

# [MS-SOH]: Statement of Health for Network Access Protection (NAP) Protocol Specification

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# 1 Introduction

This document specifies the Statement of Health for Network Access Protection (NAP) Protocol in which a client and a server exchange **Statement of Health (SoH)** and **Statement of Health Response (SoHR)** messages. This protocol, along with appropriate **authentication** protocols, helps enterprises to ensure that users of their network resources are not only authenticated but also using systems that conform with corporate **policies**. Typically the policies relevant to this protocol relate to security update management, configuration for antivirus products, firewall settings, and measures for security health and system health.

## 1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [\[MS-GLOS\]](#):

**authentication**  
**authorization**  
**computer name**  
**Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)**  
**EAP server**  
**enforcement client**  
**FILETIME**  
**fix-up servers**  
**health ID**  
**health messages**  
**health policy server**  
**health registration authority (HRA)**  
**health state**  
**HRESULT**  
**mandatory type-length-value**  
**Network Access Protection (NAP)**  
**Network Access Protection (NAP) client**  
**network access server (NAS)**  
**policy**  
**remediation server**  
**Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS)**  
**session**  
**statement of health (SoH)**  
**statement of health (SoH) client**  
**statement of health response (SoHR)**  
**system health entity**

The following terms are specific to this document:

**Health Certificate Enrollment Protocol (HCEP):** A protocol designed to accomplish health certificate enrollment. Health certificates encapsulate the client's compliance to **policy** in a way that can be presented to interested parties without requiring those parties to perform the validation themselves.

**IANA SMI:** Structure and Identification of Management Information for TCP/IP-based Internets (SMI), a data structure defined by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) to manage hosts and gateways on the Internet. As specified in [\[IANA-ENT\]](#), [\[IANA-NMP\]](#), and [\[RFC1155\]](#).

**idempotence:** An operation where if the operation is applied one or more times, then no differences, no errors, and no inconsistencies will result. Example:  $\text{abs}(x) == \text{abs}(\text{abs}(x)) == \text{abs}(\text{abs}(\text{abs}(x))) == \dots$  for all  $x$ .

**man in the middle attack (MITM):** A security attack in which an attacker intercepts and possibly modifies data that is transmitted between two users. The attacker pretends to be the other person to each user. In a successful **MITM** attack, the users are unaware that there is an attacker, which is intercepting and modifying their data, between them. Also referred to as a bucket brigade attack.

**NAP EC API:** Provides a set of function calls that allow **NAP enforcement clients** to register with the **NAP** agent, to request system health status, and pass system health remediation information to the **NAP** agent. The **NAP EC API** allows vendors to create and install additional **NAP EC**. For more information about this API, see [\[MS-NAPSO\]](#) section 3.3.1 and [\[MSDN-NAPAPI\]](#).

**NAP enforcement client (NAP EC):** The **NAP enforcement client** components are part of the **NAP client**. A **NAP EC** can be defined for different type of network access or communication.

**PEP channel:** An abstract interface that is used by the **NAP client** to transport **SoH** messages to and from the PEP. Examples of **PEP channels** include **DHCP** and HTTP/S used to transport **SoH** messages.

**SHA API:** Provides a set of function calls that allow **SHAs** to interact with the **NAP** agent to register **SHAs**, indicate system health status, respond to queries for system health status from the **NAP** agent, and for the **NAP** agent to pass system health remediation information to a **SHA**. The **SHA API** enables vendors to create and install additional **SHAs**. For more information about this API, see [\[MS-NAPSO\]](#) section 3.3.1 and [\[MSDN-NAPAPI\]](#).

**SHV API:** Provides a set of function calls that enable **SHVs** to interact with the **NAP** administration server component to register **SHVs**, receive **SoHs**, and send **SoHRs**. The **SHV API** is provided with the **NAP** platform. For more information about this API, see [\[MS-NAPSO\]](#) section 3.3.2 and [\[MSDN-NAPAPI\]](#).

**statement of health ReportEntry (SoH ReportEntry):** A collection of data that represents a specific aspect of the **health state** of a client.

**statement of health response ReportEntry (SoHR ReportEntry):** A collection of data that represents the evaluation of a specific aspect of the **health state** of a client, according to network **policies**.

**system health agent (SHA):** The client components that make declarations on a specific aspect of the client **health state** and generate an **SoH ReportEntry**.

**system health validator (SHV):** The server counterpart to the **System Health Agent (SHA)**, which is responsible for verifying the declarations of client **health state** made by the respective **SHA**. The **SHV** generates an **SoHR ReportEntry**.

**type-length-value (TLV):** An information element that is encoded within a protocol. Type and Length fields are a fixed size (1 to 4 bytes), and the Value field is variable length. Type indicates what kind of field is encoded; Length indicates the size of Value; and Value defines the data portion of this **type-length-value (TLV)** element.

**type-value (TV):** An information element that is encoded within a protocol. The Type field is of a fixed size. Type indicates both what kind of value is encoded and the length of the Value field (by implication). This is because each type in a **type-value (TV)** is of a fixed and known length.



**MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT:** These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

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[MS-HCEP] Microsoft Corporation, "[Health Certificate Enrollment Protocol Specification](#)".

[MS-RNAP] Microsoft Corporation, "[Vendor-Specific RADIUS Attributes for Network Access Protection \(NAP\) Data Structure](#)".

[MS-TSGU] Microsoft Corporation, "[Terminal Services Gateway Server Protocol Specification](#)".

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### 1.3 Overview

It is common for network administrators to require authentication and **authorization** for users or devices attaching to their networks. Likewise, administrators require that the devices conform with the security policies of the organization if they are to access the network. For example, an administrator might require that every client accessing the network have a host firewall configured in a particular manner to protect both the network and the client computer.

There are a number of ways in which an administrator can approach this particular problem. Historically, the most common way has been through the creation of written policies that administrators hope users will follow.

This approach only works well with small groups of trustworthy and technically adept personnel. It fails in scenarios in which large groups of users are involved. Many users are either unable or unwilling to follow the prescribed policies.

Network Access Protection (NAP) is a system developed by Microsoft to provide a more reliable alternative to this problem. NAP uses the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol to manage a computer's conformance with corporate security policies. The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol uses Statement of Health (SoH) and Statement of Health Response (SoHR) messages exchanged between a client and a server to validate client conformance with corporate security policies. This protocol can be used in any other mechanism intended to manage the health of connected resources.

**Note** The term Statement of Health (SoH) occurs both in the name of the protocol and the name of the message from the client to the server. In the interest of clarity, whenever "Statement of Health" is used to refer to the protocol, the phrase "Statement of Health for NAP Protocol" will be used.

The notion of health in this context has to do with conformance to corporate policies for how a system should be configured. A system is healthy if it conforms to corporate policy. It is not healthy if it does not conform to policy.

The purpose of the SoH message is to report the **health state** of the client that is in the process of requesting access to a network resource. SoH messages are typically exchanged as part of the process to authenticate and authorize the client or user. The client uses the SoH to report its state so that the health state of the client can be evaluated against the corporate policy.

The purpose of the Statement of Health Response (SoHR) is two-fold. It indicates whether the client meets policy requirements based on evaluation of the SoH. This allows the server/service to allow/disallow the connection request. Additionally, the SoHR communicates to the client what, if any, measures it must take in order to conform with policy, in the event that it is not conformant.

These messages may be carried within other authentication and authorization protocols, such as the **Health Certificate Enrollment Protocol (HCEP)**, as specified in [\[MS-HCEP\]](#) section 1.2. Carrying the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol in a higher-layer transport protocol that has built-in security measures has the advantage of securing the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol.

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol is a simple protocol in which there is a single exchange between the client and the server. The flow is as follows in the case of its successful use in HCEP:

1. The client sends an SoH inside an HCEP message that is posted to a **health registration authority (HRA)**.
2. The SoH is then checked for conformance with network policies.
3. The result is encoded in an SoHR.
4. The HRA replies to the client by sending an HCEP message that includes the SoHR inside.

This process is as specified in [\[MS-HCEP\]](#) section 1.3.

**Note** The processing done in steps 2 and 3 are specific to the protocol that carries the SoH/SoHR messages.

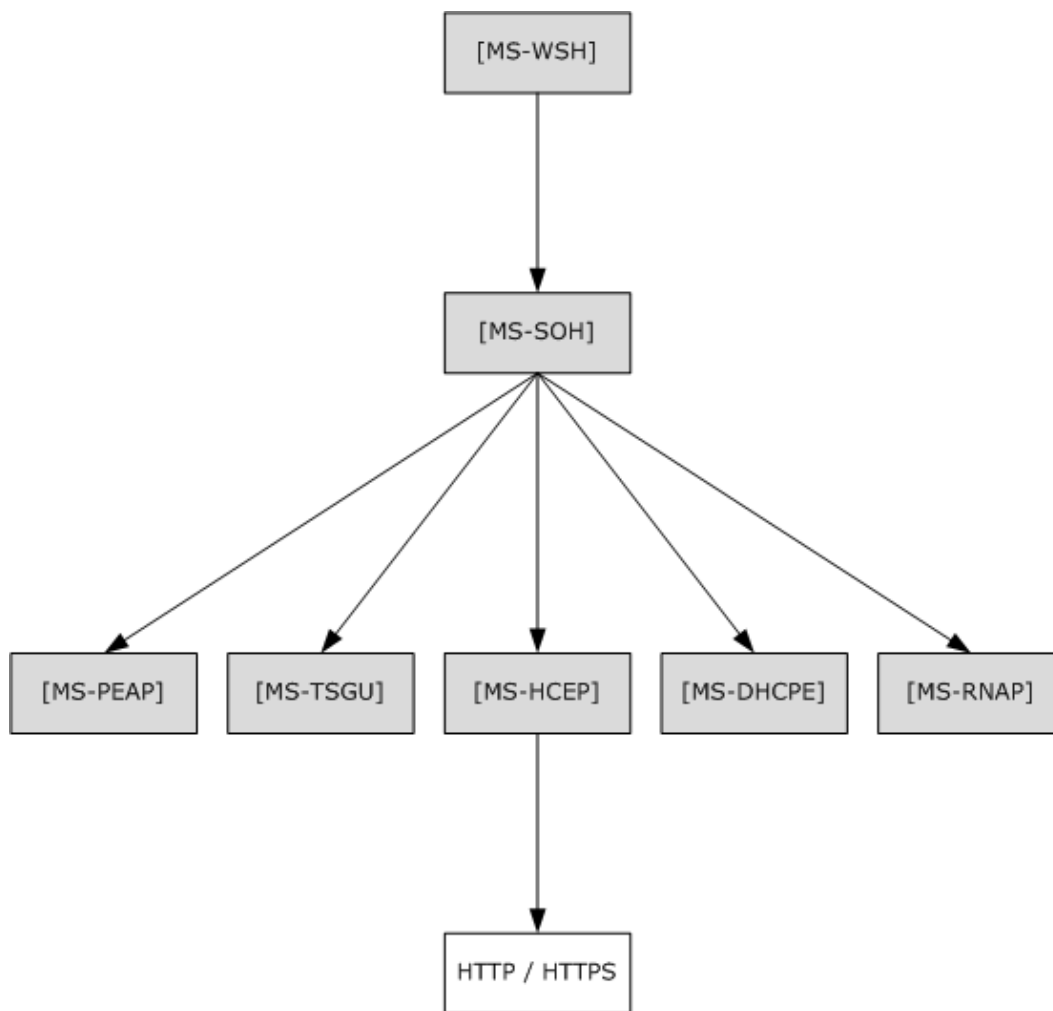
## 1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol can run on any transport protocol. The **SoH client** and server MUST support one or more of the following transport protocols:

- Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol, as specified in [\[MS-PEAP\]](#)
- Terminal Services Gateway Server Protocol, as specified in [\[MS-TSGU\]](#)
- Health Certificate Enrollment Protocol, as specified in [\[MS-HCEP\]](#)
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) Extensions, as specified in [\[MS-DHCPE\]](#)
- Vendor-Specific RADIUS Attributes for Network Access Protection (NAP) Data Structure, as specified in [\[MS-RNAP\]](#) and [\[RFC2865\]](#)

It MAY support additional implementation-defined protocols.

The protocol also uses services and applications (**system health agents (SHAs)**) on the client side to produce the information that must be included in the SoH. Similarly, on the server side, the protocol uses services (**system health validators (SHVs)**) that process and evaluate the SoH and produce an SoHR in response. The interface between the component implementing the protocol and the component providing these services is an implementation choice. Microsoft Windows® includes one specific SHA to report the health state of the system and one specific SHV to evaluate the health state. These are the Windows Security Health Agent (WSHA) and Windows Security Health Validator (WSHV), as specified in [\[MS-WSH\]](#). Notice that SHAs and SHVs can be implemented by third-parties.



**Figure 1: Relationship to other protocols**

## 1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

For a Statement of Health for NAP Protocol exchange to occur, the SoH Client must have a **session** with a suitable transport protocol established that uses a **Health Policy Server** or to an intermediary server that can relay the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol to the Health Policy Server.

As a precondition, the SoH Client is required to be able to construct valid SoH messages in the format defined in section 2. It is also a requirement that the client be able to process well-formed SoHR messages. Similarly, as a precondition, the SoH server must be able to process SoH messages and construct SoHR messages.

The actual content of the SoH messages is implementation-specific.

As explained in section 1.7, there are two protocol versions. The SoH Client should send version 2 messages. The SoH server must accept version 2 messages and may accept version 1 messages. The SoH server must create a response that matches the version of the received request. <1>

The most common use for the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol is one in which a client connects to a **network access server (NAS)** and the NAS connects as a **Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS)** client to a RADIUS server. This scenario is specified in [\[MS-RNAP\]](#) section 1.3. Each vendor specifies how the transport handles the SoH message. [<2>](#)

## 1.6 Applicability Statement

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol is designed to provide to enterprises a mechanism that helps ensure the systems that they manage are healthy.

The protocol may be used in conjunction with an authentication protocol for network access. It is also possible to use the protocol independently of any authentication process. Thus, the protocol does not need to be tied to authentication and authorization, but may only be used to manage the health of the enterprise computing resources. An example of such usage is when DHCP is used as the carrier of SoH or SoHR messages.

Another way of using the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol is to obtain a credential (for example, a X.509 certificate) by using an enrollment process that includes this protocol. Possessing such a credential is the equivalent of having had the client evaluated to be in good health. The Health Certificate Enrollment Protocol (HCEP), as specified in [\[MS-HCEP\]](#), is an example of this usage.

The result of the Health Certificate Enrollment Protocol, in the successful case, is to provide the client with a X.509 certificate that can be used in an authentication protocol such as the Internet Key Exchange (IKE) Protocol (for more information, see [\[RFC2409\]](#)).

## 1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol has two versions. A version 2 message differs from a version 1 message in that it has an SoH mode subheader, as specified in section [2.2.7](#). This SoH mode subheader is intended to allow a later version of the protocol to have newer modes of operation. There is no other functional difference between the two versions.

When a server receives a request message from a client, the server creates a response with the same version as the request. The version of the message affects only the headers, as defined in sections [2.2.5](#) and [2.2.6](#).

## 1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol provides a single vendor-extensible field in its SoH and SoHR messages (see section [2.2.3.3](#)).

## 1.9 Standards Assignments

Parameter	Value	Reference
<b>IANA SMI</b> vendor ID for Microsoft	0x137 (decimal 311)	<a href="#">[IANA-ENT]</a>

## 2 Messages

The following sections specify transport and the syntax of attributes for the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol.

This protocol references commonly used data types as defined in [\[MS-DTYP\]](#).

### 2.1 Transport

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol does not provide its own transport. It MUST be carried in some other protocol that provides transport for it. It SHOULD be carried in one of the following protocols:

- Health Certificate Enrollment Protocol (HCEP), as specified in [\[MS-HCEP\]](#).
- Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS), as specified in [\[MS-RNAP\]](#) sections [2.2.1.8](#) or section [2.2.1.19](#).
- Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol (PEAP), as described in section [\[MS-CEAP\]](#) [2.2.2](#).
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), as specified in [\[MS-DHCPE\]](#) section 2.2.2.
- Terminal Services Gateway Server Protocol, as specified in [\[MS-TSGU\]](#) section 2.2.2.19.

### 2.2 Message Syntax

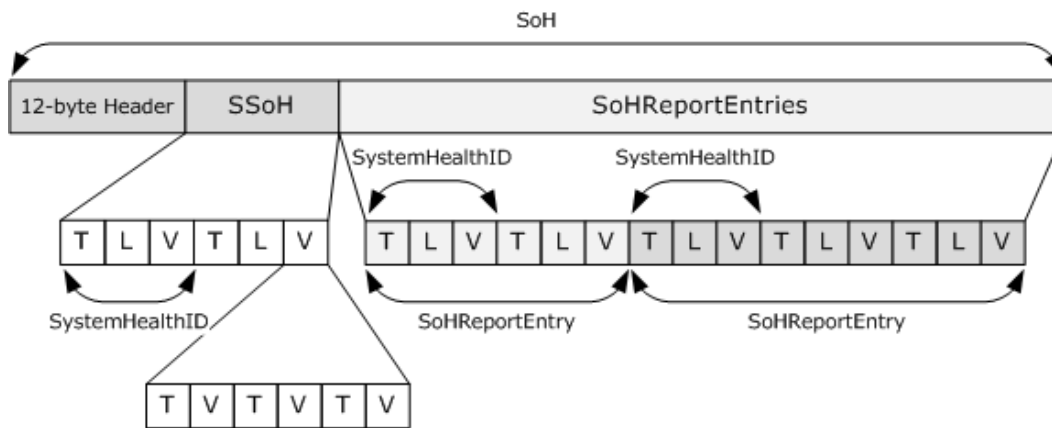
The SoH and the SoHR messages are identical structures. They are composed of a header followed by a set of **type-length-values (TLVs)**.

The first TLV in every SoH/SoHR message is the [System-Health-ID](#) TLV of the [System Statement of Health \(SSoH\)/System Statement of Health Response \(SSoHR\)](#). The value part of the SSoH/SSoHR is a sequence of **type-value (TV)** structures. Allowable values of the TV structures are defined later in this section.

The TLVs that follow the SSoH/SSoHR are grouped in [SoHReportEntry/SoHRReportEntry](#) sets. The System-Health-ID TLV marks the beginning of each set of TLVs that constitute an SoHReportEntry/SoHRReportEntry set, and MUST be present. Each TLV in an SoHReportEntry/SoHRReportEntry set is called an [SoHAttribute/SoHRAttribute](#). There can be zero or more SoHAttributes per SoHReportEntry set (see section [2.2.5.3](#)) besides the System-Health-ID TLV. In addition to the System-Health-ID TLV (see section [2.2.6.3](#)), there MUST be one or more SoHRAttributes per SoHRReportEntry set.

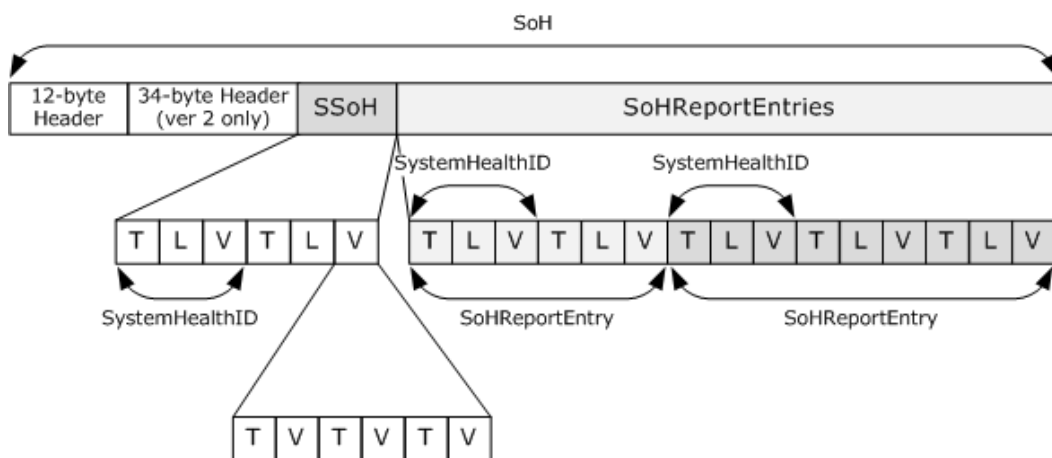
These structures and their allowable values are defined in the following figures. The fields of these structures are transmitted in network-byte order from left to right as shown in the figures and tables throughout this section.

A graphic representation of the top-level structure follows.



**Figure 2: SoH shown without sub-mode header**

See section [2.2.7](#).



**Figure 3: SoH shown with sub-mode header**

See section [2.2.7](#).

### 2.2.1 Type-Length-Value (TLV) Packet

The following packet diagram specifies the TLV (**M**, **R**, **TLV Type**, **Length**, and **Value**) structure that forms the basis for SoH/SoHR messages.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a nonmandatory TLV.
1	This is a <b>mandatory TLV</b> .

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

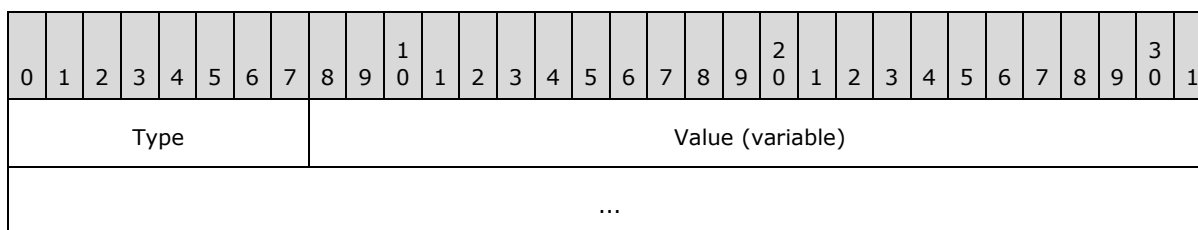
**TLV Type (14 bits):** A 14-bit unsigned integer that MUST indicate the type of data in the **Value** field. Valid **TLV Type** values MUST be one of those specified in section [2.2.3](#).

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** The value MUST be formatted in accordance with the type specified in the **TLV Type** field.

## 2.2.2 Type-Value (TV) Packet

The following packet diagram shows the standard type-value (TV) structure that is used by all [System Statement of Health \(SSoH\)/System Statement of Health Response \(SSoHR\)](#) attributes, as specified in section [2.2.4](#).



**Type (1 byte):** An 8-bit unsigned integer that indicates the type of data in the attribute **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** The length of the **Value** field MUST correspond to the type as defined by the **Type** field. Each type is of a fixed length, although different types have different values.

## 2.2.3 SoHAttributes / SoHRAttributes

The SoHAttribute/SoHRAttribute elements are messages that are used to construct valid SoH/SoHR messages. A collection of SoHAttributes/SoHRAttributes in which the first attribute is the [System-Health-ID](#) constitutes an [SoHReportEntry/SoHRReportEntry](#).

When using a TLV to contain an SoH/SoHR attribute, the TLV types, with values between and including 0 through 256, are reserved for use in the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol and MUST NOT be used for other attributes. The following TLV types MUST be supported for use within this protocol.

Type	Name	Meaning
2	System-Health-ID	ID of the system health agent (SHA) or system health validator (SHV) that generated the SoHReportEntry or SoHRReportEntry set.



Type	Name	Meaning
4	<a href="#">Compliance-Result-Codes</a>	Result codes specifying if the client computer is compliant.
7	<a href="#">Vendor-Specific</a>	The <b>Value</b> field contains a vendor-specific TLV.
14	<a href="#">Failure Category</a>	A code that indicates the Failure Category.

A list of optional TLVs are provided in section [2.2.3.5](#).

### 2.2.3.1 System-Health-ID Packet

The ID of the component that generated the [SoHReportEntry/SoHRRReportEntry](#) set (for the SoH or SoHR message) MUST be the first TLV present in the SoHReportEntry/SoHRRReportEntry.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to zero.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST be set to 2.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field. For this packet type, MUST be set to 4.

**Value (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer used to represent the **Health ID** of the SoHReportEntry/SoHRRReportEntry. The value MUST be formatted as follows.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
IANA SMI Code for Vendor																								Id							

**IANA SMI Code for Vendor (3 bytes):** A 24-bit unsigned integer that MUST contain the IANA SMI code for the vendor whose component produced the message.

**Id (1 byte):** An 8-bit unsigned integer used to identify different components from the same vendor. Any value can be specified by the vendor for use by its components. [<3>](#)

### 2.2.3.2 Compliance-Result-Codes

The result of the evaluation of the SoH message is used to specify whether the client computer is compliant with policy. An SoHR message MUST contain this attribute, a [Failure Category](#) attribute, or both. An SoH MAY contain this attribute.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to zero.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST be set to 4.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** An array of **HRESULT** values that indicate the results of evaluation by the server.

### 2.2.3.3 Vendor-Specific Packet

The Vendor-Specific packet represents vendor-specific data, in which the format of the data is known only to the vendor.

This attribute is used to carry implementation-specific data from the client to the server and back. For example, an antivirus vendor can include data about the signature database version and the time at which the last complete scan was performed.

This attribute can be present in an SoH and SoHR message. It is also present in [SSoH](#) and [SSoHR](#).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to zero.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 7.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** The **Value** field MUST be formatted as follows.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Vendor ID																															
Data (variable)																															
...																															

**Vendor ID (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that SHOULD specify the assigned IANA-assigned SMI for the vendor whose data is to be specified in the **Data** field. [<4>](#) NAP does not interpret this field in SoH or SoHR messages. The vendor can use it for any purpose. However, NAP does interpret this field in SSoH and SSoHR.

**Data (variable):** The format of the **Data** field is vendor specific. An example can be found in the MSSHA implementation in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR](#).

### 2.2.3.4 Failure Category

The Failure Category attribute is used to classify the type of failure that occurred. An SoHR message MUST contain this TLV, a [Compliance-Result-Code](#) TLV, or both. This attribute MAY be present in an SoH message.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to zero.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** MUST be set to 14.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field. For this packet type, MUST be set to 1.

**Value (1 byte):** An 8-bit field that MUST contain one of the following values:

Value	Meaning
0	No failure occurred.
1	Failure that is not due to components or communications of the client or server.
2	Failure due to client component.
3	Failure due to client communication.
4	Failure due to server component.

Value	Meaning
5	Failure due to server communication.

### 2.2.3.5 Optional TLVs

The following table contains a list of optional TLVs that can be used by an implementation. The TLVs that are not optional are excluded from the table that follows and can be found in section [2.2.3](#). These TLVs can be present in an SoH or SoHR message. If these types are used to construct SoH or SoHR messages, the lengths specified in the following sections for each optional TLV MUST be honored. [<5>](#)

Type	Name	Value	Length in bytes
0	Reserved, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.1</a> .	Reserved	4
1	Reserved, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.2</a> .	Reserved	4
3	IPv4 Fix-up Servers, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.3</a> .	IPv4 addresses of the <b>fix-up servers</b>	Variable
5	Time-of-Last-Update, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.4</a> .	UTC time when client computer was last updated which is measured as the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 (UTC)	8
6	Client-Id, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.5</a> .	Identifier for the client	Variable
8	Health-Class, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.6</a> .	Type of health check that the SHA is performing (firewall, antivirus, critical update, and so on)	1
9	Software-Version, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.7</a> .	Version of the software installed on the client computer	1
10	Product-Name, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.8</a> .	Name of the product installed on the client computer	Variable
11	Health Class Status, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.9</a> .	Status code for the health-class type given by the Health-Class TLV	Variable
12	SoHGenerationTime, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.10</a> .	UTC time when the SoH message was generated	8
13	Error Codes, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.11</a> .	Error codes for specific operations that can be contained in the <a href="#">SoHReportEntry</a> or the <a href="#">SoHRReportEntry</a> set	Variable
15	IPv6 Fix-up Servers, specified in section <a href="#">2.2.3.5.12</a> .	IPv6 addresses of the fix-up servers	Variable

Type	Name	Value	Length in bytes
16-255	Reserved	Reserved	N/A

The following sections detail the defined optional TLVs 0 through 15.

### 2.2.3.5.1 Optional TLV 0: Reserved

The Optional TLV 0: Reserved packet is reserved for future use, and **MUST** be ignored if received in error.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Reserved																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit **MUST** be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and **MUST** be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** Reserved. **MUST** always be 0.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that **MUST** specify the length, in bytes, of the Reserved field. For this packet type, **MUST** be set to 4.

**Reserved (4 bytes):** Reserved for future use. **MUST** be 0 and **MUST** be ignored if received in error.

### 2.2.3.5.2 Optional TLV 1: Reserved

The Optional TLV 1: Reserved packet is reserved for future use and **MUST** be ignored if received in error.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Reserved																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit **MUST** be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** Reserved. For this packet type, MUST always be 1.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the Reserved field. For this packet type, MUST be set to 4.

**Reserved (4 bytes):** Reserved for future use. MUST be 0 and MUST be ignored if received in error.

### 2.2.3.5.3 Optional TLV 3: IPv4 Fix-up Servers

The Optional TLV 3: IPv4 Fix-up Servers packet provides the addresses of the fix-up servers. An SoH message SHOULD NOT contain this attribute. An SoHR message MAY contain this attribute. When this attribute appears in an SoH or SoHR message, it MAY appear multiple times. An SHA can use this information to perform remediation.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 3.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** An array containing the 4-byte IPv4 addresses of the fix-up servers.

#### 2.2.3.5.4 Optional TLV 5: Time-of-Last-Update

The Optional TLV 5: Time-of-Last-Update packet specifies the UTC time when the client computer was last updated which is measured as the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 (UTC).[<6>](#)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 5.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field. For this packet type, MUST be set to 8.

**Value (8 bytes):** MUST be the UTC time when the client computer was last updated which is measured as the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 (UTC).

#### 2.2.3.5.5 Optional TLV 6: Client-ID

The Optional TLV 6: Client-ID packet specifies the client identifier.[<7>](#)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.

Value	Meaning
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

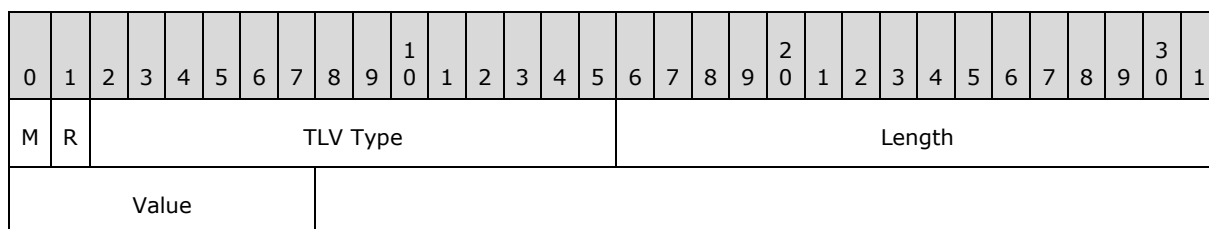
**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 6.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** MUST specify the client identifier as a null-terminated string.

#### 2.2.3.5.6 Optional TLV 8: Health-Class

The Optional TLV 8: Health-Class packet specifies the type of health check that the SHA is performing (firewall, antivirus, critical update, and so on).[<8>](#8)



**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 8.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field. For this packet type, MUST be set to 1.

**Value (1 byte):** An 8-bit field that MUST specify the type of health check that the SHA is performing (firewall, antivirus, critical update, and so on). An example can be found in the MSSHA implementation in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR](#).

#### 2.2.3.5.7 Optional TLV 9: Software-Version

The Optional TLV 9: Software-Version packet specifies the version of the software installed on the client computer.[<9>](#9)



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 9.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field. For this packet type, MUST be set to 1.

**Value (1 byte):** An 8-bit field specifying the version of the software installed on the client computer.

#### 2.2.3.5.8 Optional TLV 10: Product-Name

The Optional TLV 10: Product-Name packet specifies the name of the product installed on the client computer. [<10>](#)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 10.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** A null-terminated [UNICODE](#) string that MUST specify the name of the product installed on the client computer.

### 2.2.3.5.9 Optional TLV 11: Health Class Status

The Optional TLV 11: Health Class Status packet specifies the Status code for the health-class type given by the Health-Class TLV. [<11>](#)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 11.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field. For this packet type, the value of **Length** MUST be set to 4.

**Value (4 bytes):** A 32-bit field that MUST specify the status code for the health-class type given by the Health-Class TLV. An example can be found in the MSSHA implementation in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR](#).

### 2.2.3.5.10 Optional TLV 12: SOH Generation Time

The Optional TLV 12: SOH Generation Time packet specifies the UTC time when the SoH message was generated. [<12>](#)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 12.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field. For this packet type, MUST be set to 8.

**Value (8 bytes):** Specifies the UTC time when the SoH message was generated. This 64-bit value MUST represent the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 (UTC).

#### 2.2.3.5.11 Optional TLV 13: Error Codes

The Optional TLV 13: Error Codes packet returns a set of error codes of type [HRESULT.<13>](#)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 13.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** An array of HRESULT values.

#### 2.2.3.5.12 Optional TLV 15: IPv6 Fix-up Servers

The Optional TLV 15: IPv6 Fix-up Servers packet specifies the addresses of the IPv6 Fix-up Servers. An SoH message SHOULD NOT contain this attribute. An SoHR message MAY contain this attribute. When this attribute appears in an SoH or SoHR message, it MAY appear multiple times. An SHA can use this information to perform remediation.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0 <sup>1</sup>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0 <sup>2</sup>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0 <sup>3</sup>	1
M	R	TLV Type														Length															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**M (1 bit):** The **M** bit MUST be set to one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	This is a non-mandatory TLV.
1	This is a mandatory TLV.

**R (1 bit):** The **R** bit is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**TLV Type (14 bits):** The **TLV Type** for this packet type MUST always be 15.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field.

**Value (variable):** MUST be an array of 16-byte IPv6 addresses of the fix-up servers.

## 2.2.4 SSoHAttribute and SSoHRAAttribute

The SSoHAttribute/SSoHRAAttribute elements are used to construct valid [SSoH](#) and [SSoHR TLVs](#). SSoHAttribute/SSoHRAAttribute elements MUST be contained in the **Value** field of a [TV \(section 2.2.2\)](#).

When using a TV to contain an SSoH/SSoHR attribute, the TV types which have values from 0 through 255 are reserved for use in the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol, and MUST NOT be used for other SSoH/SSoHR attributes. The following TV types are for use within this protocol.

TV type	Meaning
1	<a href="#">MS-Machine-Inventory</a>
2	<a href="#">MS-Quarantine-State</a>
3	<a href="#">MS-Packet-Info</a>
4	<a href="#">MS-SystemGenerated-Ids</a>
5	<a href="#">MS-MachineName</a>
6	<a href="#">MS-CorrelationId</a>
7	<a href="#">MS-Installed-Shvs</a>
8	<a href="#">MS-Machine-Inventory-Ex</a>

### 2.2.4.1 MS-Machine-Inventory Packet

The MS-Machine-Inventory attribute is used to communicate information about the host operating system and its processor architecture. [<14>](#14)

The attribute MUST be present in an [SSoH](#SSoH) message, and MAY be present in an [SSoHR](#SSoHR) message. [<15>](#15)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
osVersionMajor																															
osVersionMinor																															
osVersionBuild																															
spVersionMajor																spVersionMinor															
procArch																															

**osVersionMajor (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the major version of the host operating system. Some examples are as follows.

Value	Meaning
0x00000004	When combined with an <b>osMinorVersion</b> value of 0x00000000, the operating system is Windows NT 4.0.
0x00000005	When combined with an <b>osMinorVersion</b> value of 0x00000000, the operating system is Windows 2000. When combined with an <b>osMinorVersion</b> value of 0x00000001, the operating system is Windows XP. When combined with an <b>osMinorVersion</b> value of 0x00000002, the operating system is Windows Server 2003 or Windows Server 2003 R2.
0x00000006	When combined with an <b>osMinorVersion</b> value of 0x00000000, the operating system is Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008. When combined with an <b>osMinorVersion</b> value of 0x00000001, the operating system is Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2.

**osVersionMinor (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the minor version of the host operating system. Some examples are as follows.

Value	Meaning
0x00000000	When combined with an <b>osMajorVersion</b> value of 0x00000004, the operating system is Windows NT 4.0. When combined with an <b>osMajorVersion</b> value of 0x00000005, the operating system is Windows 2000. When combined with an <b>osMajorVersion</b> value of 0x00000006, the operating system is Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008.
0x00000001	When combined with an <b>osMajorVersion</b> value of 0x00000005, the operating system is Windows XP. When combined with an <b>osMajorVersion</b> value of

Value	Meaning
	0x00000006, the operating system is Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2.
0x00000002	When combined with an <b>osMajorVersion</b> value of 0x00000005, the operating system is Windows Server 2003 or Windows Server 2003 R2.

The following table identifies the operating system version corresponding to the specified values for the **osMajorVersion** and **osMinorVersion** fields.

osMajorVersion	osMinorVersion	Meaning
0x00000004	0x00000000	The operating system is Windows NT 4.0.
0x00000005	0x00000000	The operating system is Windows 2000.
0x00000005	0x00000001	The operating system is Windows XP.
0x00000005	0x00000002	The operating system is Windows Server 2003 or Windows Server 2003 R2.
0x00000006	0x00000000	The operating system is Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008.
0x00000006	0x00000001	The operating system is Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2.

**osVersionBuild (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the build number of the host operating system.

**spVersionMajor (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the major version of the service pack installed on the host operating system. For example, for service pack 3, the major version number is 3. If no service pack has been installed, the value is zero.

**spVersionMinor (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the minor version of the service pack installed on the host operating system. For example, for service pack 3, the minor version number is 0.

**procArch (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the processor architecture of the host. Some examples are shown in the following table.

Value	Meaning
0x0000	x86 architecture.
0x0006	Intel Itanium Processor Family (IPF).
0x0009	x64 (AMD or Intel) architecture.
0xffff	Unknown processor.

#### 2.2.4.2 MS-Quarantine-State Packet

The MS-Quarantine-State attribute is used to communicate information about the wanted or resulting permission to a requested network resource for a host. This attribute MUST be present in both the [SSoH](#) message and the [SSoHR](#) message.

The first 16 bits is a field called **Flags**. This field contains the first four fields: **Reserved1**, **ExtState**, **f**, and **qState**.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Reserved1								ExtState				f	qState				ProbTime															
...																																
...																urlLenInBytes																
url (variable)																																
...																																

**Reserved1 (1 byte):** An 8-bit reserved field that **MUST** be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**ExtState (4 bits):** A 4-bit field that **MUST** have one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	No evaluation was done (this will be used if the <b>network policy server (NPS)</b> policy does not return an extended state).
1	Machine is transitioning from one state to another.
2	Machine is infected, implying a bad health state.
3	Evaluation was done, but extended information could not be determined.

**f (1 bit):** 1-bit field indicating the health policy server requires that the host **MUST** remediate any issues before attempting to access its resource again.

Value	Meaning
0	Remediation not required by policy.
1	Remediation required by policy.

**qState (3 bits):** A 3-bit field that **MUST** be one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
1	Network connectivity is not being restricted.
2	Network connectivity is not being restricted but may be at a later time.
3	Network connectivity is being restricted.

**ProbTime (8 bytes):** A 64-bit field used to represent the time in which the client will be on probation. Probation allows an implementation to grant a client temporary authorization for a

period even when the health check fails. At the end of the probation period, the client SHOULD revalidate its health. The behavior is implementation dependent and SHOULD be policy driven. The value MUST be formatted as a 64-bit value representing the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 (UTC).<16>

**urlLenInBytes (2 bytes):** A 16-bit field that MUST specify the length of the **url** field. The value of **urlLenInBytes** includes the NULL terminating character.

**url (variable):** UTF-8 (which MUST be as specified in [RFC2781]) representation of a **URL** that can be presented to users for more information on why they were assigned this state.

### 2.2.4.3 MS-Packet-Info Packet

The MS-Packet-Info attribute is used to communicate information version and intent (request or response) of the SoH and SoHR. This attribute MUST be present in both the [SSoH](#) and the [SSoHR](#).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Reserved			r	vers																											

**Reserved (3 bits):** The three bits of the **Reserved** field are reserved, MUST be set to zero when sending and ignored upon receipt.

**r (1 bit):** A 1-bit response/request flag. The value indicates if the attribute contains a request or a response message. The field MUST contain one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0	Response
1	Request

**vers (4 bits):** The 4-bit protocol version. MUST be set to 1. This is not to be confused with the version number that is set in the header.

### 2.2.4.4 MS-SystemGenerated-Ids Packet

The MS-SystemGenerated-Ids attribute contains a list of identifiers corresponding to [SoHReportEntry](#) values that contain error information as opposed to information about host state. This attribute MAY be present in an [SSoH](#), and SHOULD NOT be present in an [SSoHR](#).<17>

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Length																idList (variable)															
...																															

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **idList** field.



**idList (variable):** MUST be an array of identifiers for the components that generated the SoHs or SoHRs in the message that contains this attribute. The identifiers MUST be formatted as specified in section [2.2.4.4.1](#).

#### 2.2.4.4.1 MS-SystemGenerated-Ids Subpacket

The MS-SystemGenerated-Ids subpacket for the MS-SystemGenerated-Ids Packet idList field:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
IANA SMI Code for Vendor																								Id							

**IANA SMI Code for Vendor (3 bytes):** A 24-bit unsigned integer that MUST contain the IANA SMI code for the vendor whose component produced the message.

**Id (1 byte):** An 8-bit unsigned integer used to identify different components from the same vendor. Any value can be specified by the vendor for use by its components. This value, combined with the value of the **IANA SMI Code for Vendor** field, allows the routing of an [SoHReportEntry](#) set from a client component to the corresponding server-side component that can deal with it. Similarly, the [SoHRRReportEntry](#) set is routed to the originator based on this ID. The value of the **IANA SMI Code for Vendor** by itself is not sufficient because a given vendor's products may have multiple components. The 8-bit component ID fully identifies the source and destination of each SoHReportEntry and SoHRRReportEntry set.

#### 2.2.4.5 MS-MachineName Packet

The MS-MachineName attribute is used to communicate the name of the machine that generated the message. This attribute MUST be present in both the [SSoH](#) and the [SSoHR](#).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Length																machineName (variable)															
...																															

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit field that MUST specify the length of the machineName field.

**machineName (variable):** A null-terminated UTF-8 encoded string field that MUST represent the **computer name** of the computer that generated the message. [<18>](#)

#### 2.2.4.6 MS-CorrelationId Packet

The MS-CorrelationId attribute is used for diagnostic purposes to facilitate correlating messages related to a single transaction together. This attribute MUST be present in both the [SSoH](#) and the [SSoHR](#).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
correlationId																															
...																															
...																															
...																															
...																															
...																															

**correlationId (24 bytes):** A 192-bit field that MUST represent a unique transaction identifier shared across SSoH and SSoHR messages. The format of the **correlationId** is implementation specific.[<19>](#)

#### 2.2.4.7 MS-Installed-Shvs Packet

The MS-Installed-Shvs packet is a list of identifiers of services that can evaluate SoH messages on the SoH server.[<20>](#)

These identifiers of services can be used as hints to determine what **health messages** to send.[<21>](#)

This attribute SHOULD be present in the [SSoHR](#) and MAY be present in [SSoH](#).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30	1
Length																idList (variable)															
...																															

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **idList** field.

**idList (variable):** MUST be an array of identifiers for the components that generated the SoHR messages on the server. The identifiers MUST be formatted as specified in section [2.2.4.7.1](#).

##### 2.2.4.7.1 MS-Installed-Shvs Subpacket

The MS-Installed-Shvs subpacket provides the information about the identifiers contained in the **idList** field of the [MS-Installed-Shvs](#) packet.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
IANA SMI Code for Vendor																								Id							

**IANA SMI Code for Vendor (3 bytes):** A 24-bit unsigned integer that MUST contain the IANA SMI code for the vendor whose component produced the message.

**Id (1 byte):** An 8-bit unsigned integer used to identify different components from the same vendor. Any value can be specified by the vendor for use by its components.

#### 2.2.4.8 MS-Machine-Inventory-Ex Packet

The MS-Machine-Inventory-Ex packet is used to communicate additional information about the system sending the attribute. This attribute MUST be present in the [SSoH](#) and MAY be present in the [SSoHR.<22>](#)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Reserved																															
ProductType																															

**Reserved (4 bytes):** A 32-bit reserved value. MUST be ignored on receipt.

**ProductType (1 byte):** An 8-bit field used to represent the type of the operating system. It MUST have one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
0x01	The system is a client.
0x02	The system is a domain controller running on a Windows server operating system.
0x03	The system is a server.

#### 2.2.5 SoH

The SoH message is used to represent a host's claims about its health state. It contains a header followed by a body which includes the remainder of the message content.

##### 2.2.5.1 SoH Header

This is the SoH Header packet for the SoH message.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Rvd		Outer Type														Length															

IANA SMI Code	
Inner Type	Inner Length

**Rvd (2 bits):** The **Rvd** field is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**Outer Type (14 bits):** A 14-bit unsigned integer that MUST be set to 7.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the IANA SMI **Code** field, **Inner Type** field, **Inner Length** field, and the [SoH Body \(section 2.2.5.2\)](#).

**IANA SMI Code (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that MUST be set to 0x00000137 (see section [1.9](#)). This value, in combination with the value of the **Inner Type** field, allows implementations to identify that these messages belong to the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol. This is useful when implementations at either the client side or the server side get other messages formatted similarly, as EAP TLVs.

**Inner Type (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST have the value 0x0001 or 0x0002. This determines the version of the message content, and dictates the format of the data in the SoH Body.

Value	Meaning
0x0001	<a href="#">SSoH</a> <a href="#">SoHReportEntry</a> (0 plus)
0x0002	<a href="#">SoH Mode Subheader</a> SSoH <a href="#">SoHReportEntry</a> (0 plus)

**Inner Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the SoH Body.

### 2.2.5.2 SoH Body

This is the SoH Body packet for the SoH message. The SoH Body MUST follow an [SoH Header \(section 2.2.5.1\)](#) and MUST contain a set of type-length-values (TLVs).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**Value (variable):** A variable-length field that MUST contain data as follows:

If the **Inner Type** field of the SoH Header is 0x0001:

- [SSoH \(section 2.2.8\)](#)

- [SoHReportEntry \(section 2.2.5.3\)](#) (0 plus)

If the **Inner Type** field of the SoH Header is 0x0002:

- [SoH Mode Subheader \(section 2.2.7\)](#)
- SSoH
- SoHReportEntry (0 plus)

### 2.2.5.3 SoHReportEntry

The SoHReportEntry message is used to represent a set of [SoHAttributes](#); it has no header of its own and is simply constructed as a set of SoHAttributes.

The [System-Health-ID](#) SoH attribute MUST be the first SoH attribute. After this, any set of SoHAttributes can be present (see section [2.2](#)).

The SoHReportEntry message MUST contain one or more additional SoHAttributes as follows (see section [2.2](#)):

- System-Health-ID
- SoHAttribute (0 plus)

### 2.2.6 SoHR

The SoHR message is used to transport information about the result of the evaluation of an SoH message by the health policy server. It contains a header followed by a body which includes the remainder of the message content.

#### 2.2.6.1 SoHR Header

This is the SoHR Header for the SoHR packet.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Rvd		Outer Type														Length															
IANA SMI Code																															
Inner Type																Inner Length															

**Rvd (2 bits):** The **Rvd** field is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**Outer Type (14 bits):** A 14-bit unsigned integer that MUST be set to 7.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the IANA SMI **Code** field, **Inner Type** field, **Inner Length** field, and the [SoHR Body \(section 2.2.6.2\)](#).

**IANA SMI Code (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that MUST be set to 0x00000137 (see section [1.9](#)). This value, in combination with the value of the **Inner Type** field, allows implementations to identify that these messages belong to the Statement of Health for NAP

Protocol. This is useful when implementations at either the client side or the server side get other messages formatted similarly, as EAP TLVs.

**Inner Type (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST be set to 0x0001 or 0x0002. This value MUST be the same as the **Inner Type** value in the corresponding SoH message that the server received. This determines the version of the message content and dictates the format of the data in the SoHR Body.

Value	Meaning
0x0001	<a href="#">SSoHR</a> <a href="#">SoHRRReportEntry</a> (0 plus)
0x0002	<a href="#">SoH Mode Subheader</a> SSoHR SoHRRReportEntry (0 plus)

**Inner Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST indicate the length, in bytes, of the SoHR Body.

### 2.2.6.2 SoHR Body

This is the SoHR Body packet for the SoHR message. The SoHR Body MUST follow an [SoHR Header \(section 2.2.6.1\)](#) and MUST contain a set of type-length-values (TLVs).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**Value (variable):** A variable-length field that MUST contain data as follows:

If the value of the **Inner Type** field of the SoHR Header is 0x0001:

- [SSoHR \(section 2.2.9\)](#)
- [SoHRRReportEntry \(section 2.2.6.3\)](#) (0 plus)

If the value of the **Inner Type** field of the SoHR Header is 0x0002:

- [SoH Mode Subheader \(section 2.2.7\)](#)
- SSoHR
- SoHRRReportEntry (0 plus)

### 2.2.6.3 SoHRRReportEntry

The SoHRRReportEntry message is used to represent a set of attributes. It has no header of its own and is simply constructed as a set of [SoHR attributes](#).

The [System-Health-Id](#) packet MUST be the first SoHR attribute.

The System-Health-Id MUST be followed by either a [Compliance-Result-Codes](#) packet, a [Failure Category](#) packet, or both.

The SoHRReportEntry message MUST contain two or more additional SoHR attributes as follows (see section [2.2](#)):

- System-Health-Id
- SoHRAttribute (1 plus) (MUST include a Compliance-Result-Codes, a Failure Category, or both.)

## 2.2.7 SoH Mode Subheader

The SoH Mode Subheader is used to represent information about the information following it.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Rvd		Outer Type														Length															
IANA SMI Code																															
Value																															
...																															
...																															
...																															
...																															
...																															
...																															

**Rvd (2 bits):** The **Rvd** field is reserved, and MUST be set to zero and ignored on receipt.

**Outer Type (14 bits):** A 14-bit unsigned integer that MUST be set to 7.

**Length (2 bytes):** A 16-bit unsigned integer that MUST specify the length, in bytes, of the **Value** field and **IANA SMI Code**.

**IANA SMI Code (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that MUST be set to 0x00000137 (see section [1.9](#)).

**Value (26 bytes):** A field that MUST contain 26 bytes distributed as follows:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Correlation ID																															

...		
...		
...		
...		
...		
Intent Flag	Content-Type Flag	

**Correlation ID (24 bytes):** 24 bytes that MUST have the same value as the **Value** field of the [MS-CorrelationId](#) message.

**Intent Flag (1 byte):** 1 byte that MUST be 0x01 for SoH request messages and 0x00 for SoHR response messages.

Value	Meaning
0x01	SoH request message
0x00	SoHR response message

**Content-Type Flag (1 byte):** 1 byte that MUST be 0x00. This field is intended to help in Statement of Health for NAP Protocol enhancements in the future.

## 2.2.8 SSoH

The SSoH message is used to represent generic information about the host, the message containing the SSoH, and the current health state of the host.

The SSoH message has no header of its own and is simply constructed as the following ordered sequence of [SoHAttributes](#) and [SSoHAttributes](#):

- **System-Health-Id** attribute (see section [2.2.3.1](#)). The value of this attribute MUST be decimal 79616 (0x00013700), created in accordance with the specifications in section [2.2.1](#).
- **Vendor-Specific** attribute (see section [2.2.3.3](#)). The **Value** field in the **Vendor-Specific** attribute MUST be constructed as follows:

- **Vendor ID:** IANA SMI code, as specified in [\[IANA-ENT\]](#), set to 0x00000137.

Followed by a set of SSoHAttributes:

- **MS-Machine-Inventory** (see section [2.2.4.1](#)).
- **MS-Quarantine-State** (see section [2.2.4.2](#)).
- **MS-Packet-Info** (see section [2.2.4.3](#)).
- **MS-MachineName** (see section [2.2.4.5](#)).



- **MS-CorrelationId** (see section [2.2.4.6](#)).

The **Value** field MAY also contain the following SSoHAttributes:

- **MS-SystemGenerated-Ids** (optional; see section [2.2.4.4](#)).
- **MS-Machine-Inventory-Ex** (optional; see section [2.2.4.8](#)).<23>

## 2.2.9 SSoHR

The SSoHR message is used to represent generic information about the Health Policy Server.

The SSoHR message has no header of its own and is simply constructed as the following ordered sequence of SoHR attributes and SSoHR attributes:

- **System-Health-Id** attribute (see section [2.2.3.1](#)). The value of this attribute MUST be decimal 79616 (0x00013700), created in accordance to the specifications in section [2.2.1](#).
- **Vendor-Specific** attribute (see section [2.2.3.3](#)). The **Value** field of the **Vendor-Specific** attribute MUST be constructed as follows:
  - **Vendor ID**: IANA SMI code, as specified in [\[IANA-ENT\]](#), set to 0x00000137.

Followed by a set of SSoHRAAttributes:

- **MS-Packet-Info** (see section [2.2.4.3](#)).
- **MS-MachineName** (see section [2.2.4.5](#)).
- **MS-CorrelationId** (see section [2.2.4.6](#)).
- **MS-Quarantine-State** (see section [2.2.4.2](#)).

The **Value** field SHOULD also contain the following SSoHR attributes:

- **MS-Installed-Shvs** (optional; see section [2.2.4.7](#)).<24>

## 3 Protocol Details

The following sections specify details of the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol, including abstract data models and message processing rules.

### 3.1 Common Details

#### 3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

The abstract data models for client and server are specified in sections [3.2.1](#) and [3.3.1](#) respectively.

#### 3.1.2 Timers

None.

#### 3.1.3 Initialization

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol does not require explicit initialization. However, a mechanism **MUST** exist in the SOH protocol to allow SHAs and SHVs to register themselves respectively with the SoH Client and the SoH Server [<25>](#). The transports that carry the protocol can require explicit initialization.

#### 3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

**IsValidSoH:** An abstract interface that evaluates the SoH message for syntax correctness.

```
HRESULT IsValidSoH([in] SoH message);
```

The interface receives an SoH message (section [2.2.5](#)) and returns an [HRESULT \(section 2.2.18\)](#) value as follows:

Value	Label	Meaning
0x00000000	ERROR_SUCCESS	The message syntax was successfully evaluated and found compliant to the definitions in section <a href="#">2.2.5</a> .
0x0000000D	ERROR_INVALID_DATA	The message failed to comply with the expected syntax or data value.

Additional implementation-specific error codes **MAY** be returned.

**IsValidSoHR:** An abstract interface that evaluates the SoHR message for syntax correctness.

```
HRESULT IsValidSoHR([in] SoHR message);
```

The interface receives an SoHR message (section [2.2.6](#)) and returns an **HRESULT** value as follows:

Value	Label	Meaning
0x00000000	ERROR_SUCCESS	The message syntax was successfully evaluated and found compliant to the definitions in section <a href="#">2.2.6</a> .

Value	Label	Meaning
0x0000000D	ERROR_INVALID_DATA	The message failed to comply with the expected syntax or data value.

Additional implementation-specific error codes MAY be returned.

### 3.1.5 Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The processing of SoH and SoHR messages involves the use of third-party components. An SoH contains data (contained in the SoHReportEntry values) that reports the client's current status to the health policy server. The value of this data is typically provided by software on the client that provides security services, such as an antivirus client or a security update client. Likewise, on the server side, the validation of this data is typically provided by an antivirus server or a security update server. The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol itself simply provides the mechanism for this data to be supplied and evaluated.

### 3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

### 3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

## 3.2 Client-Specific Details

### 3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol requires state to be tracked on the SoH client.

**ShaTable:** The client maintains a mapping that establishes the correspondence between the value of the SHA System-Health-ID and the SHA responsible for generating a specific [SoHReportEntry](#). The mapping is a list of tuple, 32-bit unsigned integers representing the SHA System-Health-ID and a reference to the SHA object allowing access to the SHA callback functions used by the SoH client to communicate with the SHA. [<26>](#) The representation of the SHA object is implementation specific.

**LastResult:** Represents the last known system health in respect to a certain SHA and includes the following fields:

Field	Meaning
<b>id</b>	The health ID of the SHV that sent the result.
<b>IPV6FixupServers</b>	The List of IPV6 fixup servers if an optional TLV 15 was found in the SoHRRReportEntry for this SHV in the SoHR message.
<b>IPV4FixupServers</b>	The List of IPV6 fixup servers if an optional TLV 3 was found in the SoHRRReportEntry for this SHV in the SoHR message.
<b>FailureCategory</b>	The classification of the type of failure, if any, that last occurred. A list of possible values is located in section <a href="#">2.2.3.4</a> . The default value is zero and implies that no failure occurred.
<b>ComplianceResultCodes</b>	A list of HRESULT values that is used to specify whether the client computer

Field	Meaning
	is compliant with policy. The default is an empty list.

**LastResults-cache:** The SoH client maintains a cache of all **LastResult** entries related to each SHA.

**QecConnection:** An entry that represents an **enforcement client's** connections. It includes the following fields:

Field	Meaning
<b>MS-CorrelationId</b> (section <a href="#">2.2.4.6</a> )	A unique identifier that is used to ensure that a received SoHR message corresponds to a sent SoH message, as specified in section <a href="#">3.2.5.4</a> .
<b>MS-Quarantine-State</b> (section <a href="#">2.2.4.2</a> )	The value of the last received MS-Quarantine-State, as specified in section <a href="#">2.2.4.2</a> .
<b>SoHRequest</b>	An opaque buffer containing the SoH request message. The field contains two subfields: <b>data</b> , which points to an array of bytes containing the buffer, and <b>size</b> , which specifies the buffer size.
<b>SoHResponse</b>	An opaque buffer containing the SoH response message. The field contains two subfields: <b>data</b> , which points to an array of bytes containing the buffer, and <b>size</b> , which specifies the buffer size.

**Note:** The **SoHRequest** and **SoHResponse** fields are considered empty when the corresponding **size** subfield is set to 0 and the associated **data** subfield is set to NULL; otherwise, both subfields are considered to be set.

**QecConnection-cache:** The SoH client maintains a cache of all **QecConnection** entries related to each enforcement client.

## 3.2.2 Timers

### 3.2.2.1 Probation Timer

The SoH client uses a system Probation Timer. Probation grants the SoH client temporary authorization for a period of time even when the health check fails. At the end of the probation time period, the probation Timer signals the required services to call the SoH client to revalidate its health.

### 3.2.3 Initialization

The **ShaTable** ADM element is initially empty, and is updated by SHAs when each SHA registers with the SoH client. SHAs SHOULD call the Initialize abstract interface to register with the SoH client, as specified in [section 3.2.4.3 Initialize](#).

For more information about the **ShaTable** ADM element, see section [3.2.1](#).

The **QecConnection-cache** and the **LastResults-cache** ADM elements are initialized to empty.

### 3.2.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

SHAs SHOULD register with the SoH Client [<27>](#) to update the entries in the **ShaTable** ADM element specified in section [3.2.1](#).

The following events can result in SoHs being sent by the SoH client:

- A user reboots a machine.
- The status of the client changes. For example, the firewall on the client is turned off.

In addition, events specific to the transport mechanism that carries the SoH messages can result in SoH messages being sent by the SoH client. For example, if DHCP is used to carry SoH messages, the renewal of the client IP address can result in an SoH message being sent to the server.

### 3.2.4.1 GetFixupServers

The following abstract interface may be called to retrieve the list of fix-up servers.

```
HRESULT GetFixupServers(  
    [in] SoHR message,  
    [out] IPv4List ip4servers,  
    [out] IPv6List ip6servers);
```

The SOH **GetFixupServers** abstract interface receives an **SoHR** message (section [2.2.6](#)). When the interface is called, the SoH client parses the SoHR message.

The SoH client extracts the **IPv4 Fix-up Servers** packet (section [2.2.3.5.3](#)) and updates the *ip4servers* parameter with the list of **IPv4** entries, where each entry is 4 bytes.

The SoH client extracts the **IPv6 Fix-up Servers** packet (section [2.2.3.5.12](#)) and updates the *ip6servers* parameter with the list of **IPv6** entries, where each entry is 16 bytes.

The interface SHOULD return ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

### 3.2.4.2 GetLastResult

The SoH client may be called by the following abstract interface to retrieve compliance or failure information for each SHA.

```
HRESULT GetLastResult (  
    [in] DWORD healthId,  
    [out] LastResult result);
```

The SOH **GetLastResult** abstract interface receives the health ID of a certain SHA and retrieves the **LastResult** ADM element (section [3.2.1](#)). When the interface is called, the SoH client searches for the relevant entry in the **LastResults-cache** ADM element and returns it to the caller. Upon success, the interface SHOULD return ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000). When any failure to find information occurs, the interface returns any value other than (0x00000000). The interface can be used by client user interface applications, such as netstat.

### 3.2.4.3 Initialize

The following abstract interface MUST be called by SHAs to register themselves with the SoH client.

```
HRESULT Initialize(  
    [in] DWORD System-Health-ID,
```

```
[in] SHAobject *SHAobjectReference);
```

The **Initialize** abstract interface receives a SHA System-Health-ID and a reference to the SHA object invoking the interface. The representation of the SHA object is implementation specific. When the interface is called, the SoH client **MUST** reserve an entry in the **ShaTable** ADM element and initialize this entry with the parameters found in the **Initialize** abstract interface: A SHA **System-Health-ID** value and a reference to the SHA object. The SHA System-Health-ID is a static number that never changes for a given SHA. If multiple implementations of SHAs use the same System-Health-ID value and are registering to the same client, the same entry in the **ShaTable** will be used and therefore the last SHA to register will be the one bound with the SoH client.

The interface **SHOULD** return **ERROR\_SUCCESS** (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

### 3.2.5 Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The processing of SoH and SoHR messages on the client is performed by the Microsoft Windows® SHA as described in [\[MS-WSH\]](#) or via an implementation-specific SHA developed by a third party.

An SoH contains data (contained in the [SoHReportEntry](#) values) that reports the client's current status to the health policy server. The value of this data is typically provided by software on the client that provides security services, such as an antivirus client or a security update client. Likewise, the validation of this data is typically provided by an antivirus server or a security update server. The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol itself simply provides the mechanism for this data to be supplied and evaluated.

Upon a call to its **GetSoHRequest** abstract interface (Section [3.2.7.1](#)), an SoH client **MUST** do the following:

1. Create a valid SoH message containing host status information in accordance with locally configured policy. First a SoH header **MUST** be constructed as specified in section [2.2.5.1 SoH Header](#); the Inner Type field **MUST** be set to the value found in the BackwardCompatible parameter obtained through the **GetSoHRequest** call. Depending on the value of Inner Type field, the SoH body **MUST** contain the following TLVs:

If the Inner Type field is 0x0001:

- SSoH TLV (one only)
- SoHReportEntry TLV sets (zero or more)

If the Inner Type field is 0x0002:

- SoH Mode Sub-Header (one only)
- SSoH TLV (one only)
- SoHReportEntry TLV (zero or more)

The SoH Client **MUST** then build SoHReportEntries by calling for each SHA, the SHA **GetSoHRequestEntry** callback method, using the reference to the SHA object found in the **ShaTable** ADM element. [<28>](#)The format of the SHA **GetSoHRequestEntry** call is [<29>](#):

```
HRESULT GetSoHRequestEntry(
    [in] SoH *message);
```

message [in]: A pointer to an SoH message as defined in section [2.2.5](#).

The abstract interface receives a SoH message (section [2.2.5](#)) and returns an **HRESULT** (section 2.2.18) value as follows: **ERROR\_SUCCESS** (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

The SHA **GetSoHRequestEntry** callback method appends to the SoH message a **SoHReportEntry** containing the set of **SoHAttributes** pertaining to the SHA implementing the call.

2. Once the SOH **GetSoHRequest** abstract interface is finished building the SoH message and returns, the enforcement client responsible for the SOH **GetSoHRequest** invocation sends the SoH message to the server.
3. Upon a call to the SOH **ProcessSoHResponse** abstract interface (Section [3.2.7.2](#)), a SoH client MUST process the received SoHR message by invoking, for each SHA, the SHA **ProcessSoHResponseEntry** callback method, using the reference to the SHA object found in the **ShaTable** ADM element [<30>](#).

### 3.2.5.1 Sending SoHs

The SoH client MUST ensure that all SoH messages sent contain unique values for the **correlationId** subfield in the **MS-CorrelationId** value of the **SSoH** included in the SoH message. [<31>](#) The SoH client MUST create a new entry in the **QecConnection-cache** ADM element and add the correlationId value used in the SoH message to the **MS-CorrelationId** field of the new entry in the **QecConnection-cache**.

After allocating a buffer to hold the SoH message, the client SHOULD build the SoH header and the SoH body as follows:

The SoH header fields should be set according to section [2.2.5.1 SoH Header](#); the message version (held in the SoH header Inner Type field) SHOULD be set according to the BackwardCompatible value specified in the **GetSoHRequest** call (version 2 is the most commonly used [<32>](#)). If the message is version 2, a SoH Mode Subheader MUST be constructed in the SoH body. The field values MUST be set according to section [2.2.7 SoH Mode Subheader](#).

The SSoH (System Statement of Health) data should be built according to section 2.2.8 SSoH. When creating the Vendor-Specific Packet TLV to construct a SSoH, the SoH Client MUST use the following values to build the SSoHAttributes:

The values of the **MS-Quarantine-State packet** (section [2.2.4.2](#)) subfields SHOULD be set as follows: **ExState**:0, **f**:0, **qState**:1, **ProbTime**:0, **urlLenInBytes**:0, **url**:NULL.

The values of the **MS-MachineName packet** (section [2.2.4.5](#)) SHOULD be set to identify the machine. The manner in which the machine name is obtained is implementation-specific. [<33>](#) The **machineName** subfield SHOULD contain the machine name, and the **Length** subfield MUST be set to the number of bytes contained in **machineName**, including the terminating null character.

The value of the **ProductType** subfield in the **MS-Machine-Inventory-Ex packet** (section [2.2.4.8](#)) SHOULD be set to client (0x01), domain-controller (0x02), or server (0x03), to identify the type of the operating system as described in section [2.2.4.8](#). The manner in which the product type is obtained is implementation-specific. [<34>](#)

The subfields **Reserved**, **r**, and **vers** in the **MS-Packet-Info packet** (section [2.2.4.3](#)) MUST be set to zero, 1, and 1 respectively.

In all optional TLVs (section [2.2.3.5](#)), the **M** bitfield SHOULD be set to 0 and the **R** bitfield MUST be set to 0.

The following optional TLVs are not directly set by the SoH client and MAY be added by SHAs: [<35>](#<35>)

- Time-of-Last-Update as specified in section [2.2.3.5.4](#2.2.3.5.4).
- Health-Class as specified in section [2.2.3.5.6](#2.2.3.5.6).
- Software-Version as specified in section [2.2.3.5.7](#2.2.3.5.7).
- Product-Name as specified in section [2.2.3.5.8](#2.2.3.5.8).
- SOH Generation Time as specified in section [2.2.3.5.10](#2.2.3.5.10).

After the SSoH data has been generated, the SoH Client MUST create a set of SoHReportEntries containing SoHAttributes pertaining to each SHA. This is done by calling, for each SHA, the SHA **GetSoHRequestEntry** callback method, using the reference to the SHA object found in the **ShaTable** ADM element [<36>](#<36>). The format of the SHA **GetSoHRequestEntry** call is as specified in section [3.2.5 Processing Events and Sequencing Rules](#3.2.5 Processing Events and Sequencing Rules).

Once the SOH **GetSoHRequest** is finished building the SoH message and returns, the enforcement client responsible for the SOH **GetSoHRequest** abstract interface invocation sends the SoH message to the server.

### 3.2.5.2 Receiving SoHs

An SoH client MUST discard any message received that is not a valid SoHR.

### 3.2.5.3 Sending SoHRs

An SoH client MUST NOT send an SoHR message.

### 3.2.5.4 Receiving SoHRs

The SoH client MUST NOT make any assumptions about the timing of when the SoHR is received and also MUST NOT rely on receiving an SoHR at all. All message timing issues are handled by the transport protocol that conveys the SoHs/SoHRs, which also handles the situation when the SoHR is missing. For more information, see [\[MS-HCEP\]](#MS-HCEP) sections [3.1.5.2](#3.1.5.2) and [3.1.8](#3.1.8).

The SoH client MUST ensure that every received SoHR is properly formed, including validating the length of each attribute. If the lengths are invalid, the SoH client MUST discard the SoHR message.

The SoH client MUST ensure that the [SoHAttributes](#SoHAttributes) value in the SoHR contains at least a [Compliance-Result-Codes](#Compliance-Result-Codes) attribute or a [Failure Category](#Failure-Category) attribute. If that is not the case, the SoH client MUST discard the SoHR message.

The SoH client MUST discard any received SoHR message that contains an [MS-CorrelationId](#MS-CorrelationId) value in the [SSoHR](#SSoHR) attribute that does not exist in the **QecConnection-cache** ADM element, and therefore, does not correspond to an MS-CorrelationId value previously sent in a SoH message.

A compliant SoHR MUST be passed to the system health agents (SHA). The SoHR message SHOULD be passed to the SHAs by calling, for each SHA, the SHA **ProcessSoHResponseEntry** callback method, using the reference to the SHA object found in the **ShaTable** ADM element [<37>](#<37>). The format of the SHA **ProcessSoHResponseEntry** call is [<38>](#<38>):

```
HRESULT ProcessSoHResponseEntry(  
    [in] SoHR *message);
```



message [in]: A pointer to a SoHR message as defined in section [2.2.6](#).

The interface receives a SoHR message (section [2.2.6](#)) and returns an **HRESULT** (section 2.2.18) value as follows: ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

The SoH client SHOULD examine the SSoHRAAttribute [MS-Quarantine-State](#) (section [2.2.4.2](#)) packet, and if the packet state indicates that probation is in effect, the SoH client SHOULD initiate the global [Probation Timer](#) (section [3.2.2.1](#)) using the value specified in the **ProbTime** field of the packet. The SoH client MUST update the **MS-Quarantine-State** field in the appropriate **QecConnection-cache** entry accordingly, as specified in section [3.2.1](#).

The SoH client SHOULD iterate over the SoHAttributes in the SoHR and extract the following from each:

- The Health ID from the **System-Health-ID Packet** (section [2.2.3.1](#)).
- The Value from the **Failure Category** (section [2.2.3.4](#)).
- The values from the **Compliance-Results-Codes** (section [2.2.3.2](#)).
- When an optional TLV3 exists, the list of IPV4 Fixup-Servers (section [2.2.3.5.3](#)).
- When an optional TLV15 exists, the list of IPV6 Fixup-Servers (section [2.2.3.5.12](#)).

The SoH client then builds a **LastResult** ADM element (section [3.2.1](#)) from these attributes and adds the **LastResult** to the **LastResults-cache** ADM element (section [3.2.1](#)). If the **LastResults-cache** already contains an entry for the indicated Health ID, that entry SHOULD first be removed from the **LastResults-cache** ADM element before adding the new entry.

### 3.2.6 Timer Events

When the global [Probation Timer](#) (section [3.2.2.1](#)) expires, an event is triggered. When this event is triggered, a probation timer aware service SHOULD call the SoH client to revalidate its health.

### 3.2.7 Other Local Events

NAPSO SHOULD call the SoH client abstract interface **GetSoHRequest** to obtain a SoH message. Upon such an event the SoH client MUST add a new QecConnection entry to the QecConnection-cache ADM element, as specified in section [3.2.1](#). Before any SoHR is received and the quarantine state is set, the [MS-Quarantine-State](#) (section [2.2.4.2](#)) field SHOULD be reset as follows:

Subfield in MS-Quarantine-State	Initial value
<b>ExtState</b>	0
<b>qState</b>	1
<b>f</b>	0
<b>ProbTime</b>	0
<b>urlLenInBytes</b>	0
<b>url</b>	empty

The **SoHResponse** field in the **QecConnection** entry MUST be reset as follows:

Subfield in SoHResponse	Initial value
size	0
data	NULL

The following events can result in the SoH Client being called to send SoHs:

1. A new IP address is configured or assigned to the SoH client.
2. A new SoH transport protocol completes initialization.
3. A certificate expires.
4. A DHCP lease expires (for more information, see [\[RFC2131\]](#) section 4.4).
5. A DHCP lease renews (for more information, see [\[RFC2131\]](#) section 4.4).
6. 802.1x session authentication is started on the client.

The enforcement client SHOULD call the abstract interface **ProcessSoHResponse**, to provide a SoH message to the SoH Client for analysis and remediation.

### 3.2.7.1 GetSoHRequest

The following abstract interface MUST be called to retrieve a SoH message from the SoH Client. Typically a call may originate from an Enforcement Client event or a system event.

```
HRESULT GetSoHRequest (
    [in]  MS_CorrelationId correlationId,
    [in]  REG_DWORD        BackwardCompatible,
    [in]  REG_DWORD        ShaTimeout
    [out] SoH              **sohRequest);
```

The SOH **GetSoHRequest** abstract interface receives a MS-CorrelationId value, a BackwardCompatible value and the address of a pointer to a SoH message structure, which is an opaque data blob to the caller. When the interface is called, the SoH Client first allocates a SoH message buffer. The SoH client then constructs a SSoH packet; the value of the MS-CorrelationId SSoHAttribute in the SSoH packet MUST be set to the value specified in the correlationId parameter of the **GetSoHRequest** abstract interface. If the Inner Type field provided by the BackwardCompatible parameter is set to 0x00000002, a SoH Mode Subheader MUST be constructed in the SoH body, otherwise no SoH Mode subheader is required.

Following the SSoH, the SoH client creates a set of SoHReportEntries (one for each SHA) by invoking each SHA **GetSoHRequestEntry** callback interface method through the reference to the SHA object found in the ADM element **ShaTable**. Once each SHA is complete, the address of the SoH message is returned in the sohRequest parameter.

The interface SHOULD return ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

### 3.2.7.2 ProcessSoHResponse

The following abstract interface MUST be called by an Enforcement Client upon receiving a SoHR message from the Health Policy Server to evaluate the content of the message.

```
HRESULT ProcessSoHResponse (
    [in] SoHR *soHResponse);
```

The SoH **ProcessSoHResponse** abstract interface receives the address of a SoH message structure, which is an opaque data blob to the caller. When the interface is called, the SoH Client invokes each SHA to process its respective SoHReportEntry from the SoHR message body. To achieve this purpose, the SoH Client calls the **ProcessSoHResponseEntry** callback interface method through the reference to the SHA object found in the **ShaTable** ADM element.

Each SHA processes its own SoHReportEntry and determines the actions to take to comply with the Health Policy, including remediation.

The interface SHOULD return ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

### 3.3 Server-Specific Details

#### 3.3.1 Abstract Data Model

The processing of SoH and SoHR messages on the server is performed by the Microsoft Windows® SHV as described in [\[MS-WSH\]](#) or via an implementation-specific SHV developed by a third party. [<39>](#)

**ShvTable:** The server maintains a mapping that establishes the correspondence between the value of the SHV **System-Health-ID** (for example, the Windows SHV System-Health-ID value is 0x00013780 as specified in [\[MS-WSH\]](#) section 2.2.4) and the SHV responsible for processing the [SoHReportEntry](#). The mapping is a list of tuple, 32-bit unsigned integers representing the SHV **System-Health-ID**, a reference to the SHV object used by the SoH server to communicate with the SHV, and an asynchronous completion Boolean indicating whether or not the SHV requires an asynchronous completion. For initialization information about this ADM element, see section [3.3.3](#). The representation of the SHV object is implementation specific.

**ShvTimeoutInMsec:** A DWORD ([\[MS-DTYP\]](#) section 2.2.9) that specifies the time-out value for an asynchronous call to an SHV, in milliseconds. The default value is 2000.

**ShvProcessingTimer:** A timer used to handle asynchronous completion. One timer is used for all SHVs and is set prior to calling the SHVs.

**LastEvaluation:** Represents the last known system health in respect to a certain SHV and includes the following fields:

Field	Meaning
<b>Id</b>	The health ID of the SHV that sent the result.
<b>FailureCategory</b>	The classification of the type of failure, if any, that last occurred. A list of possible values is located in section <a href="#">2.2.3.4</a> . The default value is zero and implies that no failure occurred.
<b>ComplianceResultCodes</b>	A list of HRESULT values that is used to specify whether the client computer is compliant with policy. The default is an empty list.

**LastEvaluation-cache:** The SoH server maintains a cache of all **LastEvaluation** entries related to each SHV.

### 3.3.2 Timers

The ShvProcessingTimer timer specified in section [3.3.1 Abstract Data Model](#).

### 3.3.3 Initialization

The **ShvTable** ADM element is initially empty and is updated by SHVs when each SHV registers with the SoH server. SHVs SHOULD call the **RegisterSystemHealthValidator** abstract interface to register with the SoH server, as specified in section [3.3.4.2 RegisterSystemHealthValidator](#).

The **LastEvaluation-cache** ADM elements are initialized to empty.

For more information about the **ShvTable** ADM element, see section [3.3.1](#).

The **ShvProcessingTimer** timer is set to inactive.

### 3.3.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

#### 3.3.4.1 OnComplete

The **OnComplete** callback is used when a SHV requires an asynchronous validation. When the evaluation is complete, the SHV MUST call the SoH server with the **OnComplete** callback to notify the server that its evaluation is finished and results available. Upon such event, the SoH server SHOULD resume processing of the SHV as specified in section [3.3.5.2](#), steps 3c and 3d. The **OnComplete** callback SHOULD be called by a SHV with the following parameters:

```
HRESULT OnComplete(  
    [in]  DWORD System_Health_ID  
    [in]  HRESULT errorCode);
```

The SoH server implementation of the callback MUST include the following actions:

- In the **ShvTable** entry corresponding to the System\_Health\_ID parameter, the asynchronous completion Boolean MUST be set to FALSE.
- The errCode parameter, which indicates either success or the reason why the validation could not be performed, should be used by the SoH server to include at least a valid [Compliance-Result-Codes](#) attribute or a [Failure Category](#) attribute in the SoHRAAttribute set of the SHV SoHRRReportEntry.

#### 3.3.4.2 RegisterSystemHealthValidator

The following abstract interface MUST be called by SHVs to register themselves with the SoH server.

```
HRESULT RegisterSystemHealthValidator(  
    [in]  DWORD System-Health-ID,  
    [in]  SHVobject *SHVobjectReference);
```

The **RegisterSystemHealthValidator** abstract interface receives a SHV System-Health-ID and a reference to the SHV object. When the interface is called, the SoH server MUST reserve an entry in the **ShvTable** ADM element and initialize this entry with the parameters found in the **RegisterSystemHealthValidator** abstract interface. The SoH server MUST also set the corresponding asynchronous completion Boolean to FALSE. The SHV System-Health-ID is a static number that never changes for a given SHV. If multiple implementations of SHVs use the same

System-Health-ID value and are registering to the same server, the same entry in the **ShvTable** will be used and therefore the last SHV to register will be the one bound with the SoH server.

The interface SHOULD return ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

### 3.3.5 Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

An SoHR contains data (contained in the [SoHRReportEntry](#) values) that reports the results of an evaluation of the client's current status. The value of this data is typically provided by other servers that provide security services, such as an antivirus server or a security update server. The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol itself simply provides the mechanism for the client status to be supplied so that the health of the client can be evaluated.

A health policy server MUST do the following:

- Receive and process SoHs. [<40>](#)
- Create SoHRs. [<41>](#)
- Send SoHRs. [<42>](#)

#### 3.3.5.1 Sending SoHs

The health policy server MUST NOT send a SoH.

#### 3.3.5.2 Receiving SoHs

Upon receiving a SoH message through an **EvaluateMachineHealth** abstract interface call as specified in section [3.3.7.1 EvaluateMachineHealth](#), the SoH Server MUST proceed as follows:

1. The SoH server MUST ensure that the received SoH is properly formed by validating the length of each attribute. If the received SoH is malformed, then the SoH server MUST discard this SoH request.

The SoH server MUST verify that the **r** and **vers** fields in [MS-Packet-Info packet \(section 2.2.4.3\)](#) (as specified in section [2.2.4.3](#)) have the value of 1. If the value of the **r** and **vers** fields is not 1, the server MUST discard the SoH message.

2. The server MUST create the SoHR. The [SSoHR](#) entry MUST be stored in the SoHR (as specified in [2.2.9](#)). The value of the [MS-CorrelationId](#) attribute MUST be set to the value of the same attribute in the SoH. The value of the [MS-Quarantine-State](#) attribute will be set as specified in the following processing rules.
3. The SoH server MUST activate the **ShvProcessingTimer** timer to expire in the number of milliseconds specified by the **ShvTimeoutInMsec** ADM element. The SoH server MUST then attempt to match every [SoHReportEntry](#) in the SoH to a SHV using the value of the [System-Health-ID](#) Packet and the **ShvTable**.
  1. If a match is not found in the **ShvTable**, the server MUST ignore the SoHReportEntry.
  2. If a match is found, the server then requests the corresponding SHV to evaluate declarations of client health stored in the SoHReportEntry. To do that, the SoH server invokes the SHV **Validate** callback method from the **ShvTable** using the reference to the SHV object. The following parameters MUST be passed to this call:

```

HRESULT Validate(
    [in] SoH    *sohRequest
    [out] SoHR   *sohResponse
    [in] callback *OnComplete);

```

sohRequest [in]: A pointer to a SoH message as defined in section [2.2.5](#).

sohResponse [out]: A pointer to a SoHR message as defined in section [2.2.6](#).

OnComplete [in]: A pointer to the callback method used for asynchronous validation by the SHVs when they return E\_PENDING from the call. The SHVs are expected to respond within the time specified by the **ShvTimeoutInMsec** ADM element, or else the response will be dropped.

If the call to **Validate** returns with a value of S\_OK, the SoH server MUST continue to the subsequent processing step (3c) pertaining to when the SHV returns successfully. If the call returns a value of E\_PENDING, the SoH server MUST set to TRUE the asynchronous completion Boolean corresponding to this SHV in the **ShvTable** (as described in section [3.3.6](#)). The SoH server MUST halt processing of the SHV until either the **ShvProcessingTimer** timer expires or the **OnComplete** callback is called. When any other value is returned by the call, the SoH server SHOULD continue to the final processing step in this series (3d) pertaining to when the SHV fails.

3. If the SHV successfully returns, its health evaluation results MUST be already set in the corresponding SoHRReportEntry of the SoHR. This SoHRReportEntry MUST include a valid [Compliance-Result-Codes](#) attribute in its **SoHRAttributeSet**.
4. If the SHV fails the requested health state evaluation, or any error occurs during the health evaluation process, then the SoH server MUST create a corresponding SoHRReportEntry for this SHV. This SoHRReportEntry MUST include a [Failure Category](#) attribute in the **SoHRAttributeSet**.
4. After all SHVs validations have been performed, the SoH server MUST wait for any pending validation or the expiration of the **ShvProcessingTimer** timer. If the **ShvProcessingTimer** timer expires before all pending validations are complete, the SoH server SHOULD perform the processing specified in step (3d) for all SHVs that have not called the **onComplete** callback to finalize their validation. If all validations complete before the **ShvProcessingTimer** timer expires, the timer should be canceled.
5. After all the SoH message SoHRReportEntries have been processed, the SoH server MUST evaluate the compliance of the SoH message based on the results returned by the SHVs. For each SHV, the SoH server MUST update the SHV **LastEvaluation** entry of the **LastEvaluation-cache** ADM element with the values found in the SHV SoHRReportEntry SoHRAttributes. The server MUST set the value of the **ExtState**, **f**, **qState**, **ProbTime**, **urlLenInBytes**, and **url** subfields of the **MS-Quarantine-State** attribute in the SSoHR based on the results of policy evaluation.
6. Finally, when **EvaluateMachineHealth** is finished building the SoHR message and returns, control is passed to the layer responsible for the **EvaluateMachineHealth** abstract interface invocation. That layer sends the SoHR message to its corresponding SoH.

### 3.3.5.3 Sending SoHRs

The SoHR message is built during the same **EvaluateMachineHealth** abstract interface invocation. This section is a more detailed description of the construction of the SoHR message that was introduced in section [3.3.5.2 Receiving SoHs](#).

The SoH server MUST ensure that every [SSoHR](#) that it sends is properly formed by validating the length of each attribute. The SoH server MUST include at least a valid [Compliance-Result-Codes](#) attribute or a [Failure Category](#) attribute in the [SoHRAttribute](#) sets of the SoHR.

The SoH server MUST NOT send an SoHR that is not in response to an SoH previously received. The SoH server MUST populate the value of the **correlationId** subfield in the [MS-CorrelationId](#) attribute in the SoHR with the value of the **correlationId** subfield in the **MS-CorrelationId** attribute in the SoH to which this SoHR is a response.

The values of the [MS-MachineName packet \(section 2.2.4.5\)](#) SHOULD be set to identify the machine. The manner in which the machine name is obtained is implementation-specific. [<43>](#) The **machineName** subfield SHOULD contain the machine name and the **Length** subfield MUST be set to the number of bytes contained in **machineName** including the terminating null character.

The values for subfields **Reserved**, **r** and **vers** in [MS-Packet-Info packet \(section 2.2.4.3\)](#), as specified in section [2.2.4.3](#), MUST be set to zero, zero, and 1 respectively.

The following optional TLVs are not set by the SoH server and MAY be added by SHVs: [<44>](#)

- IPv4 Fix-up Servers as specified in section [2.2.3.5.3](#).
- IPv6 Fix-up Servers as specified in section [2.2.3.5.12](#).
- Health Class Status as specified in section [2.2.3.5.9](#).
- Error Codes as specified in section [2.2.3.5.11](#).

The actual sending of the SoHR is handled by the layer invoking the **EvaluateMachineHealth** abstract interface [<45>](#).

The SoHR is sent back to the client SoH when the call returns.

### 3.3.5.4 Receiving SoHRs

The SoH server MUST discard any message that is not a valid SoH.

### 3.3.6 Timer Events

When the **ShvProcessingTimer** timer expires, the SoH server SHOULD search the **ShvTable** and fail the SHV validation for all SHVs with an asynchronous completion Boolean set to TRUE. The SoH server SHOULD continue processing these SHVs as described in section [3.3.5.2](#), step 3d, pertaining to when the SHV fails. If the **OnComplete** callback (section [3.3.7](#)) is received from the SHV after the timer expires, the callback MUST be ignored.

### 3.3.7 Other Local Events

#### 3.3.7.1 EvaluateMachineHealth

The following abstract interface MUST be called to submit a client SoH message to the SoH server for evaluation and construction of a SoHR message carrying the results of the evaluation to return to the client.

```
HRESULT EvaluateMachineHealth(  
    [in]    SoH *sohRequest  
    [out]   SoHR **sohResponse);
```

The **EvaluateMachineHealth** abstract interface receives a pointer to a NetworkSoHRequest message, as well as the address of a pointer to a NetworkSoHResponse message, which are both opaque data blobs to the caller.

The interface SHOULD return ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000) upon success, or any other value upon failure.

### 3.3.7.2 GetLastEvaluation

The SoH server may be called by the following abstract interface to retrieve compliance or failure information for each SHV.

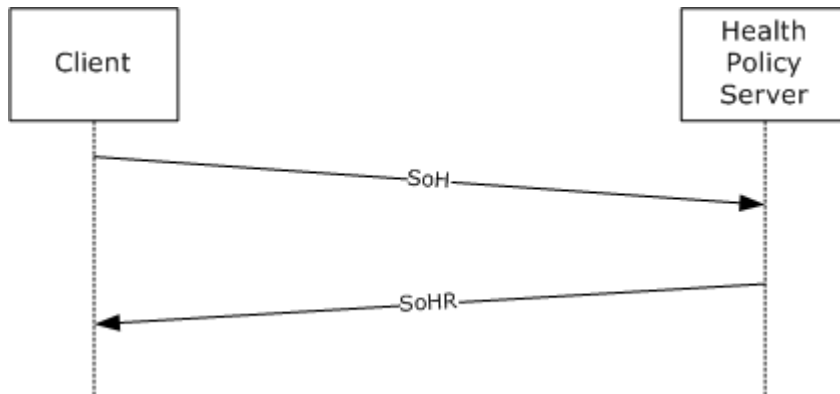
```
HRESULT GetLastEvaluation (
    [in]  DWORD  SHVhealthId,
    [out] LastEvaluation evaluationResult);
```

The SOH **GetLastEvaluation** abstract interface receives the health ID of a certain SHV and retrieves the **LastEvaluation** entry pertaining to that SHV (section 3.2.1). When the interface is called, the SoH server searches for the relevant entry in the **LastEvaluation-cache** ADM element and returns the entry to the caller. Upon success, the interface SHOULD return ERROR\_SUCCESS (0x00000000). When any failure to find information occurs, the interface returns any value other than (0x00000000). The interface is called by NAPSO to apply the evaluation results to the health policies.



## 4 Protocol Examples

This is a simple protocol with a single exchange. The party seeking access to a network resource sends the SoH and receives an SoHR. It is represented graphically in the following.



**Figure 4: Client SoH request and health policy server response**

In all cases, a transport protocol is involved in sending the messages in both directions. The transport protocol is typically the authentication protocol that mediates access to the network resource. This simple flow applies to all use cases. For specifics about the flow, see section [3](#).

When the SoH is being sent, it is likely that the client is requesting access to some service and is being required to prove its good health as a precondition. When the SoH is received, it is likely that the receiver will forward it to some infrastructure server that will evaluate the SoH and return the response (that is, the SoHR) to the client by means of the original receiver of the SoH.

Generally, the receipt of an SoHR by the client, allows access to the service being requested. In cases when the health of the client is not good, the SoHR is likely to contain sufficient instructions to permit the client to seek and receive remedy. After the client is restored to good health, the client can initiate the protocol again.

## 5 Security

The following sections specify security considerations for implementers of the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol.

### 5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

Security for health messages should be provided by the transport layer protocol. The transport protocol should guard against replay and tampering, and provide privacy of health messages. Health messages should not be transmitted unencrypted even if the transport protocol itself does not encrypt the communication. In such cases, the individual messages should be encrypted, signed, and time-stamped to ensure their integrity and confidentiality, and to prevent usage of an SoH after it no longer represents the state of the computer.

Version 2 of the protocol can support enhancements in a later version. Even though version 2 does not offer additional security over version 1 of the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol, implementers should use version 2 for future compatibility and security enhancements.

Implementers can use the protocol in applications where the messages are carried in a transport protocol that does not provide security (for example, DHCP). In such cases, it is important for the implementation to guide their users (the network administrators) to have infrastructure measures in place that accommodate and compensate for such usage.

The following risks are mitigated when the transport protocol provides security for health messages:

- **Passive Observation of Confidential Information.** Health messages contain information that may not only disclose personally identifying information of a user but also disclose a current security issue in the system. That is the nature of the message and the service that it provides. For this reason, it is important to preserve the confidentiality of these messages. It should not be possible for a **man in the middle attack (MITM)** to successfully view the contents of health messages as they are transmitted.
- **Spoofing.** A health message (an SoH) is a token that potentially causes a client to be authorized to access a protected resource. It should not be possible for anyone other than the system that created the SoH to use the health message. This requires that the authenticity of the source be verified. Similarly, an SoHR potentially causes a client to execute code that may be unsafe. For this reason, it is important to prevent an attacker from being able to spoof such messages. Thus, it should not be possible for an attacker to impersonate a NAS, **EAP server**, or a client.
- **Active Tampering.** For the risks discussed previously, it should not be possible for an attacker to modify the SoHR undetected. Similarly, tampering of the SoH can cause a client to be granted access when it is impermissible, or cause a client to be denied access when it is permitted. The security provided by the transport mechanism should prevent tampering with these messages.
- **Replaying.** A message that causes a client to be granted access can potentially be retransmitted by another client to incorrectly give the client access. This should be prevented by ensuring **idempotence** of SoH and SoHR messages as observed by a man in the middle who is able to view the transport-level communication.

There are a set of attacks for which no effective measures currently exist. These are documented here to make implementers aware of them.

There are no reliable measures that can prevent a denial of service attack on either a client or an NAS. Such attacks can include network flooding or tampering of communications by an attacker who is on the path between a client and a NAS (for example, in the case of WiFi).

There is always the potential that the host itself is compromised by some kernel mode malicious software (malware). In such cases, the SoHs and [SoHAttributes](#) produced by the client cannot be trusted. However, without broad deployment of trusted hardware, currently there are no effective solutions for this.

## 5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

## 6 Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include released service packs:

- Windows Vista® operating system
- Windows Server® 2008 operating system
- Windows® 7 operating system
- Windows Server® 2008 R2 operating system

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack or QFE. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification that is prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that the product does not follow the prescription.

[<1> Section 1.5:](#) Client and server prerequisites for NAP: The Windows implementation of the SoH Client sends version 2 messages by default, but can be configured to send version 1 messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH server accepts versions 1 and 2 messages.

[<2> Section 1.5:](#) Client prerequisites for NAP: The client has to be configured to recognize the access methods that are required to enable the NAP solution.

[<3> Section 2.2.3.1:](#) The Statement of Health for NAP Protocol IDs that are used. The following IDs are used in the Windows implementation of the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol: 0x00013700, 0x00013701, 0x00013702, 0x00013703, 0x00013704, 0x00013705, 0x00013706, 0x00013707, 0x00013780, and 0x00013781.

[<4> Section 2.2.3.3:](#) An IANA-assigned SMI vendor ID is strongly recommended. Other types of IDs are also acceptable as long as they can uniquely identify the vendor who specifies the data in the Data field. For example, in the Windows implementation, Windows Security Health Agent (WSHA) uses the following vendor ID format: IANA-assigned SMI vendor code plus component ID (same as the Health ID format specified in section [2.2.3.1](#)).

[<5> Section 2.2.3.5:](#) Third-parties are allowed to use these optional TLVs in their implementations to construct their own SoH or SoHR messages. The Windows implementation does not check the **Value** fields of the optional TLVs in third-party implementations. However, the Windows implementation does perform consistency checks on the length of the attributes. For example, if Optional TLV 5 (the Time-of-Last-Update TLV) is used in a third-party SoH or SoHR message, the Windows implementation requires that the length of its **Value** field be 8, but does not require specific contents for the **Value** field.

[<6> Section 2.2.3.5.4:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<7> Section 2.2.3.5.5:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does

not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<8> Section 2.2.3.5.6:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<9> Section 2.2.3.5.7:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<10> Section 2.2.3.5.8:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<11> Section 2.2.3.5.9:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<12> Section 2.2.3.5.10:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<13> Section 2.2.3.5.11:](#) Third-party SHA/SHV implementations and MSSHA/SHV may use this optional TLV in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not care when or how many of these optional TLVs are used in the SoH/SoHR messages. The detailed implementation by MSSHA/SHV can be found in [WSHA SoH](#) and [WSHV SoHR \[MS-WSH\]](#).

[<14> Section 2.2.4.1:](#) The [MS-Machine-Inventory \(section 2.2.4.1\)](#) fields that are populated. Windows populates the **osVersionMajor**, **osVersionMinor**, **spVersionMajor**, **spVersionMinor**, and **procArch** fields based on the returns from GetVersionInfoEx and its OSVERSIONINFOEX structure (for more information, see [\[MSDN-OSVERSIONINFOEX\]](#)).

[<15> Section 2.2.4.1:](#) The health policy server does not send this TLV in the [SSoHR](#). The client does not require nor read this TLV when the [SSoHR](#) is parsed.

[<16> Section 2.2.4.2:](#) Client resubmission at end-of-probation time. At the end of the probation time, the client resubmits itself for validation. The resubmission process depends on how the client is deployed. For example, in the case of an HRA deployment, the client certificate expires at the end of probation time and the client enrolls for a new certificate by posting a new HCEP message at that time. When the client resubmits, Windows evaluates its compliance and grants access according to policy.

[<17> Section 2.2.4.4:](#) The [MS-SystemGenerated-Ids](#) attribute for internal error indication: The Windows client includes the [MS-SystemGenerated-Ids](#) attribute when an internal error occurs while the client is attempting to gather state information about the host. The Windows server does not include this attribute.

[<18> Section 2.2.4.5:](#) The [MS-MachineName \(section 2.2.4.5\)](#) attribute used to submit the name: The **machineName** attribute is the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the computer if it is joined to a Windows domain; otherwise, the computer name is used.

<19> [Section 2.2.4.6](#): The [MS-CorrelationId \(section 2.2.4.6\)](#) for diagnostic purposes: The **correlationId** is a concatenation of the 16-byte connection ID and the **FILETIME** at which the attribute was generated.

<20> [Section 2.2.4.7](#): The SoH Evaluation API: Implemented in Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2. The health policy server in Windows includes an API that enables plug-ins that perform an SoH evaluation to register. The Windows SoH server only includes the [MS-Installed-Shvs \(section 2.2.4.7\)](#) attribute if such plug-ins are registered.

<21> [Section 2.2.4.7](#): The Windows client always sends all available health messages.

<22> [Section 2.2.4.8](#): The health policy server does not send this TLV in the [SSoHR](#). The client does not require nor read this TLV when the [SSoHR](#) is parsed.

<23> [Section 2.2.8](#): [MS-SystemGenerated-Ids](#) is a list of component IDs that is unable to provide an [SoHReportEntry](#). The Windows implementation of the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol includes the [MS-SystemGenerated-Ids](#) with a list of component IDs that are unable to provide an [SoHReportEntry](#) at the time that the [SSoH](#) is generated. The Windows implementation always sends the optional [MS-Machine-Inventory-Ex](#) attribute in the [SSoH](#).

<24> [Section 2.2.9](#): [MS-Installed-Shvs](#) has a list of SHVs that are installed. Implemented in Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2. The Windows implementation of the health policy server includes [MS-Installed-Shvs](#) with a list of SHVs that are installed on the server to perform health validation of [SoHReportEntry](#).

<25> [Section 3.1.3](#): The Registration mechanism allowing SHA/SHV to bind with the SOH protocol is implemented by Microsoft as the COM method **INapSystemHealthAgentBinding::Initialize** with a Health Agent/Validator id and a COM pointer to an **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback** interface as parameters [\[MSDN-INapSysHA\]](#). The **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback** interface provides callback methods that are implemented by the SHA/SHV designers so that the SOH Protocol can communicate with the SHA/SHV to process System Health Information.

<26> [Section 3.2.1](#): Microsoft implements the SHA API [GetSoHRequestEntry](#), [ProcessSoHResponseEntry](#), [NotifyOrphanedSoHRequest](#), and [GetFixupInfo](#) callback methods as the COM methods **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::GetSoHRequest**, **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::ProcessSoHResponse**, **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::NotifyOrphanedSoHRequest**, and **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::GetFixupInfo** [\[MSDN-INapSysHA\]](#).

<27> [Section 3.2.4](#): Using the Microsoft implementation to register and unregister SHAs, the SoH client SHOULD be called using the **INapSystemHealthAgentBinding::Initialize** and **INapSystemHealthAgentBinding::Uninitialize** methods respectively, which are part of the SHA API.

<28> [Section 3.2.5](#): The SoH client includes an API to allow plug-ins to report client state. The Windows SoH client, also called the NAP agent, includes an API that allows plug-ins that report client state to register with the system. These plug-ins are called SHAs. Examples of SHAs include antivirus clients and security update clients. One specific SHA, WSHA, as specified in [\[MS-WSH\]](#), is included in Windows. Each SHA produces an [SoHReportEntry](#) for the state that it reports. The NAP agent forms an SoH by appending the collection of the [SoHReportEntry](#) from the SHAs to a valid [SSoH](#). The NAP agent creates a new SoH whenever it receives a new [SoHReportEntry](#) from an SHA, or whenever a quarantine enforcement client requests one.

<29> [Section 3.2.5](#): Microsoft implements the SHA:SHA API [GetSoHRequestEntry](#), and [SHA:ProcessSoHResponseEntry](#), [NotifyOrphanedSoHRequest](#), and [GetFixupInfo](#) callback methods as the COM methods **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::GetSoHRequest**, and

**INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::ProcessSoHResponse**,  
**INapSystemHealthAgentCallback:: NotifyOrphanedSoHRequest**, and  
**INapSystemHealthAgentCallback:: GetFixupInfo** [\[MSDN-INapSysHA\]](#).

<30> [Section 3.2.5](#): When the NAP agent receives the SoHR, it validates the message and notifies the user if the [MS-Quarantine-State](#) value indicates that the user's network connectivity is restricted. The NAP agent delivers the [SoHReportEntry](#) values in the SoHR to the appropriate SHA for processing according to the [System-Health-ID](#) attribute in the [SoHReportEntry](#).

<31> [Section 3.2.5.1](#): [MS-CorrelationId](#) creates a GUID corresponding to the network connection. The NAP agent forms its [MS-CorrelationId](#) by filling in the first 16 bytes with the value of a GUID corresponding to the network connection over which the SoH is being transported. These 16 bytes are the same each time the SoH is transported over that connection. The last 8 bytes of [MS-CorrelationId](#) is a 64-bit unsigned integer representing the number of 100-nanosecond intervals between January 1, 1601 (UTC) and when the SoH was delivered for transport.

<32> [Section 3.2.5.1](#): Version 2 of the protocol can support enhancements in a later version. Even though version 2 does not offer additional security over version 1 of the Statement of Health for NAP Protocol, implementers should use version 2 for future compatibility and security enhancements.

<33> [Section 3.2.5.1](#): In Windows, the machine name can be obtained using the **GetComputerNameEx** Win32 API with a value of `ComputerNamePhysicalDnsFullyQualified` for the *NameType* parameter when the computer is joined to the domain; otherwise, with a value of `ComputerNamePhysicalNetBIOS`.

<34> [Section 3.2.5.1](#): In Windows, the product type can be obtained using the **GetVersionEx** Win32 API and by querying the **wProductType** field of the retrieved **OSVERSIONINFOEX** structure.

<35> [Section 3.2.5.1](#): Third-party SHA/SHV implementations can use these optional TLVs in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not process optional TLVs used in SoH/SoHR messages.

<36> [Section 3.2.5.1](#): The SoH client includes an API to allow plug-ins to report client state. The Windows SoH client, also called the NAP agent, includes an API that allows plug-ins that report client state to register with the system. These plug-ins are called SHAs. Examples of SHAs include antivirus clients and security update clients. One specific SHA, WSHA, as specified in [\[MS-WSH\]](#), is included in Windows. Each SHA produces an [SoHReportEntry](#) for the state that it reports. The NAP agent forms an SoH by appending the collection of the [SoHReportEntry](#) from the SHAs to a valid SSoH. The NAP agent creates a new SoH whenever it receives a new [SoHReportEntry](#) from an SHA, or whenever a quarantine enforcement client requests one.

<37> [Section 3.2.5.4](#): The SoH client includes an API to allow plug-ins to report client state. The Windows SoH client, also called the NAP agent, includes an API that allows plug-ins that report client state to register with the system. These plug-ins are called SHAs. Examples of SHAs include antivirus clients and security update clients. One specific SHA, WSHA, as specified in [\[MS-WSH\]](#), is included in Windows. Each SHA produces an [SoHReportEntry](#) for the state that it reports. The NAP agent forms an SoH by appending the collection of the [SoHReportEntry](#) from the SHAs to a valid SSoH. The NAP agent creates a new SoH whenever it receives a new [SoHReportEntry](#) from an SHA, or whenever a quarantine enforcement client requests one.

<38> [Section 3.2.5.4](#): Microsoft implements the SHA:SHA API `GetSoHRequestEntry`, and `SHA:ProcessSoHResponseEntry`, `NotifyOrphanedSoHRequest`, and `GetFixupInfo` callback methods as the COM methods **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::GetSoHRequest** , and **INapSystemHealthAgentCallback::ProcessSoHResponse**,



**INapSystemHealthAgentCallback:: NotifyOrphanedSoHRequest**, and  
**INapSystemHealthAgentCallback:: GetFixupInfo** [\[MSDN-INapSysHA\]](#).

<39> [Section 3.3.1](#): Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2 provide an API that allows plug-ins to validate the [SoHReportEntry](#) messages sent inside an SoH by SoH clients. This API is a COM interface [INapSystemHealthValidator](#) [\[MSDN-INapSysHV\]](#). SHVs are components that implement this interface. SHVs are always instantiated and used on the same computer as NPS. The **ShvTable** is a list that associates the [System-Health-ID](#) value with a pointer to the instance of **INapSystemHealthValidator**.

<40> [Section 3.3.5](#): The Windows health policy server is part of the NPS. This is implemented in Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2. NPS is the Windows RADIUS server. It also includes an implementation of SHV, WSHV, as specified in [\[MS-WSH\]](#). The health policy server validates the format of a received SoH and delivers the [SoHReportEntry](#) values to the appropriate SHV for evaluation based on the value of the **SystemHealthId** attribute in the [SoHReportEntry](#). The health policy server then waits for the SHVs to complete their evaluation of the [SoHReportEntry](#) values.

<41> [Section 3.3.5](#): SHVs evaluate the [SoHReportEntry](#) values by delivering [SoHReportEntry](#) values to the health policy server. This is implemented in Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2. The SHVs complete their evaluation of the [SoHReportEntry](#) values by delivering [SoHReportEntry](#) values to the health policy server. The health policy server forms an [SSoHR](#) and populates the **Quarantine-State** attribute therein, according to policy by taking the [Compliance-Result-Codes](#) and [Failure Category](#) attributes as input. The health policy server forms a valid SoHR by using the resulting [SSoHR](#) and the collection of [SoHReportEntry](#) messages received from the SHVs.

<42> [Section 3.3.5](#): The health policy server delivers the SoH message to the NPS to be processed against policy, and sends the message via RADIUS to the SoH client. This is implemented in Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2. The health policy server delivers the SoHR to the NPS, which processes it against policy and sends it as a vendor-specific attribute (VSA) in RADIUS to a RADIUS client, as specified in [\[MS-RNAP\]](#). The RADIUS client then delivers the SoHR to the SoH client over the transport mechanism that was originally used to send the SoH. An example of this process is specified in [\[MS-HCEP\]](#) section 1.3.

<43> [Section 3.3.5.3](#): In Windows, the machine name can be obtained using the **GetComputerNameEx** Win32 API with a value of [ComputerNamePhysicalDnsFullyQualified](#) for the *NameType* parameter when the computer is joined to the domain; otherwise, with a value of [ComputerNamePhysicalNetBIOS](#).

<44> [Section 3.3.5.3](#): Third-party SHA/SHV implementations can use these optional TLVs in their SoH/SoHR messages. The Windows implementation of the SoH protocol does not process the optional TLVs used in SoH/SoHR messages.

<45> [Section 3.3.5.3](#): Microsoft handles the actual sending of the SoHR message through an RNAP server or an EAP-supporting RADIUS server, as described in [\[MS-NAPSO\]](#) section 10. The SoH server uses the [SetSoHR](#) abstract interface described in [\[MS-NAPSO\]](#) section 10.3.2 to send the SoHR to the task. The interface parameters are set as follows:

- **SoHR** is set to the SoHR message.
- **quarantineState** is set to the value of **qState**.
- **extendedQuarantineState** is set to the value of **ExtState**.



## 7 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to the [MS-SOH] protocol document between the May 2011 and June 2011 releases. Changes are classified as New, Major, Minor, Editorial, or No change.

The revision class **New** means that a new document is being released.

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Major and minor changes can be described further using the following change types:

- New content added.
- Content updated.
- Content removed.
- New product behavior note added.
- Product behavior note updated.
- Product behavior note removed.
- New protocol syntax added.
- Protocol syntax updated.
- Protocol syntax removed.
- New content added due to protocol revision.
- Content updated due to protocol revision.
- Content removed due to protocol revision.
- New protocol syntax added due to protocol revision.

- Protocol syntax updated due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax removed due to protocol revision.
- New content added for template compliance.
- Content updated for template compliance.
- Content removed for template compliance.
- Obsolete document removed.

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Some important terms used in the change type descriptions are defined as follows:

- **Protocol syntax** refers to data elements (such as packets, structures, enumerations, and methods) as well as interfaces.
- **Protocol revision** refers to changes made to a protocol that affect the bits that are sent over the wire.

The changes made to this document are listed in the following table. For more information, please contact [protocol@microsoft.com](mailto:protocol@microsoft.com).

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Change type
<a href="#">1.2 References</a>	Added explanatory statement regarding the removal of the publishing year from Microsoft Open Specification document references.	N	Content updated.
Global	Revised document for technical clarity and comprehensiveness.	Y	Content updated.

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