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OBJECT PUSH PROFILE

Abstract:

This application profile defines the application requirements for *Bluetooth*® devices necessary for the support of the Object Push usage model. The requirements are expressed in terms of end-user services, and by defining the features and procedures that are required for interoperability between Bluetooth devices in the Object Push usage model.

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- The word can is used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical, or causal (can equals is able to)

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Foreword

This document, together with the Generic Object Exchange profile and the Generic Access profile, forms the Object Push usage model.

Interoperability between devices from different manufacturers is provided for a specific service and usage model if the devices conform to a Bluetooth SIG defined profile specification. A profile defines a selection of messages and procedures (generally termed *capabilities*) from the Bluetooth SIG specifications and gives an unambiguous description of the air interface for specified service(s) and usage model(s).

All defined features are process-mandatory. This means that if a feature is used, it is used in a specified manner. Whether the provision of a feature is mandatory or optional is stated separately for both sides of the Bluetooth air interface.

1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

The Object Push Profile (OPP) defines the requirements for the protocols and procedures that shall be used by the applications providing the Object Push usage model. This profile makes use of the Generic Object Exchange Profile (GOEP) [10], to define the interoperability requirements for the protocols needed by applications. Common devices using these models are notebook PCs, PDAs, and mobile phones.

The scenarios covered by this profile are the following:

- Use of a Bluetooth device to push an object to the inbox of another Bluetooth device. The object can for example be a business card or an appointment.
- Use of a Bluetooth device to pull a business card from another Bluetooth device.
- Use of a Bluetooth device to exchange business cards with another Bluetooth device. Exchange is defined as a push of a business card followed by a pull of a business card.

1.2 Bluetooth Profile Structure

In Figure 1.1, the Bluetooth profile structure and the dependencies of the profiles are depicted. A profile is dependent upon another profile if it re-uses parts of that profile, by implicitly or explicitly referencing it. Dependency is illustrated in the figure: a profile has dependencies on the profile(s) in which it is contained – directly and indirectly. For example, the Object Push profile is dependent on Generic Object Exchange, Serial Port (for compatibility with devices implementing earlier versions of this profile), and Generic Access profile.

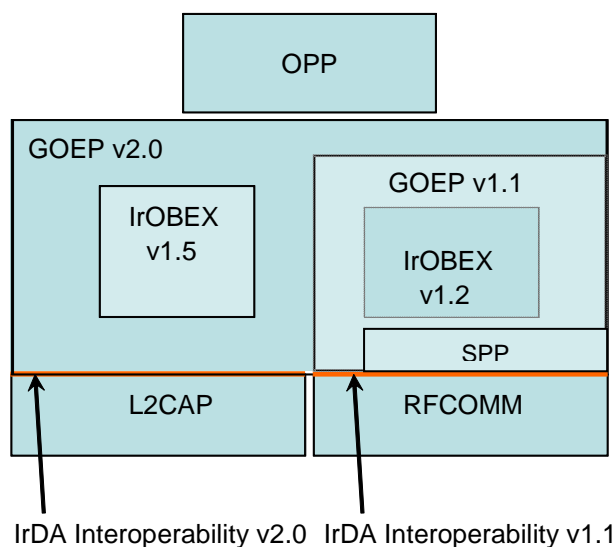


Figure 1.1: Bluetooth Profiles and Protocols

1.3 OBEX-Related Specifications Used by this Profile

This profile refers to the following two specifications:

1. IrDA Interoperability Specification v2.0 [11].
 - Defines how the applications can function over both Bluetooth and IrDA.
 - Specifies how OBEX is mapped over L2CAP and TCP.
2. Generic Object Exchange Profile Specification v2.0 [10]
 - Generic interoperability specification for the application profiles using OBEX over L2CAP.
 - Defines the interoperability requirements of the lower protocol layers (e.g. Baseband and LMP) for the application profiles.

1.4 Symbols and conventions

1.4.1 Requirement Status Symbols

In this document, the following symbols are used:

‘M’ for mandatory to support (used for capabilities that shall be used in the profile);

‘O’ for optional to support (used for capabilities that can be used in the profile);

‘C’ for conditional support (used for capabilities that shall be used in case a certain other capability is supported);

‘X’ for excluded (used for capabilities that may be supported by the unit but shall never be used in the profile);

‘N/A’ for not applicable (in the given context it is impossible to use this capability).

Some excluded capabilities are capabilities that, according to the relevant Bluetooth specification, are mandatory. These are features that may degrade operation of devices following this profile. Therefore, these features shall never be activated while a unit is operating as a unit within this profile.

1.4.2 Signaling Diagram Conventions

The following arrows are used in diagrams describing procedures:

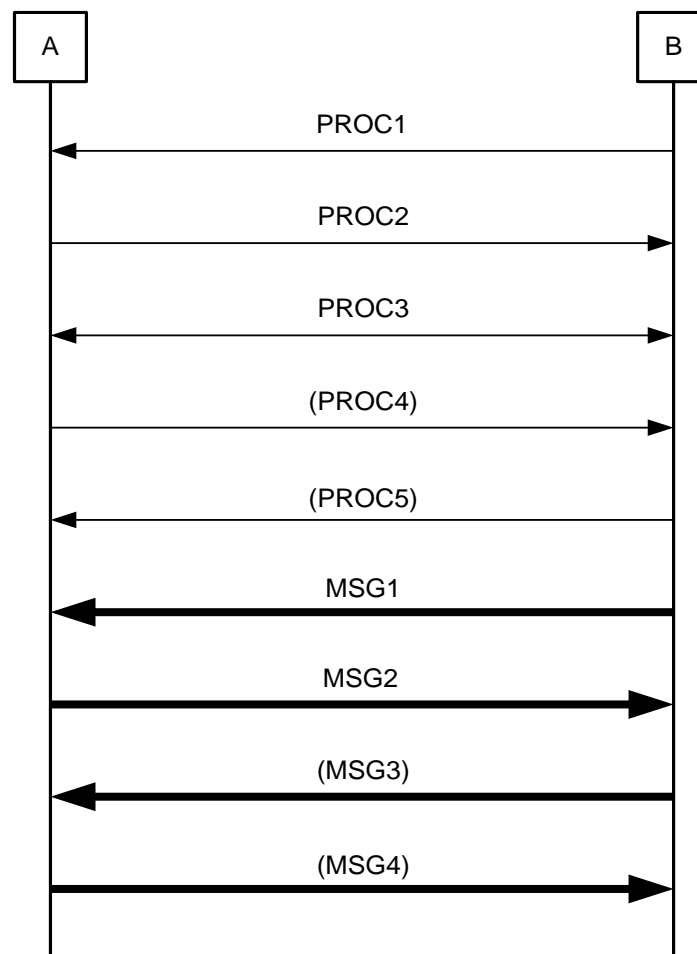


Figure 1.2: Arrows Used in Signaling Diagrams

In the table above, the following cases are shown: PROC1 is a sub-procedure initiated by B. PROC2 is a sub-procedure initiated by A. PROC3 is a sub-procedure where the initiating side is undefined (may be both A and B). PROC4 indicates an optional sub-procedure initiated by A, and PROC5 indicates an optional sub-procedure initiated by B. MSG1 is a message sent from B to A. MSG2 is a message sent from A to B. MSG3 indicates an optional message from A to B, and MSG4 indicates an optional message from B to A.

2 Profile Overview

2.1 Profile Stack

Figure 2.1 below shows the protocols and entities used in this profile.

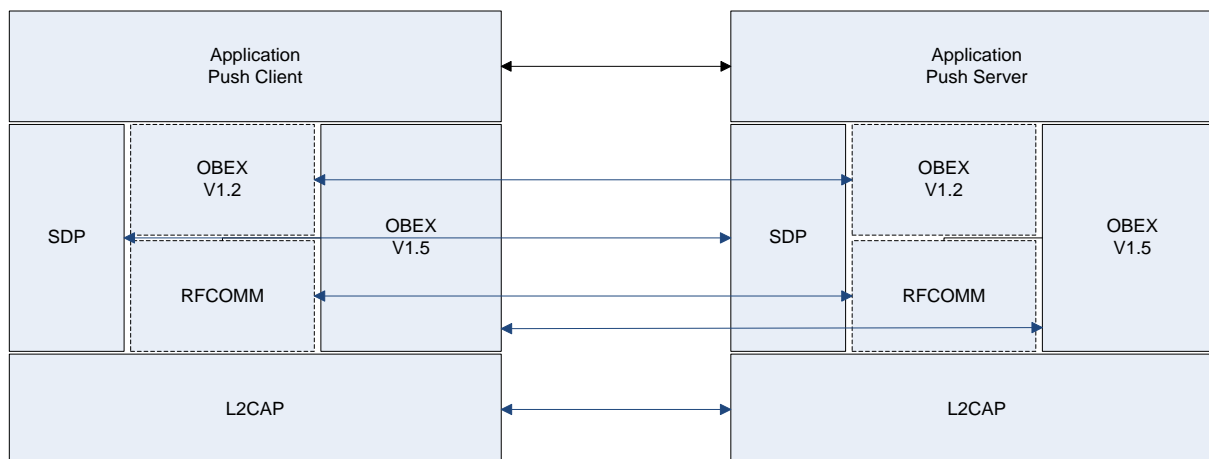


Figure 2.1: Protocol model

The Baseband [1], LMP [1] and L2CAP [1] are the OSI layer 1 and 2 Bluetooth protocols. RFCOMM is the Bluetooth adaptation of GSM TS 07.10 [2]. SDP is the Bluetooth Service Discovery Protocol [1]. OBEX is the Bluetooth adaptation of IrOBEX [4].

The L2CAP interoperability requirements are defined in GOEP v2.0 [10]. This profile requires backwards compatibility with previous versions of OPP based on GOEP v1.1. The procedures for backward compatibility defined in section 6.2 of GOEP v2.0 shall be used.

2.2 Configurations and Roles

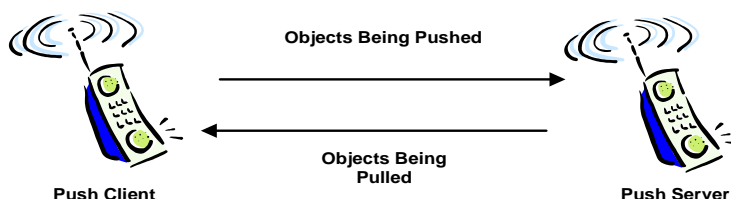


Figure 2.2: Push and Pull Example between Two Mobile Phones

The following roles are defined for this profile:

Push Server – This device provides an object exchange server. In addition to the interoperability requirements defined in this profile, the Push Server shall comply with the interoperability requirements for the server of the GOEP if not defined in the contrary.

Push Client – This device pushes and pulls objects to and from the Push Server. In addition to the interoperability requirements defined in this profile, the Push client shall also comply with the interoperability requirements for the client of the GOEP, if not defined to the contrary.

2.2 User Requirements and Scenarios

The scenarios covered by this profile are:

- Use of a Push Client to push an object to a Push Server. The object can, for example, be a business card or an appointment.
- Use of a Push Client to pull a business card from a Push Server.
- Use of a Push Client to exchange business cards with a Push Server.

The restrictions applying to this profile are the same as in the GOEP.

The push operation described in this profile pushes objects from the Push Client to the inbox of the Push Server.

2.3 Profile Fundamentals

The profile fundamentals are the same as defined in the GOEP.

Link level authentication and encryption are mandatory to support and optional to use. When using Core Specification v2.1 or later, encryption is mandatory to use; otherwise its use is optional.

Bonding is mandatory to support and optional to use.

OBEX authentication shall not be used.

This profile does not mandate the server or client to enter any discoverable or connectable modes automatically, even if they are able to do so.

On the Push Client side, end-user interaction is always needed to initiate an object push, business card pull or business card exchange.

3 User Interface Aspects

3.1 Mode Selection, Push Servers

Object Exchange mode affects the Push Server. It enables Push Clients to push and pull objects to and from the Push Server. The Push Clients may try to pull objects from the Push Server in this mode. If the Push Server does not support the pulling feature, it shall respond with an appropriate error message (see [4]).

When entering this mode, Push Servers

- shall set the Object Transfer bit in the CoD (see [9])
- should set the device into Limited Discoverable Mode (see Generic Access Profile [8])
- shall register a service record in the Service Discovery database (see Section 6).

Devices that want to be visible at all times, or devices that cannot supply a user interface to enable Object Exchange mode should use General Discoverable Mode (see [8]) instead of Limited Discoverable Mode. Devices in General Discoverable Mode may still enter Limited Discoverable Mode for limited time periods. Entry into the Limited Discoverable Mode may be triggered by a button-press or user interface menu option.

It is recommended that Limited Discoverable mode be set and unset by user interaction.

3.2 Function Selection, Push Clients

There are three different **functions** associated with the Object Push profile:

Object Push function

Business Card Pull function

Business Card Exchange function

The **Object Push function** initiates the function that pushes one or more objects to a Push Server.

The **Business Card Pull function** initiates the function that pulls a business card from a Push Server.

The **Business Card Exchange function** initiates the function that exchanges business cards with a Push Server.

The three functions should be activated by the user.

When the user selects one of these functions, an inquiry procedure may be performed to produce a list of available devices in the vicinity. Requirements on inquiry procedures are discussed in GOEP [10].

3.3 Application Usage Events

In the following sections 3.3.1 through 3.3.3, the presented scenarios work as examples. Variations in the actual implementations are possible and allowed.

3.3.1 Object Push

When a Push Client wants to push an object to a Push Server, the following scenario can be followed. If GAP authentication is used the user may have to be required to enter a Bluetooth passkey or compare two 6-digit numbers at some point during the service level connection establishment.

Push Client	Push Server
	The user sets the device into Object Exchange mode.
The user of the Push Client selects the Object Push function.	
A list of Push Servers that may support the Object Push service is displayed to the user.	
The user selects a Push Server to push the object to. If the selected device does not support either the Object Push service or the type of object being sent, the user is prompted to select another device. Service discovery is used to determine both the services available and the object types supported for an Object Push service on a device.	
	When an object is received in the Push Server, it is recommended that the user of the Push Server be asked to accept or reject the object.
It is recommended that the user is notified of the result of the operation.	

3.3.2 Business Card Pull

When a Push Client wants to pull the business card from a Push Server the following user interaction can be followed.

If GAP authentication is used, the user may be required to enter a Bluetooth passkey or compare two 6-digit numbers at some point during the service level connection establishment.

Push Client	Push Server
	The user sets the device into Object Exchange mode.
The user of the Push Client selects the Business Card Pull function.	
A list of Push Servers that may support the Object Push service is displayed to the user.	
The user selects a Push Server to pull the business card from. If the selected device does not support either the Object Push service or the type of object being sent, the user is prompted to select another device. Service discovery is used to determine both the services available and the object types supported for an Object Push service on a device.	
	Some devices might ask the user to accept or reject the request to pull the business card.
It is recommended that the user is notified of the result of the operation.	

3.3.3 Business Card Exchange

When a Push Client wants to exchange business cards with a Push Server, the following user interaction can be followed.

If GAP authentication is used, the user may have be required to enter a Bluetooth passkey or compare two 6-digit numbers at some point during the service level connection establishment.

Push Client	Push Server
	The user sets the device into Object Exchange mode.
The user of the Push Client selects the Business Card Exchange function.	
A list of Push Servers that may support the Object Push service is displayed to the user.	
The user selects a Push Server to exchange business cards with. If the selected device does not support either the Object Push service or the type of object being sent, the user is prompted to select another device. Service discovery is used to determine both the services available and the object types supported for an Object Push service on a device.	
	When a Push Client tries to exchange business cards with the Push Server, it is recommended that the user of the Push Server is asked to accept or reject the business card offered by the Push Client. Some devices might also ask the user whether to accept or reject the request to pull the business card.
It is recommended that the user is notified of the result of the operation.	

4 Application Layer

This section describes the feature requirements for devices that implement the Object Push, Business Card Pull and Business Card Exchange use cases.

4.1 Feature Overview

Table 4.1 shows the features covered by the Object Push profile.

	Features	Support in Push Client	Support in Push Server
1.	Object Push	M*	M*
2.	Business Card Pull	O	O*
3.	Business Card Exchange	O	O*

Table 4.1: Application Layer Features

* Support for vCard v2.1 format is mandatory. Support for other formats is optional. The server shall respond with an error code even if it does not support the requested format.

4.2 Object Push Feature

This feature lets a Push Client send one or more objects to a Push Server.

4.2.1 Content Formats

To achieve application level interoperability, content formats are defined for Object Push. Note that other OBEX application profiles have richer services for transfer and management for some of these content formats. Dependent on the usage models implementers are encouraged to use those profiles in addition to this profile. For some applications content formats have been specified.

Phone Book applications shall support data exchange using the vCard 2.1 content format specified in [6]. The properties that are mandatory to support are listed in Chapter 7 of [5]. If a phone book application supports another content format it shall still support the vCard 2.1 content format. If a device does not have a phone book application it does not have to support the vCard 2.1 content format. Whatever the vCard format requested, the character set used to encode vCard attribute content should be UTF-8. The CHARSET property parameter may be used in a vCard to override the default character set; however this is not recommended as it may lead to reduced interoperability of this profile.

Calendar applications shall support data exchange using the vCalendar 1.0 content format specified in [7]. The properties that are mandatory to support are listed in Chapter 8 of [4]. If a calendar application supports another content format it shall still support the vCalendar 1.0 content format. If a device does not have a calendar application it does not have to support the vCalendar 1.0 content format.

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Messaging applications shall support data exchange using the vMessage content format specified in Chapter 9 of [5]. If a messaging application supports another content format it shall still support the vMessage content format as specified in Chapter 9 of [5]. If a device does not have a messaging application it does not have to support the vMessage content format.

Notes applications shall support data exchange using the vNote content format specified in Chapter 10 of [5]. If a notes application supports another content format it shall still support the vNote content format as specified in Chapter 10 of [5]. If a device does not have a notes application it does not have to support the vNote content format.

Push Clients should not send objects of a format that the Push Server does not support. See Section 6 for information on how to find out which formats the Push Server supports.

The object formats supported by a Push Server shall be identified in the Service Discovery database – see section 6.

4.2.2 Application Procedure

Push Servers shall be able to receive multiple objects within an OBEX connection. Push Clients may send multiple objects during an OBEX connection. The Push Client uses one PUT operation for each object it wants to send.

Table 4.2 shows the application procedure required by the Push Client to push one or more objects to a Push Server.

Push Client	Details
OBEX CONNECT.	Target Header shall not be used.
One or more OBEX PUTs for sending one or more objects.	
OBEX DISCONNECT	

Table 4.2: Application Layer Procedure for Object Push

For a detailed description of OBEX operations see Section 5.

4.3 Business Card Pull Feature

Although Push Client implementations may support the functionality to pull a business card from a Push Server, Push Servers are not required to support the business card pull feature. Push Servers that do not support business card pull shall be able to respond to pull requests with an error message, see Section 5.6.

4.3.1 Owner's Business Card

Devices that support the business card pull and business card exchange services shall store the owner's business card in the OBEX Default Get Object. Some devices (e.g. public devices) might hold information in the owner's business card that is relevant to the device rather than to the owner of the device.

The Default Get Object does not have a name; instead it is identified by its type. To provide application level interoperability, both the Push Client and the Push Server shall support the vCard 2.1 content format specified in [6].

See [4] for a discussion on the Default Get Object.

4.3.2 Application Procedure Business Card Pull

Table 4.3 shows the application procedure required by the Push Client to perform a Business Card Pull from a Push Server.

Push Client	Details
OBEX CONNECT.	Target Header shall not be used.
OBEX GET vCard of server's business card (default get object).	Type Header shall be set to "text/x-vcard" (case insensitive) . Name Header may be empty or left out entirely, but shall not be issued with an actual value
OBEX DISCONNECT.	

Table 4.3: Application Layer Procedure for Business Card Pull

For a detailed description of OBEX operations see Section 5.

4.4 Business Card Exchange Feature

A Push Client can optionally supply the functionality needed to exchange business cards with a Push Server.

It is optional for the Push Server to support the business card exchange feature. It shall, however, be able to respond to exchange requests with an error message if it does not support business card exchange, see Section 5.6.

4.4.1 Owner's Business Card

See Business Card Pull feature.

4.4.2 Application Procedure Business Card Exchange

Table 4.4 shows the application procedure required by the Push Client to perform a Business Card Exchange with a Push Server.

Push Client	Details
OBEX CONNECT.	Target Header shall not be used.
OBEX PUT vCard with client's business card.	
OBEX GET vCard of server's business card (default get object).	Type Header shall be set to "text/x-vcard" (case insensitive). Name Header may be empty or left out entirely, but shall not be issued with an actual value.

Push Client	Details
OBEX DISCONNECT.	

Table 4.4: Application Layer Procedure for Business Card Exchange

For a detailed description of OBEX operations see [Section 5](#).

5 OBEX

5.1 OBEX Operations Used

Table 5.1 shows the OBEX operations, which are required in the Object Push profile.

OBEX Operation	Push Client	Push Server	Prohibited when using RFCOMM
Connect	M	M	
Disconnect	M	M	
Put	M	M	
Get	O	M	
Abort	M	M	
Action	X	X	Y
Session	O	O*	Y
SetPath	X	X	Y

Table 5.1: OBEX Operations

**Although Optional, the Server must (according to GOEP) respond with an error if the feature is not supported.*

5.2 OBEX Headers

5.2.1 OBEX Headers for the Object Push Feature

Table 5.2 shows the specified OBEX headers which are required in the Object Push profile for the Object Push feature.

OBEX Headers	Push Client	Push Server	Prohibited when using RFCOMM
Count	O	O	
Name	M	M	
Type	O	O	
Length	M	M	
Time	O	O	
Description	O	O	
HTTP	O	O	
Body	M	M	
End of Body	M	M	
Single Response Mode	O	O	Y
Single Response Mode Parameters	C1	C1	Y
Session Parameters	C2	C2	Y
Session Sequence Number	C2	C2	Y

Table 5.2: OBEX Headers used for the Object Push Feature

C1. Mandatory if Single Response Mode supported, otherwise excluded

C2. Mandatory if Session operation supported, otherwise excluded

All other OBEX headers not shown in the above table are excluded from this feature.

5.2.2 OBEX Headers for the Business Card Pull and Exchange Features

Table 5.3 shows the specified OBEX headers which are required in the Object Push profile for the Business Card Pull and Exchange features.

OBEX Headers	Push Client	Push Server	Prohibited when using RFCOMM
Count	O	O	
Name	M	M	
Type	M	M	
Length	M	M	
Time	O	O	
Description	O	O	
HTTP	O	O	
Body	M	M	

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OBEX Headers	Push Client	Push Server	Prohibited when using RFCOMM
End of Body	M	M	
Single Response Mode	O	O	Y
Single Response Mode Parameters	C1	C1	Y
Session Parameters	C2	C2	Y
Session Sequence Number	C2	C2	Y

Table 5.3: OBEX Headers Used for the Business Card Pull and Business Card Exchange Features

C1. Mandatory if Single Response Mode supported, otherwise excluded

C2. Mandatory if Session operation supported, otherwise excluded

All other OBEX headers not shown in the above table are excluded from this feature.

5.3 Initialization of OBEX

Since OBEX authentication is not used by this profile, OBEX initialization is not applicable.

5.4 Establishment of OBEX connection

See Section 5.4.1 in GOEP for a description of OBEX connection establishment without authentication.

The Push Client does not use the target header when establishing an OBEX connection.

5.5 Pushing Data

The Push Client should use the Type Header when pushing objects to the Push Server. Push Servers should accept supported objects if sent without a Type header.

The server may send Single Response Mode Parameters (SRMP) headers according to the “user accept” scenario defined in GOEP.

See Section 5.5 in GOEP.

If the Push Server does not support the object format sent in the Push operation, the Push Server should respond with the error code "Unsupported Media Type". Similarly, if the Push Server supports the object format but cannot handle the size of the object being sent in the Push operation, the Push Server should respond with the error code "Requested entity is too large."

5.6 Pulling Data

In the Object Push Profile, the Push Client only pulls data from the Push Server when it is getting the Default Get Object (owner's business card).

If there is no Default Get Object, the Push Server *shall* respond with the error response code “NOT FOUND” [4]. The Push Client *shall* be able to understand this error response code.

The Push Client shall use the Type Header when getting the Default Get Object from the Push Server.

The Name Header is not used when getting the Default Get Object from the Push Server. If the Push Client sends a non-empty Name header, the Push Server should respond with the response code “FORBIDDEN” [4].

The server may send SRMP headers according to the “user accept” scenario defined in GOEP.

See Section 5.6 in GOEP.

5.7 Disconnection

See Section 5.12 in GOEP.

5.8 Single response mode

When transferring “large” objects and OBEX over L2CAP Single response mode (SRM) should be used. The definition of “large” is implementation-dependent. The Server should use the OBEX Length header to deduce the size of the object being transferred.

5.9 Reliable Sessions

When transferring “large” objects Reliable sessions should be used. The definition of “large” is implementation-dependent. The Server should use the OBEX Length header to deduce the size of the object being transferred.

6 Service Discovery

6.1 SDP Service Records

The SDP service record for the Object Push service is defined in [Table 6.1](#). A Push Client does not provide any SDP service records.

Item	Definition	Type Size	Value*	AttrID	Status	Default Value
Service Class ID List				See [9]	M	
Service Class #0		UUID	OBEXObjectPush		M	
Protocol Descriptor List				See [9]	M	
Protocol ID #0		UUID	L2CAP		M	
Protocol ID #1		UUID	RFCOMM		M	
Param #0	Channel	Uint8	Varies		M	
Protocol ID #2		UUID	OBEX		M	
Service Name	Displayable Text name	String	Varies	See [9]	O	“OBEX Object Push”
BluetoothProfile DescriptorList				See [9]	M	
Profile ID #0	Supported profile	UUID	OBEXObjectPush			OBEXObjectPush [16]
Version #0	Profile version	Uint16	Varies			0x0102
Supported Formats List	Supported Formats List	Data Element Sequence of Uint8	Formats: 0x01 = vCard 2.1 0x02 = vCard 3.0 0x03 = vCal 1.0 0x04 = iCal 2.0 0x05 = vNote (as defined in [9]) 0x06 = vMessage (as defined in [9]) 0xFF = any type of object.	See [9]	M	
GoepL2CapPsm	L2CAP PSM	Uint16	Varies	See [9]	M	

Table 6.1: Object Push Service Record

*Values that are of the type UUID are defined in the Assigned Numbers specification [\[9\]](#).

7 GOEP Interoperability Requirements

This section defines the requirements to interoperate with different versions of GOEP.

Client devices implementing this profile shall implement GOEP v2.0 or later, and follow the GOEP SDP Interoperability Requirements to determine the version of GOEP on the Server device.

The following table shows which IrOBEX version will be used between devices implementing different versions of this profile:

Client	v1.2 or later	Earlier than v1.2
Server		
v1.2 or later	IrOBEX v1.5	IrOBEX v1.2
Earlier than v1.2	IrOBEX v1.2	IrOBEX v1.2

Table 7.1: IrOBEX versions used in this profile

When GOEP v2.0 or later is used, RFCOMM shall not be used to convey OBEX. When GOEP v1.1 is used, L2CAP shall not directly be used to convey OBEX; and features from IrOBEX later than v1.2 shall not be used

8 Normative References

- [1] Core Specification v3.0 or later
- [2] ETSI, TS 07.10, Version 6.3
- [3] SDP Specification
- [4] Infrared Data Association, IrDA Object Exchange Protocol (IrOBEX), Version 1.5 or later
- [5] Infrared Data Association, IrMC (Ir Mobile Communications) Specification with Published Errata, Version 1.1, February 1999
- [6] The Internet Mail Consortium, vCard – The Electronic Business Card Exchange Format, Version 2.1, September 1996
- [7] The Internet Mail Consortium, vCalendar – The Electronic Calendaring and Scheduling Exchange Format, Version 1.0, September 1996
- [8] Generic Access Profile Specification
- [9] Bluetooth SIG Assigned Numbers – Service Discovery
- [10] Generic Object Exchange Profile v2.0
- [11] IrDA Interoperability v2.0

9 Appendix A: OPP over AMP (Informative)

This appendix provides guidance to implementers when using OPP in devices conforming to Bluetooth v3.0 + HS or later.

9.1 OPP using OBEX over L2CAP

When FTP is using OBEX over L2CAP devices should use a high speed AMP when transferring “large” files or many “small” objects. SRM should be used to fully utilize HS capabilities of the devices.

The implementer of an FTP device should consider the use of a high speed AMP when transferring files; the Initiator can initiate a connection over AMP and both the Initiator and the Responder can initiate an L2CAP Move to AMP procedure based on the size of the file.

9.2 OPP using OBEX over RFCOMM

When FTP is using OBEX over RFCOMM, the RFCOMM entity may also be transporting traffic from other profiles. This means the L2CAP Move procedure should be used only if all profiles running over RFCOMM are capable of running over AMP and accept a move onto another logical link. It is recommended that the L2CAP Move procedure not be performed when using OBEX over RFCOMM. Devices should use OBEX over L2CAP as specified in GOEP v2.0 to obtain the benefit of the high speed AMP when using this profile.