Digital NOTAM Submission Web Service

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What is a Web Service?

- A software system designed to support interoperable system to system interaction over a network.
- A standardized way of integrating Webbased applications using the XML, SOAP, WSDL, and UDDI open standards over an Internet protocol backbone.



Characteristics of a Web Service

- Performs a single, well-defined task
 - Independent, self-contained, stateless service
 - Fine-Grained vs. Coarse-Grained

Defines interface of operation

- Inputs and outputs

Designed for interaction with other system

- System platform independent
- No need to know details of other system



Common Technology Used for Web Services

- XML and HTTP Protocols
- WSDL (Web Service Description Language)
 - Definition (Data Type, Message)
 - Operation
 - Service Binding (Port, Network Address)
- SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol)
- UDDI (Universal Description, Discovery and Integration)



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Concerns

- Message Integrity
- Message Confidentiality

Security Mechanisms

- User ID/Password
- HTTP vs. HTTPS
- Client Certificate (X.509)
- Other WS-Security

