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Foreword

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245 tems management and interoperability.

246

Introduction

247 The information in this specification should be sufficient for a provider or consumer of this data to
248 unambiguously identify the classes, properties, methods, and values that shall be instantiated and
249 manipulated to represent and manage a host system, its resources, and related services, and to create
250 and manipulate virtual systems. The target audience for this specification is implementers who are writing
251 CIM-based providers or consumers of management interfaces that represent the components described
252 in this document.

System Virtualization Profile

1 Scope

This profile is an autonomous profile that specifies the minimum top-level object model needed for the representation of host systems and the discovery of hosted virtual computer systems. In addition, it specifies a service for the manipulation of virtual computer systems and their resources, including operations for the creation, deletion, and modification of virtual computer systems and operations for the addition or removal of virtual resources to or from virtual computer systems.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

DMTF DSP0004, *CIM Infrastructure Specification 2.5*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP0004_2.5.pdf

DMTF DSP0200, *CIM Operations over HTTP 1.3*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP0200_1.3.pdf

DMTF DSP0201, *Representation of CIM in XML 2.3*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP0201_2.3.pdf

DMTF DSP1001, *Management Profile Specification Usage Guide 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1001_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1012, *Boot Control Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1012_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1022, *CPU Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1022_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1027, *Power State Management Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1027_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1033, *Profile Registration Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1033_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1041, *Resource Allocation Profile 1.1*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1041_1.1.pdf

DMTF DSP1043, *Allocation Capabilities Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1043_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1044, *Processor Device Resource Virtualization Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1044_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1045, *Memory Resource Virtualization Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1045_1.0.pdf

DMTF DSP1047, *Storage Resource Virtualization Profile 1.0*
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1047_1.0.pdf

- 290 DMTF DSP1052, *Computer System Profile 1.0*
291 http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1052_1.0.pdf
- 292 DMTF DSP1053, *Base Metrics profile 1.0*
293 http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1053_1.0.pdf
- 294 DMTF DSP1057, *Virtual System Profile 1.0*
295 http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1057_1.0.pdf
- 296 DMTF DSP1059, *Generic Device Resource Virtualization Profile 1.0*
297 http://www.dmtf.org/standards/published_documents/DSP1059_1.0.pdf
- 298 ISO/IEC Directives, Part2:2004, *Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards*,
299 <http://isotc.iso.org/livelink/livelink.exe?func=ll&objId=4230456&objAction=browse&sort=subtype>

300 **3 Terms and definitions**

301 For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. For the purposes of this
302 document, the terms and definitions in [DSP1033](#) and [DSP1001](#) also apply.

303 **3.1**

304 **can**

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

306 **3.2**

307 **cannot**

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

309 **3.3**

310 **conditional**

311 indicates requirements to be followed strictly in order to conform to the document and from which no
312 deviation is permitted, when the specified conditions are met

313 **3.4**

314 **mandatory**

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

317 **3.5**

318 **may**

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

320 **3.6**

321 **need not**

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

323 **3.7**

324 **optional**

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

3.8**referencing profile**

indicates a profile that owns the definition of this class and can include a reference to this profile in its "Related Profiles" table

3.9**shall**

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

3.10**shall not**

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

3.11**should**

indicates that among several possibilities, one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others, or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required

3.12**should not**

indicates that a certain possibility or course of action is deprecated but not prohibited

3.13**unspecified**

indicates that this profile does not define any constraints for the referenced CIM element

3.14**implementation**

a set of software components that realize the classes that are specified or specialized by this profile

3.15**client**

application that exploits facilities specified by this profile

3.16**this profile**

a reference to this DMTF management profile: DSP1042 (System Virtualization Profile)

3.17**virtualization platform**

virtualizing infrastructure provided by a host system that enables the deployment of virtual systems

3.18**WBEM service**

A component that provides a service accessible through a WBEM protocol. A single WBEM service instance may be used by multiple WBEM client instances. The term WBEM service is used to denote the entire set of components on the server side that is needed to provide the service. For example, in typical WBEM infrastructures this includes a CIM object manager and a set of CIM providers.

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this document.

4.1

RASD

resource allocation setting data

4.2

SLP

service location protocol

4.3

VS

virtual system

4.4

VSSD

virtual system setting data

5 Synopsis

Profile Name: *System Virtualization*

Version: 1.0.0

Organization: DMTF

CIM Schema Version: 2.22

Central Class: CIM_System

Scoping Class: CIM_System

This profile is an autonomous profile that defines the minimum object model for the representation of host systems. It identifies component profiles that address the allocation of resources. It extends the object model for the representation of virtual systems and virtual resources defined in [DSP1057](#).

The central instance and the scoping instance of this profile shall be an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system.

Table 1 lists DMTF management profiles that this profile depends on, or that may be used in the context of this profile.

Table 1 – Related Profiles

Profile Name	Organization	Version	Relationship	Description
<i>Profile Registration</i>	DMTF	1.0	Mandatory	The DMTF management profile that describes the registration of DMTF management profiles; see 7.2.

Profile Name	Organization	Version	Relationship	Description
<i>Virtual System</i>	DMTF	1.0	Mandatory	The autonomous DMTF management profile that specifies the minimum object model needed for the inspection and basic manipulation of a virtual system; see 7.3.
<i>Processor Device Resource Virtualization</i>	DMTF	1.0	Conditional	The component DMTF management profile that specifies the allocation of processor resources; see 7.2.2.
<i>Memory Resource Virtualization</i>	DMTF	1.0	Conditional	The component DMTF management profile that specifies the allocation of memory resources; see 7.2.2.
<i>Storage Adapter Resource Virtualization</i>	DMTF	1.0	Conditional	The component DMTF management profile that specifies the allocation of storage adapter resources; see 7.2.2.
<i>Generic Device Resource Virtualization</i>	DMTF	1.0	Conditional	The component DMTF management profile that specifies the allocation of generic resources; see 7.2.2.

6 Description

This clause contains informative text only.

This profile defines a top-level object model for the inspection and control of system virtualization facilities provided by host systems. It supports the following range of functions:

- the detection of host systems that provide system virtualization facilities
- the discovery of scoped host resources
- the discovery of scoped resource pools
- the inspection of host system capabilities for
 - the creation and manipulation of virtual systems
 - the allocation of resources of various types
- the inspection of resource pool capabilities
- the discovery of hosted virtual systems
- the inspection of relationships between host entities (host systems, host resources, and resource pools) and virtual entities (virtual systems and virtual resources)
- the creation and manipulation of virtual systems using input configurations, predefined configurations available at the host system, or both
- the creation and manipulation of snapshots that capture the configuration and state of a virtual system at a particular point in time

6.1 Profile relationships

A client that is exploiting system virtualization facilities specified by this profile needs to be virtualization aware. The specified model keeps that knowledge at an abstract level that is independent of a particular system virtualization platform implementation or technology.

- 417 This profile complements [DSP1057](#).
- 418 • This profile focuses on virtualization aspects related to host systems and their resources, such
419 as modeling the relationships between host resources and virtual resources. Further it
420 addresses virtualization-specific tasks such as the creation or modification of virtual systems
421 and their configurations.
 - 422 • [DSP1057](#) defines a top-level object model for the inspection and basic operation of virtual
423 systems. It is a specialization of [DSP1052](#) that defines a management interface for general-
424 purpose computer systems. Consequently, the interface specified for the basic inspection and
425 operation of virtual systems is conformant with that specified for real systems. A client that is
426 exploiting capabilities specified by [DSP1052](#) with respect to virtual systems that are instrument
427 conformant with [DSP1057](#) can inherently handle virtual systems like real systems without being
428 virtualization aware.
- 429 Figure 1 shows the structure of DMTF management profiles related to system virtualization.

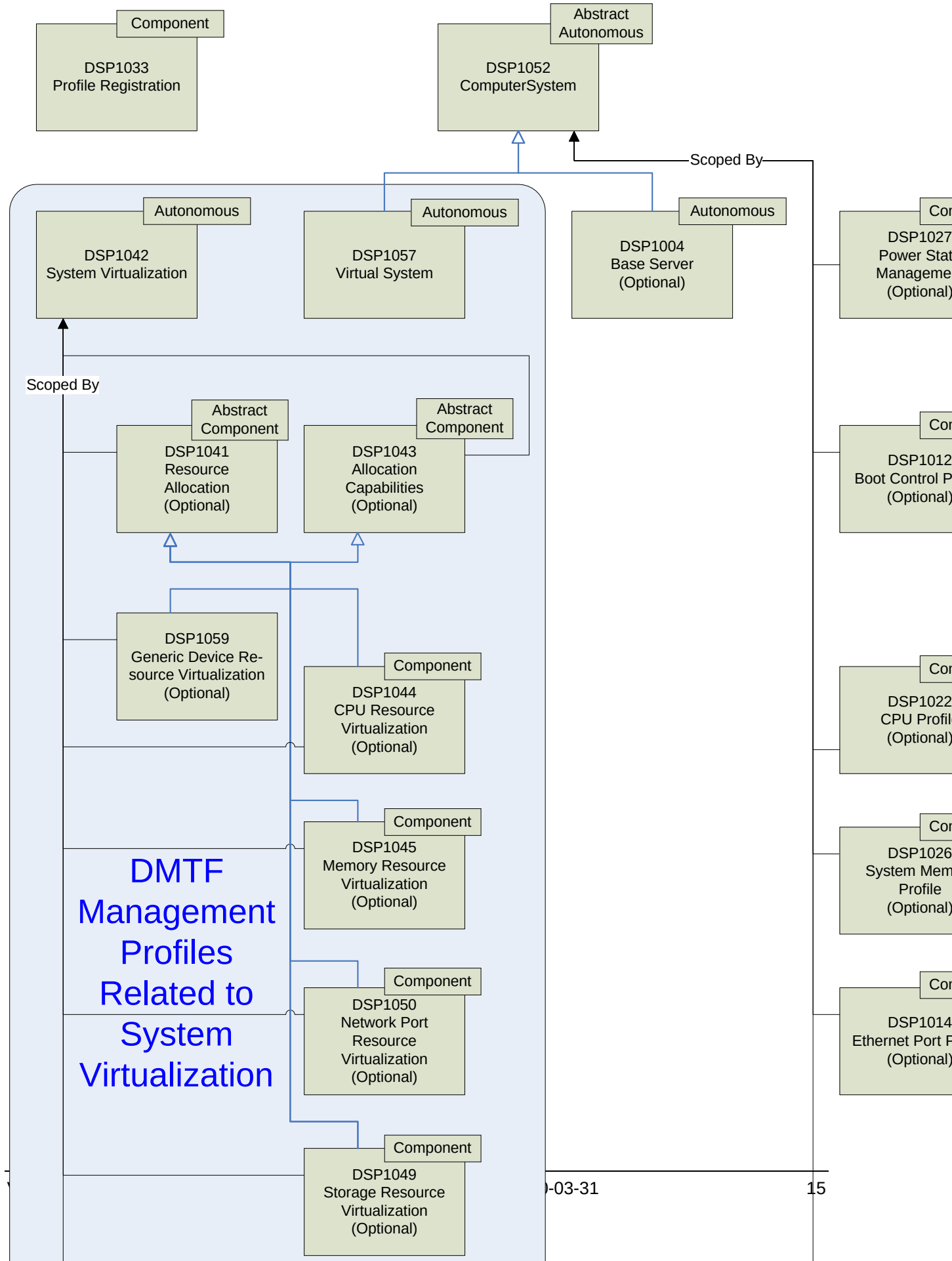


Figure 1 – Profiles related to system virtualization

For example, an implementation that instruments a virtualization platform may implement some of the following DMTF management profiles:

- This profile
 - This profile enables the inspection of host systems, their resources, their capabilities, and their services for creation and manipulation of virtual systems.
- [DSP1057](#)
 - [DSP1057](#) enables the inspection of and basic operations on virtual systems.
- Resource-type-specific profiles
 - Resource-type-specific profiles enable the inspection and operation of resources for one particular resource type. They apply to both virtual and host resources; they do not cover virtualization-specific aspects of resources. A client may exploit resource-type-specific profiles for the inspection and manipulation of virtual and host resources in a similar manner.
- Resource allocation profiles
 - Resource allocation profiles enable the inspection and management of resource allocation requests, allocated resources, and resources available for allocation. Resource allocation profiles are based on [DSP1041](#) and on [DSP1043](#). Resource allocation profiles are scoped by this profile. A client may exploit resource allocation profiles for the inspection of
 - allocated resources
 - allocation dependencies that virtual resources have on host resources and resource pools
 - capabilities that describe possible values for allocation requests
 - capabilities that describe the mutability of resource allocations
 - For some resource types, specific resource allocation profiles are specified that address resource-type-specific resource allocation aspects and capabilities. Examples are [DSP1044](#) and [DSP1047](#).
 - The management of the allocation of basic virtual resources that are not covered by a resource-type-specific resource allocation profile is specified in [DSP1059](#).

6.2 System virtualization class schema

Figure 2 shows the complete class schema of this profile. It outlines elements that are specified or specialized by this profile, as well as the dependency relationships between elements of this profile and other profiles. For simplicity in diagrams, the prefix *CIM_* has been removed from class and association names.

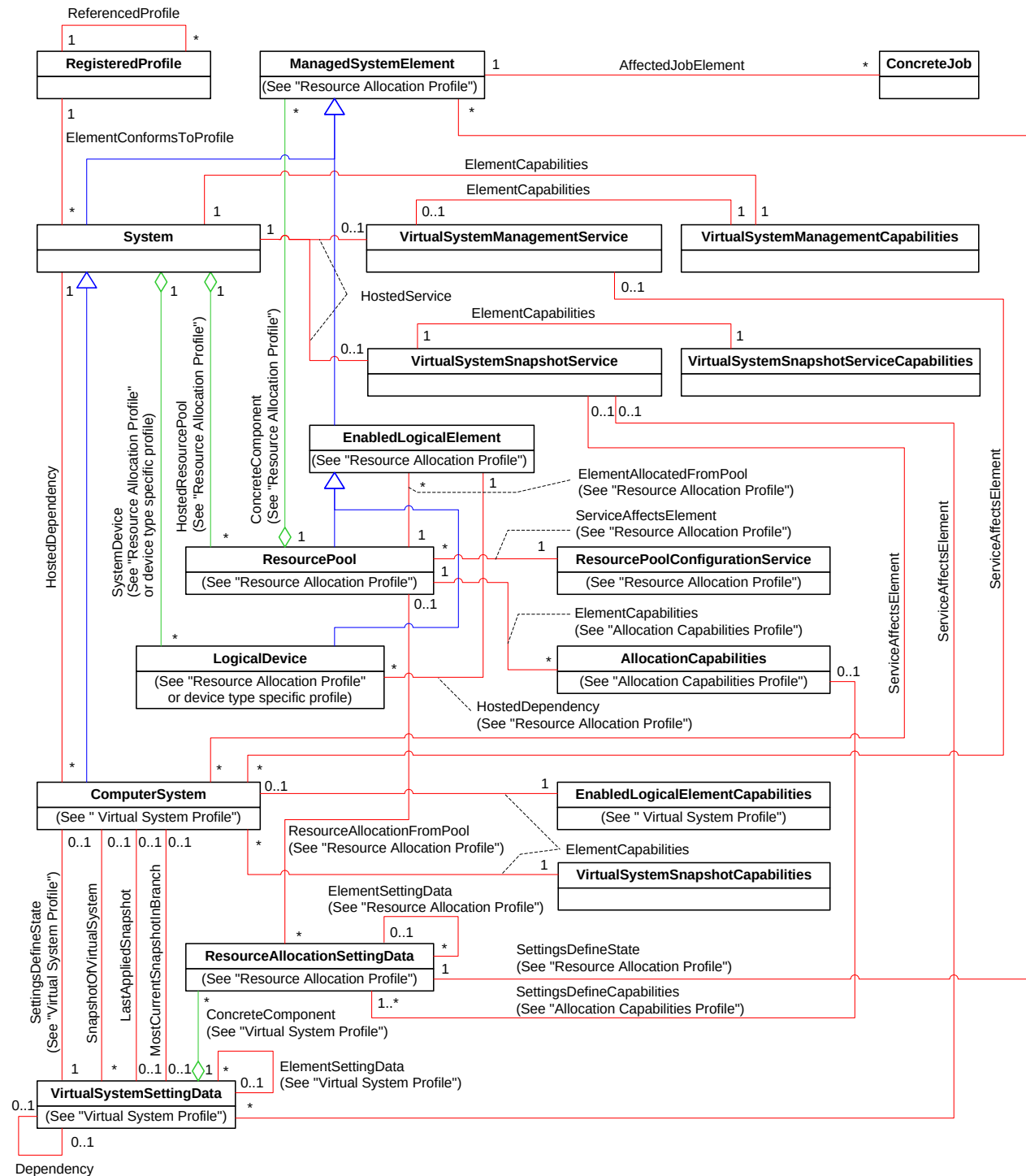


Figure 2 – System Virtualization Profile: Class diagram

This profile specifies the use of the following classes and associations:

- the CIM_RegisteredProfile class and the CIM_ElementConformsToProfile association for the advertisement of conformance to this profile

- the CIM_ReferencedProfile association for the representation of a scoping relationship between this profile and scoped DMTF management profiles
- the CIM_System class for the representation of host systems
- the CIM_HostedDependency association for the representation of the hosting relationship between a host system and hosted virtual systems
- the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class for the representation of virtual system management services available at a host system, providing operations like the creation and modification of virtual systems and their components
- the CIM_HostedService association for the representation of the relationship between a host system and services that it provides
- the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class for the representation of optional features, properties, and methods available for the management of virtual systems hosted by a host system
- the CIM_ElementCapabilities association for the representation of the relationship between a host system, a virtual system or a service, and their respective capabilities
- the CIM_ServiceAffectsElement association for the representation of the relationship between defined services and affected elements like virtual systems or virtual system snapshots
- the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class for the representation of snapshots (in addition to the use of that class for the representation of virtual aspects of a virtual system as specified by [DSP1057](#))
- the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class for the representation of snapshot-related services available at a host system
- the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class for the representation of optional features, properties, and methods available for the management of snapshots of virtual systems
- the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class for the representation of optional features, properties, and methods available for the management of snapshots relating to one particular virtual system
- the CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem association for the representation of the relationship between a snapshot of a virtual system and the virtual system itself
- the CIM_Dependency association for dependencies among virtual system snapshots
- the CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot association for the representation of the relationship between a virtual system and the snapshot that was most recently applied to it
- the CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch association for the representation of the relationship between a virtual system and the snapshot that is the most current snapshot in a sequence of snapshots captured from the virtual system
- the CIM_ConcreteJob class and the CIM_AffectedJobElement association to model a mechanism that allows tracking of asynchronous tasks resulting from operations such as the optional CreateSystem() method of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class

In general, any mention of a class in this document means the class itself or its subclasses. For example, a statement such as "an instance of the CIM_LogicalDevice class" implies an instance of the CIM_LogicalDevice class or a subclass of the CIM_LogicalDevice class.

6.3 Virtual system configurations

This profile extends the use of virtual system configurations. [DSP1057](#) defines a virtual system configuration as one top-level instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that aggregates zero

514 or more instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class through the CIM_VirtualSystemSet-
 515 tingDataComponent association.

516 [DSP1057](#) defines the concept of virtual system configurations and applies it to the following types of
 517 virtual system configurations:

- 518 • the "State" virtual system configuration, which represents a virtualization-specific state that ex-
 519 tends a virtual system representation
- 520 • the "Defined" virtual system configuration, which represents virtual system definitions
- 521 • the "Next" virtual system configuration, which represents the virtual system configuration that
 522 will be used for the next activation of a virtual system

523 This profile applies the concept of virtual system configurations and defines the following additional types
 524 of virtual system configurations:

- 525 • the "Input" virtual system configuration, which represents configuration information for new vir-
 526 tual systems
- 527 • the "Reference" virtual system configuration, which represents configuration information that
 528 complements an "Input" virtual system configuration for a new virtual system
- 529 • the "Snapshot" virtual system configuration, which represents snapshots of virtual systems

530 **6.4 Resource allocation**

531 An allocated resource is a resource subset or resource share that is allocated from a resource pool. An
 532 allocated resource is obtained based on a resource allocation request. Both allocated resources and
 533 resource allocation requests are represented through instances of the
 534 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class.

535 A virtual resource or a comprehensive set of virtual resources is the representation of an allocated re-
 536 source. For example, a set of virtual processors represent an allocated processor resource.

537 Resource allocation is the process of obtaining an allocated resource based on a resource allocation re-
 538 quest. This profile distinguishes two types of resource allocation:

- 539 • Persistent Resource Allocation
 540 Persistent resource allocation occurs while virtual resources are defined and supporting re-
 541 sources are persistently allocated from a resource pool.
- 542 • Transient Resource Allocation
 543 Transient resource allocation occurs as virtual resources are instantiated and supporting re-
 544 sources are temporarily allocated from a resource pool for the lifetime of the virtual resource in-
 545 stance.

546 **EXAMPLE 1: Persistent Resource Allocation: File-based virtual disk**

547 A host file is persistently allocated as the virtual disk is defined. The file remains persistently allocated
 548 while the virtual disk remains defined even while the virtual system is not instantiated.

549 **EXAMPLE 2: Transient Resource Allocation: Host memory**

550 A contiguous chunk of host memory is temporarily allocated to support virtual memory as the scoping vir-
 551 tual system is instantiated. The memory chunk remains allocated for the time that the virtual system
 552 remains instantiated.

553 **EXAMPLE 3: Transient Resource Allocation: I/O bandwidth**

554 An I/O bandwidth is temporarily allocated as the scoping virtual system is instantiated. The I/O bandwidth
 555 remains allocated only while the virtual system remains instantiated.

It is a normal situation that within one implementation large numbers of virtual systems are defined such that obtaining the sum of all resource allocation requests would overcommit the implementation's capabilities. Nevertheless, the implementation is able support virtual systems or resources in performing their tasks if it ensures that only a subset of such virtual systems or resources is active at a time that the sum of their allocated resources remains within the implementation's capabilities.

6.5 Snapshots

A snapshot is a reproduction of the virtual system as it was at a particular point in the past. A snapshot contains configuration information and may contain state information of the virtual system and its resources, such as the content of virtual memory or the content of virtual disks. A snapshot can be applied back into the virtual system any time, reproducing a situation that existed when the snapshot was captured.

The extent of snapshot support may vary: an implementation may support full snapshots, snapshots that capture the virtual system's disks only, or both. Further, an implementation may impose restrictions on the virtual system state of the source virtual system—for example, supporting the capturing of snapshots only while the virtual system is in the "Defined" state. The extent of snapshot support is modeled through specific capabilities classes.

Implementations may establish relationships between snapshots. For example, snapshots may be ordered by their creation time.

This profile specifies mechanisms for the creation, application, and destruction of snapshots. It specifies a snapshot model that enables the inspection of snapshot-related configuration information such as the virtual system configurations that were effective when the snapshot was captured. Relationships between snapshots are also modeled.

This profile specifies mechanisms that enable the inspection of configuration information of snapshots and their related virtual systems only. This profile does not specify mechanisms for the inspection of the content that was captured in a snapshot, such as raw virtual memory images or raw virtual disk images.

7 Implementation

This clause details the requirements related to classes and their properties for implementations of this profile. The CIM Schema descriptions for any referenced element and its sub-elements apply.

The list of all required methods can be found in 8 ("Methods") and the list of all required properties can be found in 10 ("CIM elements").

Where reference is made to CIM Schema properties that enumerate values, the numeric value is normative and the descriptive text following it in parentheses is informational. For example, in the statement "If an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class contains the value 3 (DestroySystemSupported) in an element of the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property," the value "3" is normative text and "(DestroySystemSupported)" is informational text.

7.1 Host system

The CIM_System class shall be used for the representation of host systems. There shall be one instance of the CIM_System class for each host system that is managed conformant to this profile.

7.2 Profile registration

[DSP1033](#) describes how an implementation of a profile shall advertise that a profile is implemented.

7.2.1 This profile

The implementation of this profile shall be indicated by an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class in the CIM Interop namespace. Each instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system that is manageable through this profile shall be a central instance of this profile by associating it with the instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class through an instance of the CIM_ElementConformsToProfile association.

7.2.2 Scoped resource allocation profiles

An implementation of this profile may indicate that it is capable of representing the allocation of resources to support virtual resources by implementing scoped resource-allocation DMTF management profiles.

The support of scoped resource-allocation profiles is conditional with respect to the presence of an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class in the Interop namespace that represents the scoped resource-allocation profile implementation and is associated with the instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of this profile through an instance of the CIM_ReferencedProfile association.

Resource-allocation DMTF management profiles are based on [DSP1041](#) and [DSP1043](#). The resource-allocation DMTF management profiles that are scoped by this profile are listed in Table 1, starting with [DSP1044](#).

An implementation that provides conditional support for inspecting and managing the allocation of resources of one particular resource type shall apply one of the following implementation approaches:

- If a resource-type-specific resource-allocation DMTF management profile is specified for that resource type, that profile should be implemented.
- If no resource-type-specific resource-allocation DMTF management profile exists at version 1.0 or later, [DSP1059](#) should be implemented.

For any implementation of a scoped-resource-allocation DMTF management profile, all of the following conditions shall be met:

- The instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents the implementation of this profile and the instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents the implementation of the scoped resource-allocation DMTF management profile shall be associated through an instance of the CIM_ReferencedProfile association.
- One of the following conditions regarding profile implementation advertisement shall be met:
 - Central Class Profile Implementation Advertisement:
Instances of the CIM_ElementConformsToProfile association shall associate each instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class that is a central instance of the scoped-resource-allocation DMTF management profile with the instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of the scoped-resource-allocation DMTF management profile.
 - Scoping Class Profile Implementation Advertisement:
No instances of the CIM_ElementConformsToProfile association shall associate any instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class that is a central instance of the scoped-resource-allocation DMTF management profile with the instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of the scoped-resource-allocation DMTF management profile.

7.3 Representation of hosted virtual systems

This profile strengthens the requirements for the representation of virtual system configurations specified by [DSP1057](#) for hosted virtual systems.

7.3.1 Profile conformance for hosted virtual systems

Any virtual system that is hosted by a conformant host system shall be represented by an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that is a central instance of [DSP1057](#). That instance shall be associated with the instance of the CIM_System class that represents the conformant host system through an instance of the CIM_HostedDependency association.

7.3.2 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData.VirtualSystemType property

The value of the VirtualSystemType property shall be equal to an element of the VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property in the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that is associated with the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that represents the host system, or shall be NULL if the value of the VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property is NULL (see 7.4.2).

7.4 Virtual system management capabilities

This subclause models capabilities of virtual system management in terms of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class.

7.4.1 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class

An instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class shall be used to represent the virtual system management capabilities of a host system. That instance shall be associated with the instance of the CIM_System class that represents the host system through the CIM_ElementCapabilities association.

7.4.2 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities.VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property

The implementation of the VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property is optional. The VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property should be implemented.

If the VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

Array values shall designate the set of supported virtual system types. If the VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property is not implemented (has a value of NULL), the implementation does not externalize the set of implemented virtual system types, but internally still may exhibit different types of virtual systems.

7.4.3 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities.SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property

The implementation of the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property is optional. The SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property should be implemented.

If the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

Array values shall designate the set of methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that are implemented with synchronous behavior only. A NULL value or an empty value set shall be used to indicate that no methods are implemented with synchronous behavior. If a method is designated within the value set of the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] property, that method shall always exhibit synchronous behavior and shall not be designated within the value set of the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] property.

7.4.4 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities.AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property

The implementation of the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property is optional. The AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property should be implemented.

If the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

Array values shall designate the set of methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that are implemented with synchronous and potentially with asynchronous behavior. A NULL value or an empty value set shall be used to indicate that no methods are implemented with asynchronous behavior. If a method is designated with a value in the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property, it may show either synchronous or asynchronous behavior.

7.4.5 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities.IndicationsSupported[] array property

The implementation of the IndicationsSupported[] array property is optional. The IndicationsSupported[] array property should be implemented.

If the IndicationsSupported[] array property is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

Array values shall designate the set of types of indications that are implemented. A NULL value or an empty value set shall be used to indicate that indications are not implemented.

7.4.6 Grouping Rules for implementations of methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class

The grouping rules specified in this subclause shall be applied for implementations of methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class. Within a group either all methods or no method at all shall be implemented; nevertheless synchronous and asynchronous behavior may be mixed.

7.4.6.1 Virtual system definition and destruction

If virtual system definition and destruction are implemented, the DefineSystem() and DestroySystem() methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class shall be implemented, and the values 2 (DefineSystemSupported) and 3 (DestroySystemSupported) shall be set in the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] or AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array properties within the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes capabilities of the implementation.

If virtual system definition and destruction are not implemented, the values 2 (DefineSystemSupported) and 3 (DestroySystemSupported) shall not be set in the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] or AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array properties of the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes the virtual system management capabilities of the host system.

7.4.6.2 Virtual resource addition and removal

If the addition and removal of virtual resources to or from virtual systems are implemented, the AddResourceSettings() and RemoveResourceSettings() methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class shall be implemented, and the values 1 (AddResourceSettingsSupported) and 7 (RemoveResourceSettingsSupported) shall be set in the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] or AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array properties of the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes the virtual system management capabilities of the host system.

If the addition and removal of virtual resources to virtual systems is not implemented, the values 1 (AddResourceSettingsSupported) and 7 (RemoveResourceSettingsSupported) shall not be set in the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] or AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array properties of the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes the virtual system management capabilities of the host system.

7.4.6.3 Virtual system and resource modification

If the modification of virtual systems and virtual resources is implemented, the ModifyResourceSettings() and ModifySystemSettings() methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class shall be implemented, and the values 5 (ModifyResourceSettingsSupported) and 6 (ModifySystemSettingsSupported) shall be set in the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] or AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array properties of the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes the virtual system management capabilities of the host system.

If the modification of virtual systems and virtual resources is not implemented, the values 5 (ModifyResourceSettingsSupported) and 6 (ModifySystemSettingsSupported) shall not be set in the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] or AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array properties of the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes the virtual system management capabilities of the host system.

7.5 Virtual system definition and modification

This profile specifies methods for the definition and modification of virtual systems. These method specifications use the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class for the parameterization of system-specific properties. Subsequent subclauses specify:

- how a client shall prepare instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that are used as a parameter for a method that defines or modifies a virtual system
- how an implementation shall interpret instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that are used as a parameter for a method that defines or modifies a virtual system

Definition requests for virtual systems are modeled through the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.DefineSystem() method, and modification requests for virtual system properties are modeled through the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.ModifySystemSettings() method.

7.5.1 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData.InstanceID property

A client shall set the value of the InstanceID property to NULL if the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class is created locally. A client shall not modify the value of the InstanceID property in an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that was received from an implementation and is sent back to the implementation as a parameter of a modification method.

The structure of the value of the InstanceID property is implementation specific. A client shall treat the value as an opaque entity and shall not depend on the internal structure of the value.

An implementation shall use a non-NULL value to identify an existing instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class. If the value does not identify an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class, an implementation shall return a return code that indicates an invalid parameter (see 8.2.4.3).

7.5.2 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData.ElementName property

The implementation of the ElementName property is optional.

766 If the ElementName property is implemented for virtual system definition and modification, the provisions
767 in this subclause apply.

768 A client may set the value of the ElementName property to assign a user-friendly name to a virtual sys-
769 tem.

770 In definition and modification requests, an implementation shall use the value of the ElementName prop-
771 erty to assign a user-friendly name to the new virtual system. The user-friendly name does not have to be
772 unique within the set of virtual systems that are defined at the host system.

773 If the implementation supports modification requests that affect the value of the ElementName property,
774 the implementation shall support the CIM_EnabledLogicalElementCapabilities class for virtual systems as
775 specified in [DSP1052](#).

776 **7.5.3 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData.VirtualSystemIdentifier property**

777 The implementation of the VirtualSystemIdentifier property is optional.

778 If the VirtualSystemIdentifier property is implemented for virtual system definition and modification, the
779 provisions in this subclause apply.

780 A client should set the value of the VirtualSystemIdentifier property to explicitly request an identifier for the
781 new virtual system. A client may set the value of the VirtualSystemIdentifier property to NULL.

782 An implementation shall use the value of the VirtualSystemIdentifier property to assign an identifier to the
783 new virtual system. If the value of the VirtualSystemIdentifier property is NULL, the value of the
784 VirtualSystemIdentifier property for the new virtual system is unspecified (implementation dependent).

785 Some implementations may accept an implementation-dependent pattern that controls the assignment of
786 a value to the VirtualSystemIdentifier property. For example, an implementation might interpret a regular
787 expression like "^VM\d{1,6}\$" to assign a value to the VirtualSystemIdentifier property that starts with the
788 letters "VM" and is followed by at least one and not more than six digits.

789 **7.5.4 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData.VirtualSystemType property**

790 The implementation of the VirtualSystemType property is optional.

791 If the VirtualSystemType property is implemented for virtual system definition and modification, the
792 provisions in this subclause apply.

793 A client may set the value of the VirtualSystemType property to explicitly request a virtual system type for
794 the new virtual system. A client may set the value of the VirtualSystemType property to NULL, requesting
795 the implementation to assign a virtual system type according to rules specified in this subclause. If
796 requesting a value other than NULL, the client should determine the list of valid system types in advance
797 (see 9.2.7).

798 An implementation shall use the value of the VirtualSystemType property to assign a type to the new vir-
799 tual system. If the value of the VirtualSystemType property is NULL, the implementation shall assign a
800 virtual system type in an implementation-dependent way. If the requested virtual system type is not sup-
801 ported, an implementation shall fail the method execution with an error code of 4 (Method execution failed
802 because invalid parameters were specified by the client).

803 **7.6 Virtual resource definition and modification**

804 This profile specifies how to define and modify virtual resources using methods of the virtual system
805 management service. In these method specifications, the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class is
806 used for parameterization of resource allocation specific properties. For specifications that define the use
807 of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class, see [DSP1041](#), [DSP1043](#), and profiles that specialize
808 these (such as for example, [DSP1059](#)). [DSP1041](#) describes the use of the

809 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class, and [DSP1043](#) introduces the concept of allowing a client to
810 determine the acceptable value sets for values of properties of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData
811 class in virtual resource definition and modification requests.

812 **7.7 Virtual system snapshots**

813 This subclause models the representation and manipulation of snapshots of virtual systems.

814 The implementation of virtual system snapshots is optional.

815 If virtual system snapshots are implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

816 **7.7.1 Virtual system snapshot service and capabilities**

817 This subclause models elements of virtual system snapshot management in terms of the
818 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class and the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class.

819 **7.7.1.1 Virtual system snapshots**

820 The implementation of virtual system snapshots is optional.

821 If virtual system snapshots are implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

822 The implementation includes the creation, destruction, and application of virtual system snapshots.

823 If virtual system snapshots are implemented, the following conditions shall be met:

- 824 • the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class shall be implemented and the following methods
825 shall be implemented:
 - 826 – CreateSnapshot(), for at least one type of snapshot
 - 827 – DestroySnapshot()
 - 828 – ApplySnapshot()
- 829 • There shall be exactly one instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class associated
830 to the central instance of this profile through an instance of the CIM_HostedService association.

831 If virtual system snapshots are not implemented, the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class shall not
832 be implemented.

833 **7.7.1.2 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class**

834 The provisions in this subclause are conditional.

835 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

836 If the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class is implemented, the provisions in this
837 subclause apply.

838 An instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class shall be used to represent the
839 capabilities of the virtual system snapshot service of a host system. The instance shall be associated with
840 the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class that represents the virtual system snapshot
841 service through the CIM_ElementCapabilities association.

842 In the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class that describes virtual system
843 snapshot service, all of the following values shall be set in either the SynchronousMethodsSupported[]
844 array property or the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property:

- 845 • 2 (CreateSnapshotSupported)
- 846 • 3 (DestroySnapshotSupported)

- 4 (ApplySnapshotSupported)

The implementation of the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property is conditional with respect to at least one of the snapshot methods being implemented with synchronous behavior. A NULL value or an empty value set shall be used to indicate that no methods are implemented with synchronous behavior. If a method is designated within the value set of the SynchronousMethodsSupported[] property, that method shall always exhibit synchronous behavior and shall not be designated within the value set of the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] property.

The implementation of the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property is conditional with respect to at least one of the snapshot methods being implemented with asynchronous behavior. A NULL value or an empty value set shall be used to indicate that no methods are implemented with asynchronous behavior.

Further the SnapshotTypesSupported[] array property shall have a non-NULL value and contain at least one element. Each element of the SnapshotTypesSupported[] array property shall designate one supported type of snapshot.

7.7.2 Virtual system snapshot representation

The provisions in this subclause are conditional.

Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

If the representation of virtual system snapshots is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

Snapshots of virtual systems shall be represented by instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class. Each such instance shall be associated with the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system that was the source of the snapshot through an instance of the CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem association.

7.7.3 Designation of the last applied snapshot

The provisions in this subclause are conditional.

Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

If the designation of the last applied snapshot is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

If a snapshot was applied to a virtual system, an instance of the CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot association shall connect the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system and the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the snapshot. The association instance shall be actualized as different snapshots are applied.

7.7.4 Designation of the most current snapshot in branch

The implementation of the representation the most current snapshot in a branch is conditional.

Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

If the designation of the most current snapshot in a branch is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

A branch of snapshots taken from a virtual system is started in one of two ways:

- A virtual system snapshot is applied to a virtual system.
In this case, the virtual system snapshot becomes the most current snapshot of a newly started branch.
- A virtual system snapshot is captured from a virtual system.

886 In this case, the virtual system snapshot becomes the most current snapshot in the branch. If no
887 branch exists, a new branch is created.

888 7.7.5 Virtual system snapshot capabilities

889 The provisions in this subclause are optional.

890 If virtual system snapshot capabilities are implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

891 This subclause models snapshot related capabilities of a virtual system in terms of the
892 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class.

893 7.7.5.1 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities.SnapshotTypesEnabled[] array property

894 An implementation shall use the SnapshotTypesEnabled[] array property to convey information about the
895 enablement of snapshot types The value set of the SnapshotTypesEnabled[] array property shall design-
896 nate those snapshot types that are presently enabled (that is, may be invoked by a client).

897 NOTE: Elements may be added and removed from the array property as respective snapshot types are enabled for
898 the virtual system; the conditions for such changes are implementation specific.

899 7.7.5.2 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities.GuestOSNotificationEnabled property

900 The implementation of the GuestOSNotificationEnabled property is optional.

901 If the GuestOSNotificationEnabled property is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

902 An implementation may use the GuestOSNotificationEnabled property to convey information about the
903 capability of the guest operating system that is running within a virtual system to receive notifications
904 about an imminent snapshot operation. The behavior of the guest operating system in response to such a
905 notification is implementation dependent. For example, the guest operating system may temporarily sus-
906 pend operations on virtual resources that might interfere with the snapshot operation.

907 8 Methods

908 This clause defines extrinsic methods and profile conventions for intrinsic methods. The specifications
909 provided in this clause apply in addition to the descriptions provided in the CIM Schema.

910 8.1 General behavior of extrinsic methods

911 This subclause models behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods that are specified in this profile.

912 8.1.1 Resource allocation requests

913 Some methods specify the ResourceSettings[] array parameter. If set to a value other than NULL, each
914 element of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter shall contain an embedded instance of the CIM_Re-
915 sourceAllocationSettingData class that describes a resource allocation request for a virtual resource or
916 coherent set of virtual resources.

917 The use of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class as input for operations is specified in [DSP1041](#).

918 One instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class may affect one virtual resource or a coher-
919 ent set of virtual resources. For example, one instance of CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData that has
920 the value of the ResourceType property set to 3 (Processor) and the value of the VirtualQuantity property
921 set to 2 requests the allocation of two virtual processors.

922 If one or more resources are not available, or not completely available, during the execution of a method
923 that requests the allocation of persistently allocated resources into a virtual system configuration, the
924 implementation may deviate from requested values, may ignore virtual resource allocation requests, or

925 both as long as the resulting virtual system is or remains potentially operational. Otherwise, the
 926 implementation shall fail the method execution.

927 **8.1.2 Method results**

928 If a particular method is not implemented, a value of 1 (Not Supported) shall be returned.

929 If synchronous execution of a method succeeds, the implementation shall set a return value of
 930 0 (Completed with No Error).

931 If synchronous execution of a method fails, the implementation shall set a return value of 2 (Failed) or a
 932 more specific return code as specified with the respective method.

933 If a method is executed as an asynchronous task, the implementation shall perform all of the following ac-
 934 tions:

- 935 • Set a return value of 4096 (Job Started).
- 936 • Set the value of the Job output parameter to refer to an instance of the CIM_ConcreteJob class
 937 that represents the asynchronous task.
- 938 • Set the values of the JobState and TimeOfLastStateChange properties in that instance to repre-
 939 sent the state and last state change time of the asynchronous task.

940 In addition, the implementation may present state change indications as task state changes occur.

941 If the method execution as an asynchronous task succeeds, the implementation shall perform all of the
 942 following actions:

- 943 • Set the value of the JobState property to 7 (Completed).
- 944 • Provide an instance of the CIM_AffectedJobEntity association with property values set as fol-
 945 lows:
 - 946 – The value of the AffectedElement property shall refer to the object that represents the top-
 947 level entity that was created or modified by the asynchronous task. For example, for the
 948 DefineSystem() method, this is an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class, and for
 949 the CreateSnapshot() method, this is an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData
 950 class that represents a snapshot of a virtual system.
 - 951 – The value of the AffectingElement property shall refer to the instance of the
 952 CIM_ConcreteJob class that represents the completed asynchronous task.
 - 953 – The value of the first element in the ElementEffects[] array property (ElementEffects[0])
 954 shall be set to 5 (Create) for the DefineSystem() or CreateSnapshot() methods. Other-
 955 wise, this value shall be 0 (Unknown).

956 If the method execution as an asynchronous task fails, the implementation shall set the value of the
 957 JobState property to 9 (Killed) or 10 (Exception).

958 **8.1.3 Asynchronous processing**

959 An implementation may support asynchronous processing of some methods specified in the
 960 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class.

961 **8.1.3.1 General requirements**

962 All of the following conditions shall be met:

- 963 • Elements that convey information about which methods of the
 964 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class are implemented for asynchronous execution
 965 within an implementation are modeled in 7.4.4.

- Elements that convey information about which methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class are implemented for asynchronous execution within an implementation are modeled in 7.7.1.1.
- Elements that convey information about whether a method is executed asynchronously are modeled in 8.1.2.

8.1.3.2 Job parameter

The implementation shall set the value of the Job parameter as a result of an asynchronous execution of a method of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService as follows:

- If the method execution is performed synchronously, the implementation shall set the value to NULL.
- If the method execution is performed asynchronously, the implementation shall set the value to refer to the instance of the CIM_ConcreteJob class that represents the asynchronous task.

8.2 Methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class

This subclause models virtual system management services in terms of methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class.

8.2.1 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.DefineSystem() method

The implementation of the DefineSystem() method is conditional.

Condition: The definition and destruction of virtual systems is implemented; see 7.4.6.1.

If the DefineSystem() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in addition behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

The execution of the DefineSystem() method shall effect the creation of a new virtual system definition as specified through the values of the SystemSettings parameter, the values of elements in the ResourceSettings[] array parameter and elements of the configuration referred to by the value of the ReferencedConfiguration parameter, and through default values that are established within the implementation.

Table 2 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

Table 2 – DefineSystem() method: Parameters

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	SystemSettings	string	See 8.2.1.2.
IN	ResourceSettings[]	string	See 8.2.1.3.
IN	ReferencedConfiguration	CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData REF	See 8.2.1.4.
OUT	ResultingSystem	CIM_ComputerSystem REF	See 8.2.1.5.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

8.2.1.1 Value preference rules

The DefineSystem() method facilitates the definition of a new virtual system at the host system, based on client requirements specified through one or more virtual system configurations:

- "Input" virtual system configuration

The "Input" virtual system configuration is prepared locally by the client and provided in the form of embedded instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class in the SystemSettings parameter and embedded instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class as values for elements of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter.

- "Reference" virtual system configuration

The "Reference" virtual system configuration is a "Defined" virtual system configuration that already exists within the implementation; it is referenced by the ReferencedConfiguration parameter.

An implementation shall define the virtual system based on "Input" and "Reference" configuration. It may extend a virtual system definition beyond client requirements based on implementation-specific rules and requirements.

If only the "Reference" virtual system configuration is provided by the client, the implementation shall create a copy or cloned configuration of the "Reference" virtual system configuration.

If both configurations are provided by the client, the implementation shall give the "Input" virtual system configuration preference over the "Reference" configuration. An implementation may support this behavior at two levels:

- The basic level supports the addition of resource allocations that were not requested by elements of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter, but that are defined in the "Reference" virtual system configuration.
- The advanced level, in addition, supports amending incomplete resource requests.

In this case the correlation of instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class in the "Input" configuration and in the "Reference" configuration shall be established through the value of the InstanceID parameter. If the value of the InstanceID parameter is identical for an instance in the "Input" configuration and an instance in the "Reference" configuration, these instances together describe one virtual resource allocation request, such that non-NULL property values specified in the "Input" configuration override those specified in the "Reference" configuration.

If no value is specified for a property in the "Input" configuration or in the "Reference" configuration, the implementation may exhibit an implementation-dependent default behavior. [DSP1059](#) and resource-type-specific resource allocation DMTF management profiles may specify resource-type-specific behavior.

If the DefineSystem() method is called without input parameters, the implementation may exploit a default behavior or may fail the method execution.

NOTE: A client may inspect the "Reference" virtual system configuration before invoking the DefineSystem() method (see respective use cases in [DSP1057](#)).

8.2.1.2 SystemSettings parameter

A client should set the value of the SystemSettings parameter with an embedded instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that describes requested virtual system settings. The client may set the value of the SystemSettings parameter to NULL, requesting the implementation to select input values based on the rules specified in 8.2.1.1.

An implementation shall interpret the value of the SystemSettings parameter as the system part of an "Input" virtual system configuration, and apply the rules specified in 8.2.1.1.

1037 The use of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class as input for operations specified by this profile is
1038 specified in 10.22.

1039 **8.2.1.3 ResourceSettings[] array parameter**

1040 A client should set the ResourceSettings[] array parameter and apply the specifications given in 8.1.1.
1041 The client may set the value of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter to NULL or provide an empty ar-
1042 ray, requesting the implementation to define a default set of virtual resources (see 8.2.1.1).

1043 An implementation shall interpret the value of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter as the resource
1044 part of an "Input" virtual system configuration, and apply the value preference rules specified in 8.2.1.1.

1045 **8.2.1.4 ReferencedConfiguration parameter**

1046 A client may set a value of the ReferencedConfiguration parameter to refer to an existing "Defined" virtual
1047 system configuration. A client may set the value of the ReferencedConfiguration parameter to NULL, indi-
1048 cating that a "Reference" configuration shall not be used.

1049 An implementation shall use the "Reference" virtual system configuration according to the rules specified
1050 in 8.2.1.1.

1051 **8.2.1.5 ResultingSystem parameter**

1052 The implementation shall set the value of the ResultingSystem parameter as follows:

- 1053 • If the method execution is performed synchronously and is successful, the value is set to refer-
1054 ence the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the newly defined virtual
1055 system.
- 1056 • If the method execution is performed synchronously and fails, or if the method execution is per-
1057 formed asynchronously, the value is set to NULL.

1058 **8.2.1.6 Return codes**

1059 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
1060 fied in Table 3.

1061 **Table 3 – DefineSystem() method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method execution was successful.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because invalid parameters were specified by the client.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1062 **8.2.2 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.DestroySystem() method**

1063 The implementation of the DestroySystem() method is conditional.

1064 Condition: The definition and destruction of virtual systems is implemented; see 7.4.6.1.

1065 If the DestroySystem() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in addition
1066 behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1067 The execution of the DestroySystem() method shall effect the destruction of the referenced virtual system
1068 and all related virtual system configurations, including snapshots.

1069 Table 4 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1070 **Table 4 – DestroySystem() method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	AffectedSystem	CIM_ComputerSystem REF	See 8.2.2.1.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1071 **8.2.2.1 AffectedSystem parameter**

1072 A client shall set a value of the AffectedSystem parameter to refer to the instance of the
1073 CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system to be destroyed.

1074 An implementation shall interpret the value of the AffectedSystem parameter to identify the virtual system
1075 that is to be destroyed.

1076 **8.2.2.2 Return codes**

1077 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
1078 fied in Table 5.

1079 **Table 5 – DestroySystem() method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method execution was successful.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because the system could not be found.
5	Method execution failed because the affected system is in a state in which the implementation rejects destruction.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1080 **8.2.3 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.AddResourceSettings() method** 1081 **(Conditional)**

1082 The implementation of the AddResourceSettings() method is conditional.

1083 Condition: The addition and the removal of virtual resources to virtual systems is implemented; see
1084 7.4.6.2.

1085 If the AddResourceSettings() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in addition
1086 behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1087 The execution of the AddResourceSettings() method shall effect the entry of resource allocation requests
1088 or resource allocations provided through the ResourceSettings[] array parameter in the affected virtual
1089 system configuration.

1090 Table 6 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1091 **Table 6 – AddResourceSettings() method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	AffectedConfiguration	CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData REF	See 8.2.3.1.
IN	ResourceSettings[]	string	See 8.2.3.2.
OUT	ResultingResourceSettings[]	CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData REF	See 8.2.3.3.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1092 **8.2.3.1 AffectedConfiguration parameter**

1093 A client shall set a value of AffectedConfiguration parameter to refer to the instance of the
 1094 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the virtual system configuration that receives new
 1095 resource allocations.

1096 An implementation shall interpret the value of the AffectedConfiguration parameter to identify the virtual
 1097 system configuration that receives new resource allocations.

1098 **8.2.3.2 ResourceSettings[] array parameter**

1099 A client shall set the ResourceSettings[] parameter containing one or more input instances of the
 1100 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class as specified in a profile based on [DSP1041](#) and on [DSP1043](#),
 1101 such as for example [DSP1044](#) or [DSP1047](#).

1102 If the value of the InstanceID property in any of the input CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData instances
 1103 is other than NULL, that value shall be ignored; however, the remaining values of the input instance shall
 1104 be respected as defined in the resource type specific resource allocation profile.

1105 An implementation shall apply the specifications given in 8.1.1.

1106 **8.2.3.3 ResultingResourceSettings[] array parameter**

1107 The implementation shall set the value of the ResultingResourceSettings[] array parameter as follows:

- 1108 • to an array of references to instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that
 1109 represent resource allocations that were obtained during the execution of the method
- 1110 • to NULL, if the method is executed synchronously and fails, or if the method is executed
 1111 asynchronously

1112 **8.2.3.4 Return codes**

1113 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
 1114 fied in Table 7.

1115 **Table 7 – AddResourceSettings() method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method execution was successful.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because invalid parameters were specified by the client.

Value	Description
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1116 8.2.4 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.ModifyResourceSettings() method

1117 The implementation of the ModifyResourceSettings() method is conditional.

1118 Condition: The modification of virtual systems and resources is implemented; see 7.4.6.3.

1119 If the ModifyResourceSettings() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in
1120 addition behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1121 If implemented, the execution of the ModifyResourceSettings() method shall effect the modification of re-
1122 source allocation requests that exist, with the implementation using instances of the
1123 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that are passed in through values of elements of the
1124 ResourceSettings[] array parameter.

1125 The execution of the ModifyResourceSettings() method shall effect the modification of resource alloca-
1126 tions or resource allocation requests, such that non-key and non-NULL values of instances of the
1127 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class provided as values for elements of the ResourceSettings[] ar-
1128 ray parameter override respective values in instances identified through the InstanceID property.

1129 Table 8 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1130 **Table 8 – ModifyResourceSettings() method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	ResourceSettings[]	string	See 8.2.4.1.
OUT	ResultingResourceSettings[]	CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData REF	See 8.2.4.2.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1131 8.2.4.1 ResourceSettings[] parameter

1132 The specifications in 8.1.1 apply.

1133 A client shall set the ResourceSettings[] parameter. Any instance of the
1134 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that is passed in as a value for elements of the
1135 ResourceSettings[] array parameter shall conform to all of the following conditions:

- 1136 • It shall represent requests for the modification of virtual resource state extensions, virtual re-
1137 source definitions scoped by one particular virtual system, or both.
- 1138 • It shall have a valid non-NULL value in the InstanceID property that identifies a respective in-
1139 stance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that represents an existing resource
1140 allocation or resource allocation request within the implementation. This should be assured
1141 through the execution of previously executed retrieve operations, such as the execution of
1142 extrinsic methods or intrinsic CIM operations that yield respective instances of the
1143 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class. For example, the client may use the intrinsic
1144 GetInstance() CIM operation.

1145 The client shall modify such instances locally to reflect the desired modifications and finally pass
1146 them back in as elements of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter. Modifications shall not be
1147 applied to the InstanceID property that is the key property of the
1148 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class. Further restriction may apply, such as from re-
1149 source-type-specific resource allocation DMTF management profiles.

1150 An implementation shall apply the specifications given in 8.1.1. The implementation shall ignore any ele-
 1151 ment of the ResourceSettings[] array property that does not identify, through the value of the InstanceID
 1152 key property, an existing instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class within the
 1153 implementation.

1154 **8.2.4.2 ResultingResourceSettings[] parameter**

1155 The implementation shall set the value of the ResultingResourceSettings[] array parameter as follows:

- 1156 • If the method was executed asynchronously, the value shall be set to NULL.
- 1157 • If the method was executed synchronously and one or more resources were successfully modi-
 1158 fied, for each successfully modified resource one element in the returned array shall reference
 1159 the instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that represents the modified re-
 1160 source allocation or resource allocation request.
- 1161 • If the method was executed synchronously and failed completely, the value shall be set to
 1162 NULL.

1163 **8.2.4.3 Return codes**

1164 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
 1165 fied in Table 9.

1166 **Table 9 – ModifyResourceSettings() Method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method was successfully executed; all modification requests were successfully processed.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed, but some modification requests may have been processed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred, but some modification requests may have been processed.
4	Method execution failed because invalid parameters were specified by the client; no modification requests were processed.
5	Method execution failed because the implementation does not support modifications on virtual resource allocations for the present virtual system state of the virtual system scoping virtual resources affected by this resource allocation modification request.
6	Method execution failed because incompatible parameters were specified by the client; no modification requests were processed.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.
NOTE: Even if the return code indicates a failure, some modification requests may have been successfully executed. In this case, the set of successfully modified resources is conveyed through the value of the ResultingResourceSettings parameter.	

1167 **8.2.5 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.ModifySystemSettings() method**

1168 The implementation of the ModifySystemSettings() method is conditional.

1169 Condition: The modification of virtual systems and resources is implemented; see 7.4.6.3.

1170 If the ModifySystemSettings() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in addition
 1171 behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1172 The execution of the ModifySystemSettings() method shall effect the modification of system settings,
 1173 such that non-key and non-NULL values of the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that

1174 is provided through the SystemSettings parameter override respective values in the instance identified
 1175 through the value of the InstanceID property.

1176 Table 10 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1177 **Table 10 – ModifySystemSettings() Method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	SystemSettings	string	See 8.2.5.1.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1178 **8.2.5.1 SystemSettings parameter**

1179 A client shall set the SystemSettings parameter. Any instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class
 1180 that is passed in as a value of the SystemSettings parameter shall have a valid non-NULL value in the
 1181 InstanceID property that identifies a respective instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class
 1182 existing within the implementation. A client shall obtain such an instance before invoking the
 1183 ModifySystemSettings() method (for example, by using an extrinsic method or intrinsic CIM operation
 1184 that yields a respective instance as a result). For example, the client may use the intrinsic GetInstance()
 1185 CIM operation. The client shall then modify the instance locally so that it reflects the desired modifications
 1186 and finally pass it back in as a value of the SystemSettings parameter.

1187 The implementation shall ignore any value of the SystemSettings parameter that does not identify,
 1188 through the value of the InstanceID key property, an existing instance of the
 1189 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class within the implementation.

1190 **8.2.5.2 Return codes**

1191 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
 1192 fied in Table 11.

1193 **Table 11 – ModifySystemSettings() Method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method was successfully executed.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because invalid parameters were specified by the client.
5	Method execution failed because the implementation does not support modifications on virtual system settings for the present virtual system state of the virtual system identified by the input system settings.
6	Method execution failed because incompatible parameters were specified by the client.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1194 **8.2.6 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService.RemoveResourceSettings() method**

1195 The implementation of the RemoveResourceSettings() method is conditional.

1196 Condition: The addition and the removal of virtual resources to virtual systems is implemented; see
 1197 7.4.6.2.

1198 If the RemoveResourceSettings() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in
 1199 addition behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1200 The execution of the RemoveResourceSettings() method shall effect the removal of resource allocation
 1201 requests identified by the value of elements of the ResourceSettings[] parameter.

1202 Table 12 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1203 **Table 12 – RemoveResourceSettings() Method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	ResourceSettings[]	CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData REF	See 8.2.6.1.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1204 **8.2.6.1 ResourceSettings[] array parameter**

1205 A client shall set the ResourceSettings[] array parameter. The value of any element specified in the
 1206 ResourceSettings[] array parameter shall represent requests for the removal of virtual resource state
 1207 extensions, of virtual resource definitions, or both in the scope of one virtual system.

1208 **8.2.6.2 Return codes**

1209 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
 1210 fied in Table 13.

1211 **Table 13 – RemoveResourceSettings() Method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method execution was successful.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because invalid parameters were specified by the client.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1212 **8.3 Methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class**

1213 This subclause models virtual system snapshot management in terms of methods of the
 1214 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class.

1215 **8.3.1 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService.CreateSnapshot() method**

1216 The implementation of the CreateSnapshot() method is conditional.

1217 Condition: The creation, destruction and application of virtual system snapshots is implemented; see
 1218 7.7.1.1.

1219 If the CreateSnapshot() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in addition
 1220 behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1221 The execution of the CreateSnapshot() method shall effect the creation of a snapshot of the affected vir-
 1222 tual system. The snapshot shall have the type that is designated by the value of the SnapshotType
 1223 parameter (see 8.3.1.3).

1224 A full snapshot shall contain all information required to restore the complete virtual system and its re-
 1225 sources to exactly the situation that existed when the snapshot was created. Other types of snapshots
 1226 may contain less information.

1227 If the virtual system is in the "Active" virtual system state, it may continue to perform tasks but may be
 1228 temporarily paused as the creation of the snapshot requires the capturing of state information.

1229 Table 14 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1230 **Table 14 – CreateSnapshot() method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	AffectedSystem	CIM_ComputerSystem REF	See 8.3.1.1.
IN	SnapshotSettings	string	See 8.3.1.2.
IN	SnapshotType	uint16	See 8.3.1.3.
OUT	ResultingSnapshot	CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData REF	See 8.3.1.4.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1231 **8.3.1.1 AffectedSystem parameter**

1232 A client shall set a value of the AffectedSystem parameter to refer to the instance of the
 1233 CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system that is the source for the snapshot.

1234 An implementation shall interpret the value of the AffectedSystem parameter to identify the virtual system
 1235 that is the source for the snapshot.

1236 **8.3.1.2 SnapshotSettings parameter**

1237 A client may set a value of the SnapshotSettings parameter with an embedded instance of a
 1238 CIM_SettingData class. It is assumed that an implementation-specific class derived from
 1239 CIM_SettingData contains additional implementation-specific properties that enable some control over
 1240 characteristics of the snapshot process.

1241 An implementation shall use the value of the SnapshotSettings parameter to control the characteristics of
 1242 the snapshot process.

1243 **8.3.1.3 SnapshotType parameter**

1244 A client shall set the value of the SnapshotType parameter to designate the intended type of snapshot.
 1245 The value shall be one of the values set in the SnapshotTypesSupported[] array property in the instance
 1246 of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class that is related to the snapshot service.

1247 An implementation shall use the value of the SnapshotType parameter to determine the requested type of
 1248 snapshot. If a value is not specified or is not one of the values set in the SnapshotTypesSupported[] array
 1249 property in the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class that is related to the
 1250 snapshot service, an implementation shall fail the method execution and set a return code of 6 (Invalid
 1251 Type).

1252 **8.3.1.4 ResultingSnapshot parameter**

1253 The implementation shall set the value of the ResultingSnapshot parameter as follows:

- 1254 • If the method execution is performed synchronously and is successful, the value shall be set to
 1255 reference the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the newly
 1256 created virtual system snapshot.

- 1257 • If the method execution is performed synchronously and fails, or if the method execution is per-
1258 formed asynchronously, the value shall be set to NULL.
- 1259 • If the method execution is performed asynchronously and is successful, see 8.1.2 to locate the
1260 instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the newly created virtual
1261 system snapshot.

1262 8.3.1.5 Return codes

1263 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
1264 fied in Table 15.

1265 **Table 15 – CreateSnapshot() method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method execution was successful.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because an invalid parameter was specified.
5	Method execution failed because the affected system is in a state in which the implementation rejects capturing a snapshot.
6	Method execution failed because no snapshot or an unsupported type of snapshot was requested.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1266 8.3.2 VirtualSystemSnapshotService.DestroySnapshot() method

1267 The implementation of the DestroySnapshot() method is conditional.

1268 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

1269 If the DestroySnapshot() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in addition
1270 behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1271 The execution of the DestroySnapshot() method shall effect the destruction of the affected virtual system
1272 snapshot. Dependency relationships from other snapshots to the affected snapshot shall be updated so
1273 that the affected snapshot is no longer referenced. If the snapshot was persistently established to be used
1274 during virtual system activation, the implementation may assign a different snapshot to be used for subse-
1275 quent virtual system activations, or may fall back to the "Default" virtual system configuration to be used
1276 for future activations. If a virtual system was activated using the snapshot and is still in a state other than
1277 the "Defined" virtual system state, the active virtual system shall not be affected by the execution of the
1278 DestroySnapshot() method.

1279 Table 16 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1280 **Table 16 – DestroySnapshot() method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	AffectedSnapshot	CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData REF	See 8.3.2.1.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1281 8.3.2.1 AffectedSnapshot parameter

1282 A client shall set a value of the AffectedSnapshot parameter to refer to the instance of the
1283 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a snapshot.

1284 An implementation shall interpret the value of the AffectedSnapshot parameter to identify the snapshot
1285 that is to be destroyed.

1286 8.3.2.2 Return codes

1287 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution using the return code values specified
1288 by Table 17.

1289 **Table 17 – DestroySnapshot() method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method execution was successful.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because an invalid parameter was specified.
5	Method execution failed because the affected snapshot is in a state in which the implementation rejects destroying a snapshot.
6	Method execution failed because the affected snapshot is of a type that is not destroyable.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1290 8.3.3 VirtualSystemSnapshotService.ApplySnapshot() method

1291 The implementation of the ApplySnapshot() method is conditional.

1292 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

1293 If the ApplySnapshot() method is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply; in addition
1294 behavior applicable to all extrinsic methods is specified in 8.1.2.

1295 The execution of the ApplySnapshot() method shall indicate that the snapshot is used for the next
1296 activation of the associated virtual system (the virtual system that was the source for the snapshot). The
1297 method execution shall have one or both of the following effects:

- 1298 • The snapshot is persistently established to be used for subsequent activations.
- 1299 • The virtual system is immediately activated or recycled, using the snapshot.

1300 Table 18 contains requirements for parameters of this method.

1301 **Table 18 – ApplySnapshot() method: Parameters**

Qualifiers	Name	Type	Description/Values
IN	Snapshot	CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData REF	See 8.3.3.1.
OUT	Job	CIM_ConcreteJob REF	See 8.1.3.2.

1302 8.3.3.1 Snapshot parameter

1303 A client shall set a value of the Snapshot parameter to refer to the instance of the
1304 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a snapshot.

1305 An implementation shall interpret the value of the Snapshot parameter to identify the snapshot that is to
1306 be applied.

1307 8.3.3.2 Return codes

1308 An implementation shall indicate the result of the method execution by using the return code values speci-
1309 fied in Table 19.

1310 **Table 19 – ApplySnapshot() method: Return code values**

Value	Description
0	Method execution was successful.
1	Method is not supported.
2	Method execution failed.
3	Method execution failed because a timeout condition occurred.
4	Method execution failed because an invalid parameter was specified.
5	Method execution failed because the affected system is in a state where snapshots cannot be applied.
6	Method execution failed because the type of the affected system does not support the application of a snapshot.
4096	Method execution is performed asynchronously. The specifications given in 8.1.3 apply.

1311 8.4 Profile conventions for operations

1312 The default list of operations for all classes is:

1313 GetInstance()

1314 EnumerateInstances()

1315 EnumerateInstanceNames()

1316 For classes that are referenced by an association, the default list also includes

1317 Associators()

1318 AssociatorNames()

1319 References()

1320 ReferenceNames()

1321 8.4.1 CIM_AffectedJobElement

1322 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1323 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1324 **8.4.2 CIM_ComputerSystem**

1325 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1326 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1327 **8.4.3 CIM_ConcreteJob**

1328 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1329 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1330 **8.4.4 CIM_Dependency**

1331 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1332 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1333 **8.4.5 CIM_ElementCapabilities**

1334 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1335 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1336 **8.4.6 CIM_ElementConformsToProfile**

1337 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1338 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1339 **8.4.7 CIM_HostedDependency**

1340 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1341 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1342 **8.4.8 CIM_HostedService**

1343 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1344 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1345 **8.4.9 CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot**

1346 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1347 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1348 **8.4.10 CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch**

1349 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1350 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

1351 **8.4.11 CIM_ReferencedProfile**

1352 All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

1353 NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.12 CIM_RegisteredProfile

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.13 CIM_ServiceAffectsElement

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.14 CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.15 CIM_System

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.16 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.17 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.18 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.19 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

8.4.20 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities

All operations in the default list in 8.4 shall be implemented as defined in [DSP0200](#).

NOTE Related profiles may define additional requirements on operations for the profile class.

9 Use Cases

This clause contains informative text only.

The following use cases and object diagrams illustrate use of –this profile. They are for informational purposes only and do not introduce behavioral requirements for implementations of the profile.

1385 **9.1 General assumptions**

1386 For all use cases, it is assumed that a client performs intrinsic CIM operations, extrinsic CIM operations,
1387 or both.

1388 For all use cases except the use case described in 9.2.1, the following conditions are implicitly assumed:

- 1389 • The client knows the URL of a WBEM service that exposes an implementation of this profile.
- 1390 • The client is able to communicate with the WBEM service through a specified CIM protocol. An
1391 example is the use of the http protocol as described in [DSP0200](#). The client may use a facility
1392 like a CIM client API to perform the encoding and decoding of CIM messages.

1393 **9.2 Discovery, localization, and inspection**

1394 This set of use cases describes how a client obtains access to an implementation, detects the central and
1395 scoped instances, and analyzes information available through these instances. Figure 3 outlines a sample
1396 situation that is referenced by some of the use-case descriptions in subsequent subclauses.

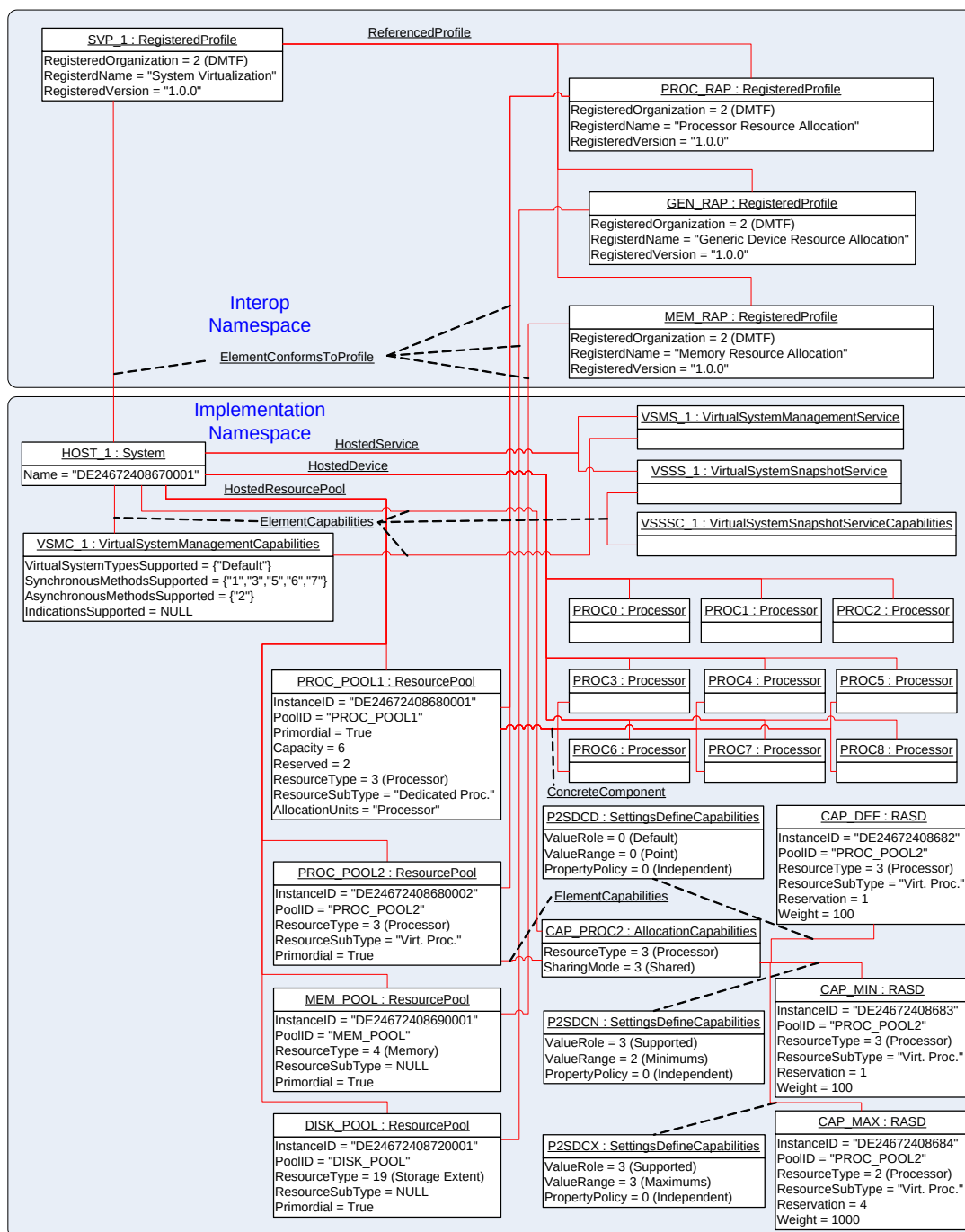


Figure 3 – System Virtualization Profile instance diagram: Discovery, localization, and inspection

9.2.1 SLP-Based discovery of CIM object managers hosting implementations of this Profile

The service location protocol (SLP) is used to locate WBEM services. A WBEM service that implements SLP as a discovery mechanism is required to register with SLP all instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that reside in the Interop namespace. An SLP service type is used to identify entities that are registered with SLP. An SLP service type is a structured string variable.

1405 **Assumption:** This profile is registered by at least one WBEM service that maintains a registration with an
 1406 SLP Directory Agent. The registration includes information about registered DMTF management profiles.
 1407 The client is able to make SLP calls.

- 1408 • The client invokes the SLPFindSrvs() SLP function as follows:
 - 1409 – The value of the srvtype parameter is set to "service:wbem".
 - 1410 – The value of the scopelist parameter is set to "default".
 - 1411 – The value of the filter parameter is set to "(RegisteredProfilesSupported=DMTF:System
 1412 Virtualization)".

1413 **Result:** Each URL in a list of URLs identifies a WBEM service where this profile is implemented.

1414 9.2.2 Locate conformant implementations using the EnumerateInstances() operation

1415 **Assumption:** The client knows the URL of a WBEM service hosting implementations of this profile (see
 1416 9.2.1).

- 1417 1) Using the URL, the client invokes the intrinsic EnumerateInstances() CIM operation with the
 1418 value of the ClassName input parameter set to "CIM_RegisteredProfile".
 1419 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class.
- 1420 1) The client iterates over the list of instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class and selects in-
 1421 stances where
 - 1422 – the RegisteredOrganization property has a value of 2 (DMTF)
 - 1423 – the RegisteredName property has a value of "System Virtualization"
 - 1424 – the RegisteredVersion property has a value equal to or greater than "1.0.0"

1425 **Result:** The client knows a set of instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class, each representing an im-
 1426 plementation of this profile.

1427 In the example shown in Figure 3, one instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class represents an imple-
 1428 mentation of this profile; it is tagged SVP_1.

1429 9.2.3 Locate conformant implementations using the ExecuteQuery() operation

1430 **Assumption:** The client knows the URL of a WBEM service hosting implementations of this profile (see
 1431 9.2.1).

- 1432 • Using the URL, the client invokes the intrinsic ExecuteQuery() CIM operation as follows:
 - 1433 – The value of the QueryLanguage input parameter is set to "CIM:CQL".
 - 1434 – The value of the Query input parameter is set to "SELECT * FROM CIM_RegisteredProfile
 1435 WHERE RegisteredName = 'System Virtualization' AND RegisteredVersion >= '1.0.0'".

1436 **Result:** The client knows a set of instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class, each representing an im-
 1437 plementation of this profile.

1438 In the example shown in Figure 3, one instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class represents an imple-
 1439 mentation of this profile; it is tagged SVP_1.

1440 9.2.4 Locate host systems represented by central instances of this profile

1441 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that
 1442 represents an implementation of this profile (see 9.2.2 or 9.2.3).

- 1443 • The client invokes the intrinsic AssociatorNames() CIM operation as follows:

- 1444 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
- 1445 CIM_RegisteredProfile class.
- 1446 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementConformsToProfile".
- 1447 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_System".

1448 **Result:** The client knows a set of references to instances of the CIM_System class that represent host
 1449 systems that are central and scoping instances of this profile.

1450 In the example shown in Figure 3, one instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class represents a host sys-
 1451 tem that is a central and scoping instance of this profile; it is tagged HOST_1.

1452 9.2.5 Locate implementations of scoped resource allocation profiles

1453 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that
 1454 represents an implementation of this profile (see 9.2.2 or 9.2.3).

- 1455 1) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation to obtain a the list of scoped DMTF
 1456 management profiles, as follows:
 - 1457 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
 - 1458 CIM_RegisteredProfile class.
 - 1459 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ReferencedProfile".
 - 1460 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_RegisteredProfile".
- 1461 The result is a set of instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that each represent an imple-
 1462 mentation of a DMTF management profile that is scoped by this profile.
- 1463 2) For each instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class, the client determines whether the value
 1464 of the RegisteredName property matches the registered name of one of the scoped resource
 1465 allocation DMTF management profiles as specified by Table 1.
- 1466 If the value does not match any name of a resource allocation DMTF management profile
 1467 scoped by this profile, the client ignores that instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class.

1468 **Result:** The client knows a set of instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that each represent an im-
 1469 plementation of a resource allocation DMTF management profile that is scoped by this profile.

1470 In the example shown in Figure 3, three instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class are associated with
 1471 the instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that is tagged SVP_1 and represents a central instance
 1472 of this profile. These instances represent implementations of scoped resource allocation DMTF
 1473 management profiles:

- 1474 • The instance tagged PROC_RAP represents an implementation of [DSP1044](#).
- 1475 • The instance tagged GEN_RAP represents an implementation of [DSP1059](#).
- 1476 • The instance tagged MEM_RAP represents an implementation of [DSP1045](#).

1477 9.2.6 Locate virtual system management service

1478 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a
 1479 host system that is a central instance of this profile (see 9.2.4).

- 1480 • The client invokes the intrinsic AssociatorNames() CIM operation as follows:
 - 1481 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_System
 - 1482 class.
 - 1483 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_HostedService".
 - 1484 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService".

1485 **Result:** The client knows a reference to the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class
 1486 that represents the virtual system management service that serves the host system. If the operation is
 1487 successful, the size of the result set is 1.

1488 In the example shown in Figure 3, one instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class
 1489 serves the host system; it is tagged VSMS_1.

1490 9.2.7 Determine the capabilities of an implementation

1491 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a
 1492 host system that is a central instance of this profile (see 9.2.4).

- 1493 1) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation as follows:
 - 1494 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_System
 - 1495 class.
 - 1496 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementCapabilities".
 - 1497 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to
 - 1498 "CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities".
 - 1499 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class. If the
 - 1500 operation is successful, the size of the result set is 1.
- 1501 3) The client analyzes the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class.
 - 1502 – The VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property lists identifiers of virtual system types
 - 1503 that the implementation supports.
 - 1504 – The SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property lists identifiers of methods of the
 - 1505 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that are implemented with synchronous
 - 1506 method execution only.
 - 1507 – The AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property lists identifiers of methods of the
 - 1508 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that are implemented with synchronous and
 - 1509 asynchronous method execution.
 - 1510 – The IndicationsSupported[] array property lists identifiers of types of indications that the
 - 1511 implementation supports.

1512 **Result:** The client knows the capabilities of the host system in terms of properties of the
 1513 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class.

1514 In the example shown in Figure 3, one instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class
 1515 is associated with the host system; it is tagged VSMC_1.

- 1516 • The VirtualSystemTypesSupported[] array property lists one element with the value "Default",
 1517 which indicates that the implementation supports one virtual system type named "Default". The
 1518 semantics are implementation specific.
- 1519 • The SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property lists enumerated values:
 1520 { 1 (AddResourceSettingsSupported), 3 (DestroySystemSupported),
 1521 5 (ModifyResourceSettingsSupported), 6 (ModifySystemSettingsSupported), and
 1522 7 (RemoveResourcesSupported) }, which indicates that the AddResources() method, the
 1523 DestroySystem() method, the ModifyResourceSettings() method, and the
 1524 RemoveResourceSettings() method are implemented by the implementation with synchronous
 1525 execution.
- 1526 • The AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property lists the enumerated value
 1527 { 2 (DefineSystemSupported) }, which indicates that the DefineSystem() method is
 1528 implemented by the implementation with synchronous or asynchronous execution.

- 1529 • The value of the IndicationsSupported[] array property is NULL, which indicates that indications
1530 are not implemented by the implementation.

1531 9.2.8 Locate hosted resource pools of a particular resource type

1532 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a
1533 host system that is a central instance of this profile (see 9.2.4).

- 1534 1) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation as follows:
 - 1535 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_System
1536 class.
 - 1537 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_HostedResourcePool".
 - 1538 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ResourcePool".
- 1539 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class.
- 1540 4) For each instance of CIM_ResourcePool, the client determines whether the value of the
1541 ResourceType property matches the requested resource type.
- 1542 If the value does not match the requested resource type, the client drops that instance of the
1543 CIM_ResourcePool class from the list.

1544 **Result:** The client knows a set of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class, each representing a hosted
1545 resource pool of the requested resource type.

1546 9.2.9 Obtain a set of central instances of scoped resource allocation profiles

1547 Resource allocation DMTF management profiles are based on [DSP1041](#) that defines the
1548 CIM_ResourcePool class as the central class. The procedure for the determination of central instances of
1549 scoped DMTF management profiles depends on the profile advertisement methodology applied by the
1550 respective implementations.

1551 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that
1552 represents an implementation of a scoped DMTF management profile (see 9.2.5).

- 1553 • The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation to obtain the list of instances of the
1554 CIM_ResourcePool class that are central instances of the scoped DMTF management profiles,
1555 as follows:
 - 1556 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
1557 CIM_RegisteredProfile class
 - 1558 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementConformsToProfile".
 - 1559 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ResourcePool".
- 1560 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class; the list may be empty.
- 1561 – If the list is not empty, the *central class* profile implementation advertisement methodology
1562 is applied by the implementation for the scoped resource allocation DMTF management
1563 profile. In this case, the list is the result for this use case.
- 1564 – If the list is empty, the *scoping class* profile implementation advertisement methodology is
1565 applied by the implementation for the scoped resource allocation DMTF management pro-
1566 file. In this case, the client
 - 1567 – needs to know the resource type associated with the scoped resource allocation
1568 DMTF management profile
 - 1569 – applies use case 9.2.8 to obtain a list of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class
1570 that each represent a resource pool of that particular resource type.

1571 The resulting list is the result for this use case.

1572 **Result:** The client knows a list of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class, each representing a central
1573 instance of a scoped resource allocation DMTF management profile.

1574 9.2.10 Determine implemented resource types

1575 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that
1576 represents an implementation of this profile (see 9.2.2 or 9.2.3).

1577 1) The client locates implementations of DMTF management profiles that are scoped by this profile
1578 (see 9.2.5).

1579 The result is a list of references to instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represent
1580 implementations of DMTF management profiles that are scoped by this profile.

1581 5) For each instance of CIM_RegisteredProfile, the client obtains the set of instances of the
1582 CIM_ResourcePool class that are central instances of the respective scoped resource allocation
1583 DMTF management profiles and represent a conformant resource pool (see 9.2.9).

1584 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class that are central instances of
1585 scoped resource allocation DMTF management profiles.

1586 6) The client creates an initially empty list of integer values. For each instance that is a result from
1587 step 5), the client determines whether the value of property ResourceType is already repre-
1588 sented in the list:

1589 – If that value is already contained in the list, the client ignores the element.

1590 – If that value is not yet contained in the list, the client adds a new element to the list with
1591 that value.

1592 **Result:** The client knows a list of integer values, each designating a resource type that is supported by
1593 the implementation.

1594 In the example shown in Figure 3, three instances of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class are associated with
1595 the instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents the implementation of this profile. These
1596 instances are central instances of scoped resource allocation DMTF management profiles:

- 1597 • The instance tagged PROC_RAP represents an implementation of [DSP1044](#).
- 1598 • The instance tagged GEN_RAP represents an implementation of [DSP1059](#).
- 1599 • The instance tagged MEM_RAP represents an implementation of [DSP1045](#).

1600 These instances are all associated with respective instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class, indicating
1601 that in this example in all cases the central class profile advertisement methodology is in use:

1602 • The instance tagged PROC_RAP is associated with two instances that represent resource
1603 pools for the allocation of processors. They show a value of 3 (Processor) for the ResourceType
1604 property and are tagged PROC_POOL1 and PROC_POOL2.

1605 • The instance tagged GEN_RAP is associated with one instance that represents a resource pool
1606 for the allocation of virtual disks. It shows a value of 19 (Storage Extent) for the ResourceType
1607 property and is tagged DISK_POOL.

1608 • The instance tagged MEM_RAP is associated with one instance that represents a resource pool
1609 for the allocation of memory. It shows a value of 4 (Memory) for the ResourceType property and
1610 is tagged MEM_POOL.

1611 The resulting list of integer values is {"3","4","19"} and designates the implemented resource types
1612 3 (Processor), 4 (Memory), and 19 (Storage Extent).

9.2.11 Determine the default resource pool for a resource type

Assumption: The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system that is a central instance of this profile (see 9.2.4).

- 1) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation for a list of allocation capabilities associated with resource pools hosted by the host system, as follows:
 - The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_System class.
 - The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementCapabilities".
 - The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_AllocationCapabilities".

The result is a list of instances of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class.
- 7) The client drops instances from the result list of step 1) that have a value for the ResourceType property that does not match the requested resource type.

The purpose of the following two steps is to further limit the result set from step 7) to those instances of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class that describe default settings. Default settings are flagged in the connecting instance of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association that has a value of 2 (Default) for the Characteristics property.
- 8) For each instance of the list resulting from step 7), the client invokes the intrinsic References() CIM operation for a list of association instances that refer to the resource pool:
 - The value of the ObjectName parameter refers the instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class.
 - The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_AllocationCapabilities".

The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association that associate an instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class that is taken from the result of step 7).
- 9) From the list obtained in step 8), the client drops all elements that meet either of the following conditions:
 - have a value other than 2 (Default) for the Characteristics property
 - do not refer to the instance of the CIM_System class that represents the host system through the ManagedElement property

The list should now contain one instance of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class that represents default allocation capabilities for the resource type in question.
- 10) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation to resolve association for the resource pool, as follows:
 - The value of the ObjectName parameter refers to the instance of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class selected in step 9).
 - The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementCapabilities".
 - The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ResourcePool".

The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class. The size of the list is 1.

Result: The client knows the instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class that represents the default resource pool for the requested resource type.

In the example shown in Figure 3, allocation capabilities are depicted only for the virtual processor pool. In the subsequent description, it is assumed that the client looks for the default resource pool for processors:

- 1655 • With step 1) of this use case, the client resolves the CIM_ElementCapabilities association from
1656 the instance of the CIM_System class that represents the host system (tagged HOST_1) to in-
1657 stances of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class. A conformant implementation of [DSP1043](#)
1658 shows only one associated element for each resource type.
- 1659 • With step 7), the client reduces the result set to the one element that describes allocation
1660 capabilities processors. This instance is tagged CAP_PROC1.
- 1661 • With steps 8) and 9), the client further reduces the result set to the one instance of the
1662 CIM_AllocationCapabilities class that represents the system's default capabilities for resource
1663 type 3 (Processor).
- 1664 • With step 10), the client resolves the CIM_ElementCapabilities association in order to obtain the
1665 instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class that represents the default resource pool for
1666 processors. This instance is tagged PROC_POOL2.

1667 9.2.12 Determine the resource pool for a resource allocation request or an allocated 1668 resource

1669 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData
1670 class that represents a resource allocation request or allocated resource.

- 1671 • The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation for a list of allocation capabilities
1672 associated with resource pools hosted by the host system, as follows:
 - 1673 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
1674 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class.
 - 1675 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ResourceAllocationFromPool".
 - 1676 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ResourcePool".
- 1677 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class containing one element.

1678 **Result:** The client knows the instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class that represents the resource pool
1679 for the resource allocation request or allocated resource.

1680 9.2.13 Determine valid settings for a resource type

1681 This use case describes the determination of valid settings for a resource type in the context of either the
1682 system as a whole or one resource pool.

1683 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to either of the following instances:

- 1684 • an instance of the CIM_ResourcePool class that represents a resource pool that is a central in-
1685 stance of a resource allocation DMTF management profile
- 1686 • an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system

1687 The sequence of activities is as follows:

- 1688 1) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation as follows:
 - 1689 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
1690 CIM_ResourcePool class or the CIM_System class.
 - 1691 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementCapabilities".
 - 1692 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_AllocationCapabilities".
- 1693 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class that describe the
1694 capabilities of the input instance.

- 11) The client drops from the result of step 1) those instances in which the ResourceType property designates a resource type other than the requested resource type. This step is required only if the starting point of the use case was an instance of the CIM_System class.

At this point the client has a list of instances of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class that describe allocation capabilities. The value of the SharingMode property allows a distinction between shared and dedicated resources.

- 12) The client invokes the intrinsic References() CIM operation for a set of instances of the CIM_SettingsDefineCapabilities association that each associate one instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that describes a limiting aspect (min/max/increment), as follows:

- The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_AllocationCapabilities class.
- The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_SettingsDefineCapabilities".

The result is a list of instances of the CIM_SettingsDefineCapabilities association.

- 13) For each instance that is a result from step 12), the client analyzes the values of the PropertyPolicy property and the ValueRange property. The value of the ValueRole property is irrelevant in this case.

The property values have the following impact:

- The value of the PropertyPolicy property is 0 (Independent) for a conformant implementation of [DSP1043](#) in association instances that connect a min/max/increment limiting setting.
- The value of the ValueRange property allows determining the designation of the associated setting:
 - A value of 1 (Minimums) indicates that the referenced instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class represents a lower limit for the allocation of resources of the respective resource type.
 - A value of 2 (Maximums) indicates that the referenced instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class represents an upper limit for the allocation of resources of the respective resource type.
 - A value of 3 (Increments) indicates that the referenced instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class represents an increment for the allocation of resources of the respective resource type.

- 14) For each association instance obtained in step 13), the client invokes the intrinsic GetInstance() CIM operation for the instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that describes the respective limitation. The value of InstanceName parameter is set to the value of the PartComponent property in the association instance obtained in step 13).

In each case, the result is an instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that represents a limiting setting.

Result: The client knows the valid resource settings for the requested resource type.

9.2.14 Determine implementation class specifics

This profile specifies the use of classes derived from the CIM_SettingData class, namely the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class and the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class. Instances of these classes are used to describe requirements on virtual systems and virtual resources as these are created or modified. An implementation may provide platform-specific implementation classes that extend these classes (or, for the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class, that extend resource-type-specific extensions specified in a resource-type-specific resource allocation DMTF management profile).

1741 A client should be prepared to deal with these extensions. A client should obtain class information for all
 1742 derived classes it deals with, in particular focusing on all class qualifiers and all property qualifiers,
 1743 namely

- 1744 • the Description qualifier that provides a description of the subclass or property
- 1745 • the DisplayName qualifier that provides a name for each subclass or property that is potentially
 1746 known to end-users

1747 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the class for which the client wants to obtain
 1748 class-specific information.

- 1749 1) The client extracts the class name from the reference.
- 1750 15) The client invokes the intrinsic GetClass() CIM operation to obtain a formal class description,
 1751 as follows:
 - 1752 – The value of the ClassName parameter is set to the name of the class.
 - 1753 – The value of the LocalOnly parameter is set to "false".
 - 1754 – The value of the IncludeQualifiers parameter is set to "true".
 - 1755 – The value of the IncludeClassOrigin parameter is set to "true".
- 1756 The result is a description of a CIM class.

1757 **Result:** The client has a description of the class. The format depends on the CIM client used to issue the
 1758 request and is based on the XML class data structure that describes a CIM class as defined in [DSP0201](#).
 1759 The description contains the class's qualifiers, its properties with property qualifiers, and its methods with
 1760 method qualifiers. Inspection of the class description enables the client to create local instances of the
 1761 respective implementation class.

1762 9.2.15 Determine the implementation class for a resource type

1763 **Assumption:** The client knows a list of references to instances of the CIM_ResourcePool class that
 1764 represent resource pools available at a host system.

- 1765 1) The client applies use case 9.2.13 to obtain a reference to an instance of the
 1766 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that is associated with an instance of the
 1767 CIM_ResourcePool class of the requested type through an instance of the
 1768 CIM_SettingsDefineCapabilities association with the ValueRole property set to "DEFAULT".
- 1769 16) The client applies use case 9.2.14 to obtain class information about that instance.

1770 **Result:** The client has an implementation class descriptor, which allows the client to analyze the
 1771 implementation class for its qualifiers, its properties and their qualifiers, and its methods and their
 1772 qualifiers. Further, the client can create local instances of the returned class that may be used as input on
 1773 methods of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class.

1774 9.2.16 Locate virtual systems hosted by a host system

1775 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that is the central in-
 1776 stance of this profile and represents a host system (see 9.2.4).

- 1777 • The client invokes the intrinsic AssociatorNames() CIM operation for the list of virtual systems,
 1778 as follows:
 - 1779 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_System
 1780 class.
 - 1781 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_HostedSystem".
 - 1782 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ComputerSystem".

1783 The result is a list of references to instances of the CIM_ComputerSystem class.

1784 **Result:** The client knows a set of references to instances of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that
1785 represent virtual systems that are hosted by the host system.

1786 **9.3 Virtual system definition, modification, and destruction**

1787 **General assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the
1788 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that represents the virtual system management services of
1789 a host system (see 9.2.6).

1790 **9.3.1 Virtual system definition**

1791 Virtual system definition is performed using a client-provided configuration, a configuration of an existing
1792 virtual system, a configuration that is stored within the implementation, or combinations of these.

1793 **9.3.1.1 Define virtual system based on input and reference virtual system configuration**

1794 **Assumption:** No assumption is made beyond the general assumption specified in 9.3.

- 1795 1) The client invokes the DefineSystem() method (see 8.2.1) on the virtual system management
1796 service, as follows.
- 1797 – The value of the SystemSettings parameter is set to an embedded instance of the
1798 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class.
 - 1799 – The value of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter is set to an array of embedded in-
1800 stances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class.
 - 1801 – The value of the ReferenceConfiguration parameter is set to refer to a "Reference" virtual
1802 system configuration.
- 1803 1) The implementation executes the DefineSystem() method. The configuration of the new virtual
1804 system is created according to the client's requirements. The new virtual system is in the
1805 "Defined" virtual system state.
- 1806 The value returned in the ResultingSystem parameter refers to an instance of the
1807 CIM_ComputerSystem class.

1808 **Result:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents
1809 the new virtual system.

1810 Figure 4 shows the representation of a virtual system that was defined using an "Input" virtual system and
1811 a "Reference" virtual system configuration.

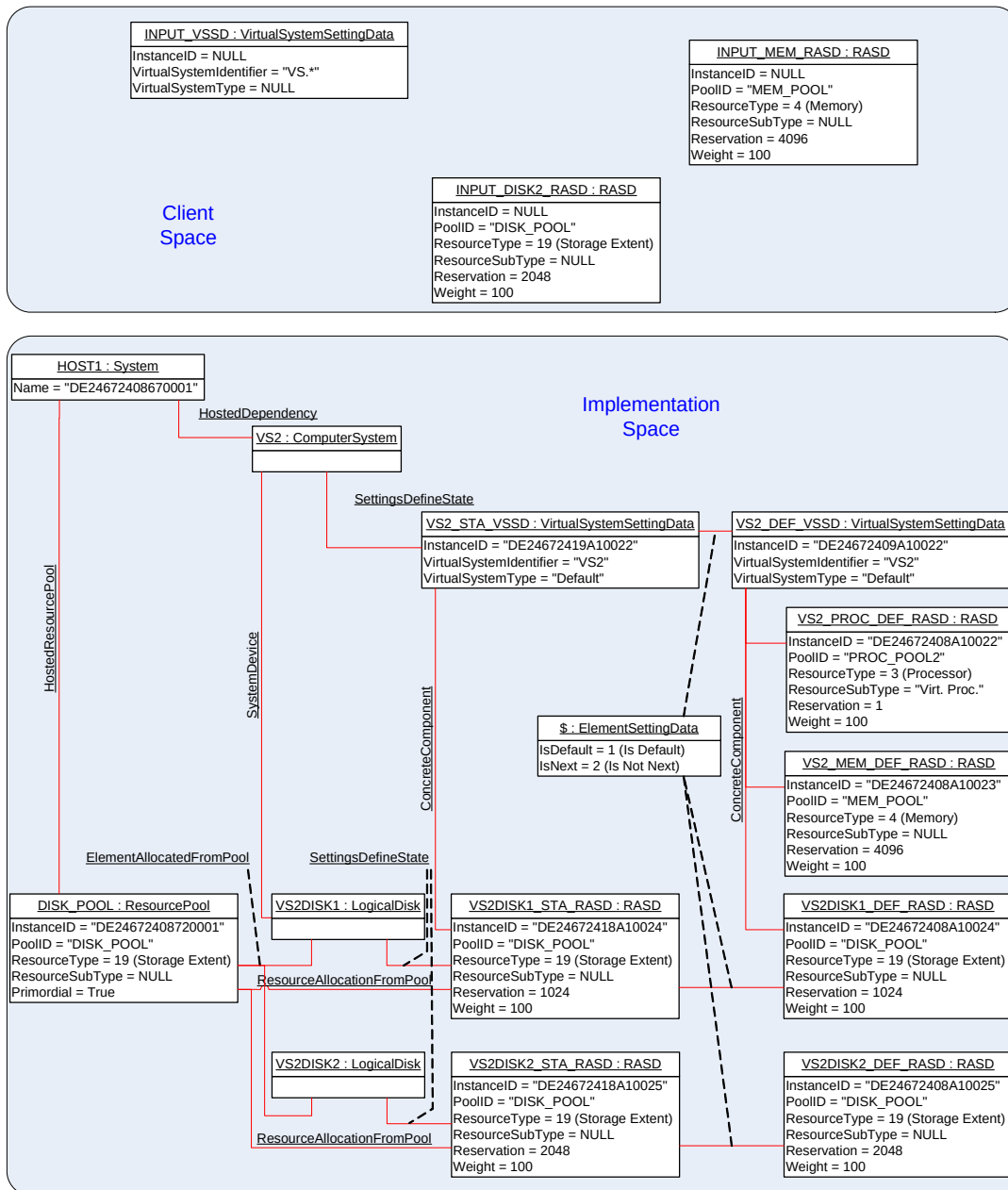


Figure 4 – Virtual system configuration based on input virtual system configurations and implementation defaults

The new virtual system is represented by an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that is tagged VS2. The right side of Figure 4 shows the "Defined" virtual system configuration for the new virtual system. It is based on the "Input" virtual system configuration shown at the top of Figure 4. In this example, it is assumed that the ReferenceConfiguration parameter refers to a virtual system configuration that contains requests for the following resources:

- a virtual processor
- virtual memory of 1024 MB
- a virtual disk of 1024 MB

1823 The "Input" virtual system configuration does not request the allocation of a processor, but because the
 1824 "Reference" virtual configuration does, the resulting virtual system definition contains a request for a
 1825 processor as well.

1826 The input virtual system configuration requests 4096 MB of memory. That value is given preference over
 1827 the value of 1024 that is specified in the "Reference" configuration.

1828 The input virtual system configuration requests a virtual disk in addition to the one requested by the
 1829 "Reference" configuration, resulting in two virtual disks allocated for the new virtual system.

1830 9.3.1.2 Define virtual system with implementation-specific properties

1831 **Assumption:** No assumption is made beyond the general assumption specified in 9.3.

- 1832 • The client performs use case 9.3.1.1 using an input configuration only. While preparing the input
 1833 virtual system configuration, the client applies use case 9.2.14 to determine the implementation
 1834 class of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class and use case 9.2.15 to determine the various
 1835 implementation classes for the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class for the required
 1836 resource types.

1837 The implementation classes may specify additional properties beyond the set that is defined in
 1838 the respective base classes. The client may use the description information about each of these
 1839 properties that is obtained with the respective class descriptions to request appropriate values
 1840 from end users in order to create valid instances of the implementation class (thereby defining
 1841 implementation-specific resource requirements).

1842 **Result:** The value of the DefinedSystem output parameter refers to an instance of the
 1843 CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the newly created virtual system. The new system is in the
 1844 "Defined" state.

1845 9.3.2 Virtual system modification

1846 This clause describes a set of usecases that modify virtual systems or virtual system configurations.

1847 9.3.2.1 Modify virtual system state or definition

1848 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that
 1849 represents a virtual system.

- 1850 1) The client obtains the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the
 1851 state or definition of virtual aspects of the affected virtual system (respective use cases are de-
 1852 scribed in [DSP1057](#)).
- 1853 17) The client makes conformant changes to the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData
 1854 class. In particular, the client must not modify key properties.
- 1855 18) The client invokes the ModifySystemSettings() method (see 8.2.5) on the virtual system
 1856 management service. The value of the SystemSettings parameter is the modified instance from
 1857 step 17).
- 1858 19) The implementation executes the ModifySystemSettings() method, and the configuration of the
 1859 virtual system is modified according to the clients requirements.

1860 **Result:** The requested modification is applied to the state or definition of the virtual system.

1861 9.3.2.2 Add virtual resources

1862 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class
 1863 that represents a virtual system configuration.

- 1864 1) The client locally prepares one or more instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData
 1865 class to represent the resource allocation requests for the new virtual resources.

- 1866 20) The client invokes the AddResourceSettings() method (see 8.2.3) on the virtual system
1867 management service, as follows:
- 1868 – The value of the AffectedConfiguration parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
1869 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the virtual system configuration that
1870 receives new resources allocations.
 - 1871 – The value of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter is set with each element as one
1872 embedded instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class prepared in step 1).
- 1873 2) The implementation executes the AddResourceSettings() method, adding the requested re-
1874 source allocations and resource allocation requests to the virtual system configuration.

1875 **Result:** The requested resource allocations or resource allocation requests are configured into the refer-
1876 enced virtual system configuration.

1877 9.3.2.3 Modify virtual resource state extension or virtual resource definition

1878 **Assumption:** The client knows references to one or more instances of the CIM_LogicalDevice class that
1879 represent one or more virtual resources.

1880 Alternatively the client knows the reference to an instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData
1881 class that represents the virtual resource state extensions or virtual resource definitions. In this case, the
1882 client would obtain the referenced instance by using the intrinsic GetInstance() CIM operation and pro-
1883 ceed with step 23).

- 1884 1) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation for the virtual resource state exten-
1885 sion as follows:

- 1886 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
1887 CIM_LogicalDevice class.
- 1888 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_SettingsDefineState".
- 1889 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData".

1890 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class. The size of the
1891 list is expected to be 1, and that element represents the virtual resource state extension. If the
1892 client intends to modify the virtual resource state extension, the client skips steps 21) and 22),
1893 and proceeds with step 23). If the client intends to modify the virtual resource definition, the
1894 client continues with step 21).

- 1895 21) The client invokes the intrinsic References() CIM operation for the association instances that
1896 connect the virtual resource definition, as follows:

- 1897 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
1898 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that was obtained in step 1).
- 1899 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementSettingData".

1900 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_ElementSettingData association that connect various
1901 settings to the virtual resource state extension.

- 1902 22) The client selects from the result set of step 21) the instance in which the IsDefault property has
1903 a value of 1 (Is Default). In that instance, the value of the SettingData property refers to the in-
1904 stance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that represents the virtual resource
1905 definition.

- 1906 23) The client invokes the intrinsic GetInstance() CIM operation for the setting that represents the
1907 resource allocation definition. The value of the InstanceName parameter is set to the value of
1908 the SettingData property from the instance of the CIM_ElementSettingData association selected
1909 in step 22).

1910 The result is the instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that represents the
1911 virtual resource definition.

- 1912 24) The client makes conformant changes to the instance of the
1913 CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class. In particular, the client must not modify key proper-
1914 ties.
- 1915 Eventually the client executes steps 1) to 24) repetitively, preparing a set of resource allocation
1916 change requests that subsequently are applied as one atomic operation.
- 1917 25) The client invokes the ModifyResourceSettings() method (see 8.2.4) on the virtual system man-
1918 agement service. The values of elements of the ResourceSettings parameter are the modified
1919 instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that were prepared through repeti-
1920 tive execution of steps in steps 1) to 24).
- 1921 26) The implementation executes the ModifyResourceSettings() method, causing the requested re-
1922 source allocation changes being applied to resource allocation state extensions or resource
1923 allocation definitions.
- 1924 **Result:** The requested resource modifications are applied to virtual resource state extensions or virtual
1925 resource definitions.
- 1926 Figure 5 shows the representation of a virtual system. Initially the virtual system was instantiated accord-
1927 ing to the "Defined" virtual system configuration that is show on the right side. During the activation of the
1928 virtual system, required resources were allocated. Virtual resources are represented by instances of sub-
1929 classes of the CIM_LogicalDevice class (CIM_Processor, CIM_Memory, or CIM_LogicalDisk in this case),
1930 with their "State" extensions in the "State" virtual system configuration. Related elements in the virtual
1931 system representation and the "State" virtual system configuration are associated through instances of
1932 the CIM_SettingsDefineState association.
- 1933 Entities that are shown in blue color in Figure 5 are involved in the example of a processor resource
1934 modification that is described following the figure.

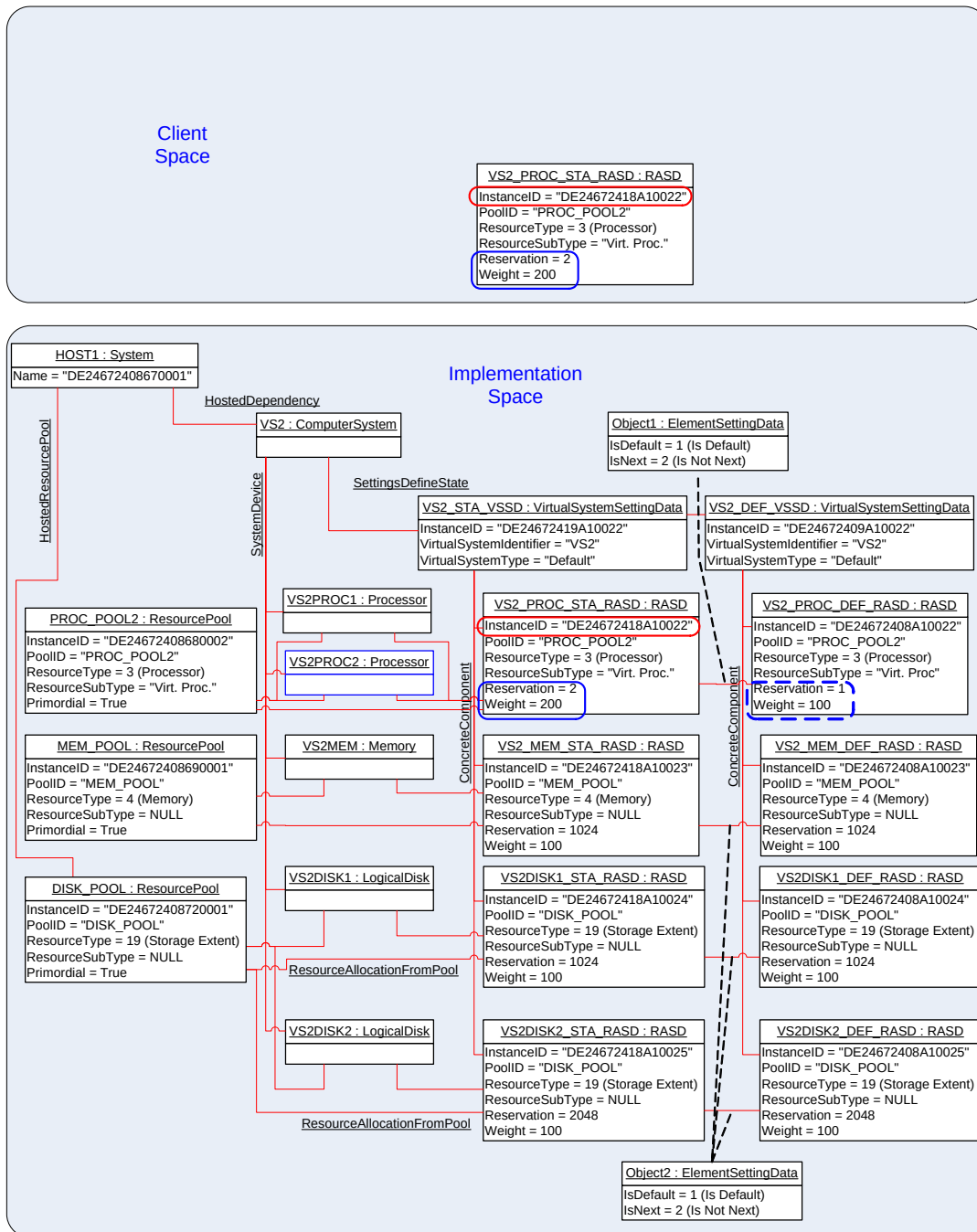


Figure 5 – Virtual system resource modification

Next, the client applied a resource modification on the allocated processor resource within the virtual system's "State" configuration. The "State" configuration is shown to the left of the "Defined" virtual system configuration. The client obtained a local copy of the instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that is tagged VS2_PROC_STA_RASD. In that local copy, the client modified the value of the Reservation property to 2 and the value of the Weight property to 200. Then the client called the ModifyResourceSettings() method with the modified instance as the only element value for the ResourceSettings[] array parameter. The execution of that method resulted in another virtual processor being allocated to the virtual system.

NOTE: Because a change applied to the "State" virtual system configuration is temporary in nature, a recycling of the virtual system will nullify the change and result in a new "State" virtual system configuration based on the "Defined" virtual system configuration.

9.3.2.4 Delete virtual resources or virtual resource definitions

Assumption: The client has references to one or more instances of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class that refer to elements of the "State" or "Defined" virtual system configuration of one virtual system. See [DSP1057](#), clause 9, for respective use cases.

- 1) The client invokes the RemoveResourceSettings() method (see 8.2.6) on the virtual system management service. The value of the ResourceSettings[] array parameter is set with each element referring to one instance of the CIM_ResourceAllocationSettingData class.
- 2) The implementation executes the RemoveResourceSettings() method. Either all requested resource allocations or resource allocation requests are removed, or none at all.

Result: The referenced virtual resources are removed from their respective virtual system configurations.

9.3.3 Destroy virtual system

Assumption: The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system (see 9.2.16).

- 1) The client invokes the DestroySystem() method on the virtual system management service. The value of the AffectedSystem parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system.
- 2) The implementation executes the DestroySystem() method.

Result: The affected virtual system and its virtual resources (together with their definition) are removed from the implementation. If the virtual system was in the "Active" state, the "Paused" state, or in the "Suspended" state, the running instance of the virtual system and its virtual resources are removed before the definition of the virtual system is removed.

NOTE: Dependencies may exist that may prevent the destruction of a virtual system. For example, if definitions or instances of other virtual systems refer to elements of the virtual system to be destroyed, the destruction may fail.

9.4 Snapshot-related activities

This set of use cases describes activities such as the following:

- discovering a virtual system snapshot service
- inspecting the capabilities of a virtual system snapshot service
- creating a snapshot from a virtual system
- applying a snapshot to a virtual system
- analyzing a virtual snapshot
- analyzing dependencies among snapshots
- locating the most recently captured snapshot
- destroying a snapshot

Figure 6 depicts the CIM representation of a virtual system VS1 and of configurations that are associated with the virtual system at time T3. In the example, it is assumed that the implementation applies the "Single-Configuration Implementation Approach" as described in [DSP1057](#).

The sequence of events that yield the situation shown in Figure 6 is as follows:

- 1985 1) At time T0, the virtual system VS1 is defined. The initial virtual system definition contains virtual
1986 resource allocation requests for one memory extent, one virtual processor, and one virtual disk.
- 1987 27) At a time after T0 but before T1, the virtual system is activated.
- 1988 28) At time T1, a full snapshot S1 is captured of the virtual system. Virtual system definition and
1989 state are copied into the snapshot. A full snapshot includes the "content" of virtual memory *and*
1990 of virtual disks; a disk snapshot would contain the "content" of virtual disks only.
- 1991 29) The virtual system remains active after the snapshot is captured. The virtual system configura-
1992 tion and the "content" of memory and of virtual disks may change in that interval.
- 1993 30) At a time after T1 but before T2, snapshot S1 is applied to the virtual system, causing definition
1994 and state to be restored to the situation at time T1.
- 1995 31) Still at a time before T2, a second virtual disk is dynamically added to the virtual system. Be-
1996 cause in this example the implementation applies the "Single-Configuration Implementation
1997 Approach," this change in effect applies to both virtual system definition and virtual system in-
1998 stance and is visible through the "Single" VS configuration.
- 1999 32) At time T2, snapshot S2 is captured of the virtual system. Because at time T2 the virtual system
2000 snapshot S1 is the last applied snapshot, snapshot S2 depends on snapshot S1.
- 2001 33) The virtual system remains active after the snapshot is captured. The virtual system configura-
2002 tion and the "content" of memory and of virtual disks may change in that interval.
- 2003 34) At a time after T2 but before T3, snapshot S2 is applied to the virtual system, causing definition
2004 and state to be restored to the situation at time T2, thereby nullifying changes that were applied
2005 to the virtual system after T2.
- 2006 35) At time T3, the situation is as shown in Figure 6.
- 2007 **General assumption:** The client knows the reference to an instance of the
2008 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class that represents the virtual system snapshot of a host system
2009 (see 9.2.6).

Current Time: $T_3 > T_2 > T_1 > T_0$

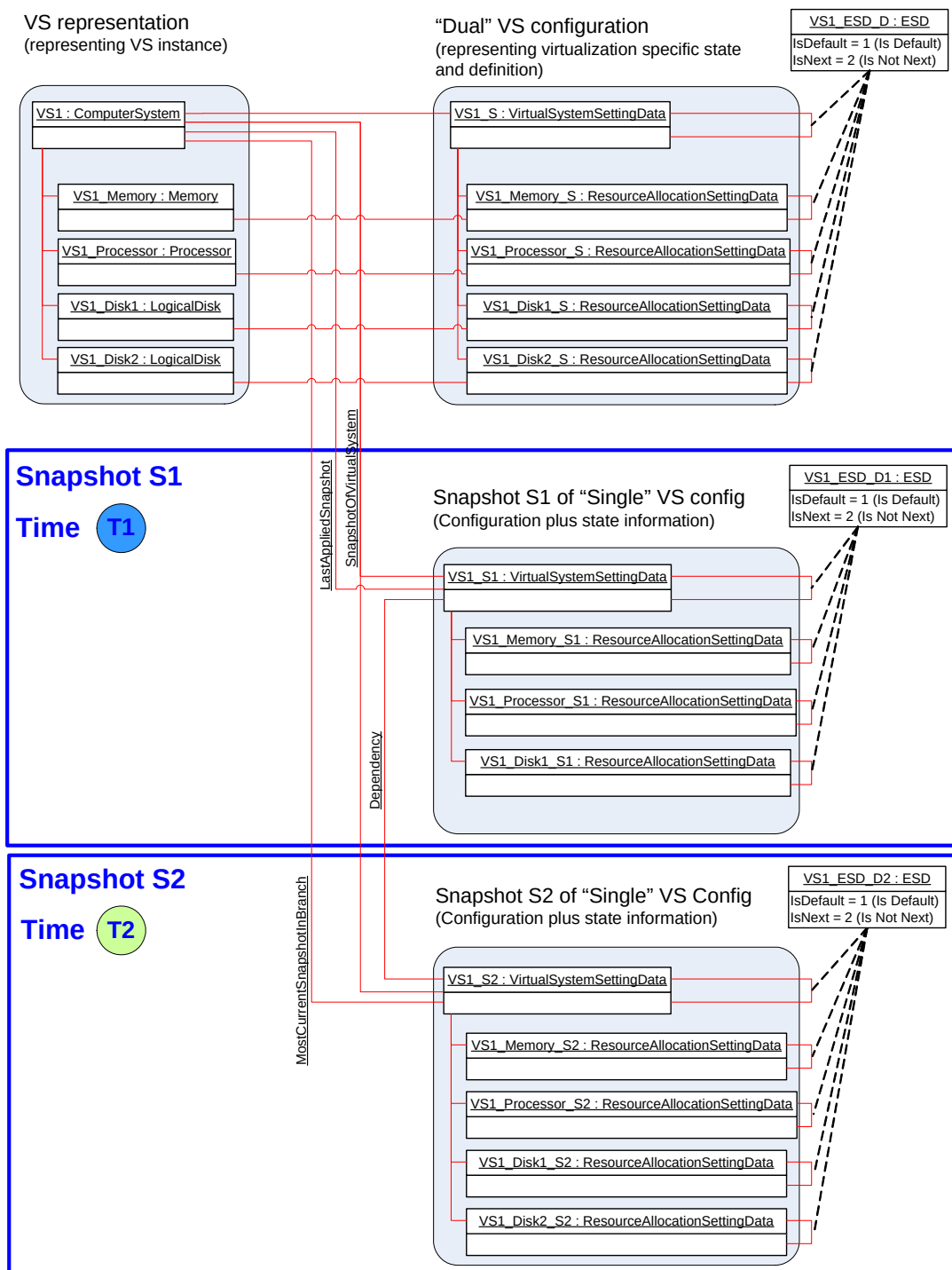


Figure 6 – System Virtualization Profile: Snapshot example

2012 9.4.1 Locate virtual system snapshot service

2013 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a
2014 host system that is a central instance of this profile; (see 9.2.4).

- 2015 • The client invokes the intrinsic AssociatorNames() CIM operation as follows:
 - 2016 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_System
 - 2017 class.
 - 2018 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_HostedService".
 - 2019 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService".

2020 **Result:** The client knows a reference to the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class
2021 that represents the virtual system snapshot service serving the host system. If the operation is successful,
2022 the size of the result set is 1.

2023 In the example shown in Figure 3, one instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class serves
2024 the host system; it is tagged VSSS_1.

2025 9.4.2 Determine capabilities of a virtual system snapshot service

2026 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService
2027 class that represents the virtual system snapshot service serving a host system (see 9.4.1).

- 2028 1) The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation as follows:
 - 2029 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
 - 2030 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class.
 - 2031 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementCapabilities".
 - 2032 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to
 - 2033 "CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities".
 - 2034 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class. If
 - 2035 the operation is successful, the size of the result set is 1.
- 2036 36) The client analyzes the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class.
 - 2037 – The SynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property lists identifiers of methods of the
 - 2038 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class that are implemented with
 - 2039 synchronous method execution only.
 - 2040 – The AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property lists identifiers of methods of the
 - 2041 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class that are implemented with
 - 2042 synchronous and asynchronous method execution.
 - 2043 – The SnapshotTypesSupported[] array property lists identifiers designating snapshot types
 - 2044 that are supported by the implementation.

2045 **Result:** The client knows the virtual-system-snapshot-related capabilities of the host system in terms of
2046 properties of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class.

2047 In the example shown in Figure 3, one instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities
2048 class is associated with the host system; it is tagged VSSSC_1.

9.4.3 Create snapshot

Assumption: The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system hosted by a host system (see 9.2.16). The virtual system is active.

- 1) The client invokes the CreateSnapshot() method on the virtual system snapshot service, as follows:

- The value of the AffectedSystem parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system.
- The value of the SnapshotType parameter is set to 2 (Full Snapshot).

- 37) The implementation executes the CreateSnapshot() method.

The value returned in the ResultingSnapshot parameter refers to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the new snapshot.

Result: The client knows a reference to the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the created virtual system snapshot.

In the example shown in Figure 6, two instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class represent virtual system snapshots S1 and S2 taken at times T1 and T2. Although the situation captured in Figure 6 shows the situation at T3, a snapshot taken at T3 would look identical to S2 (because the current system at time T3 is unchanged with respect to S2).

9.4.4 Locate snapshots of a virtual system

Assumption: The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system (see 9.2.16).

- The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation for the list of snapshots, as follows:
 - The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class.
 - The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem".
 - The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData".

The result is a list of instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class.

Result: The client knows a set of instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class, each representing a virtual system snapshot taken from the virtual system.

In the example shown in Figure 6, the instances tagged VS_S1 and VS1_S2 of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class represent snapshots S1 and S2.

9.4.5 Locate the source virtual system of a snapshot

Assumption: The client knows the reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a virtual system snapshot.

- The client invokes the intrinsic AssociatorNames() CIM operation for the source virtual system as follows:
 - The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class.
 - The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_ElementSettingData".
 - The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_ComputerSystem".

The result is a list of references to instances of the CIM_ComputerSystem class. The size of the list is 1.

2090 **Result:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents
 2091 the virtual system that was the source for the snapshot.

2092 NOTE: At this time the present configuration of the virtual system may be completely different from the configuration
 2093 that was captured in the snapshot.

2094 In the example shown in Figure 6, the instance of class CIM_ComputerSystem tagged VS1 is the source
 2095 of snapshots S1 and S2, represented by instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class tagged
 2096 VS_S1 and VS_S2.

2097 9.4.6 Locate the most current snapshot in a branch of snapshots

2098 **Assumption:** The client knows an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual
 2099 system (see 9.2.16).

- 2100 • The client invokes the intrinsic Associators() CIM operation for the most current snapshot in the
 2101 current branch of virtual snapshots, as follows:
 - 2102 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
 2103 CIM_ComputerSystem class.
 - 2104 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch".
 - 2105 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData".
- 2106 The result is a list of instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class. The size of the list is
 2107 1.

2108 **Result:** The client knows an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the vir-
 2109 tual system snapshot that is the most current snapshot in the current branch of snapshots.

2110 In the example shown in Figure 6, the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that is tagged
 2111 VS1_2 represents the most current snapshot in the current branch of snapshots. This is the case because
 2112 that snapshot was applied most recently to the virtual system and no other snapshot was applied to or
 2113 created from the virtual system since then.

2114 9.4.7 Locate dependent snapshots

2115 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class
 2116 that represents a virtual system snapshot (see 9.4.4).

- 2117 • The client invokes the intrinsic AssociatorNames() CIM operation for the list of dependent snap-
 2118 shots as follows:
 - 2119 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
 2120 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class.
 - 2121 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_Dependency".
 - 2122 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData".
 - 2123 – The value of the Role parameter is set to "Antecedent".
 - 2124 – The value of the ResultRole parameter is set to "Dependent".
- 2125 The result is a list of references to instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class.

2126 **Result:** The client knows a set of instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represent vir-
 2127 tual system snapshots that depend on the input virtual system snapshot. The set may be empty, indicating
 2128 that no dependent snapshots exist.

2129 In the example shown in Figure 6, the instance tagged VS_S2 represents snapshot S2, which is depend-
 2130 ent on snapshot S1, which is represented by the instance tagged VS_S1.

2131 9.4.8 Locate parent snapshot

2132 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class
 2133 that represents a virtual system snapshot (see 9.4.4).

- 2134 • The client invokes the intrinsic AssociatorNames() CIM operation for the parent snapshot as fol-
 2135 lows:
 - 2136 – The value of the ObjectName parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
 2137 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the virtual system snapshot.
 - 2138 – The value of the AssocClass parameter is set to "CIM_Dependency".
 - 2139 – The value of the ResultClass parameter is set to "CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData".
 - 2140 – The value of the Role parameter is set to "Dependent".
 - 2141 – The value of the ResultRole parameter is set to "Antecedent".
- 2142 The result is a list of references to instances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that
 2143 represent virtual system snapshots. The list has a size of 1 or 0.

2144 **Result:** The client knows the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the par-
 2145 ent virtual system snapshot of the input virtual system snapshot. The set may be empty, indicating that no
 2146 parent snapshots exist.

2147 In the example shown in Figure 6, the instance tagged VS_S1 represents snapshot S1, which is the par-
 2148 ent of snapshot S2, which is represented by the instance tagged VS_S2.

2149 9.4.9 Apply snapshot

2150 **Assumption:** The client knows a reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class
 2151 that represents a virtual system snapshot (see 9.4.3 or 9.4.4). The client knows a reference to the in-
 2152 stance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system that was the source for the
 2153 snapshot (see 9.4.5). The virtual system is active.

- 2154 1) The client invokes the ApplySnapshot() method on the virtual system snapshot service. The
 2155 value of the Snapshot parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
 2156 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the snapshot.
- 2157 2) The snapshot is applied into the active virtual system as follows:
 - 2158 a) The virtual system is deactivated. This implies a disruptive termination of the software that
 2159 may be active in the instance of the virtual system.
 - 2160 b) The virtual system is reconfigured according to the virtual system snapshot. For a disk
 2161 snapshot, this applies to the disk resources only.
 - 2162 c) If the applied snapshot is a full snapshot, all stateful resources like memory and disk are
 2163 restored to the situation that was captured in the snapshot. If the applied snapshot is a disk
 2164 snapshot, only disk resources are restored.
 - 2165 d) The virtual system is activated. If the applied snapshot is a full snapshot, the virtual system
 2166 starts from the situation that was captured by the full snapshot. If the applied snapshot was
 2167 a disk snapshot, a normal virtual system activation occurs.

2168 **Result:** The virtual system is restored to the situation that was in place when the snapshot was taken.

2169 In the example shown in Figure 6, the situation is depicted at time T3, immediately after the activation of
 2170 snapshot S2 within virtual system VS1.

2171 9.4.10 Destroy snapshot

2172 **Assumption:** The client knows the reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class
 2173 that represents a virtual system snapshot (see 9.2.16).

- 2174 1) The client invokes the DestroySnapshot() method on the virtual system management service.
 2175 The value of the Snapshot parameter is set to refer to the instance of the
 2176 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the snapshot.
- 2177 2) The snapshot is removed from the implementation.

2178 **Result:** The snapshot no longer exists within the implementation.

2179 10 CIM elements

2180 Table 20 lists CIM elements that are defined or specialized for this profile. Each CIM element shall be
 2181 implemented as described in Table 20. The CIM Schema descriptions for any referenced element and its
 2182 sub-elements apply.

2183 Clauses 7 ("Implementation") and 8 ("Methods") may impose additional requirements on these elements.

2184 **Table 20 – CIM Elements: System Virtualization Profile**

Element Name	Requirement	Description
CIM_AffectedJobElement	Conditional	See 10.1.
CIM_ConcreteJob	Conditional	See 10.2.
CIM_Dependency	Conditional	See 10.3.
CIM_ElementCapabilities (Host system)	Mandatory	See 10.4.
CIM_ElementCapabilities (Virtual system management service)	Mandatory	See 10.5.
CIM_ElementCapabilities (Virtual system snapshot service)	Conditional	See 10.6.
CIM_ElementCapabilities (Snapshots of virtual systems)	Conditional	See 10.7.
CIM_ElementConformsToProfile	Mandatory	See 10.8.
CIM_HostedDependency	Mandatory	See 10.9.
CIM_HostedService (Virtual system management service)	Conditional	See 10.10.
CIM_HostedService (Virtual system snapshot service)	Conditional	See 10.11.
CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot	Conditional	See 10.12.
CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch	Conditional	See 10.13.
CIM_ReferencedProfile	Conditional	See 10.14.
CIM_RegisteredProfile	Mandatory	See 10.15.
CIM_ServiceAffectsElement (Virtual system management service)	Conditional	See 10.16.
CIM_ServiceAffectsElement (Virtual system snapshot service)	Conditional	See 10.17.
CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem	Conditional	See 10.18.
CIM_System	Mandatory	See 10.19.
CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities	Mandatory	See 10.20.
CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService	Conditional	See 10.21.
CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData (Input)	Conditional	See 10.22.

Element Name	Requirement	Description
CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData (Snapshot)	Conditional	See 10.23.
CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities	Conditional	See 10.24.
CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService	Optional	See 10.25.
CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities	Conditional	See 10.26.

10.1 CIM_AffectedJobElement

The implementation of the CIM_AffectedJobElement association is conditional.

Condition: A non-NULL value for at least one element of the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class is implemented.

If the CIM_AffectedJobElement association is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

An implementation shall use the CIM_AffectedJobElement association to associate an instance of the CIM_ConcreteJob class that represents an asynchronous task and an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system that is affected by its execution.

Table 21 contains the requirements for elements of this association.

Table 21 – Association: CIM_AffectedJobElement

Elements	Requirement	Notes
AffectedElement	Mandatory	Key: See 8.1.2. Cardinality: *
AffectingElement	Mandatory	Key: See 8.1.2. Cardinality: 1
ElementEffects[]	Mandatory	See 8.1.2.

10.2 CIM_ConcreteJob

The implementation of the CIM_ConcreteJob class is conditional.

Condition: A non-NULL value for at least one element of the AsynchronousMethodsSupported[] array property of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class is implemented.

If the CIM_ConcreteJob class is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ConcreteJob class to represent an asynchronous task.

Table 22 contains requirements for elements of this class.

Table 22 – Class: CIM_ConcreteJob

Elements	Requirement	Notes
InstanceID	Mandatory	Key
JobState	Mandatory	See 8.1.2.
TimeOfLastStateChange	Mandatory	See 8.1.2.

2204 10.3 CIM_Dependency

2205 The implementation of the CIM_Dependency association is conditional.

2206 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

2207 If the CIM_Dependency association class is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

2208 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_Dependency association to associate an instance of
2209 the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a parent snapshot and an instance of the
2210 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a dependent snapshot.

2211 Table 23 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2212 **Table 23 – Class: CIM_Dependency Class**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a parent snapshot Cardinality: 0..1
Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a dependent snapshot Cardinality: 0..1

2213 10.4 CIM_ElementCapabilities (Host system)

2214 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association to associate an in-
2215 stance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system with an instance of the
2216 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes the virtual system management capabili-
2217 ties of the host system.

2218 Table 24 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2219 **Table 24 – Association: CIM_ElementCapabilities (Host System)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
ManagedElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system Cardinality: 1
Capabilities	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class that describes the capabilities of a host system Cardinality: 1

2220 10.5 CIM_ElementCapabilities (Virtual system management service)

2221 The implementation of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association for the virtual system management
2222 service is conditional.

2223 Condition: Any of the following is implemented:

- 2224 • Virtual system definition and destruction (see 7.4.6.1)

2225 • Virtual resource addition and removal (see 7.4.6.2)

2226 • Virtual system and resource modification (see 7.4.6.3)

2227 If the CIM_ElementCapabilities association is implemented for the virtual system management service,
2228 the provisions in this subclause apply.

2229 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association to associate an in-
2230 stance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that represents a virtual system management
2231 service with an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities that describes the capabilities
2232 of the virtual system management service.

2233 Table 25 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2234 **Table 25 – Association: CIM_ElementCapabilities (Virtual system management)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
ManagedElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class Cardinality: 0..1
Capabilities	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class Cardinality: 1

2235 10.6 CIM_ElementCapabilities (Virtual system snapshot service)

2236 The implementation of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association for the virtual system snapshot service is
2237 conditional.

2238 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

2239 If the CIM_ElementCapabilities association is implemented for the virtual system snapshot service, the
2240 provisions in this subclause apply.

2241 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association to associate an in-
2242 stance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class that represents a virtual system snapshot service
2243 with an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class that describes the capabili-
2244 ties of the virtual system snapshot service.

2245 Table 26 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2246 **Table 26 – Association: CIM_ElementCapabilities (Snapshot service)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
ManagedElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class that represents a virtual system snapshot service Cardinality: 1
Capabilities	Mandatory	Key: Reference to the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class that represents the capabilities of the virtual system snapshot service Cardinality: 1

2247 10.7 CIM_ElementCapabilities (Snapshots of virtual systems)

2248 The implementation of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association for the virtual systems snapshots is
2249 conditional.

2250 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

2251 If the CIM_ElementCapabilities association is implemented for virtual systems snapshots, the provisions
2252 in this subclause apply.

2253 The implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ElementCapabilities association to associate in-
2254 stances of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class with those instances of the
2255 CIM_ComputerSystem class that represent a virtual system to which the capabilities apply.

2256 Table 27 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2257 **Table 27 – Association: CIM_ElementCapabilities (Snapshots of virtual systems)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
ManagedElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system Cardinality: *
Capabilities	Mandatory	Key: Reference to the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class that describes the current applicability of snapshot related services to the virtual system Cardinality: 1

2258 10.8 CIM_ElementConformsToProfile

2259 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ElementConformsToProfile association to associate
2260 an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of this profile with
2261 instances of the CIM_System class that represent a host system that is a central and scoping instance of
2262 this profile.

2263 Table 28 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2264 **Table 28 – Association: CIM_ElementConformsToProfile**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
ConformantStandard	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of this profile Cardinality: 1
ManagedElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system Cardinality: *

2265 10.9 CIM_HostedDependency

2266 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_HostedDependency association to associate an
 2267 instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system with each instance of the CIM_Comput-
 2268 erSystem class that represents a virtual system hosted by the host system.

2269 Table 29 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2270 **Table 29 – Association: CIM_HostedDependency**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system Cardinality: 1
Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system Cardinality: *

2271 10.10 CIM_HostedService (Virtual system management service)

2272 The implementation of the CIM_HostedService association for the virtual system management service is
 2273 conditional:

2274 Condition: Any of the following is implemented:

- 2275 • Virtual system definition and destruction (see 7.4.6.1)
- 2276 • Virtual resource addition and removal (see 7.4.6.2)
- 2277 • Virtual system and resource modification (see 7.4.6.3)

2278 If the CIM_HostedService association is implemented for the virtual system management service, the
 2279 provisions in this subclause apply.

2280 The implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_HostedService association to associate an instance
 2281 of the CIM_System class that represents a host system and the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystem-
 2282 ManagementService class that represents the virtual system management service that is hosted by a
 2283 host system.

2284 Table 30 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2285 **Table 30 – Association: CIM_HostedService (Virtual system management service)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system Cardinality: 1
Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that represents a virtual system management service Cardinality: 0..1

2286 10.11 CIM_HostedService (Virtual system snapshot service)

2287 The implementation of the CIM_HostedService association is conditional.

2288 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

2289 If the CIM_HostedService association is implemented for the virtual system snapshot service, the
2290 provisions in this subclause apply.

2291 The implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_HostedService association to associate an instance
2292 of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a host system and the instance of the
2293 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class that represents the virtual system snapshot service.

2294 Table 31 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2295 **Table 31 – Association: CIM_HostedService (Virtual system snapshot service)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_System class that represents a host system Cardinality: 1
Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class that represents a virtual system snapshot service Cardinality: 0..1

2296 10.12 CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot

2297 The implementation of the CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot association is conditional.

2298 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

2299 If the CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot association is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

2300 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot association to associate an in-
2301 stance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system and the instance of the
2302 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the virtual system snapshot that was last applied to
2303 the virtual system.

2304 Table 32 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2305 **Table 32 – Association: CIM_LastAppliedSnapshot**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a virtual system snapshot Cardinality: 0..1
Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system Cardinality: 0..1

10.13 CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch

The implementation of the CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch association is conditional.

Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

If the CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch association is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch association to associate an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system and the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents the most current snapshot in a branch of virtual system snapshots. The most current snapshot in a branch of snapshots related to an instance of a virtual system is the younger of the following snapshots:

- the snapshot that was most recently captured from the virtual system instance
- the snapshot that was last applied to the instance

Table 33 contains requirements for elements of this association.

Table 33 – Association: CIM_MostCurrentSnapshotInBranch

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system Cardinality: 0..1
Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a virtual system snapshot Cardinality: 0..1

10.14 CIM_ReferencedProfile

The implementation of the CIM_ReferencedProfile association is conditional.

Condition: Resource virtualization profiles such as [DSP1059](#) are implemented as scoped profiles.

If the CIM_ReferencedProfile association is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ReferencedProfile association to associate an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of this profile and any instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of a resource allocation DMTF management profile that describes virtual resource allocation that is implemented by the implementation.

Table 34 contains requirements for elements of this association.

Table 34 – Association: CIM_ReferencedProfile

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile that represents an implementation of this profile Cardinality: 1

Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class that represents an implementation of a resource allocation profile Cardinality: *
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2331 10.15 CIM_RegisteredProfile

2332 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_RegisteredProfile class to represent an
 2333 implementation of this profile.

2334 Table 35 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2335 **Table 35 – Class: CIM_RegisteredProfile**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
InstanceID	Mandatory	Key
RegisteredOrganization	Mandatory	Shall be set to "DMTF".
RegisteredName	Mandatory	Shall be set to "System Virtualization".
RegisteredVersion	Mandatory	Shall be set to the version of this profile ("1.0.0").

2336 10.16 CIM_ServiceAffectsElement (Virtual system management service)

2337 The implementation of the CIM_ServiceAffectsElement association for the virtual system management
 2338 service is conditional.

2339 Condition: Any of the following is implemented:

- 2340 • Virtual system definition and destruction (see 7.4.6.1)
- 2341 • Virtual resource addition and removal (see 7.4.6.2)
- 2342 • Virtual system and resource modification (see 7.4.6.3)

2343 If the CIM_ServiceAffectsElement association is implemented for the virtual system management service,
 2344 the provisions in this subclause apply.

2345 The implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ServiceAffectsElement association to associate an
 2346 instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that represents a virtual system manage-
 2347 ment service and any instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system that is
 2348 managed by that virtual system management service.

2349 Table 36 contains requirements for elements of this association.

2350 **Table 36 – Association: CIM_ServiceAffectsElement (Virtual system management service)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
AffectedElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a managed virtual system Cardinality: *
AffectingElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that represents a virtual system management service Cardinality: 0..1

10.17 CIM_ServiceAffectsElement (Virtual system snapshot service)

The implementation of the CIM_ServiceAffectsElement association is conditional.

Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

If the CIM_ServiceAffectsElement association is implemented for the virtual system snapshot service, the provisions in this subclause apply.

The implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_ServiceAffectsElement association to associate an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class that represents a virtual system management service with the following instances:

- any instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system that is managed by that virtual system management service
- any instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a virtual system snapshot

Table 37 contains requirements for elements of this association.

Table 37 – Association: CIM_ServiceAffectsElement

Elements	Requirement	Notes
AffectedElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents a virtual system or the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a managed snapshot Cardinality: *
AffectingElement	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class that represents a virtual system snapshot service Cardinality: 0..1

10.18 CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem

The implementation of the CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem association is conditional.

Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

If the CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem association is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem association to associate an instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the virtual system that was the source for the virtual system snapshot and the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a snapshot of the virtual system

Table 38 contains requirements for elements of this association.

Table 38 – Association: CIM_SnapshotOfVirtualSystem

Elements	Requirement	Notes
Antecedent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to the instance of the CIM_ComputerSystem class that represents the source virtual system Cardinality: 0..1

Dependent	Mandatory	Key: Reference to an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class that represents a virtual system snapshot Cardinality: *
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2375 10.19 CIM_System

2376 An implementation shall use an instance of a concrete subclass of the CIM_System class to represent a
 2377 host system.

2378 Table 40 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2379 **Table 39 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
CreationClassName	Mandatory	Key.
Name	Mandatory	Key

2380 10.20 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities

2381 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities class to
 2382 represent the virtual system management capabilities of a host system.

2383 Table 40 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2384 **Table 40 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemManagementCapabilities**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
InstanceID	Mandatory	Key
VirtualSystemTypesSupported[]	Optional	See 7.4.2.
SynchronousMethodsSupported[]	Optional	See 7.4.3.
AsynchronousMethodsSupported[]	Optional	See 7.4.4.
IndicationsSupported[]	Optional	See.7.4.5.

2385 10.21 CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService

2386 The implementation of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class is conditional.

2387 Condition: Any of the following is implemented:

- 2388 • Virtual system definition and destruction (see 7.4.6.1)
- 2389 • Virtual resource addition and removal (see 7.4.6.2)
- 2390 • Virtual system and resource modification (see 7.4.6.3)

2391 If the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class is implemented, the provisions in this subclause
 2392 apply.

2393 An implementation shall use an instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService class to
 2394 represent the virtual system management service provided by one host system.

2395 Table 41 contains requirements for elements of this class.

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Table 41 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemManagementService

Elements	Requirement	Notes
CreationClassName	Mandatory	Key
Name	Mandatory	Key
SystemCreationClassName	Mandatory	Key
SystemName	Mandatory	Key
AddResourceSettings()	Conditional	See 8.2.3.
DefineSystem()	Conditional	See 8.2.1.
DestroySystem()	Conditional	See 8.2.2.
ModifyResourceSettings()	Conditional	See 8.2.4.
ModifySystemSettings()	Conditional	See 8.2.5.
RemoveResourceSettings()	Conditional	See 8.2.6.

2397 10.22 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData (Input)

2398 The implementation of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class for input is conditional.

2399 Condition: Any of the following is implemented:

- 2400 • Virtual system definition and destruction (see 7.4.6.1)
- 2401 • Virtual resource addition and removal (see 7.4.6.2)
- 2402 • Virtual system and resource modification (see 7.4.6.3)

2403 If the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class is implemented for input, the provisions in this subclause
2404 apply.

2405 An instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class shall be used to represent input data for a virtual
2406 system's definitions and modifications.

2407 Table 42 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2408 **Table 42 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData (Input)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
InstanceID	Mandatory	Key (Input): See 7.5.1.
ElementName	Optional	See 7.5.2 .
VirtualSystemIdentity	Optional	See 7.5.3.
VirtualSystemType	Optional	See 7.5.4.

2409 10.23 CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData (Snapshot)

2410 The implementation of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class for the representation of snapshots of vir-
2411 tual systems is conditional.

2412 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

2413 If the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class is implemented for the representation of snapshots, the
2414 provisions in this subclause apply.

2415 An instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class shall be used to represent snapshots of virtual
2416 systems.

2417 Table 43 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2418 **Table 43 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData (Snapshot)**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
InstanceID	Mandatory	Key
Caption	Optional	See CIM Schema.
Description	Optional	See CIM Schema.
ElementName	Optional	See CIM Schema.
VirtualSystemIdentifier	Optional	See CIM Schema.
VirtualSystemType	Optional	See CIM Schema.
Notes	Optional	See CIM Schema.
CreationTime	Mandatory	The value shall reflect the creation time of the snapshot.
ConfigurationID	Optional	See CIM Schema.
ConfigurationDataRoot	Optional	See CIM Schema.
ConfigurationFile	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
SnapshotDataRoot	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
SuspendDataRoot	Optional	See CIM Schema.
SwapFileDataRoot	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
LogDataRoot	Optional	See CIM Schema.
AutomaticStartupAction	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
AutomaticStartupActionDelay	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
AutomaticStartupActionSequenceNumber	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
AutomaticShutdownAction	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
AutomaticRecoveryAction	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
RecoveryFile	Mandatory	This element shall have a value of NULL.
NOTE: Elements marked as mandatory but with a required value of NULL shall in effect not be implemented. Respective information applies to the virtual system as a whole, not just to a particular snapshot, and is covered by the instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSettingData class in the "State" and the "Defined" virtual system configuration.		

2419 **10.24 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities**

2420 The implementation of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class is optional.

2421 If the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class is implemented, the provisions in this subclause
2422 apply.

2423 The implementation of the optional CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class is specified only if vir-
2424 tual system snapshots are implemented; (see 7.7.1.1).

2425 An instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities class may be used to represent the current
2426 applicability of snapshot-related services to one virtual system.

2427 Table 44 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2428 **Table 44 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotCapabilities**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
InstanceID	Mandatory	Key
SnapshotTypesEnabled[]	Mandatory	See 7.7.5.1.
GuestOSNotificationEnabled[]	Optional	See 7.7.5.2.

2429 10.25 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService

2430 The implementation of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class is optional.

2431 If the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class is implemented, the provisions in this subclause apply.

2432 If the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class is implemented, this indicates the presence of the sup-
2433 port of virtual system snapshots (see 7.7.1.1).

2434 An instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService class shall be used to represent the virtual system
2435 snapshot service available at a host system.

2436 Table 45 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2437 **Table 45 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotService**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
CreationClassName	Mandatory	Key
Name	Mandatory	Key
SystemCreationClassName	Mandatory	Key
SystemName	Mandatory	Key
CreateSnapshot()	Conditional	See 8.3.1.
DestroySnapshot()	Conditional	See 8.3.2.
ApplySnapshot()	Conditional	See 8.3.3.

2438 10.26 CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities

2439 The implementation of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class is conditional.

2440 Condition: Virtual system snapshots are implemented; see 7.7.1.1.

2441 If the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class is implemented, the provisions in this
2442 subclause apply.

2443 An instance of the CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities class shall be used to represent the
2444 capabilities of a virtual system snapshot service.

2445 Table 46 contains requirements for elements of this class.

2446 **Table 46 – Class: CIM_VirtualSystemSnapshotServiceCapabilities**

Elements	Requirement	Notes
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Elements	Requirement	Notes
InstanceID	Mandatory	Key
SynchronousMethodsSupported[]	Conditional	See 7.7.1.2
AsynchronousMethodsSupported[]	Conditional	See 7.7.1.2
SnapshotTypesSupported[]	Mandatory	See 7.7.1.2

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**ANNEX A
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