



Part E

SERVICE DISCOVERY PROTOCOL (SDP)

This specification defines a protocol for locating services provided by or available through a Bluetooth device.



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The service discovery protocol (SDP) provides a means for applications to discover which services are available and to determine the characteristics of those available services.

1.2 MOTIVATION

Service Discovery in the Bluetooth environment, where the set of services that are available changes dynamically based on the RF proximity of devices in motion, is qualitatively different from service discovery in traditional network-based environments. The service discovery protocol defined in this specification is intended to address the unique characteristics of the Bluetooth environment. See [“Appendix A – Background Information,” on page 368](#), for further information on this topic.

1.3 REQUIREMENTS

The following capabilities have been identified as requirements for version 1.0 of the Service Discovery Protocol.

1. SDP shall provide the ability for clients to search for needed services based on specific attributes of those services.
2. SDP shall permit services to be discovered based on the class of service.
3. SDP shall enable browsing of services without *a priori* knowledge of the specific characteristics of those services.
4. SDP shall provide the means for the discovery of new services that become available when devices enter RF proximity with a client device as well as when a new service is made available on a device that is in RF proximity with the client device.
5. SDP shall provide a mechanism for determining when a service becomes unavailable when devices leave RF proximity with a client device as well as when a service is made unavailable on a device that is in RF proximity with the client device.
6. SDP shall provide for services, classes of services, and attributes of services to be uniquely identified.
7. SDP shall allow a client on one device to discover a service on another device without consulting a third device.
8. SDP should be suitable for use on devices of limited complexity.
9. SDP shall provide a mechanism to incrementally discover information about the services provided by a device. This is intended to minimise the quantity



of data that must be exchanged in order to determine that a particular service is not needed by a client.

10.SDP should support the caching of service discovery information by intermediary agents to improve the speed or efficiency of the discovery process.

11.SDP should be transport independent.

12.SDP shall function while using L2CAP as its transport protocol.

13.SDP shall permit the discovery and use of services that provide access to other service discovery protocols.

14.SDP shall support the creation and definition of new services without requiring registration with a central authority.

1.4 NON-REQUIREMENTS AND DEFERRED REQUIREMENTS

The Bluetooth SIG recognises that the following capabilities are related to service discovery. These items are not addressed in SDP version 1.0. However, some may be addressed in future revisions of the specification.

1. SDP 1.0 does not provide access to services. It only provides access to information about services.
2. SDP 1.0 does not provide brokering of services.
3. SDP 1.0 does not provide for negotiation of service parameters.
4. SDP 1.0 does not provide for billing of service use.
5. SDP 1.0 does not provide the means for a client to control or change the operation of a service.
6. SDP 1.0 does not provide an event notification when services, or information about services, become unavailable.
7. SDP 1.0 does not provide an event notification when attributes of services are modified.
8. This specification does not define an application programming interface for SDP.
9. SDP 1.0 does not provide support for service agent functions such as service aggregation or service registration.

1.5 CONVENTIONS

1.5.1 Bit And Byte Ordering Conventions

When multiple bit fields are contained in a single byte and represented in a drawing in this specification, the more significant (high-order) bits are shown toward the left and less significant (low-order) bits toward the right.

Multiple-byte fields are drawn with the more significant bytes toward the left and the less significant bytes toward the right. Multiple-byte fields are transferred in network byte order. See [Section 4.1 Transfer Byte Order on page 342](#).

2 OVERVIEW

2.1 SDP CLIENT-SERVER INTERACTION

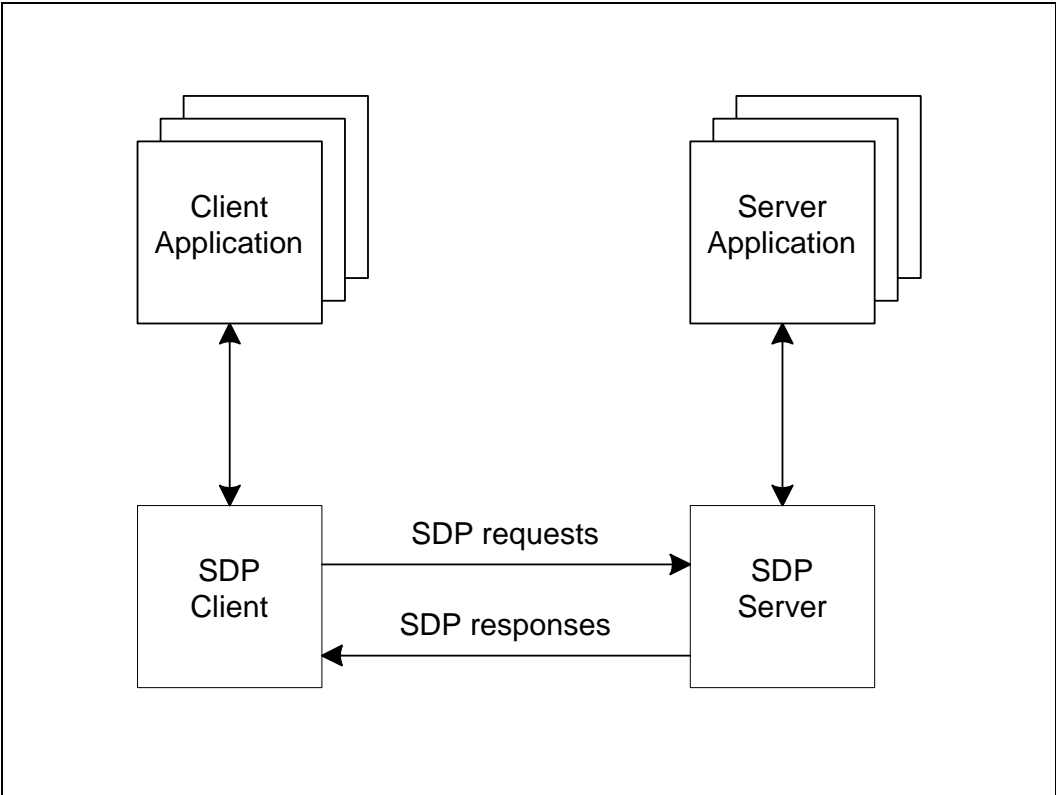


Figure 2.1:

The service discovery mechanism provides the means for client applications to discover the existence of services provided by server applications as well as the attributes of those services. The attributes of a service include the type or class of service offered and the mechanism or protocol information needed to utilise the service.

As far as the Service Discovery Protocol (SDP) is concerned, the configuration shown in Figure 1 may be simplified to that shown in Figure 2.

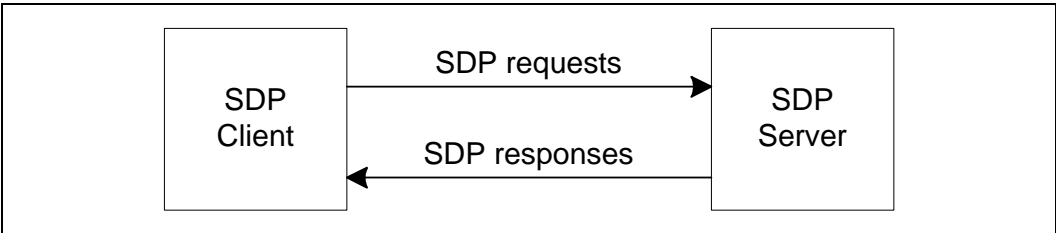


Figure 2.2:



SDP involves communication between an SDP server and an SDP client. The server maintains a list of service records that describe the characteristics of services associated with the server. Each service record contains information about a single service. A client may retrieve information from a service record maintained by the SDP server by issuing an SDP request.

If the client, or an application associated with the client, decides to use a service, it must open a separate connection to the service provider in order to utilise the service. SDP provides a mechanism for discovering services and their attributes (including associated service access protocols), but it does not provide a mechanism for utilising those services (such as delivering the service access protocols).

There is a maximum of one SDP server per Bluetooth device. (If a Bluetooth device acts only as a client, it needs no SDP server.) A single Bluetooth device may function both as an SDP server and as an SDP client. If multiple applications on a device provide services, an SDP server may act on behalf of those service providers to handle requests for information about the services that they provide.

Similarly, multiple client applications may utilise an SDP client to query servers on behalf of the client applications.

The set of SDP servers that are available to an SDP client can change dynamically based on the RF proximity of the servers to the client. When a server becomes available, a potential client must be notified by a means other than SDP so that the client can use SDP to query the server about its services. Similarly, when a server leaves proximity or becomes unavailable for any reason, there is no explicit notification via the service discovery protocol. However, the client may use SDP to poll the server and may infer that the server is not available if it no longer responds to requests.

Additional information regarding application interaction with SDP is contained in the Bluetooth Service Discovery Profile document.



2.2 SERVICE RECORD

A service is any entity that can provide information, perform an action, or control a resource on behalf of another entity. A service may be implemented as software, hardware, or a combination of hardware and software.

All of the information about a service that is maintained by an SDP server is contained within a single service record. The service record consists entirely of a list of service attributes.

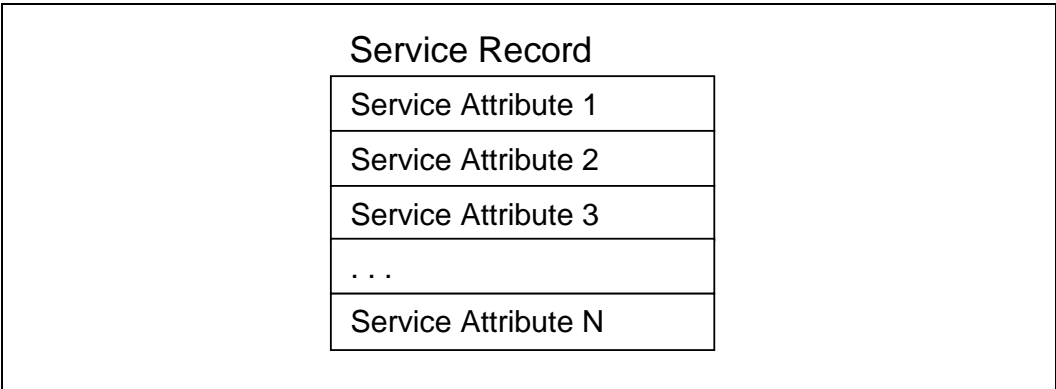


Figure 2.3: Service Record

A *service record handle* is a 32-bit number that uniquely identifies each service record within an SDP server. It is important to note that, in general, each handle is unique only within each SDP server. If SDP server S1 and SDP server S2 both contain identical service records (representing the same service), the service record handles used to reference these identical service records are completely independent. The handle used to reference the service on S1 will be meaningless if presented to S2.

The service discovery protocol does not provide a mechanism for notifying clients when service records are added to or removed from an SDP server. While a connection is established to a server, a service record handle acquired from the server will remain valid unless the service record it represents is removed. If a service is removed from the server, further requests to the server (during the connection in which the service record handle was acquired) using the service's (now stale) record handle will result in an error response indicating an invalid service record handle. An SDP server must ensure that no service record handle values are re-used while a connection remains established. Note that service record handles are known to remain valid across multiple connections while the ServiceDatabaseState attribute value remains unchanged. See the ServiceRecordState and ServiceDatabaseState attributes in [Section 5 Service Attribute Definitions on page 356](#).

There is one service record handle whose meaning is consistent across all SDP servers. This service record handle has the value 0x00000000 and is a handle to the service record that represents the SDP server itself. This service



record contains attributes for the SDP server and the protocol it supports. For example, one of its attributes is the list of SDP protocol versions supported by the server. Service record handle values 0x00000001-0x0000FFFF are reserved.

2.3 SERVICE ATTRIBUTE

Each service attribute describes a single characteristic of a service. Some examples of service attributes are:

ServiceClassIDList	Identifies the type of service represented by a service record. In other words, the list of classes of which the service is an instance.
ServiceID	Uniquely identifies a specific instance of a service
ProtocolDescriptorList	Specifies the protocol stack(s) that may be used to utilise a service
ProviderName	The textual name of the individual or organisation that provides a service
IconURL	Specifies a URL that refers to an icon image that may be used to represent a service
ServiceName	A text string containing a human-readable name for the service
ServiceDescription	A text string describing the service

See [Section 5.1 Universal Attribute Definitions on page 356](#), for attribute definitions that are common to all service records. Service providers can also define their own service attributes.

A service attribute consists of two components: an attribute id and an attribute value.

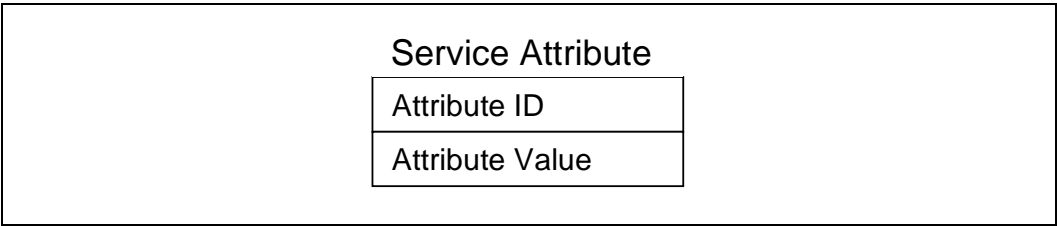


Figure 2.4: Service Attribute



2.4 ATTRIBUTE ID

An attribute id is a 16-bit unsigned integer that distinguishes each service attribute from other service attributes within a service record. The attribute id also identifies the semantics of the associated attribute value.

A service class definition specifies each of the attribute ids for a service class and assigns a meaning to the attribute value associated with each attribute id.

For example, assume that *service class C* specifies that the attribute value associated with attribute id 12345 is a text string containing the date the service was created. Assume further that *service A* is an instance of *service class C*. If *service A*'s service record contains a service attribute with an attribute id of 12345, the attribute value must be a text string containing the date that *service A* was created. However, services that are not instances of *service class C* may assign a different meaning to attribute id 12345.

All services belonging to a given service class assign the same meaning to each particular attribute id. See [Section 2.6 Service Class on page 334](#).

In the Service Discovery Protocol, an attribute id is often represented as a data element. See [Section 3 Data Representation on page 339](#).

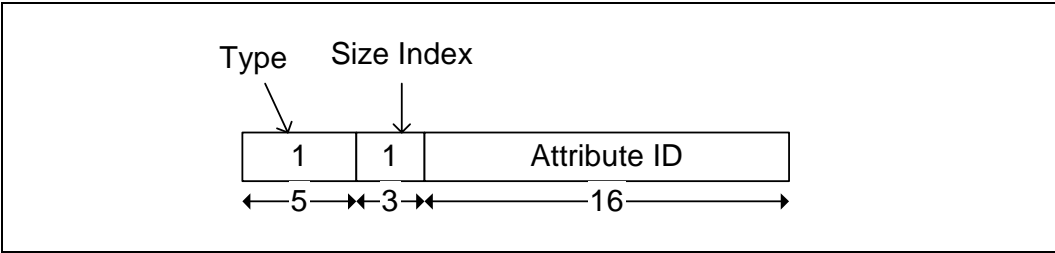


Figure 2.5:

2.5 ATTRIBUTE VALUE

The attribute value is a variable length field whose meaning is determined by the attribute id associated with it and by the service class of the service record in which the attribute is contained. In the Service Discovery Protocol, an attribute value is represented as a data element. (See [Section 3 Data Representation on page 339](#).) Generally, any type of data element is permitted as an attribute value, subject to the constraints specified in the service class definition that assigns an attribute id to the attribute and assigns a meaning to the attribute value. See [Section 5 Service Attribute Definitions on page 356](#), for attribute value examples.

2.6 SERVICE CLASS

Each service is an instance of a service class. The service class definition provides the definitions of all attributes contained in service records that represent instances of that class. Each attribute definition specifies the numeric value of the attribute id, the intended use of the attribute value, and the format of the attribute value. A service record contains attributes that are specific to a service class as well as universal attributes that are common to all services.

Each service class is also assigned a unique identifier. This service class identifier is contained in the attribute value for the *ServiceClassIDList* attribute, and is represented as a UUID (see [Section 2.7.1 UUID on page 335](#)). Since the format and meanings of many attributes in a service record are dependent on the service class of the service record, the *ServiceClassIDList* attribute is very important. Its value should be examined or verified before any class-specific attributes are used. Since all of the attributes in a service record must conform to all of the service's classes, the service class identifiers contained in the *ServiceClassIDList* attribute are related. Typically, each service class is a subclass of another class whose identifier is contained in the list. A service subclass definition differs from its superclass in that the subclass contains additional attribute definitions that are specific to the subclass. The service class identifiers in the *ServiceClassIDList* attribute are listed in order from the most specific class to the most general class.

When a new service class is defined that is a subclass of an existing service class, the new service class retains all of the attributes defined in its superclass. Additional attributes will be defined that are specific to the new service class. In other words, the mechanism for adding new attributes to some of the instances of an existing service class is to create a new service class that is a subclass of the existing service class.

2.6.1 A Printer Service Class Example

A color postscript printer with duplex capability might conform to 4 Service-Class definitions and have a *ServiceClassIDList* with UUIDs (See [Section 2.7.1 UUID on page 335](#).) representing the following ServiceClasses:

```
DuplexColorPostscriptPrinterServiceClassID,  
ColorPostscriptPrinterServiceClassID,  
PostscriptPrinterServiceClassID,  
PrinterServiceClassID
```

Note that this example is only illustrative. This may not be a practical printer class hierarchy.

2.7 SEARCHING FOR SERVICES

Once an SDP client has a service record handle, it may easily request the values of specific attributes, but how does a client initially acquire a service record handle for the desired service records? The Service Search transaction allows a client to retrieve the service record handles for particular service records based on the values of attributes contained within those service records.

The capability search for service records based on the values of arbitrary attributes is not provided. Rather, the capability is provided to search only for attributes whose values are Universally Unique Identifiers¹ (UUIDs). Important attributes of services that can be used to search for a service are represented as UUIDs.

2.7.1 UUID

A UUID is a universally unique identifier that is guaranteed to be unique across all space and all time. UUIDs can be independently created in a distributed fashion. No central registry of assigned UUIDs is required. A UUID is a 128-bit value.

To reduce the burden of storing and transferring 128-bit UUID values, a range of UUID values has been pre-allocated for assignment to often-used, registered purposes. The first UUID in this pre-allocated range is known as the Bluetooth Base UUID and has the value `00000000-0000-1000-7007-00805F9B34FB`, from the Bluetooth Assigned Numbers document. UUID values in the pre-allocated range have aliases that are represented as 16-bit or 32-bit values. These aliases are often called 16-bit and 32-bit UUIDs, but it is important to note that each actually represents a 128-bit UUID value.

The full 128-bit value of a 16-bit or 32-bit UUID may be computed by a simple arithmetic operation.

$$128_bit_value = 16_bit_value * 2^{96} + \text{Bluetooth_Base_UUID}$$

$$128_bit_value = 32_bit_value * 2^{96} + \text{Bluetooth_Base_UUID}$$

A 16-bit UUID may be converted to 32-bit UUID format by zero-extending the 16-bit value to 32-bits. An equivalent method is to add the 16-bit UUID value to a zero-valued 32-bit UUID.

Note that two 16-bit UUIDs may be compared directly, as may two 32-bit UUIDs or two 128-bit UUIDs. If two UUIDs of differing sizes are to be compared, the shorter UUID must be converted to the longer UUID format before comparison.

1. See <http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-leach-uuids-guids-01.txt>.



2.7.2 Service Search Patterns

A service search pattern is a list of UUIDs used to locate matching service records. A service search pattern is said to match a service record if each and every UUID in the service search pattern is contained within any of the service record's attribute values. The UUIDs need not be contained within any specific attributes or in any particular order within the service record. The service search pattern matches if the UUIDs it contains constitute a subset of the UUIDs in the service record's attribute values. The only time a service search pattern does not match a service record is if the service search pattern contains at least one UUID that is not contained within the service record's attribute values. Note also that a valid service search pattern must contain at least one UUID.

2.8 BROWSING FOR SERVICES

Normally, a client searches for services based on some desired characteristic(s) (represented by a UUID) of the services. However, there are times when it is desirable to discover which types of services are described by an SDP server's service records without any *a priori* information about the services. This process of looking for *any* offered services is termed browsing. In SDP, the mechanism for browsing for services is based on an attribute shared by all service classes. This attribute is called the *BrowseGroupList* attribute. The value of this attribute contains a list of UUIDs. Each UUID represents a *browse group* with which a service may be associated for the purpose of browsing.

When a client desires to browse an SDP server's services, it creates a service search pattern containing the UUID that represents the *root browse group*. All services that may be browsed at the top level are made members of the root browse group by having the root browse group's UUID as a value within the *BrowseGroupList* attribute.

Normally, if an SDP server has relatively few services, all of its services will be placed in the root browse group. However, the services offered by an SDP server may be organised in a browse group hierarchy, by defining additional browse groups below the root browse group. Each of these additional browse groups is described by a service record with a service class of *BrowseGroupDescriptor*.

A browse group descriptor service record defines a new browse group by means of its *Group ID* attribute. In order for a service contained in one of these newly defined browse groups to be browseable, the browse group descriptor service record that defines the new browse group must in turn be browseable. The hierarchy of browseable services that is provided by the use of browse group descriptor service records allows the services contained in an SDP server to be incrementally browsed and is particularly useful when the SDP server contains many service records.



2.8.1 Example Service Browsing Hierarchy

Here is a fictitious service browsing hierarchy that may illuminate the manner in which browse group descriptors are used. Browse group descriptor service records are identified with (G); other service records with (S).

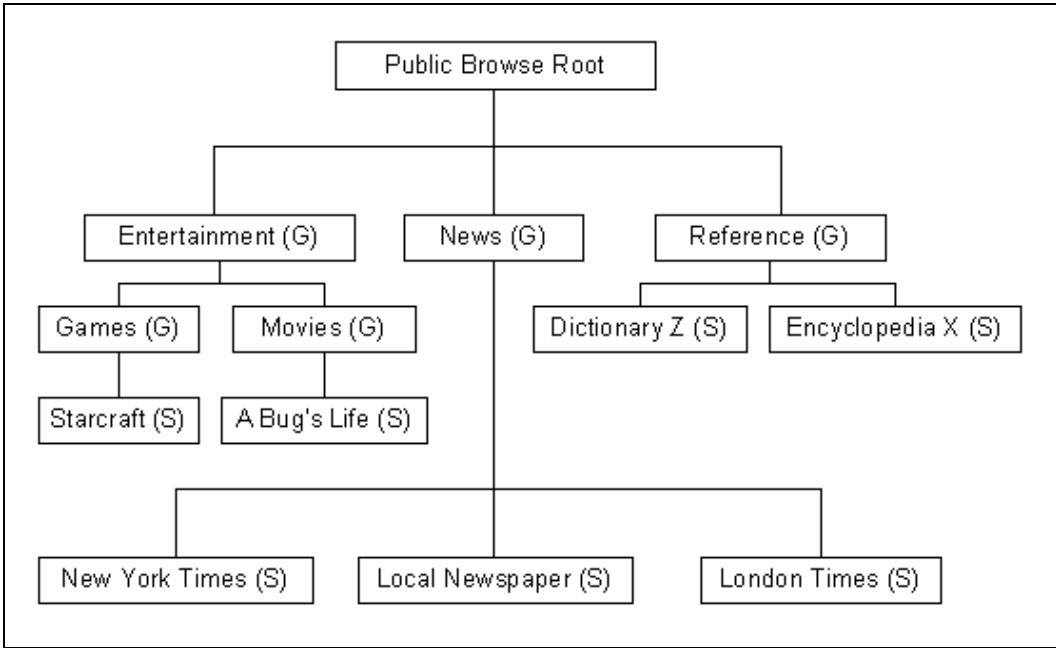


Figure 2.6:

This table shows the services records and service attributes necessary to implement the browse hierarchy.

Service Name	Service Class	Attribute Name	Attribute Value
Entertainment	BrowseGroupDescriptor	BrowseGroupList	PublicBrowseRoot
		GroupID	EntertainmentID
News	BrowsegroupDescriptor	BrowseGroupList	PublicBrowseRoot
		GroupID	NewsID
Reference	BrowseGroupDescriptor	BrowseGroupList	PublicBrowseRoot
		GroupID	ReferenceID
Games	BrowseGroupDescriptor	BrowseGroupList	EntertainmentID
		GroupID	GamesID
Movies	BrowseGroupDescriptor	BrowseGroupList	EntertainmentID
		GroupID	MoviesID
Starcraft	Video Game Class ID	BrowseGroupList	GamesID

Table 2.1:



A Bug's Life	Movie Class ID	BrowseGroupList	MovieID
Dictionary Z	Dictionary Class ID	BrowseGroupList	ReferenceID
Encyclopedia X	Encyclopedia Class ID	BrowseGroupList	ReferenceID
New York Times	Newspaper ID	BrowseGroupList	NewspaperID
London Times	Newspaper ID	BrowseGroupList	NewspaperID
Local Newspaper	Newspaper ID	BrowseGroupList	NewspaperID

Table 2.1:



3 DATA REPRESENTATION

Attribute values can contain information of various types with arbitrary complexity; thus enabling an attribute list to be generally useful across a wide variety of service classes and environments.

SDP defines a simple mechanism to describe the data contained within an attribute value. The primitive construct used is the *data element*.

3.1 DATA ELEMENT

A data element is a typed data representation. It consists of two fields: a header field and a data field. The header field, in turn, is composed of two parts: a type descriptor and a size descriptor. The data is a sequence of bytes whose length is specified in the size descriptor (described in [Section 3.3 Data Element Size Descriptor on page 340](#)) and whose meaning is (partially) specified by the type descriptor.

3.2 DATA ELEMENT TYPE DESCRIPTOR

A data element type is represented as a 5-bit type descriptor. The type descriptor is contained in the most significant (high-order) 5 bits of the first byte of the data element header. The following types have been defined.

Type Descriptor Value	Valid Size Descriptor Values	Type Description
0	0	Nil, the null type
1	0, 1, 2, 3, 4	Unsigned Integer
2	0, 1, 2, 3, 4	Signed twos-complement integer
3	1, 2, 4	UUID, a universally unique identifier
4	5, 6, 7	Text string
5	0	Boolean
6	5, 6, 7	Data element sequence, a data element whose data field is a sequence of data elements
7	5, 6, 7	Data element alternative, data element whose data field is a sequence of data elements from which one data element is to be selected.
8	5, 6, 7	URL, a uniform resource locator
9-31		Reserved

Table 3.1:



3.3 DATA ELEMENT SIZE DESCRIPTOR

The data element size descriptor is represented as a 3-bit size index followed by 0, 8, 16, or 32 bits. The size index is contained in the least significant (low-order) 3 bits of the first byte of the data element header. The size index is encoded as follows.

Size Index	Additional bits	Data Size
0	0	1 byte. Exception: if the data element type is nil, the data size is 0 bytes.
1	0	2 bytes
2	0	4 bytes
3	0	8 bytes
4	0	16 bytes
5	8	The data size is contained in the additional 8 bits, which are interpreted as an unsigned integer.
6	16	The data size is contained in the additional 16 bits, which are interpreted as an unsigned integer.
7	32	The data size is contained in the additional 32 bits, which are interpreted as an unsigned integer.

Table 3.2:



3.4 DATA ELEMENT EXAMPLES

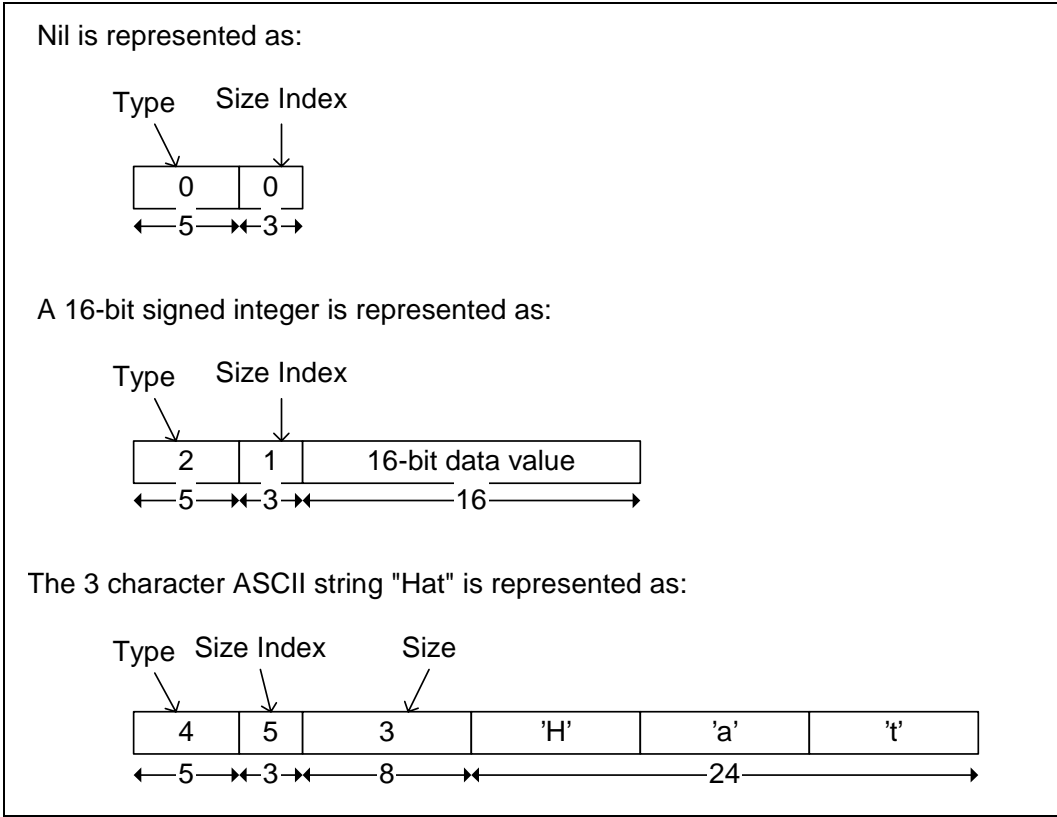


Figure 3.1:

4 PROTOCOL DESCRIPTION

SDP is a simple protocol with minimal requirements on the underlying transport. It can function over a reliable packet transport (or even unreliable, if the client implements timeouts and repeats requests as necessary).

SDP uses a request/response model where each transaction consists of one request protocol data unit (PDU) and one response PDU. However, the requests may potentially be pipelined and responses may potentially be returned out of order.

In the specific case where SDP utilises the Bluetooth L2CAP transport protocol, multiple SDP PDUs may be sent in a single L2CAP packet, but only one L2CAP packet may be outstanding at a given instant. Limiting SDP to sending one unacknowledged packet provides a simple form of flow control.

The protocol examples found in [Appendix B – Example SDP Transactions](#), may be helpful in understanding the protocol transactions.

4.1 TRANSFER BYTE ORDER

The service discovery protocol transfers multiple-byte fields in standard network byte order (big endian), with more significant (high-order) bytes being transferred before less-significant (low-order) bytes.

4.2 PROTOCOL DATA UNIT FORMAT

Every SDP PDU consists of a PDU header followed by PDU-specific parameters. The header contains three fields: a PDU ID, a Transaction ID, and a ParameterLength. Each of these header fields is described here. Parameters may include a continuation state parameter, described below; PDU-specific parameters for each PDU type are described later in separate PDU descriptions.

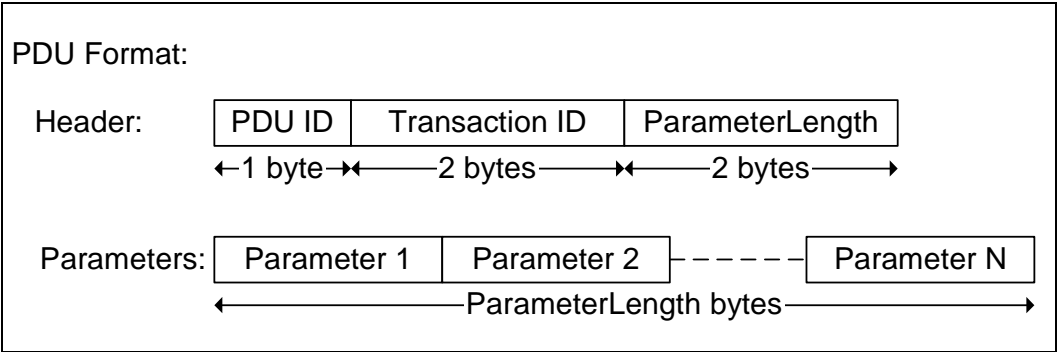


Figure 4.1:

*PDU ID:**Size: 1 Byte*

Value	Parameter Description
N	The PDU ID field identifies the type of PDU. I.e. its meaning and the specific parameters.
0x00	Reserved
0x01	SDP_ErrorResponse
0x02	SDP_ServiceSearchRequest
0x03	SDP_ServiceSearchResponse
0x04	SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest
0x05	SDP_ServiceAttributeResponse
0x06	SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest
0x07	SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse
0x07-0xFF	Reserved

*TransactionID:**Size: 2 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
N	The TransactionID field uniquely identifies request PDUs and is used to match response PDUs to request PDUs. The SDP client can choose any value for a request's TransactionID provided that it is different from all outstanding requests. The TransactionID value in response PDUs is required to be the same as the request that is being responded to. Range: 0x0000 – 0xFFFF

*ParameterLength:**Size: 2 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
N	The ParameterLength field specifies the length (in bytes) of all parameters contained in the PDU. Range: 0x0000 – 0xFFFF



4.3 PARTIAL RESPONSES AND CONTINUATION STATE

Some SDP requests may require responses that are larger than can fit in a single response PDU. In this case, the SDP server will generate a partial response along with a *continuation state* parameter. The continuation state parameter can be supplied by the client in a subsequent request to retrieve the next portion of the complete response. The continuation state parameter is a variable length field whose first byte contains the number of additional bytes of continuation information in the field. The format of the continuation information is not standardised among SDP servers. Each continuation state parameter is meaningful only to the SDP server that generated it.

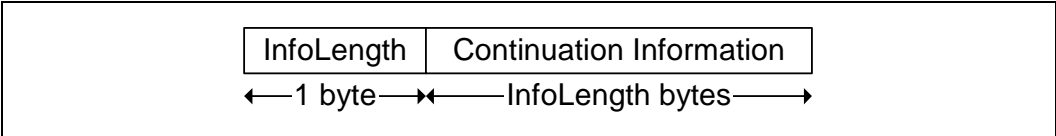


Figure 4.2: Continuation State Format

After a client receives a partial response and the accompanying continuation state parameter, it can re-issue the original request (with a new transaction ID) and include the continuation state in the new request indicating to the server that the remainder of the original response is desired. The maximum allowable value of the InfoLength field is 16 (0x10).

Note that an SDP server can split a response at any arbitrary boundary when it generates a partial response. The SDP server may select the boundary based on the contents of the reply, but is not required to do so.

4.4 ERROR HANDLING

Each transaction consists of a request and a response PDU. Generally, each type of request PDU has a corresponding type of response PDU. However, if the server determines that a request is improperly formatted or for any reason the server cannot respond with the appropriate PDU type, it will respond with an SDP_ErrorResponse PDU.

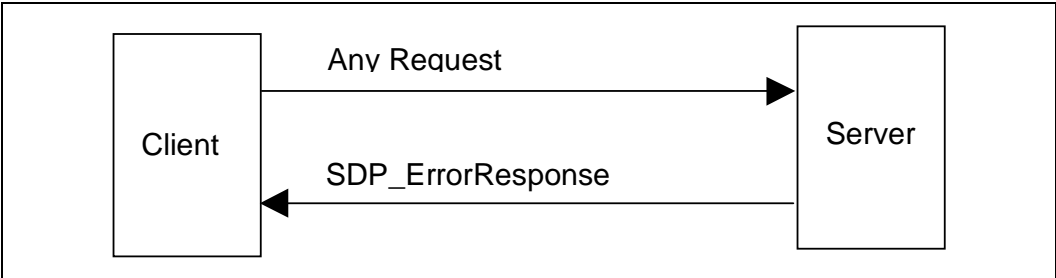


Figure 4.3:

4.4.1 SDP_ErrorResponse PDU

PDU Type	PDU ID	Parameters
SDP_ErrorResponse	0x01	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

Description:

The SDP server generates this PDU type in response to an improperly formatted request PDU or when the SDP server, for whatever reason, cannot generate an appropriate response PDU.

PDU Parameters:

ErrorCode:

Size: 2 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
N	The ErrorCode identifies the reason that an SDP_ErrorResponse PDU was generated.
0x0000	Reserved
0x0001	Invalid/unsupported SDP version
0x0002	Invalid Service Record Handle
0x0003	Invalid request syntax
0x0004	Invalid PDU Size
0x0005	Invalid Continuation State
0x0006-0xFFFF	Reserved

ErrorInfo:

Size: N Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
Error-specific	ErrorInfo is an ErrorCode-specific parameter. Its interpretation depends on the ErrorCode parameter. The currently defined ErrorCode values do not specify the format of an ErrorInfo field.

4.5 SERVICESEARCH TRANSACTION

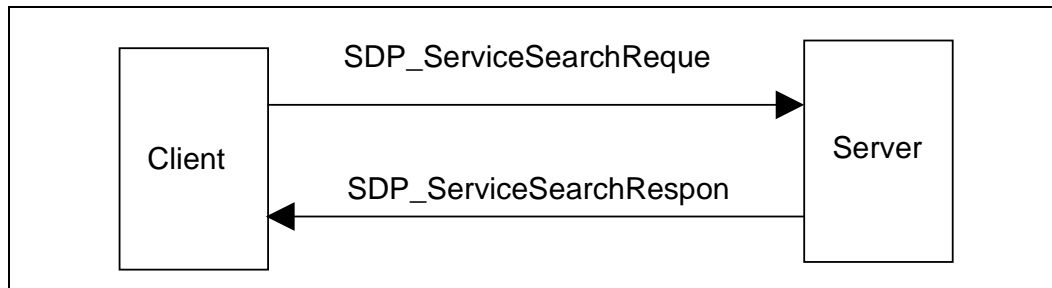


Figure 4.4:

4.5.1 SDP_ServiceSearchRequest PDU

PDU Type	PDU ID	Parameters
SDP_ServiceSearchRequest	0x02	ServiceSearchPattern, MaximumServiceRecordCount, ContinuationState

Description:

The SDP client generates an SDP_ServiceSearchRequest to locate service records that match the service search pattern given as the first parameter of the PDU. Upon receipt of this request, the SDP server will examine its service record data base and return an SDP_ServiceSearchResponse containing the service record handles of service records that match the given service search pattern.

Note that no mechanism is provided to request information for *all* service records. However, see [Section 2.8 Browsing for Services on page 336](#) for a description of a mechanism that permits browsing for non-specific services without *a priori* knowledge of the services.

PDU Parameters:

ServiceSearchPattern:

Size: Varies

Value	Parameter Description
Data Element Sequence	The ServiceSearchPattern is a data element sequence where each element in the sequence is a UUID. The sequence must contain at least one UUID. The maximum number of UUIDs in the sequence is 12*. The list of UUIDs constitutes a service search pattern.

*. The value of 12 has been selected as a compromise between the scope of a service search and the size of a search request PDU. It is not expected that more than 12 UUIDs will be useful in a service search pattern.

*MaximumServiceRecordCount:**Size: 2 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
N	MaximumServiceRecordCount is a 16-bit count specifying the maximum number of service record handles to be returned in the response to this request. The SDP server should not return more handles than this value specifies. If more than N service records match the request, the SDP server determines which matching service record handles to return in the response. Range: 0x0001-0xFFFF

*ContinuationState:**Size: 1 to 17 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
Continuation State	ContinuationState consists of an 8-bit count, N, of the number of bytes of continuation state information, followed by the N bytes of continuation state information that were returned in a previous response from the server. N is required to be less than or equal to 16. If no continuation state is to be provided in the request, N is set to 0.

4.5.2 SDP_ServiceSearchResponse PDU

PDU Type	PDU ID	Parameters
SDP_ServiceSearchResponse	0x03	TotalServiceRecordCount, CurrentServiceRecordCount, ServiceRecordHandleList, ContinuationState

Description:

The SDP server generates an SDP_ServiceSearchResponse upon receipt of a valid SDP_ServiceSearchRequest. The response contains a list of service record handles for service records that match the service search pattern given in the request.

PDU Parameters:

*TotalServiceRecordCount:**Size: 2 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
N	The TotalServiceRecordCount is an integer containing the number of service records that match the requested service search pattern. If no service records match the requested service search pattern, this parameter is set to 0. N should never be larger than the MaximumServiceRecordCount value specified in the SDP_ServiceSearchRequest. When multiple partial responses are used, each partial response contains the same value for TotalServiceRecordCount. Range: 0x0000-0xFFFF

**PDU Parameters:***CurrentServiceRecordCount:**Size: 2 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
N	The CurrentServiceRecordCount is an integer indicating the number of service record handles that are contained in the next parameter. If no service records match the requested service search pattern, this parameter is set to 0. N should never be larger than the TotalServiceRecordCount value specified in the current response. Range: 0x0000-0xFFFF

*ServiceRecordHandleList:**Size: (CurrentServiceRecordCount*4) Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
List of 32-bit handles	The ServiceRecordHandleList contains a list of service record handles. The number of handles in the list is given in the CurrentServiceRecordCount parameter. Each of the handles in the list refers to a service record that matches the requested service search pattern. Note that this list of service record handles does not have the format of a data element. It contains no header fields, only the 32-bit service record handles.

*ContinuationState:**Size: 1 to 17 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
Continuation State	ContinuationState consists of an 8-bit count, N, of the number of bytes of continuation state information, followed by the N bytes of continuation information. If the current response is complete, this parameter consists of a single byte with the value 0. If a partial response is contained in the PDU, the ContinuationState parameter may be supplied in a subsequent request to retrieve the remainder of the response.



4.6 SERVICEATTRIBUTE TRANSACTION

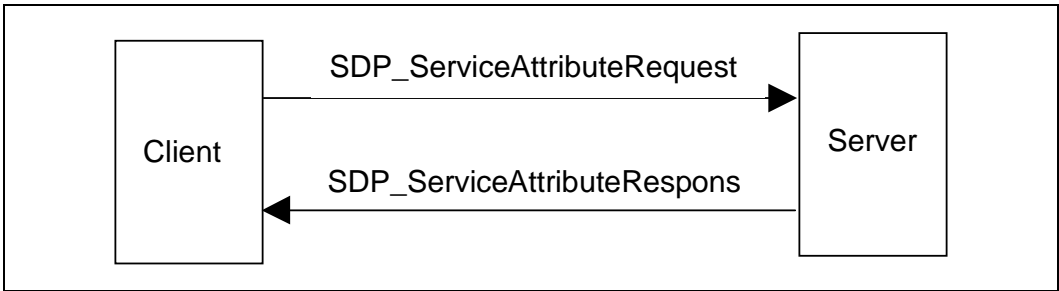


Figure 4.5:

4.6.1 SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest PDU

PDU Type	PDU ID	Parameters
SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest	0x04	ServiceRecordHandle, MaximumAttributeByteCount, AttributeIDList, ContinuationState

Description:

The SDP client generates an SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest to retrieve specified attribute values from a specific service record. The service record handle of the desired service record and a list of desired attribute ids to be retrieved from that service record are supplied as parameters.

Command Parameters:

ServiceRecordHandle: Size: 4 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
32-bit handle	The ServiceRecordHandle parameter specifies the service record from which attribute values are to be retrieved. The handle is obtained via a previous SDP_ServiceSearch transaction.

MaximumAttributeByteCount: Size: 2 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
N	MaximumAttributeByteCount specifies the maximum number of bytes of attribute data to be returned in the response to this request. The SDP server should not return more than N bytes of attribute data in the response. If the requested attribute values require more than N bytes, the SDP server determines how to truncate the list. Range: 0x0007-0xFFFF

*AttributeIDList:**Size: Varies*

Value	Parameter Description
Data Element Sequence	The AttributeIDList is a data element sequence where each element in the list is either an attribute id or a range of attribute ids. Each attribute id is encoded as a 16-bit unsigned integer data element. Each attribute id range is encoded as a 32-bit unsigned integer data element, where the high order 16 bits are interpreted as the beginning attribute id of the range and the low order 16 bits are interpreted as the ending attribute id of the range. The attribute ids contained in the AttributeIDList must be listed in ascending order without duplication of any attribute id values. Note that all attributes may be requested by specifying a range of 0x0000-0xFFFF.

*ContinuationState:**Size: 1 to 17 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
Continuation State	ContinuationState consists of an 8-bit count, N, of the number of bytes of continuation state information, followed by the N bytes of continuation state information that were returned in a previous response from the server. N is required to be less than or equal to 16. If no continuation state is to be provided in the request, N is set to 0.

4.6.2 SDP_ServiceAttributeResponse PDU

PDU Type	PDU ID	Parameters
SDP_ServiceAttributeResponse	0x05	AttributeListByteCount, AttributeList, ContinuationState

Description:

The SDP server generates an SDP_ServiceAttributeResponse upon receipt of a valid SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest. The response contains a list of attributes (both attribute id and attribute value) from the requested service record.

PDU Parameters:

*AttributeListByteCount:**Size: 2 Bytes*

Value	Parameter Description
N	The AttributeListByteCount contains a count of the number of bytes in the AttributeList parameter. N must never be larger than the MaximumAttributeByteCount value specified in the SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest. Range: 0x0002-0xFFFF



AttributeList:

Size: AttributeListByteCount

Value	Parameter Description
Data Element Sequence	The AttributeList is a data element sequence containing attribute ids and attribute values. The first element in the sequence contains the attribute id of the first attribute to be returned. The second element in the sequence contains the corresponding attribute value. Successive pairs of elements in the list contain additional attribute id and value pairs. Only attributes that have non-null values within the service record and whose attribute ids were specified in the SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest are contained in the AttributeList. Neither an attribute id nor an attribute value is placed in the AttributeList for attributes in the service record that have no value. The attributes are listed in ascending order of attribute id value.

ContinuationState:

Size: 1 to 17 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
Continuation State	ContinuationState consists of an 8-bit count, N, of the number of bytes of continuation state information, followed by the N bytes of continuation information. If the current response is complete, this parameter consists of a single byte with the value 0. If a partial response is given, the ContinuationState parameter may be supplied in a subsequent request to retrieve the remainder of the response.

4.7 SERVICESEARCHATTRIBUTE TRANSACTION

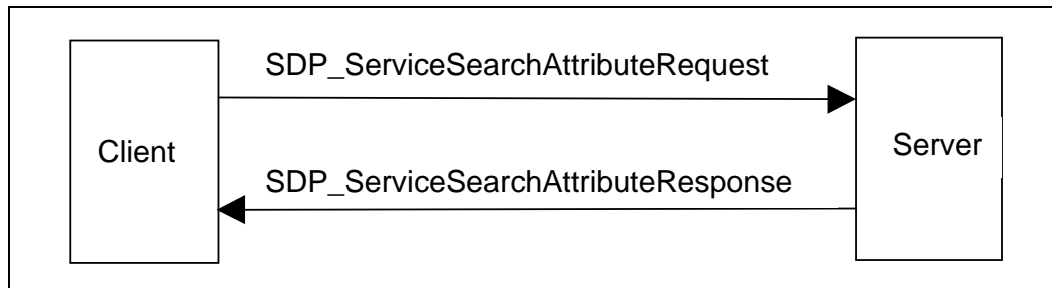


Figure 4.6:

4.7.1 SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest PDU

PDU Type	PDU ID	Parameters
SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest	0x06	ServiceSearchPattern, MaximumAttributeByteCount, AttributeIDList, ContinuationState

Description:

The SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest transaction combines the capabilities of the SDP_ServiceSearchRequest and the SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest into a single request. As parameters, it contains both a service search pattern and a list of attributes to be retrieved from service records that match the service search pattern. The SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest and its response are more complex and may require more bytes than separate SDP_ServiceSearch and SDP_ServiceAttribute transactions. However, using SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest may reduce the total number of SDP transactions, particularly when retrieving multiple service records.

PDU Parameters:

ServiceSearchPattern:

Size: Varies

Value	Parameter Description
Data Element Sequence	The ServiceSearchPattern is a data element sequence where each element in the sequence is a UUID. The sequence must contain at least one UUID. The maximum number of UUIDs in the sequence is 12*. The list of UUIDs constitutes a service search pattern.

*. The value of 12 has been selected as a compromise between the scope of a service search and the size of a search request PDU. It is not expected that more than 12 UUIDs will be useful in a service search pattern.



MaximumAttributeByteCount:

Size: 2 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
N	MaximumAttributeByteCount specifies the maximum number of bytes of attribute data to be returned in the response to this request. The SDP server should not return more than N bytes of attribute data in the response. If the requested attribute values require more than N bytes, the SDP server determines how to truncate the list. Range: 0x0009-0xFFFF

AttributeIDList:

Size: Varies

Value	Parameter Description
Data Element Sequence	The AttributeIDList is a data element sequence where each element in the list is either an attribute id or a range of attribute ids. Each attribute id is encoded as a 16-bit unsigned integer data element. Each attribute id range is encoded as a 32-bit unsigned integer data element, where the high order 16 bits are interpreted as the beginning attribute id of the range and the low order 16 bits are interpreted as the ending attribute id of the range. The attribute ids contained in the AttributeIDList must be listed in ascending order without duplication of any attribute id values. Note that all attributes may be requested by specifying a range of 0x0000-0xFFFF.

ContinuationState:

Size: 1 to 17 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
Continuation State	ContinuationState consists of an 8-bit count, N, of the number of bytes of continuation state information, followed by the N bytes of continuation state information that were returned in a previous response from the server. N is required to be less than or equal to 16. If no continuation state is to be provided in the request, N is set to 0.

4.7.2 SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse PDU

PDU Type	PDU ID	Parameters
SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse	0x07	AttributeListsByteCount, AttributeLists, ContinuationState

Description:

The SDP server generates an SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse upon receipt of a valid SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest. The response contains a list of attributes (both attribute id and attribute value) from the service records that match the requested service search pattern.

PDU Parameters:

AttributeListsByteCount:

Size: 2 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
N	The AttributeListsByteCount contains a count of the number of bytes in the AttributeLists parameter. N must never be larger than the MaximumAttributeByteCount value specified in the SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest. Range: 0x0004-0xFFFF

AttributeLists:

Size: Varies

Value	Parameter Description
Data Element Sequence	The AttributeLists is a data element sequence where each element in turn is a data element sequence representing an attribute list. Each attribute list contains attribute ids and attribute values from one service record. The first element in each attribute list contains the attribute id of the first attribute to be returned for that service record. The second element in each attribute list contains the corresponding attribute value. Successive pairs of elements in each attribute list contain additional attribute id and value pairs. Only attributes that have non-null values within the service record and whose attribute ids were specified in the SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest are contained in the AttributeLists. Neither an attribute id nor attribute value is placed in AttributeLists for attributes in the service record that have no value. Within each attribute list, the attributes are listed in ascending order of attribute id value.



ContinuationState:

Size: 1 to 17 Bytes

Value	Parameter Description
Continuation State	ContinuationState consists of an 8-bit count, N, of the number of bytes of continuation state information, followed by the N bytes of continuation information. If the current response is complete, this parameter consists of a single byte with the value 0. If a partial response is given, the ContinuationState parameter may be supplied in a subsequent request to retrieve the remainder of the response.

5 SERVICE ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS

The service classes and attributes contained in this document are incomplete. Only service classes that directly support the SDP server are included in this document. Additional service classes will be defined in other documents and possibly in future revisions of this document. Also, it is expected that additional attributes will be discovered that are applicable to a broad set of services; these may be added to the list of Universal attributes in future revisions of this document.

5.1 UNIVERSAL ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS

Universal attributes are those service attributes whose definitions are common to all service records. Note that this does not mean that every service record must contain values for all of these service attributes. However, if a service record has a service attribute with an attribute id allocated to a universal attribute, the attribute value must conform to the universal attribute's definition.

Only two attributes are required to exist in every service record instance. They are the ServiceRecordHandle (attribute id 0x0000) and the ServiceClassIDList (attribute id 0x0001). All other service attributes are optional within a service record.

5.1.1 ServiceRecordHandle Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceRecordHandle	0x0000	32-bit unsigned integer

Description:

A *service record handle* is a 32-bit number that uniquely identifies each service record within an SDP server. It is important to note that, in general, each handle is unique only within each SDP server. If SDP server S1 and SDP server S2 both contain identical service records (representing the same service), the service record handles used to reference these identical service records are completely independent. The handle used to reference the service on S1 will, in general, be meaningless if presented to S2.

5.1.2 ServiceClassIDList Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceClassIDList	0x0001	Data Element Sequence

Description:

The ServiceClassIDList attribute consists of a data element sequence in which each data element is a UUID representing the service classes that a given service record conforms to. The UUIDs are listed in order from the most specific class to the most general class. The ServiceClassIDList must contain at least one service class UUID.

5.1.3 ServiceRecordState Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceRecordState	0x0002	32-bit unsigned integer

Description:

The ServiceRecordState is a 32-bit integer that is used to facilitate caching of ServiceAttributes. If this attribute is contained in a service record, its value is guaranteed to change when any other attribute value is added to, deleted from or changed within the service record. This permits a client to check the value of this single attribute. If its value has not changed since it was last checked, the client knows that no other attribute values within the service record have changed.

5.1.4 ServiceID Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceID	0x0003	UUID

Description:

The ServiceID is a UUID that universally and uniquely identifies the service instance described by the service record. This service attribute is particularly useful if the same service is described by service records in more than one SDP server.



5.1.5 ProtocolDescriptorList Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ProtocolDescriptorList	0x0004	Data Element Sequence or Data Element Alternative

Description:

The ProtocolDescriptorList attribute describes one or more protocol stacks that may be used to gain access to the service described by the service record.

If the ProtocolDescriptorList describes a single stack, it takes the form of a data element sequence in which each element of the sequence is a protocol descriptor. Each protocol descriptor is, in turn, a data element sequence whose first element is a UUID identifying the protocol and whose successive elements are protocol-specific parameters. Potential protocol-specific parameters are a protocol version number and a connection-port number. The protocol descriptors are listed in order from the lowest layer protocol to the highest layer protocol used to gain access to the service.

If it is possible for more than one kind of protocol stack to be used to gain access to the service, the ProtocolDescriptorList takes the form of a data element alternative where each member is a data element sequence as described in the previous paragraph.

Protocol Descriptors

A protocol descriptor identifies a communications protocol and provides protocol-specific parameters. A protocol descriptor is represented as a data element sequence. The first data element in the sequence must be the UUID that identifies the protocol. Additional data elements optionally provide protocol-specific information, such as the L2CAP protocol/service multiplexer (PSM) and the RFCOMM server channel number (CN) shown below.

ProtocolDescriptorList Examples

These examples are intended to be illustrative. The parameter formats for each protocol are not defined within this specification.

In the first two examples, it is assumed that a single RFCOMM instance exists on top of the L2CAP layer. In this case, the L2CAP protocol specific information (PSM) points to the single instance of RFCOMM. In the last example, two different and independent RFCOMM instances are available on top of the L2CAP layer. In this case, the L2CAP protocol specific information (PSM) points to a distinct identifier that distinguishes each of the RFCOMM instances. According to the L2CAP specification, this identifier takes values in the range 0x1000-0xFFFF.



IrDA-like printer

((L2CAP, PSM=RFCOMM), (RFCOMM, CN=1), (PostscriptStream)

IP Network Printing

((L2CAP, PSM=RFCOMM), (RFCOMM, CN=2), (PPP), (IP), (TCP),
(IPP))

Synchronisation Protocol Descriptor Example

((L2CAP, PSM=0x1001), (RFCOMM, CN=1), (Obex), (vCal))

((L2CAP, PSM=0x1002), (RFCOMM, CN=1), (Obex),
(otherSynchronisationApplication))

5.1.6 BrowseGroupList Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
BrowseGroupList	0x0005	Data Element Sequence

Description:

The BrowseGroupList attribute consists of a data element sequence in which each element is a UUID that represents a browse group to which the service record belongs. The top-level browse group ID, called PublicBrowseRoot and representing the root of the browsing hierarchy, has the value 00001002-0000-1000-7007-00805F9B34FB (UUID16: 0x1002) from the Bluetooth Assigned Numbers document.

5.1.7 LanguageBaseAttributeIDList Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
LanguageBaseAttributeIDList	0x0006	Data Element Sequence

Description:

In order to support human-readable attributes for multiple natural languages in a single service record, a base attribute ID is assigned for each of the natural languages used in a service record. The human-readable universal attributes are then defined with an attribute ID offset from each of these base values, rather than with an absolute attribute ID.

The LanguageBaseAttributeIDList attribute is a list in which each member contains a language identifier, a character encoding identifier, and a base attribute



ID for each of the natural languages used in the service record. The LanguageBaseAttributeIDList attribute consists of a data element sequence in which each element is a 16-bit unsigned integer. The elements are grouped as triplets (threes).

The first element of each triplet contains an identifier representing the natural language. The language is encoded according to ISO 639:1988 (E/F): “Code for the representation of names of languages”.

The second element of each triplet contains an identifier that specifies a character encoding used for the language. Values for character encoding can be found in IANA's database, <http://www.isi.edu/in-notes/iana/assignments/character-sets>, and have the values that are referred to as MIBEnum values. The recommended character encoding is UTF-8.

The third element of each triplet contains an attribute ID that serves as the base attribute ID for the natural language in the service record. Different service records within a server may use different base attribute ID values for the same language.

To facilitate the retrieval of human-readable universal attributes in a principal language, the base attribute ID value for the primary language supported by a service record must be 0x0100. Also, if a LanguageBaseAttributeIDList attribute is contained in a service record, the base attribute ID value contained in its first element must be 0x0100.

5.1.8 ServiceInfoTimeToLive Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceInfoTimeToLive	0x0007	32-bit unsigned integer

Description:

The ServiceTimeToLive attribute is a 32-bit integer that contains the number of seconds for which the information in a service record is expected to remain valid and unchanged. This time interval is measured from the time that the attribute value is retrieved from the SDP server. This value does not imply a guarantee that the service record will remain available or unchanged. It is simply a hint that a client may use to determine a suitable polling interval to re-validate the service record contents.

5.1.9 ServiceAvailability Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceAvailability	0x0008	8-bit unsigned integer

Description:

The ServiceAvailability attribute is an 8-bit unsigned integer that represents the relative ability of the service to accept additional clients. A value of 0xFF represents maximum availability, while a value of 0x00 means that the service is completely unavailable. Intermediate values indicate relative availability between these extremes. A non-zero value of this attribute does not guarantee that the service will be available for use. It should be treated as a hint or expectation of availability status.

5.1.10 BluetoothProfileDescriptorList Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
BluetoothProfileDescriptorList	0x0009	Data Element Sequence

Description:

The BluetoothProfileDescriptorList attribute consists of a data element sequence in which each element is a profile descriptor that contains information about a Bluetooth profile to which the service represented by this service record conforms. Each profile descriptor is a data element sequence whose first element is the UUID assigned to the profile and whose second element is a 16-bit profile version number.

Each version of a profile is assigned a 16-bit unsigned integer profile version number, which consists of two 8-bit fields. The higher-order 8 bits contain the major version number field and the lower-order 8 bits contain the minor version number field. The initial version of each profile has a major version of 1 and a minor version of 0. When upward compatible changes are made to the profile, the minor version number will be incremented. If incompatible changes are made to the profile, the major version number will be incremented.

5.1.11 DocumentationURL Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
DocumentationURL	0x000A	URL

Description:

This attribute is a URL which points to documentation on the service described by a service record.

5.1.12 ClientExecutableURL Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ClientExecutableURL	0x000B	URL

Description:

This attribute contains a URL that refers to the location of an application that may be used to utilise the service described by the service record. Since different operating environments require different executable formats, a mechanism has been defined to allow this single attribute to be used to locate an executable that is appropriate for the client device's operating environment. In the attribute value URL, the first byte with the value 0x2A (ASCII character '*') is to be replaced by the client application with a string representing the desired operating environment before the URL is to be used.

The list of standardised strings representing operating environments is contained in the Bluetooth Assigned Numbers document.

For example, assume that the value of the ClientExecutableURL attribute is `http://my.fake/public/*/client.exe`. On a device capable of executing SH3 WindowsCE files, this URL would be changed to `http://my.fake/public/sh3-microsoft-wince/client.exe`. On a device capable of executing Windows 98 binaries, this URL would be changed to `http://my.fake/public/i86-microsoft-win98/client.exe`.

5.1.13 IconURL Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
IconURL	0x000C	URL

Description:

This attribute contains a URL that refers to the location of an icon that may be used to represent the service described by the service record. Since different hardware devices require different icon formats, a mechanism has been defined to allow this single attribute to be used to locate an icon that is appropriate for the client device. In the attribute value URL, the first byte with the value 0x2A (ASCII character ‘*’) is to be replaced by the client application with a string representing the desired icon format before the URL is to be used.

The list of standardised strings representing icon formats is contained in the Bluetooth Assigned Numbers document.

For example, assume that the value of the IconURL attribute is `http://my.fake/public/icons/*`. On a device that prefers 24 x 24 icons with 256 colours, this URL would be changed to `http://my.fake/public/icons/24x24x8.png`. On a device that prefers 10 x 10 monochrome icons, this URL would be changed to `http://my.fake/public/icons/10x10x1.png`.

5.1.14 ServiceName Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID Offset	Attribute Value Type
ServiceName	0x0000	String

Description:

The ServiceName attribute is a string containing the name of the service represented by a service record. It should be brief and suitable for display with an Icon representing the service. The offset 0x0000 must be added to the attribute id base (contained in the LanguageBaseAttributeIDList attribute) in order to compute the attribute id for this attribute.

5.1.15 ServiceDescription Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID Offset	Attribute Value Type
ServiceDescription	0x0001	String

Description:

This attribute is a string containing a brief description of the service. It should be less than 200 characters in length. The offset 0x0001 must be added to the attribute id base (contained in the LanguageBaseAttributeIDList attribute) in order to compute the attribute id for this attribute.

5.1.16 ProviderName Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID Offset	Attribute Value Type
ProviderName	0x0002	String

Description:

This attribute is a string containing the name of the person or organisation providing the service. The offset 0x0002 must be added to the attribute id base (contained in the LanguageBaseAttributeIDList attribute) in order to compute the attribute id for this attribute.

5.1.17 Reserved Universal Attribute IDs

Attribute IDs in the range of 0x000D-0x01FF are reserved.



5.2 SERVICEDISCOVERYSERVER SERVICE CLASS
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS

This service class describes service records that contain attributes of service discovery server itself. The attributes listed in this section are only valid if the ServiceClassIDList attribute contains the ServiceDiscoveryServerServiceClassID. Note that all of the universal attributes may be included in service records of the ServiceDiscoveryServer class.

5.2.1 ServiceRecordHandle Attribute

Described in the universal attribute definition for ServiceRecordHandle.

Value

A 32-bit integer with the value 0x000000000.

5.2.2 ServiceClassIDList Attribute

Described in the universal attribute definition for ServiceClassIDList.

Value

A UUID representing the ServiceDiscoveryServerServiceClassID.

5.2.3 VersionNumberList Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
VersionNumberList	0x0200	Data Element Sequence

Description:

The VersionNumberList is a data element sequence in which each element of the sequence is a version number supported by the SDP server.

A version number is a 16-bit unsigned integer consisting of two fields. The higher-order 8 bits contain the major version number field and the low-order 8 bits contain the minor version number field. The initial version of SDP has a major version of 1 and a minor version of 0. When upward compatible changes are made to the protocol, the minor version number will be incremented. If incompatible changes are made to SDP, the major version number will be incremented. This guarantees that if a client and a server support a common major version number, they can communicate if each uses only features of the specification with a minor version number that is supported by both client and server.

5.2.4 ServiceDatabaseState Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceDatabaseState	0x0201	32-bit unsigned integer

Description:

The ServiceDatabaseState is a 32-bit integer that is used to facilitate caching of service records. If this attribute exists, its value is guaranteed to change when any of the other service records are added to or deleted from the server's database. If this value has not changed since the last time a client queried its value, the client knows that a) none of the other service records maintained by the SDP server have been added or deleted; and b) any service record handles acquired from the server are still valid. A client should query this attribute's value when a connection to the server is established, prior to using any service record handles acquired during a previous connection.

5.2.5 Reserved Attribute IDs

Attribute IDs in the range of 0x0202-0x02FF are reserved.



5.3 BROWSEGROUPDESCRIPTOR SERVICE CLASS
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS

This service class describes the ServiceRecord provided for each BrowseGroupDescriptor service offered on a Bluetooth device. The attributes listed in this section are only valid if the ServiceClassIDList attribute contains the BrowseGroupDescriptorServiceClassID. Note that all of the universal attributes may be included in service records of the BrowseGroupDescriptor class.

5.3.1 ServiceClassIDList Attribute

Described in the universal attribute definition for ServiceClassIDList.

Value

A UUID representing the BrowseGroupDescriptorServiceClassID.

5.3.2 GroupID Attribute

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
GroupID	0x0200	UUID

Description:

This attribute contains a UUID that can be used to locate services that are members of the browse group that this service record describes.

5.3.3 Reserved Attribute IDs

Attribute IDs in the range of 0x0201-0x02FF are reserved.

APPENDIX A – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A.1. Service Discovery

As computing continues to move to a network-centric model, finding and making use of services that may be available in the network becomes increasingly important. Services can include common ones such as printing, paging, FAX-ing, and so on, as well as various kinds of information access such as teleconferencing, network bridges and access points, eCommerce facilities, and so on — most any kind of service that a server or service provider might offer. In addition to the need for a standard way of discovering available services, there are other considerations: getting access to the services (finding and obtaining the protocols, access methods, “drivers” and other code necessary to utilise the service), controlling access to the services, advertising the services, choosing among competing services, billing for services, and so on. This problem is widely recognised; many companies, standards bodies and consortia are addressing it at various levels in various ways. Service Location Protocol (SLP), JiniTM, and SalutationTM, to name just a few, all address some aspect of service discovery.

A.2. Bluetooth Service Discovery

Bluetooth Service Discovery Protocol (SDP) addresses service discovery specifically for the Bluetooth environment. It is optimised for the highly dynamic nature of Bluetooth communications. SDP focuses primarily on discovering services available from or through Bluetooth devices. SDP does not define methods for accessing services; once services are discovered with SDP, they can be accessed in various ways, depending upon the service. This might include the use of other service discovery and access mechanisms such as those mentioned above; SDP provides a means for other protocols to be used along with SDP in those environments where this can be beneficial. While SDP can coexist with other service discovery protocols, it does not require them. In Bluetooth environments, services can be discovered using SDP and can be accessed using other protocols defined by Bluetooth.

APPENDIX B – EXAMPLE SDP TRANSACTIONS

The following are simple examples of typical SDP transactions. These are meant to be illustrative of SDP flows. The examples do not consider:

- Caching (in a caching system, the SDP client would make use of the ServiceRecordState and ServiceDatabaseState attributes);
- Service availability (if this is of interest, the SDP client should use the ServiceAvailability and/or ServiceTimeToLive attributes);
- SDP versions (the VersionNumberList attribute could be used to determine compatible SDP versions);
- SDP Error Responses (an SDP error response is possible for any SDP request that is in error); and
- Communication connection (the examples assume that an L2CAP connection is established).

The examples are meant to be illustrative of the protocol. The format used is `ObjectName[ObjectSizeInBytes] {SubObjectDefinitions}`, but this is not meant to illustrate an interface. The `ObjectSizeInBytes` is the size of the object in decimal. The `SubObjectDefinitions` (inside of `{}` characters) are components of the immediately enclosing object. Hexadecimal values shown as lower-case letters, such as for transaction IDs and service handles, are variables (the particular value is not important for the illustration, but each such symbol always represents the same value). Comments are included in this manner:

```
/* comment text */.
```

B.1. SDP Example 1 – ServiceSearchRequest

The first example is that of an SDP client searching for a generic printing service. The client does not specify a particular type of printing service. In the example, the SDP server has two available printing services. The transaction illustrates:

1. SDP client to SDP server: `SDP_ServiceSearchRequest`, specifying the `PrinterServiceClassID` (represented as a `DataElement` with a 32-bit UUID value of `ppp . . . ppp`) as the only element of the `ServiceSearchPattern`. The `PrinterServiceClassID` is assumed to be a 32-bit UUID and the data element type for it is illustrated. The `TransactionID` is illustrated as `tttt`.
2. SDP server to SDP client: `SDP_ServiceSearchResponse`, returning handles to two printing services, represented as `qqqqqqqq` for the first printing service and `rrrrrrrr` for the second printing service. The `TransactionID` is the same value as supplied by the SDP client in the corresponding request (`tttt`).

```
/* Sent from SDP Client to SDP server */
SDP_ServiceSearchRequest[15] {
  PDUID[1] {
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        0x02
    }
    TransactionID[2] {
        0xtttt
    }
    ParameterLength[2] {
        0x000A
    }
    ServiceSearchPattern[7] {
        DataElementSequence[7] {
            0b00110 0b101 0x05
            UUID[5] {
                /* PrinterServiceClassID */
                0b00011 0b010 0xpppppppp
            }
        }
    }
    MaximumServiceRecordCount[2] {
        0x0003
    }
    ContinuationState[1] {
        /* no continuation state */
        0x00
    }
}

/* Sent from SDP server to SDP client */
SDP_ServiceSearchResponse[16] {
    PDUID[1] {
        0x03
    }
    TransactionID[2] {
        0xtttt
    }
    ParameterLength[2] {
        0x000D
    }
    TotalServiceRecordCount[2] {
        0x0002
    }
    CurrentServiceRecordCount[2] {
        0x0002
    }
    ServiceRecordHandleList[8] {
        /* print service 1 handle */
        0xqqqqqqqq
        /* print service 2 handle */
        0xrrrrrrrr
    }
    ContinuationState[1] {
        /* no continuation state */
        0x00
    }
}

```

B.2. SDP Example 2 – ServiceAttributeTransaction

The second example continues the first example. In Example 1, the SDP client obtained handles to two printing services. In Example 2, the client uses one of those service handles to obtain the ProtocolDescriptorList attribute for that printing service. The transaction illustrates:

1. SDP client to SDP server: SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest, presenting the previously obtained service handle (the one denoted as `qqqqqqqq`) and specifying the ProtocolDescriptorList attribute ID (AttributeID 0x0004) as the only attribute requested (other attributes could be retrieved in the same transaction if desired). The TransactionID is illustrated as `uuuu` to distinguish it from the TransactionID of Example 1.
2. SDP server to SDP client: SDP_ServiceAttributeResponse, returning the ProtocolDescriptorList for the specified printing service. This protocol stack is assumed to be (L2CAP), (RFCOMM, 2), (PostscriptStream). The ProtocolDescriptorList is a data element sequence, in which each element is, in turn, a data element sequence whose first element is a UUID representing the protocol and whose subsequent elements are protocol-specific parameters. In this example, one such parameter is included for the RFCOMM protocol, an 8-bit value indicating RFCOMM server channel 2. The Transaction ID is the same value as supplied by the SDP client in the corresponding request (`uuuu`). The Attributes returned are illustrated as a data element sequence where the protocol descriptors are 32-bit UUIDs and the RFCOMM server channel is a data element with an 8-bit value of 2.

```
/* Sent from SDP Client to SDP server */
SDP_ServiceAttributeRequest[17] {
  PDUID[1] {
    0x04
  }
  TransactionID[2] {
    0xuuuu
  }
  ParameterLength[2] {
    0x000C
  }
  ServiceRecordHandle[4] {
    0xqqqqqqqq
  }
  MaximumAttributeByteCount[2] {
    0x0080
  }
  AttributeIDList[5] {
    DataElementSequence[5] {
      0b00110 0b101 0x03
      AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0004
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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ContinuationState[1] {
    /* no continuation state */
    0x00
}
}

/* Sent from SDP server to SDP client */
SDP_ServiceAttributeResponse[36] {
    PDUID[1] {
        0x05
    }
    TransactionID[2] {
        0xuuuu
    }
    ParameterLength[2] {
        0x0021
    }
    AttributeListByteCount[2] {
        0x001E
    }
    AttributeList[30] {
        DataElementSequence[30] {
            0b00110 0b101 0x1C
            Attribute[28] {
                AttributeID[3] {
                    0b00001 0b001 0x0004
                }
                AttributeValue[25] {
                    /* ProtocolDescriptorList */
                    DataElementSequence[25] {
                        0b00110 0b101 0x17
                        /* L2CAP protocol descriptor */
                        DataElementSequence[7] {
                            0b00110 0b101 0x05
                            UUID[5] {
                                /* L2CAP Protocol UUID */
                                0b00011 0b010 <32-bit L2CAP UUID>
                            }
                        }
                    }
                    /* RFCOMM protocol descriptor */
                    DataElementSequence[9] {
                        0b00110 0b101 0x07
                        UUID[5] {
                            /* RFCOMM Protocol UUID */
                            0b00011 0b010 <32-bit RFCOMM UUID>
                        }
                    }
                    /* parameter for server 2 */
                    Uint8[2] {
                        0b00001 0b000 0x02
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        /* PostscriptStream protocol descriptor */
        DataElementSequence[7] {
            0b00110 0b101 0x05
            UUID[5] {
                /* PostscriptStream Protocol UUID */
                0b00011 0b010 <32-bit PostscriptStream UUID>
            }
        }
    }
}

```



```
    }
  }
}
ContinuationState[1] {
  /* no continuation state */
  0x00
}
```

B.3. SDP Example 3 – ServiceSearchAttributeTransaction

The third example is a form of service browsing, although it is not generic browsing in that it does not make use of SDP browse groups. Instead, an SDP client is searching for available Synchronisation services that can be presented to the user for selection. The SDP client does not specify a particular type of synchronisation service. In the example, the SDP server has three available synchronisation services: an address book synchronisation service and a calendar synchronisation service (both from the same provider), and a second calendar synchronisation service from a different provider. The SDP client is retrieving the same attributes for each of these services; namely, the data formats supported for the synchronisation service (vCard, vCal, iCal, etc.) and those attributes that are relevant for presenting information to the user about the services. Also assume that the maximum size of a response is 400 bytes. Since the result is larger than this, the SDP client will repeat the request supplying a continuation state parameter to retrieve the remainder of the response. The transaction illustrates:

1. SDP client to SDP server: `SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest`, specifying the generic `SynchronisationServiceClassID` (represented as a data element whose 32-bit UUID value is `sss . . . sss`) as the only element of the `ServiceSearchPattern`. The `SynchronisationServiceClassID` is assumed to be a 32-bit UUID. The requested attributes are the `ServiceRecordHandle` (attribute ID 0x0000), `ServiceClassIDList` (attribute ID 0x0001), `IconURL` (attribute ID 0x000C), `ServiceName` (attribute ID 0x0100), `ServiceDescription` (attribute ID 0x0101), and `ProviderName` (attribute ID 0x0102) attributes; as well as the service-specific `SupportedDataStores` (AttributeID 0x0301). Since the first two attribute IDs (0x0000 and 0x0001) and three other attribute IDs (0x0100, 0x0101, and 0x0102) are consecutive, they are specified as attribute ranges. The `TransactionID` is illustrated as `vvvv` to distinguish it from the `TransactionIDs` of the other Examples.

Note that values in the service record's primary language are requested for the text attributes (`ServiceName`, `ServiceDescription` and `ProviderName`) so that absolute attribute IDs may be used, rather than adding offsets to a base obtained from the `LanguageBaseAttributeIDList` attribute.

2. SDP server to SDP client: `SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse`, returning the specified attributes for each of the three synchronisation services. In the example, each `ServiceClassIDList` is assumed to contain a single element, the generic `SynchronisationServiceClassID` (a 32-bit UUID represented as `sss...sss`). Each of the other attributes contain illustrative data in the example (the strings have illustrative text; the icon URLs are illustrative, for each of the respective three synchronisation services; and the `SupportedDataStore` attribute is represented as an unsigned 8-bit integer where 0x01 = vCard2.1, 0x02 = vCard3.0, 0x03 = vCal1.0 and 0x04 = iCal). Note that one of the service records (the third for which data is returned) has no `ServiceDescription` attribute. The attributes are returned as a data element sequence, where each element is in turn a data element sequence repre-



sending a list of attributes. Within each attribute list, the ServiceClassIDList is a data element sequence while the remaining attributes are single data elements. The Transaction ID is the same value as supplied by the SDP client in the corresponding request (0000). Since the entire result cannot be returned in a single response, a non-null continuation state is returned in this first response.

Note that the total length of the initial data element sequence (487 in the example) is indicated in the first response, even though only a portion of this data element sequence (368 bytes in the example, as indicated in the AttributeLists byte count) is returned in the first response. The remainder of this data element sequence is returned in the second response (without an additional data element header).

3. SDP client to SDP server: SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest, with the same parameters as in step 1, except that the continuation state received from the server in step 2 is included as a request parameter. The TransactionID is changed to 0000 to distinguish it from previous request.
4. SDP server to SDP client: SDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse, with the remainder of the result computed in step 2 above. Since all of the remaining result fits in this second response, a null continuation state is included.

```
/* Part 1 -- Sent from SDP Client to SDP server */
SdpSDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest[33] {
  PDUID[1] {
    0x06
  }
  TransactionID[2] {
    0xvvvv
  }
  ParameterLength[2] {
    0x001B
  }
  ServiceSearchPattern[7] {
    DataElementSequence[7] {
      0b00110 0b101 0x05
      UUID[5] {
        /* SynchronisationServiceClassID */
        0b00011 0b010 0xssssssss
      }
    }
  }
  MaximumAttributeByteCount[2] {
    0x0180
  }
  AttributeIDList[18] {
    DataElementSequence[18] {
      0b00110 0b101 0x0D
      AttributeIDRange[5] {
        0b00001 0b010 0x00000001
      }
      AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x000C
      }
    }
  }
}
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    }
    AttributeIDRange[5] {
        0b00001 0b010 0x01000102
    }
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0301
    }
}
ContinuationState[1] {
    /* no continuation state */
    0x00
}
}

/* Part 2 -- Sent from SDP server to SDP client */
SdpSDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse[384] {
    PDUID[1] {
        0x07
    }
    TransactionID[2] {
        0xvvvv
    }
    ParameterLength[2] {
        0x017B
    }
    AttributeListByteCount[2] {
        0x0170
    }
    AttributeLists[368] {
        DataElementSequence[487] {
            0b00110 0b110 0x01E4
            DataElementSequence[178] {
                0b00110 0b101 0xB0
                Attribute[8] {
                    AttributeID[3] {
                        0b00001 0b001 0x0000
                    }
                    AttributeValue[5] {
                        /* service record handle */
                        0b00001 0b010 0xhhhhhhhh
                    }
                }
                Attribute[10] {
                    AttributeID[3] {
                        0b00001 0b001 0x0001
                    }
                    AttributeValue[7] {
                        DataElementSequence[7] {
                            0b00110 0b101 0x07
                            UUID[5] {
                                /* SynchronisationServiceClassID */
                                0b00011 0b010 0xssssssss
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        Attribute[35] {

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        AttributeID[3] {
            0b00001 0b001 0x000C
        }
        AttributeValue[32] {
            /* IconURL; '*' replaced by client application */
            0b01000 0b101 0x1E
            "http://Synchronisation/icons/*"
        }
    }
    Attribute[22] {
        AttributeID[3] {
            0b00001 0b001 0x0100
        }
        AttributeValue[19] {
            /* service name */
            0b00100 0b101 0x11
            "Address Book Sync"
        }
    }
    Attribute[59] {
        AttributeID[3] {
            0b00001 0b001 0x0101
        }
        AttributeValue[56] {
            /* service description */
            0b00100 0b101 0x36
            "Synchronisation Service for"
            " vCard Address Book Entries"
        }
    }
    Attribute[37] {
        AttributeID[3] {
            0b00001 0b001 0x0102
        }
        AttributeValue[34] {
            /* service provider */
            0b00100 0b101 0x20
            "Synchronisation Specialists Inc."
        }
    }
    Attribute[5] {
        AttributeID[3] {
            0b00001 0b001 0x0301
        }
        AttributeValue[2] {
            /* Supported Data Store 'phonebook' */
            0b00001 0b000 0x01
        }
    }
}
DataElementSequence[175] {
    0b00110 0b101 0xAD
    Attribute[8] {
        AttributeID[3] {
            0b00001 0b001 0x0000
        }
        AttributeValue[5] {

```



```

        /* service record handle */
        0b00001 0b010 0xmmmmmmmm
    }
}
Attribute[10] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0001
    }
    AttributeValue[7] {
        DataElementSequence[7] {
            0b00110 0b101 0x07
            UUID[5] {
                /* SynchronisationServiceClassID */
                0b00011 0b010 0xssssssss
            }
        }
    }
}
Attribute[35] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x000C
    }
    AttributeValue[32] {
        /* IconURL; '*' replaced by client application */
        0b01000 0b101 0x1E
        "http://Synchronisation/icons/*"
    }
}
Attribute[21] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0100
    }
    AttributeValue[18] {
        /* service name */
        0b00100 0b101 0x10
        "Appointment Sync"
    }
}
Attribute[57] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0101
    }
    AttributeValue[54] {
        /* service description */
        0b00100 0b101 0x34
        "Synchronisation Service for"
        " vCal Appointment Entries"
    }
}
Attribute[37] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0102
    }
    AttributeValue[34] {
        /* service provider */
        0b00100 0b101 0x20
        "Synchronisation Specialists Inc."
    }
}

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    }
  }
  Attribute[5] {
    AttributeID[3] {
      0b00001 0b001 0x0301
    }
    AttributeValue[2] {
      /* Supported Data Store 'calendar' */
      0b00001 0b000 0x03
    }
  }
}
/* } Data element sequence of attribute lists */
/* is not completed in this PDU. */
}
ContinuationState[9] {
  /* 8 bytes of continuation state */
  0x08 0xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
}
}

/* Part 3 -- Sent from SDP Client to SDP server */
SdpSDP_ServiceSearchAttributeRequest[41] {
  PDUID[1] {
    0x06
  }
  TransactionID[2] {
    0xwww
  }
  ParameterLength[2] {
    0x0024
  }
  ServiceSearchPattern[7] {
    DataElementSequence[7] {
      0b00110 0b101 0x05
      UUID[5] {
        /* SynchronisationServiceClassID */
        0b00011 0b010 0xssssssss
      }
    }
  }
  MaximumAttributeByteCount[2] {
    0x0180
  }
  AttributeIDList[18] {
    DataElementSequence[18] {
      0b00110 0b101 0x0D
      AttributeIDRange[5] {
        0b00001 0b010 0x00000001
      }
      AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x000C
      }
      AttributeIDRange[5] {
        0b00001 0b010 0x01000102
      }
      AttributeID[3] {

```



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        0b00001 0b001 0x0301
    }
}
ContinuationState[9] {
    /* same 8 bytes of continuation state */
    /* received in part 2 */
    0x08 0xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
}
}

```

Part 4 -- Sent from SDP server to SDP client

```

SdpSDP_ServiceSearchAttributeResponse[115] {
    PDUID[1] {
        0x07
    }
    TransactionID[2] {
        0xwww
    }
    ParameterLength[2] {
        0x006E
    }
    AttributeListByteCount[2] {
        0x006B
    }
    AttributeLists[107] {
        /* Continuing the data element sequence of */
        /* attribute lists begun in Part 2. */
        DataElementSequence[107] {
            0b00110 0b101 0x69
            Attribute[8] {
                AttributeID[3] {
                    0b00001 0b001 0x0000
                }
                AttributeValue[5] {
                    /* service record handle */
                    0b00001 0b010 0xffffffff
                }
            }
            Attribute[10] {
                AttributeID[3] {
                    0b00001 0b001 0x0001
                }
                AttributeValue[7] {
                    DataElementSequence[7] {
                        0b00110 0b101 0x05
                        UUID[5] {
                            /* SynchronisationServiceClassID */
                            0b00011 0b010 0xxxxxxxx
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
            Attribute[35] {
                AttributeID[3] {
                    0b00001 0b001 0x000C
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
    AttributeValue[32] {
        /* IconURL; '*' replaced by client application */
        0b01000 0b101 0x1E
        "http://DevManufacturer/icons/*"
    }
}
Attribute[18] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0100
    }
    AttributeValue[15] {
        /* service name */
        0b00100 0b101 0x0D
        "Calendar Sync"
    }
}
Attribute[29] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0102
    }
    AttributeValue[26] {
        /* service provider */
        0b00100 0b101 0x18
        "Device Manufacturer Inc."
    }
}
Attribute[5] {
    AttributeID[3] {
        0b00001 0b001 0x0301
    }
    AttributeValue[2] {
        /* Supported Data Store 'calendar' */
        0b00001 0b000 0x03
    }
}
/* This completes the data element sequence */
/* of attribute lists begun in Part 2.
}
ContinuationState[1] {
    /* no continuation state */
    0x00
}
}

```

