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## **1 Scope**

This document is part of the FIPA specifications and deals with device ontology. This document contains specifications for properties of devices. Additionally, the document provides an example to illustrate the usage of the ontology via a profile of a hypothetical smartphone, an example of using the ontology through CC/PP, and other informative examples.

## 79 2 Overview

80 The capabilities of different devices are best expressed using some ontology, against which the profiles of those  
81 devices are validated. This document contains specifications for a device ontology.

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83 Provided that two devices D1 and D2 have a connection, they may exchange device profiles (either directly or through  
84 a brokering agency) and acquire a list of services provided by the other device. The list of services may include both  
85 hardware and software services, for example: a software component that provides access to a hardware component of  
86 the device (such as microphone, headset or GPS service). The profile needs to support the identification of services  
87 for various input and output capabilities, such as audio input and output. An informative example of a profile for a  
88 hypothetical device is given in Annex A.

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90 The `fipa-device` ontology can be used by agents when communicating about devices. Agents pass profiles of  
91 devices to each other and validate them against the `fipa-device` ontology. The profiles come in handy for example  
92 in a situation where memory- or processing-intensive actions take place; agent A1 can ask agent A2 whether device D  
93 has enough capabilities to handle some task A1 has in mind. Annex B gives a set of informative examples showing  
94 how profiles based on `fipa-device` ontology can be exploited.

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96 Related work is done both in W3C [CC/PP] and WAP Forum [UAPProf]. There is an overlap between the definitions  
97 found in those documents and this specification. However, direct references to those specifications are not used here.  
98 That is because, unlike the ontology presented in this specification, they rely on specific frameworks and languages,  
99 namely RDF and XML. Annex C gives an informative example on how to use the `fipa-device` ontology via CC/PP  
100 descriptions.

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## 102 3 Device Ontology

### 103 3.1 Object Descriptions

104 This section describes a set of frames that represent the classes of objects in the domain of discourse within the  
105 framework of the `fipa-device` ontology.

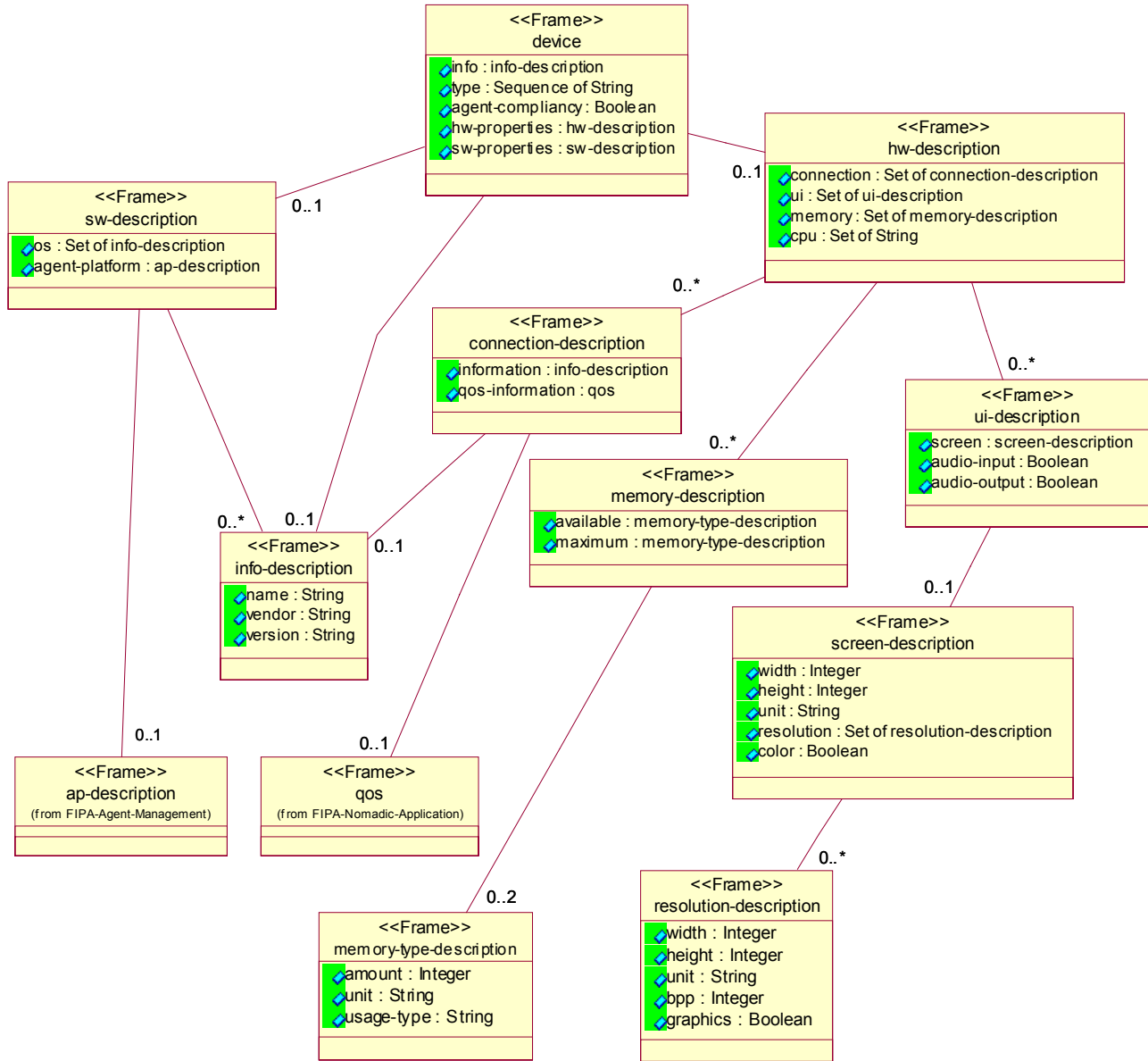
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107 The following terms are used to describe the objects of the domain:

- 109 • **Frame.** This is the mandatory name of this entity that must be used to represent each instance of this class.
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- 111 • **Ontology.** This is the name of the ontology, whose domain of discourse includes the parameters described in the  
112 table.
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- 114 • **Parameter.** This is the mandatory name of a parameter of this frame.
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- 116 • **Description.** This is a natural language description of the semantics of each parameter.
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- 118 • **Presence.** This indicates whether each parameter is mandatory or optional.
- 119
- 120 • **Type.** This is the type of the values of the parameter: Integer, Word, String, URL, Term, Set or Sequence.
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- 122 • **Reserved Values.** This is a list of FIPA-defined constants that can assume values for this parameter.
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### 3.1.1 Relationships between Frames

Figure 1 depicts the frames used in this ontology with associations among them.



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Figure 1: Relationships between Frames in the `fipa-device` ontology

127 **3.1.2 Device Description**

128 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the device with its most general properties.

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<b>Frame Ontology</b>	device fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
info	General information for the device.	Mandatory	info-description	
type	The type(s) of the device. General type(s) of devices like 3G phones, PDA's etc. To be used as a sequence from general to more specific types.	Optional	Sequence of String	
agent-compliance	Capability to host a FIPA-agent platform or participate in a distributed one.	Optional	Boolean	true false
hw-properties	List of properties describing the hardware features of the device in question.	Optional	hw-description	
sw-properties	List of properties describing the software features of the device in question.	Optional	sw-description	

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131 **3.1.3 Product Info Description**

132 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the name, vendor and version of some product.

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<b>Frame Ontology</b>	info-description fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
name	The name of the product in question.	Optional	String	
vendor	The vendor of the product in question.	Optional	String	
version	The version of the product in question.	Optional	String	

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<sup>1</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid info-description object will contain at least one parameter.



136 **3.1.4 Hardware Description**

137 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the hardware capabilities of a given device.

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<b>Frame Ontology</b>	hw-description fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
connection	The type of the connection the device uses.	Optional	Set of connection-description	
ui	List of the user interfaces that the device offers.	Optional	Set of ui-description	
memory	The amount of memory that the device has.	Optional	Set of memory-description	
cpu	The type of the central processing unit that the device has.	Optional	Set of String	

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140 **3.1.5 Connection Type Description**

141 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the connection-related details of a given device.

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<b>Frame Ontology</b>	connection-description fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
information	General information for the connection.	Optional	info-description	
qos-information	Detailed information about the Quality of Service of this connection type	Optional	qos <sup>4</sup>	

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<sup>2</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid `hw-properties` object will contain at least one parameter.

<sup>3</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid `connection-description` object will contain at least one parameter.

<sup>4</sup> The frame for `qos` is found in [FIPA00014].

145 **3.1.6 User Interface Description**

146 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the user interface(s) of a given device.

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Parameter	Description	Presence <sup>5</sup>	Type	Reserved Values
screen	Information characterizing the screen of the device.	Optional	screen-description	
audio-input	Specifies whether the device in question is capable of receiving audio input.	Optional	Boolean	true false
audio-output	Specifies whether the device in question is capable of producing audio output.	Optional	Boolean	true false

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149 **3.1.7 Screen Description**

150 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the screen of a given device.

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Parameter	Description	Presence <sup>6</sup>	Type	Reserved Values
width	The width of the screen. This value must be positive.	Optional	Integer	
height	The height of the screen. This value must be positive.	Optional	Integer	
unit	The unit for the width and height parameters of this frame.	Optional	String	mm cm inch <sup>7</sup>
resolution	The resolution description for the screen.	Optional	Set of resolution-description	
color	Has the value <code>true</code> if the device has a color screen; <code>false</code> if it has a monochrome screen.	Optional	Boolean	true false

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<sup>5</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid `ui-description` object will contain at least one parameter.<sup>6</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid `user-interface` object will contain at least one parameter.<sup>7</sup> 1mm = 0,1cm. 1mm = .03937inch. 1cm = 10mm. 1cm = . 3937inch. 1inch = 25.4mm. 1inch = 2.54cm.

153 **3.1.8 Resolution Description**

154 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the resolution-details of a given display.

155

<b>Frame Ontology</b>	resolution-description fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
width	Number of resolution units horizontally. This value must be positive.	Optional	Integer	
height	Number of resolution units vertically. This value must be positive.	Optional	Integer	
unit	The unit for the resolution.	Optional	String	pixels characters
bpp	Bits per pixel.	Optional	Integer	
graphics	Has the value <code>true</code> if the device is capable of displaying graphics; <code>false</code> if the device is capable of displaying only characters.	Optional	Boolean	true false

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157 **3.1.9 Memory Description**

158 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the maximum memory of a given device, as well as the memory available at the time of query.

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<b>Frame Ontology</b>	memory-description fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
available	The amount of memory available.	Optional	memory-type-description	
maximum	The maximum amount of memory.	Optional	memory-type-description	

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162 **3.1.10 Memory Type Description**

163 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the amount, unit, and usage type of some memory.

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<b>Frame Ontology</b>	memory-type-description fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
amount	The amount of memory. This value must not be negative.	Optional	Integer	
unit	The unit used to express the amount of memory.	Optional	String	B KB MB
usage-type	The usage type of the memory. Either application, storage, or both.	Optional	Set of String	application storage

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<sup>8</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid `user-interface` object will contain at least one parameter.

<sup>9</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid `memory-description` object will contain at least one parameter.

<sup>10</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid `user-interface` object will contain at least one parameter.

168 **3.1.11 Software Properties Description**

169 This type of object represents the description that can be used to define the software capabilities of a given device.  
170

<b>Frame Ontology</b>	sw-description fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presence<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reserved Values</b>
os	Details of the operating system that the device has.	Optional	Set of info-description	
agent-platform	Description of the agent platform the device in question has. Can be used only if agent-compliance of device level is either true or unspecified.	Optional	Set of ap-description <sup>12</sup>	

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172 **3.2 Function Descriptions**

173 The following tables define usage and semantics of the functions that are part of the fipa-device ontology.

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175 The following terms are used to describe the functions of the fipa-device domain:

176

- 177 • **Function.** This is the symbol that identifies the function in the ontology.
- 178
- 179 • **Ontology.** This is the name of the ontology, whose domain of discourse includes the function described in the table.
- 180
- 181
- 182 • **Supported by.** This is the type of agent that supports this function.
- 183
- 184 • **Description.** This is a natural language description of the semantics of the function.
- 185
- 186 • **Domain.** This indicates the domain over which the function is defined. The arguments passed to the function must belong to the set identified by the domain.
- 187
- 188
- 189 • **Range.** This indicates the range to which the function maps the symbols of the domain. The result of the function is a symbol belonging to the set identified by the range.
- 190
- 191
- 192 • **Arity.** This indicates the number of arguments that a function takes. If a function can take an arbitrary number of arguments, then its arity is undefined.
- 193
- 194

195 **3.2.1 Request Device Information**

<b>Function</b>	device-information
<b>Ontology</b>	fipa-device
<b>Supported by</b>	
<b>Description</b>	An agent can make a query in order to request the device information.
<b>Domain</b>	None
<b>Range</b>	device
<b>Arity</b>	0

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197 **3.3 Exceptions**

198 The exceptions for the fipa-device ontology follow the same form and rules as specified in [FIPA00023].

<sup>11</sup> While all of these parameters are optional, a valid sw-properties object will contain at least one parameter.

<sup>12</sup> The frame for ap-description is found in [FIPA00023].

199 **3.3.1 Not Understood Exception Propositions**

200 The same set of “*Not Understood Exception Propositions*” as in the `fipa-agent-management` ontology is used in  
 201 the `fipa-device` ontology (see [FIPA00023]).

202 **3.3.2 Refusal Exception Propositions**

203 The same set of “*Refusal Exception Propositions*” as defined in the `fipa-agent-management` ontology is used in  
 204 `fipa-device` ontology (see [FIPA00023]).

205 **3.3.3 Failure Exception Propositions**

<b>Communicative Act Ontology</b>	failure fipa-agent-management	
<b>Predicate symbol</b>	<b>Arguments</b>	<b>Description</b>
internal-error	String	See [FIPA00023].
not-available	String	Getting the device information failed; the string identifies the failure reason.

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208 **4 References**

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210 [CC/PP] Composite Capabilities / Preference Profiles.

211 <http://www.w3.org/Mobile/CCPP/>

212 [FIPA00014] FIPA Nomadic Application Support Specification. Foundation for Intelligent Physical Agents, 2000.

213 <http://www.fipa.org/specs/fipa00014/>

214 [FIPA00023] FIPA Agent Management Specification. Foundation for Intelligent Physical Agents, 2000.

215 <http://www.fipa.org/specs/fipa00023/>

216 [UAProf] User Agent Profile Specification. Wireless Application Protocol Forum Ltd., 1999.

217 <http://www.wapforum.org/>

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## 219 5 Informative Annex A — Profile of a Hypothetical Smart Phone

### 220 5.1 Profile Description

221 This section describes a profile that represents the hypothetical smart phone. The validation of this profile is based on  
222 the `fipa-device` ontology.

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224 The following terms are used to describe the objects of the domain:

- 225
- 226 • **Profile.** This is the mandatory name of this entity that must be used to represent each instance of this class.
- 227
- 228 • **Ontology.** This is the name of the ontology, whose domain of discourse includes the parameters described in the  
229 table.
- 230
- 231 • **Parameter.** This is the mandatory name of a parameter of this profile.
- 232
- 233 • **Value.** This is the value given to a parameter.
- 234

234 **5.1.1 SmartPhone xyz**

235 Here the profile of the hypothetical SmartPhone xyz is presented.

236

<b>Profile Ontology</b>		fipa.profiles.device.smartphonexyz fipa-device			
<b>Parameter</b>			<b>Value</b>		
info-description	name		SmartPhone		
	vendor		Smartphones Ltd.		
	version		xyz		
type			mobile-phone PDA GPS		
agent-compliance			true		
hw-description	connection-description	info-description	name	Bluetooth	
			version	x.x	
	connection-description	info-description	name	Infrared Data Association	
			version	y.y	
	connection-description	info-description	name	High Speed Circuit Switched Data	
			version	z.z	
	ui-description	screen-description	width		500
			height		800
			unit		mm
		resolution-description	width		1024
			height		768
			unit		pixels
			bpp		32
				graphics	true
	color		true		
audio-input		true			
audio-output		true			
memory-description	memory-type-description	amount	8		
		unit	MB		
		usage-type	storage		
	memory-type-description	amount	3856		
		unit	KB		
		usage-type	storage		
cpu			64-bit ARM9-based RISC		
sw-description	info-description		name	SmartOS abc	
			vendor	ABCVendor Corp.	
			version	8.1	
	agent-platform <sup>13</sup>		name	FIPA-OS v2.1.1	

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238 The values on the rightmost column can change at any time. For example, if extra memory is inserted to the device or  
 239 if another version of operating system is installed, the values for those parameters change. The parameters  
 240 themselves, however, are more static. They stay the same despite the changes in single device profiles, since they are  
 241 defined in the fipa-device ontology that is independent of them.

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243 The values for parameters can be further divided into static and dynamic depending on the ability to change them in  
 244 runtime. For example agent-compliance and memory-type-description describing the memory available can  
 245 change without booting the device. Hence they are dynamic information. On the other hand, screen-description  
 246 and cpu are static information; they cannot change while the machine is running.

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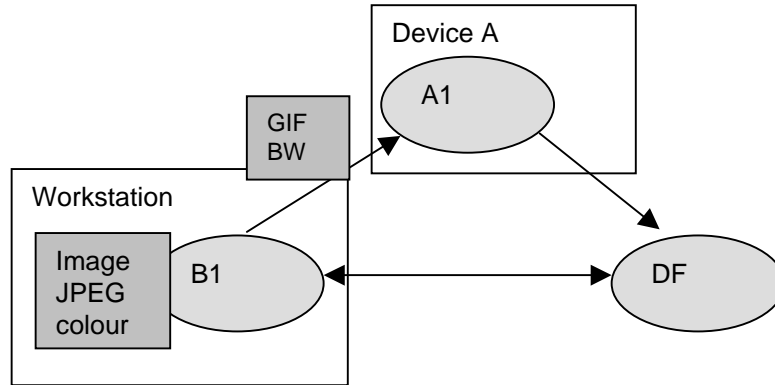
<sup>13</sup> The ontology against which this parameter is validated is found in [FIPA00023].



## 6 Informative Annex B — Examples

Annex B presents examples and use cases for device profiles based on the device ontology. The term agent is used to depict any software entity capable of reasoning over the profile, and the term DF or Directory Facilitator is used to depict a general directory service.

### 6.1 Content Adaptation I



Agent A1 sends its device profile to DF and registers to the system. Agent B1 interacts with agent A1 residing on device A. Agent B1 queries A's device profile either from the DF or directly from device A. Agent B1, which aims to send an image (640x480x24bits) to the user, analyses the device profile user interface capabilities:

hw-description	ui-description	screen-description	width	2.26	
			height	3.02	
			unit	inch	
			resolution-description	width	320
				height	240
				unit	pixels
			color	false	
			audio-input	true	
audio-output	true				

sw-description	supported-mime-types	text/html image/gif image/wbmp text/ascii
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The device operating system (or browser) is capable of handling ACSII text, html and also supports the GIF and Windows BMP mime-types. The agent reads from the device profile that the target device has a greyscale display and reduces the colours of the image to 4 greyscales (dithering), because it is not reasonable to send large images with excess unusable bits. The image size is reduced from 640x480 to 320x240 to fit the device's small screen.

In order to adapt the dialogue between agents, the dialogue service needs knowledge about the human-agent interface, especially information about the input and output capabilities of devices. For instance, if the user is using pen based input or touch-screen, the service may rely more on image maps to trigger actions, and if the user is interacting with keyboard, the service might use more text based input.

Now the same example is presented in more detail and using FIPA ACL. However, mime-type treatment is excluded.

1. The agent residing at a mobile device named *dummy* (A1 in the picture above) registers with the DF:

```

287
288 (request
289   :sender
290     (agent-identifier
291       :name dummy@foo.com :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
292   :receiver (set
293     (agent-identifier
294       :name df@foo.com :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc)))
295   :language fipa-sl
296   :protocol fipa-request
297   :ontology fipa-agent-management
298   :content "(
299     (action
300       (agent-identifier
301         :name df@foo.com :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
302       (register
303         (df-agent-description
304           :name
305             (agent-identifier
306               :name dummy@foo.com
307               :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
308             :protocol (set fipa-request fipa-query)
309             :ontology (set fipa-device)
310             :language (set fipa-sl kif)
311             :services (set
312               (service-description
313                 :name device
314                 :type device-stuff
315                 :ontology (set fipa-device))))))))))"
316

```

2. Then, the agent *velmu* (B1 in the picture above) searches with the DF for a list of agents that support fipa-device ontology:

```

319
320 (request
321   :sender
322     (agent-identifier
323       :name dummy@helluli.com
324       :addresses (sequence iiop://helluli.com/acc))
325   :receiver (set
326     (agent-identifier
327       :name df@foo.com
328       :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc)))
329   :language fipa-sl
330   :protocol fipa-request
331   :ontology fipa-agent-management
332   :content "(
333     (action
334       (agent-identifier
335         :name df@foo.com
336         :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
337       (search
338         (df-agent-description
339           :ontology (set fipa-device)
340           :language (set fipa-sl))
341         (search-constraint :max-depth 2))))))"
342

```

3. *velmu* gets an answer, that dummy at foo.com supports fipa-device ontology:

```

344 (inform
345   :sender
346     (agent-identifier
347       :name df@foo.com
348       :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
349   :receiver (set
350     (agent-identifier
351       :name velmu@foo.com

```

```

353         :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
354 :language fipa-sl
355 :protocol fipa-request
356 :ontology fipa-agent-management
357 :content "(
358   (result
359     (action
360       (agent-identifier
361         :name df@foo.com
362         :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
363       (search
364         (df-agent-description
365           :ontology (set fipa-device)
366           :language (set fipa-sl))
367         (search-constraint :max-depth 2))))
368   (set
369     (df-agent-description
370       :name
371       (agent-identifier
372         :name dummy@foo.com
373         :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
374       :ontology (set fipa-device)
375       :languages (set fipa-sl kif)
376       :protocol (set fipa-request fipa-query)
377       :services (set
378         (service-description
379           :name device
380           :type device-stuff
381           :ontology (set fipa-device))))))))))"
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4. *velmu* aims to send an image (640 x 480 x 24 bit) to the device where dummy is located: *velmu* queries the dummy in order to find out the capabilities of device in which dummy is located:

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386 (request
387   :sender
388     (agent-identifier
389       :name velmu@foo.com
390       :addresses (sequence iiop://helluli.com/acc))
391   :receiver (set
392     (agent-identifier
393       :name dummy@foo.com
394       :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc)))
395   :language fipa-sl
396   :protocol fipa-request
397   :ontology fipa-device
398   :content "(
399     (action
400       (agent-identifier :name dummy@foo.com)
401       (device-information))))"
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5. *dummy* sends appropriate information:

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405 (inform
406   :sender
407     (agent-identifier
408       :name dummy@foo.com
409       :addresses (sequence iiop://foo.com/acc))
410   :receiver (set
411     (agent-identifier
412       :name velmu@foo.com
413       :addresses (sequence iiop://helluli.com/acc)))
414   :language fipa-sl
415   :protocol fipa-query
416   :ontology fipa-device
417   :content "(
418     (result
419       (action

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420         (agent-identifier :name dummy@foo.com)
421         (device-information))
422     (device
423       :hw-properties
424       (hw-description
425         :cpu "i286"
426         :ui (set
427             (ui-description
428               :screen
429                 (screen-description
430                   :width 57
431                   :height 78
432                   :unit mm
433                   :color false
434                   :resolution (set
435                     (resolution-description
436                       :width 320
437                       :height 240
438                       :unit pixels
439                       :bpp 4
440                       :graphics true))))
441             :audio-input true
442             :audio-output true)))))))))")
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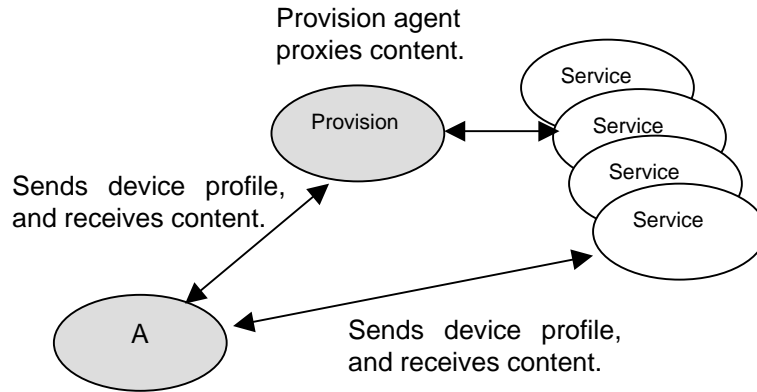
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444 *velmu* analyses the information, and finds that the target device has a greyscale display and reduces the colours of the  
445 image to four greyscales (dithering), because it is not reasonable to send large images with excess unusable bits.  
446 Furthermore, the image size is reduced from 640 x 480 to 320 x 240 to fit the device's screen.

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447 **6.2 Content Adaptation II**

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464 A new client logs in to an agent service domain providing tourism services. The service provision agent receives the device profile from the device software system accessing the agent-based services using ACL. The provision agent first stores the profile into a local cache (for example, CC/PP caching) and then checks the services available for this particular type of client. The device profile indicates that the device is part of an agent platform, which makes it eligible to access directly all of the agent based services, depending on whether or not it hosts or is capable of hosting the correct interface agents or layers. The agent on the device may contact the service agents directly and send the device profile for adaptation.

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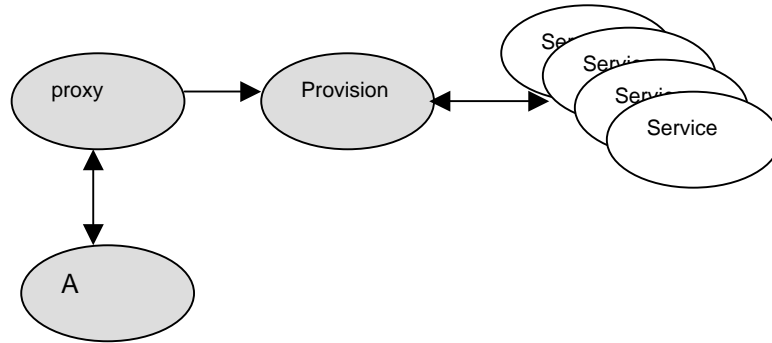
type				PDA GPS
agent-compliance				true
hw-description	connection-description	info-description	name	GPRS
			version	x.x
	memory-description	memory-type-description	amount	8000
			unit	KB
			usage-type	application
			amount	4000
memory-type-description	memory-type-description	unit	KB	
		usage-type	application	
sw-description	agent-platform	name		FIPA-OS v2.0

472 However, the client profile does not specify any streaming codecs in the sw-description frame that the services support, so the provision agent excludes all streaming services from the service list when the client requests it.

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476 **6.3 Content Adaptation III**

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489 Another client is not capable of hosting an agent platform or being a part of an existing platform, but hosts browser  
490 software that supports html content with streaming audio. The specific output capabilities of the browser are extracted  
491 from the `sw-description` extension fields.

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493 The client contacts the provision agent through a proxy that, using some proprietary format, accepts the device profile.  
494 Now, the provision agent has to exclude those services that cannot be accessed using proxies that mediate between  
495 non-agent and agent based resources.  
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497 **6.4 Service Advertisement and Software Updates**

498 The Provision agent may detect that a new service, which is compatible with a new XYZ Communicator, has become  
499 available. The new product is based on Java Midlet technology, and supports the downloading of new software (jar-  
500 files). Now, when clients using the XYZ device log into the system, they are displayed (if their user profile allows it)  
501 information about the new service. The system checks the `sw-description` frame extension fields for Java environment  
502 and the device name and version from the `info-description` frame.  
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info-description	name	XYZ Communicator
	vendor	Smartphones Ltd.
	version	xyz

sw-description	java-env	configuration	CLDC-1.0
		profile	MIDP-1.0
		locale	en-US
	supported-mime-types	text/vnd.sun.j2me.app-descriptor	

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## 7 Informative Annex C — Usage of FIPA Device Ontology through CC/PP

A technology called CC/PP (Composite Capabilities/Preference Profiles) is developed in W3C [CC/PP]. The frames in this specification received some of their concepts from CC/PP specifications. There are, however, differences and this is mainly due to the different goals of FIPA and W3C.

For example, in CC/PP the ontology is divided into three following categories at the highest level: Terminal Hardware, Terminal Software and Terminal Browser. Of these only Terminal Hardware and Terminal Software were adopted here. Terminal Browser was left out because FIPA is not as focused to www as W3C is. On the other hand, in this specification there is a parameter called agent-compliance that is not found in CC/PP specifications [CC/PP]. The value of agent-compliance parameter informs whether the device in question is capable of hosting one or more FIPA agents or not.

Despite the differences between the approaches the `fipa-device` ontology could be used in a CC/PP profile. This can be accomplished in a similar fashion as with UAProf (see [CC/PP]). So, if a developer wants to inform that some device is FIPA-compliant, then it can be achieved with a CC/PP profile as follows:

```
<RDF xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:ccpp="http://www.w3.org/2000/07/04-ccpp#"
  xmlns:fipa="http://www.fipa.org/profiles/device-20010202#">
  xmlns:uaprof="http://www.wapforum.org/UAPROF/ccppschem-19991014#">

  <Description about="http://www.foo.com/profiles/ProfileX">
    <ccpp:component>
      <Description about="http://www.foo.com/TerminalHardware">
        <type resource="http://www.foo.com/Schema#HardwarePlatform" />
        <ccpp:Defaults rdf:resource="http://www.foo.com/profiles/hwproperties" />
        <fipa:compliance>true</fipa:compliance>
      </Description>
    </ccpp:component>

    <ccpp:component>
      <Description about="http://www.foo.com/TerminalSoftware">
        <type resource="http://www.foo.com/Schema#SoftwarePlatform" />
        <ccpp:Defaults rdf:resource="http://www.foo.com/profiles/swproperties" />
        <fipa:ap-description><name>FIPA-OS v2.1.1</name></fipa:ap-description>
      </Description>
    </ccpp:component>

    <ccpp:component>
      <Description about="http://www.foo.com/Browser">
        <type resource="http://www.foo.com/Schema#BrowserUA" />
        <ccpp:Defaults rdf:resource="http://www.foo.com/profiles/browserproperties" />
        <uaprof:BrowserName>Internet Explorer</uaprof:BrowserName>
        <uaprof:BrowserVersion>5.0</uaprof:BrowserVersion>
      </Description>
    </ccpp:component>
  </Description>
</RDF>
```

Here the `fipa-namespace` is used to refer that the device characterized in ProfileX is FIPA-compliant and that the agent platform it has is the same FIPA-OS v2.1.1 used earlier as an example. Other CC/PP –defined properties are (supposedly) found in the URI's declared in `rdf:resource` attributes of the `ccpp:Defaults` elements. Agent compliance seems to be the property that most clearly distinguishes the ontology and profiles presented in this paper from the comparable ones defined in W3C and WAP Forum.

The namespace declaration in the fourth row defines a URI that should contain a CC/PP schema (`http://www.fipa.org/profiles/device-20010202#`). The schema in that location corresponds to the ontology presented in this paper, but in CC/PP terms. More specifically, there are specified only those elements that are not found in CC/PP schema itself. FIPA Agent-compliance is naturally an example of these.

## 566 **8 Informative Annex D — ChangeLog**

### 567 **8.1 2002/05/22 – version D**

568 Document: Symbols in lower case letters.

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570 **Page 9, Line 165: Added a function for getting the device information.**

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572 Page 16, Line 244: Example message 4 changed to use device-information function.

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574 Page 16, Line 361: Example message 5 updated to be a proper reply to message 4.