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Foreword

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Introduction

63 The *WBEM Discovery Using the SLP* specification defines WBEM Discovery using the Service Location
64 Protocol (SLP) Version 2.

65 The Service Location Protocol is defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) in [RFC 2608](#). The
66 reader is expected to have a working knowledge of SLP and WBEM.

67 This specification, along with the *WBEM SLP Template* ([DSP0206](#)), is the complete specification for
68 WBEM Discovery using SLP.

69 WBEM Discovery Using the Service Location Protocol (SLP)

70 1 Scope

71 This specification describes an efficient method for WBEM Clients to discover WBEM Servers and WBEM
72 Server capabilities.

73 The objectives of this specification are to:

- 74 • provide a mechanism that allows WBEM Clients to discover WBEM Servers
- 75 • use existing standards and protocols for rapid development and deployment
- 76 • provide a mechanism that scales from small environments to enterprise environments
- 77 • provide WBEM Clients sufficient information in the advertisement to determine the WBEM
78 Servers to communicate with
- 79 • scope the level of advertisement to avoid security holes

80 The Service Location Protocol provides a flexible and scalable framework for providing clients,
81 represented by User Agents, with access to information about the existence, location, and configuration
82 of services, represented by Service Agents.

83 Traditionally, clients have had to know the name and access method of services. The SLP eliminates the
84 need for a client to know the name and access point of services. With SLP the client supplies a request
85 for the desired type of service. The client receives information regarding the requested services.

86 The SLP uses Directory Agents that offer a centralized repository for advertised services. This allows the
87 SLP to scale from very small to very large environments.

88 WBEM Servers acting as Service Agents advertise their services. WBEM Clients acting as User Agents
89 query for the WBEM Server(s). A Directory Agent may be deployed in environments where there are
90 many User and Service Agents.

91 2 Normative References

92 The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated or
93 versioned references, only the edition cited (including any corrigenda or DMTF update versions) applies.
94 For references without a date or version, the latest published edition of the referenced document
95 (including any corrigenda or DMTF update versions) applies.

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113 **3 Terms and Definitions**

114 For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

115 **3.1**

116 **can**

117 used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical, or causal

118 **3.2**

119 **cannot**

120 used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical or causal

121 **3.3**

122 **conditional**

123 indicates requirements to be followed strictly in order to conform to the document when the specified
124 conditions are met

125 **3.4**

126 **mandatory**

127 indicates requirements to be followed strictly in order to conform to the document and from which no
128 deviation is permitted

129 **3.5**

130 **may**

131 indicates a course of action permissible within the limits of the document

132 **3.6**

133 **need not**

134 indicates a course of action permissible within the limits of the document

135 **3.7**

136 **optional**

137 indicates a course of action permissible within the limits of the document

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139 **shall**

140 indicates requirements to be followed strictly in order to conform to the document and from which no
141 deviation is permitted

- 142 **3.9**
143 **shall not**
144 indicates requirements to be followed strictly in order to conform to the document and from which no
145 deviation is permitted
- 146 **3.10**
147 **should**
148 indicates that among several possibilities, one is recommended as particularly suitable, without
149 mentioning or excluding others, or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required
- 150 **3.11**
151 **should not**
152 indicates that a certain possibility or course of action is deprecated but not prohibited

153 **4 Symbols and Abbreviated Terms**

154 The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this document.

- 155 **4.1**
156 **CIM**
157 Common Information Model
- 158 **4.2**
159 **DA**
160 Directory Agent
- 161 **4.3**
162 **SA**
163 Service Agent
- 164 **4.4**
165 **SLP**
166 Service Location Protocol
- 167 **4.5**
168 **UA**
169 User Agent
- 170 **4.6**
171 **WBEM**
172 Web-Based Enterprise Management

173 **5 WBEM Discovery using the SLP**

- 174 This specification defines a mechanism that allows WBEM Servers to advertise their service access point
175 and capabilities using the SLP.
- 176 This specification supports all versions of the WBEM SLP template.
- 177 This specification requires the information in a *WBEM SLP Template* specification to be complete.
- 178 A WBEM Server shall be a Service Agent as defined by the SLP.

- 179 A WBEM Server shall advertise its services using the *WBEM SLP Template*.
- 180 A WBEM Server shall provide values for each required property in the *WBEM SLP Template*.
- 181 A WBEM Server should support all attributes listed in the *WBEM SLP Template*.
- 182 A WBEM Server shall provide a separate SLP advertisement for each remote service access point. For
183 example, if the WBEM Server supports both WS-Management and CIM-XML using HTTPS, two SLP
184 advertisements are required.
- 185 The SLP advertisement contains a single unique ID for a WBEM Server as defined in the Service ID
186 section of the *WBEM SLP Template*. The entry in the service-location-tcp attribute defines the
187 address/port/CommunicationMechanism that a WBEM Server is advertising.
- 188 A WBEM Server shall reregister the advertisement before the time period expires as defined in the SLP.
- 189 A WBEM Server should deregister any advertisements on shutdown.
- 190 A WBEM Server on initialization shall advertise its services.
- 191 If the attributes change, a WBEM Server shall update the advertisement. If a WBEM Server registered
192 with a DA, it shall update the DA.
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ANNEX A
 (informative)

Change Log

Version	Date	Description
1.0.0	2009-07-29	
1.0.1	2014-01-16	DMTF Standard, with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove reference to specific CIM Class and make generic. • Support all versions of the WBEM SLP Template.

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