source workflow engine - may be null
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
InitialProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
CurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
ActivityInstance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
ProcessState	M	WMTProcInstState	state of current process instance
EventCode	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentChangedProcessInstanceState'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'

MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine originating the request to change process state
Target Process Definition ID	O	WMTObjectID	as supplied to target workflow engine
Target Process Instance ID	O	WMTObjectID	Process instance on target workflow engine
Target Process Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting change state request.
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user currently performing the process (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role currently performing the process (may be null)
Target State	O	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance on remote engine
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### 13.2.2 Create Process Instance

#### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	'open.not-running'
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentStartProcessInstance'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectName	Message ID associated with event.
SourceActivityDefinitionBusiness Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine originating the request to create a new process instance
TargetProcessDefinitionID	M	WMTObjectName	as supplied to target workflow engine
Target Process Instance ID	M	WMTObjectName	Process instance created on target workflow engine
TargetProcessDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user requested to perform the process (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role requested to perform the process (may be null)
Target State	O	WMTProcInstState	State of new process instance
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

#### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
InitialProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
CurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
ActivityInstanceID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
ProcessState	M	WMTProcInstState	State of created process instance
EventCode	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedRequestStartProcessInstance'
ContractID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
NodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
UserID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
RoleID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to create process instance was received
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceCurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event
SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcess Definition ID	M	WMTObjectID	as supplied by source workflow engine
SourceProcessDefinition	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that generated the start process request.
BusinessName			
SourceActivityDefinition	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
BusinessName			
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

## Source Workflow Engine Audit Data - Operation

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	'open.not-running'
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMCreatedProcessInstance'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Activity ID on source workflow engine
RemoteNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	NodeID of target WFE
RemoteProcessInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance created on target workflow engine
RemoteTimestamp	M	WMAObjectID	Timestamp for when process instance created on target WFE
RemoteProcessDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data - Operation

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
InitialProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
CurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
ActivityInstanceID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
ProcessState	M	WMTProcInstState	State of created process instance

EventCode	M	WMTEventCode	'WMCreatedProcessInstance'
ContractID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
NodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
UserID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
RoleID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to create process instance was received
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
ProcessDefinition ID	M	WMTObjectID	Process Definition ID identifying the definition used to create this process instance
ProcessDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the process definition
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	'open.not-running'
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedStartedProcessInstance'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceActivityDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine originating the request to create a new process instance
TargetProcessDefinitionID	M	WMTObjectID	as supplied to target workflow engine

Target Process Instance ID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance created on target workflow engine
TargetProcessDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user requested to perform the process (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role requested to perform the process (may be null)
Target State	O	WMTProcInstState	State of new process instance
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
InitialProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
CurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
ActivityInstanceID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
ProcessState	M	WMTProcInstState	State of created process instance
EventCode	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentStartedProcessInstance'
ContractID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
NodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
UserID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
RoleID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to create process instance was received
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceCurrentProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event

SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcess Definition ID	M	WMTObjectID	as supplied by source workflow engine
SourceProcessDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that generated the start process request.
SourceActivityDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### 13.2.3 Get Process Instance Attributes

The following audit data records would be created as a result of the target workflow engine successfully providing each requested attribute value at the behest of the source workflow engine.

#### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance (may be null)
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance on source workflow engine
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentRequestGetProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine (may be null)
Target Process Instance ID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance on target workflow engine
Target Process Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	null   as declared in process definition
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting request for attribute value(s).
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user requested to provide attribute value (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role requested to provide attribute value (may be null)
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute requested
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedRequestGetProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when attribute value was sent
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceCurrentProcessInstanceId	M	WMTProcInstID	Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceId	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event
SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcessDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that generated the start process request.
SourceActivityDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute requested
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the

			transport mechanism
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### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedRetrievedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when attribute value was sent
Information ID	M	WMTOBJECTID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTOBJECTID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceCurrentProcess InstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event
SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcessDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that generated the start process request.
SourceActivityDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute requested
Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute requested
Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Length of requested attribute
Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	Value

Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance (may be null)
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance on source workflow engine
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentRetrievedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine (may be null)
Target Process Instance ID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance on target workflow engine
Target Process Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	null   as declared in process definition
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting request for attribute value(s).
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user requested to provide attribute value (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role requested to provide attribute value (may be null)
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute requested
Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute requested
Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Length of requested attribute
Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	Value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'

Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### **13.2.4 Get Process Instance State**

Audit data is not specified for this operation.

### **13.2.5 List Process Instances**

Audid data is not specified for this operation.

### 13.2.6 Process Instance Attribute Changed

The following audit data records would be created as a result of the source workflow engine having changed the value of a notifiable attribute.

**Notifying Workflow Engine Audit Data - Actual Event**

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on Source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of created process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMAssignedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to create process instance was received
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Changed Attribute Name	M	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Type	M	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Length	M	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Changed Attribute Value	M	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

**Notifying Workflow Engine Audit Data – Notification**

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	state of process instance when event occurred

EventCode	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentChangedProcessInstanceAttribute'
ContractID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
NodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
UserID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
RoleID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as instantiated
CurrentTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine when attribute value changed
Remote Process Instance ID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance created on target workflow engine
Remote Activity Instance ID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Remote workflow engine activity instance ID
RemoteNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine receiving the notification.
RemoteTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Changed Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Changed Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instanceRemoteAID=2
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	state of current process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedChangedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for target workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine

User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as instantiated
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when notification was received
Information ID	M	WMTOBJECTID	'WfMC'
MessageID	M	WMTOBJECTID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTOBJECTNAME	Business name of current activity on the source engine when the process attribute value changed
Remote Process Instance ID	M	WMTOBJECTID	Process instance ID on source workflow engine
Remote Activity Instance ID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Remote workflow engine activity instance ID
RemoteNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine sending the notification.
RemoteTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded on remote engine
Changed Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Changed Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### 13.2.7 Process Instance State Changed

The following audit data records would be created as a result of the completion of a process instance being enacted on the source workflow engine on behalf of the target workflow engine.

#### Notifying Workflow Engine Audit Data - Actual Event

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMChangedProcessInstanceState'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
PreviousProcessState	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance prior to change
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

#### Notifying Workflow Engine Audit Data – Notification

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	new state of process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentChangedProcessInstanceState'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or

Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	entity. May be null. null   as instantiated
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	M	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of first activity on the source engine
Remote Process Instance ID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance created on target workflow engine
Remote Activity Instance ID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Remote workflow engine activity instance ID
RemoteNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine receiving the notification.
RemoteTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instanceRemoteAID=2
Process State	M	WMTProcInstanceState	state of current process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedChangedProcessInstanceState'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for target workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as instantiated
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when notification was received
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	M	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Source Activity Definition Business Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine when the process instance state change occurred

Remote Process Instance ID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance for which state change occurred on source workflow engine
Remote Activity Instance ID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Remote workflow engine activity instance ID
RemoteNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine sending the notification.
RemoteTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded on remote engine
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### 13.2.8 Set Process Instance Attributes

The following audit data records would be created as a result of the target workflow engine successfully changing each attribute value at the behest of the source workflow engine.

#### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance on source workflow engine
Event Code	M	WMEventCode	'WMSentRequestChangeProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceActivityDefinitionBusiness Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine originating the request to create a new process instance
TargetProcessInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance created on target workflow engine
TargetProcessDefinitionBusiness Name	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user requested to perform the process (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role requested to perform the process (may be null)
Target State	O	WMTProcInstState	State of new process instance
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'

SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data -- Request

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on Source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of created process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedRequestChangeProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to create process instance was received
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceCurrentProcess InstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceId	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event
SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcessDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that generated the start process request.
SourceActivityDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed

Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data - Operation

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance on source workflow engine
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMAssignedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Activity ID on source workflow engine
RemoteNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	NodeID of target WFE
RemoteProcessInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance on target workflow engine
RemoteTimestamp	M	WMAObjectID	Timestamp for when attribute value changed on remote workflow engine
RemoteProcessDefinitionBusinessName	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by

TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	the transport mechanism As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
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### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data - Operation

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on Source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of created process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMAssignedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to create process instance was received
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
Changed Attribute Name	M	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Type	M	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Changed Attribute Length	M	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Changed Attribute Value	M	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on Source workflow engine which caused the request for the sub-process to be created on the target workflow engine
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for sub-process created on the target workflow engine

Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of created process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMReceivedChangedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null or as instantiated
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp for when request to create process instance was received
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceInitialProcessInstance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Initial Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceCurrentProcess InstanceID	M	WMTProcInstID	Current Process Instance ID of source workflow engine
SourceActivityInstanceID	M	WMTActivityInstID	Activity Instance ID of the source WFE
SourceTimestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp of source WFE event
SourceNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of source Workflow Engine
SourceUserID	O	WMTResourceID	User ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	Role ID associated with the remote workflow engine request
SourceProcessDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of remote workflow engine process that generated the start process request.
SourceActivityDefinition BusinessName	O	WMTText	Business name of the remote WFE activity spawning the request
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data - Response

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance

Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity Instance ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	State of process instance on source workflow engine
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMSentChangedProcessInstanceAttribute'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp event was recorded
Information ID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
SourceActivityDefinitionBusiness Name	O	WMTObjectName	Business name of current activity on the source engine originating the request to create a new process instance
TargetProcessInstanceID	M	WMTObjectID	Process instance created on target workflow engine
TargetProcessDefinitionBusiness Name	O	WMTObjectName	null   as supplied by target workflow engine
TargetNodeID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
TargetUserID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote user requested to perform the process (may be null)
TargetRoleID	O	WMTResourceID	ID of remote role requested to perform the process (may be null)
Attribute Name	O	WMTAttributeName	Name of attribute changed
Attribute Type	O	WMTAttributeType	Type of attribute changed
Attribute Length	O	WMTAttributeLength	Changed length of attribute
Attribute Value	O	WMTAttributeValue	New value
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### 13.2.9 Start Conversation

#### Source Engine Audit Data

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	The state of the current process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMStartedConversation'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   the role of the user involved in this event
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Time when event was recorded
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
CorrespondentContextID	M	WMAResourceID	ContractID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
CorrespondentNodeID	M	WMAResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTResourceID	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTResourceID	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

#### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the request for the conversation to be started
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	null
Activity ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	null
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	null
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMStartedConversation'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for target workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the

Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	null
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	Time event was recorded
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
CorrespondentContextID	M	WMAResourceID	Message ID associated with event.
CorrespondentNodeID	M	WMAResourceID	ContractID of source workflow engine source conversation start.
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	Node ID of source workflow engine source the conversation start.
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'1'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	'4MIME'
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
			As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

### 13.2.10 Stop Conversation

#### Source Workflow Engine Audit Data

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of initial (root) process instance
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	The state of the current process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMStoppedConversation'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for source workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for source workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	null   the role of the user involved in this event
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	Timestamp provided by target workflow engine
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	Message ID associated with event.
CorrespondentContextID	M	WMAResourceID	ContractID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
CorrespondentNodeID	M	WMAResourceID	Node ID of Workflow Engine accepting the conversation request.
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	'1'
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'4MIME'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTINT8	As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

#### Target Workflow Engine Audit Data

Name	M/O	Data Type	Description
Initial Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Process Instance ID for process instance on source workflow engine which caused the request for the conversation to be started
Current Process Instance ID	M	WMTProcInstID	Unique ID of current process instance
Activity ID	O	WMTActivityInstID	Unique ID of current activity instance
Process State	M	WMTProcInstState	The state of the current process instance
Event Code	M	WMTEventCode	'WMStoppedConversation'
Contract ID	M	WMTResourceID	Contract ID for target workflow engine
Node ID	M	WMTResourceID	Node ID for target workflow engine
User ID	M	WMTResourceID	ID of user whom the business would consider the

Role ID	M	WMTResourceID	primary person involved with this event. This could be a person or entity. May be null.
Current Timestamp	M	WMTTimestamp	null
InformationID	M	WMTObjectID	Timestamp event was recorded
MessageID	O	WMTObjectID	'WfMC'
CorrespondentContextID	M	WMAResourceID	Message ID associated with event.
CorrespondentNodeID	M	WMAResourceID	ContractID of Workflow Engine source the conversation stop.
Extension Number	M	WMTInt16	Node ID of Workflow Engine source the conversation stop.
Extension Type	M	WMTText	'1'
SourceConversation ID	M	WMTResourceID	'4MIME'
TargetConversation ID	M	WMTResourceID	As supplied by source workflow engine or by the transport mechanism
			As supplied by target workflow engine or by the transport mechanism

## 14 Appendix B – Character Set

The following table shows the character set used in this specification. It is a subset of US-ASCII (ANSI X3.4-1986).

<b>char</b>	<b>dec</b>	<b>hex</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>char</b>	<b>dec</b>	<b>hex</b>	<b>Description</b>
( )	32	20	Space	(P)	80	50	Capital letter P
( !)	33	21	Exclamation mark	(Q)	81	51	Capital letter Q
( ")	34	22	Quotation mark	(R)	82	52	Capital letter R
( #)	35	23	Pound sign	(S)	83	53	Capital letter S
( \$)	36	24	Dollar sign	(T)	84	54	Capital letter T
( %)	37	25	Percent sign	(U)	85	55	Capital letter U
( &)	38	26	Ampersand	(V)	86	56	Capital letter V
( ')	39	27	Apostrophe	(W)	87	57	Capital letter W
( ( )	40	28	Left parenthesis	(X)	88	58	Capital letter X
( ))	41	29	Right parenthesis	(Y)	89	59	Capital letter Y
( * )	42	2A	Asterisk	(Z)	90	5A	Capital letter Z
( + )	43	2B	Plus sign	( [ )	91	5B	Left square bracket
( , )	44	2C	Comma	( \ )	92	5C	Reverse solidus, backslash
( - )	45	2D	Hyphen, minus sign	( ] )	93	5D	Right square bracket
( . )	46	2E	Period, full stop	( ^ )	94	5E	Circumflex accent
( / )	47	2F	Solidus, slash	( _ )	95	5F	Low line, underline
( 0 )	48	30	Digit zero	( ` )	96	60	Grave accent
( 1 )	49	31	Digit one	( a )	97	61	Small letter a
( 2 )	50	32	Digit two	( b )	98	62	Small letter b
( 3 )	51	33	Digit three	( c )	99	63	Small letter c
( 4 )	52	34	Digit four	( d )	100	64	Small letter d
( 5 )	53	35	Digit five	( e )	101	65	Small letter e
( 6 )	54	36	Digit six	( f )	102	66	Small letter f
( 7 )	55	37	Digit seven	( g )	103	67	Small letter g
( 8 )	56	38	Digit eight	( h )	104	68	Small letter h
( 9 )	57	39	Digit nine	( i )	105	69	Small letter i
( : )	58	3A	Colon	( j )	106	6A	Small letter j
( ; )	59	3B	Semicolon	( k )	107	6B	Small letter k
( < )	60	3C	Less-than sign, left angle bracket	( l )	108	6C	Small letter l
( = )	61	3D	Equals sign	( m )	109	6D	Small letter m
( > )	62	3E	Greater-than sign, right angle bracket	( n )	110	6E	Small letter n
( ? )	63	3F	Question mark	( o )	111	6F	Small letter o
( @ )	64	40	Commercial at sign	( p )	112	70	Small letter p
( A )	65	41	Capital letter A	( q )	113	71	Small letter q
( B )	66	42	Capital letter B	( r )	114	72	Small letter r
( C )	67	43	Capital letter C	( s )	115	73	Small letter s
( D )	68	44	Capital letter D	( t )	116	74	Small letter t
( E )	69	45	Capital letter E	( u )	117	75	Small letter u
( F )	70	46	Capital letter F	( v )	118	76	Small letter v
( G )	71	47	Capital letter G	( w )	119	77	Small letter w
( H )	72	48	Capital letter H	( x )	120	78	Small letter x
( I )	73	49	Capital letter I	( y )	121	79	Small letter y
( J )	74	4A	Capital letter J	( z )	122	7A	Small letter z
( K )	75	4B	Capital letter K	( { )	123	7B	Left curly bracket, left brace
( L )	76	4C	Capital letter L	(   )	124	7C	Vertical line, vertical bar
( M )	77	4D	Capital letter M	( } )	125	7D	Right curly bracket, right brace
( N )	78	4E	Capital letter N	( ~ )	126	7E	Tilde
( O )	79	4F	Capital letter O				

## 15 Appendix C – Implementation Hints (Non-Normative)

This appendix presents a collection of useful hints and ideas to implement the specification. This appendix is non-normative, and the hints and ideas presented in here are not required to claim compliance with the specification; however, they may help implementers to architect their implementations.

### 15.1 Contracts

Interoperability contracts denote trading agreements across service boundaries, which operate between workflow applications, enacted on different workflow engines. These cooperating workflow engines may be within the same organization or within separate organizations, that collectively operates a value chain. An interoperability contract governing workflow engine interoperability across a service boundary will describe elements from the list presented below according to the nature and requirements of the business process being supported across the service boundary and the requirements of the organizations operating that process.

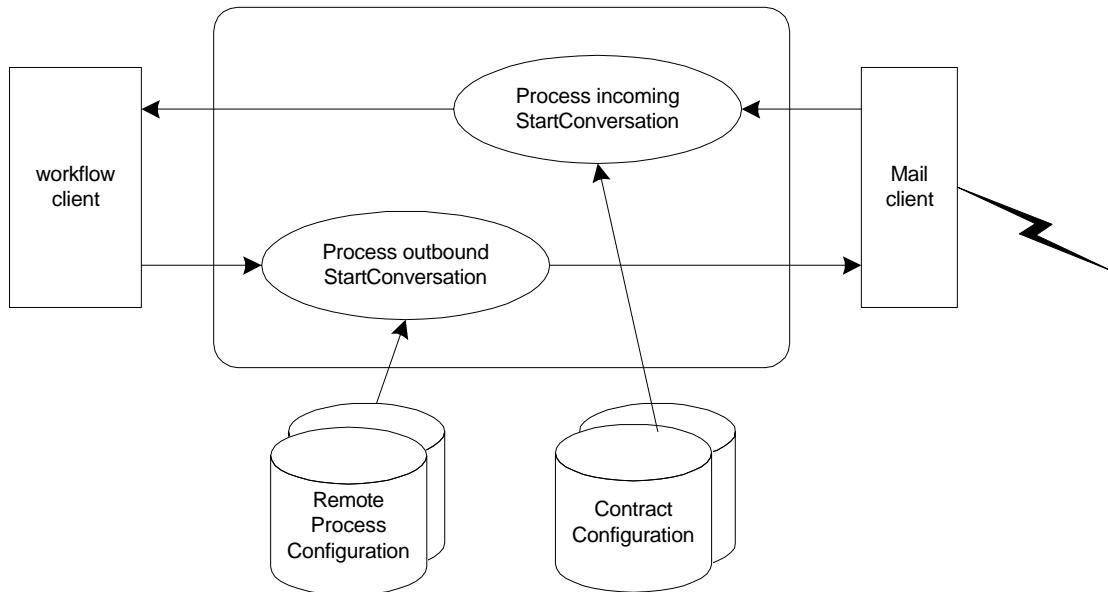
1. Which workflow engines within one service domain are visible to/capable of interoperating with workflow engines in the other service domain
2. Which workflow definitions can be enacted within one service domain at the behest of workflow engines in the other service domain
3. The transport binding supported (e.g. MIME)
4. for each workflow definition identified in the contract:
  - The conformance profile required to effect interoperability
  - Enactment requirements. For example, the ProcessDefinitionID, and attributes required to enact the process.
  - For each traded (shared) element of workflow relevant data
    - Access rights (readable/writable)
    - Value constraints (minimum/maximum values, number of permitted updates/accesses)
  - Outcomes/outputs/returned elements of workflow relevant data
  - Audit data policy
  - Change control policy
5. Security policy and implementation
  - Authentication
  - Support for policy on non-repudiation
  - Shared key cryptography & key management
  - Handling security breaches
6. Exception handling/recovery protocols & transactional behavior
7. The handling of lost messages
  - The length of time a workflow engine might wait for a missing message to turn up
  - The number of resend attempts before giving up
  - What to do in case it gives up

## 8. Service level agreements, metration/escalation and performance penalties

Individual interoperability contracts will have a unique ContractID identifier, determined by the organizations trading across the service boundary, which is used to support authentication mechanisms.

### 15.2 Process and Contract Information

To effect interoperability under an agreed contract, it is necessary for an administrator to configure his or her workflow engine. This configuration includes information on incoming requests as well as information required for outbound requests. This configuration information may be maintained in a database, and configuration tools maybe provided. For sake of simplicity, simple configuration files are presented in here.



#### 15.2.1 Incoming Requests

An incoming request start with a StartConversation. The processing of StartConversation includes a validation against the contract information agreed in the business agreement. This information can be described in a contract-configuration file. There is one contract-configuration file for each contract that can be used from external workflow engines. It contains information on which remotes engines have access to this system, and what processes can they enact under that contract.

This is an example of this configuration file:

```
; Example contract configuration
; There should be one of these for each contract that can be used
; by external workflow engines
ContractName=My Friends

; Protocol being used. The only valid value is I4MIME
; This field is optional, if omitted I4MIME is used.
Protocol=I4MIME

; list of workflow engines that are allow to use this contract.
; An "*" indicates any email address is valid
ValidAddress=abc@xyz.com
ValidAddress=friend@other.com
ValidAddress=qwerty@another.com

; List of valid processes that can be enacted
; by an external workflow engine using this contract
```

```
ValidProcessDefinitionID=Credit validation
ValidProcessDefinitionID=Expense Report
ValidProcessDefinitionID=PinkSlipProcessing

; Message timer. Used for retransmissions and
; to ignore expired messages
Timer=1:30:00

; Other configuration information
; ...
```

### 15.2.2 Outbound Requests

Outbound requests also start with the creation of a StartConversation. To create a StartConversation it is necessary to have information on how to contact the remote workflow engine and what business agreement to use. This information can be described in a process-configuration file. There is one process-configuration file for each process that can be remotely invoked. It contains information on how to contact the remote workflow engine and what contract to use.

This is an example of this configuration file:

```
; Example process configuration
; There should be one of these for each process that can
; be remotely invoked.

; Protocol being used. The only valid value is I4MIME
; This field is optional, if omitted I4MIME is used.
Protocol=I4MIME

; email address of the remote workflow engine
Address=abc@xyz.com

; Message timer. Used for retransmissions and
; to ignore expired messages
Timer=1:30:00

; Name of the remote contract that accepts messages from
; this workflow engine.
Contract=MyRemoteContract

; Name of the remote Process to be enacted
ProcessDefinitionID=MyRemoteWorkClass

; Other configuration information
; ...
```

### 15.3 UNIX sendmail

Using a standard utility such as UNIX sendmail<sup>8</sup>, a user can be set up to receive requests and responses from other workflow engines. By creating a “.forward” file in the user’s home directory, a developer may specify that an application receive messages, piped into its standard input for processing.

An example of the contents of a “.forward” file is:

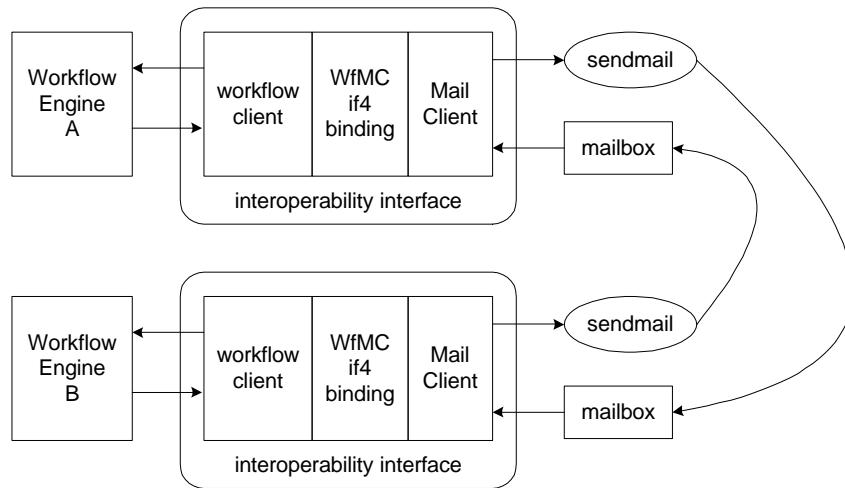
```
\username, " | /export/home/wfmc/interop"
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<sup>8</sup> Although this example of an implementation strategy is based on tools and directory structures available in the UNIX environment, similar strategies are feasible for other

This would automatically invoke the application /export/home/wfmc/interop when a mail message is received. The application can interpret requests and responses and make appropriate calls on the vendor's workflow engine.

To send a message to another workflow engine, the message can be written to a file and sendmail can be invoked using a system call to dispatch it.



#### Architecture to effect mail based interoperability between two workflow engines

In this scheme, each workflow engine is uniquely identified by the mailbox it listens to (i.e. its mail address).