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Core Notifications Protocol

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1 Introduction

The Core Notifications Protocol transmits notifications to a client about specific events on a server. This protocol is commonly used to inform the client about changes that have occurred in folders and messages on the server.

Sections 1.5, 1.8, 1.9, 2, and 3 of this specification are normative. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

1.1 Glossary

This document uses the following terms:

ASCII: The American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) is an 8-bit character-encoding scheme based on the English alphabet. ASCII codes represent text in computers, communications equipment, and other devices that work with text. ASCII refers to a single 8-bit ASCII character or an array of 8-bit ASCII characters with the high bit of each character set to zero.

asynchronous context handle: A **remote procedure call (RPC)** context handle that is used by a client when issuing RPCs against a server on AsyncEMSMDB interface methods. It represents a handle to a unique session context on the server.

binary large object (BLOB): A discrete packet of data that is stored in a database and is treated as a sequence of uninterpreted bytes.

callback address: An object that encapsulates an Internet address that is registered by a client and that a server can use for push notifications.

datagram: A style of communication offered by a network transport protocol where each message is contained within a single network packet. In this style, there is no requirement for establishing a session prior to communication, as opposed to a connection-oriented style.

handle: Any token that can be used to identify and access an object such as a device, file, or a window.

Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP): An application-level protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypermedia information systems (text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files) on the World Wide Web.

Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6): A revised version of the Internet Protocol (IP) designed to address growth on the Internet. Improvements include a 128-bit IP address size, expanded routing capabilities, and support for authentication and privacy.

mailbox: A message store that contains email, calendar items, and other Message objects for a single recipient.

message class: A property that loosely defines the type of a message, contact, or other Personal Information Manager (PIM) object in a mailbox.

Messaging Application Programming Interface (MAPI): A messaging architecture that enables multiple applications to interact with multiple messaging systems across a variety of hardware platforms.

notification subscription: A request to receive notifications from a server when specific events occur on that server.

outstanding RPC call: An asynchronous **remote procedure call (RPC)** that has not been completed by a server yet.

remote operation (ROP): An operation that is invoked against a server. Each ROP represents an action, such as delete, send, or query. A ROP is contained in a ROP buffer for transmission over the wire.

remote procedure call (RPC): A communication protocol used primarily between client and server. The term has three definitions that are often used interchangeably: a runtime environment providing for communication facilities between computers (the RPC runtime); a set of request-and-response message exchanges between computers (the RPC exchange); and the single message from an RPC exchange (the RPC message). For more information, see [\[C706\]](#).

ROP request: See [ROP request buffer](#).

ROP request buffer: A ROP buffer that a client sends to a server to be processed.

ROP response: See [ROP response buffer](#).

ROP response buffer: A ROP buffer that a server sends to a client to be processed.

search folder: A collection of related items to be crawled by a search service.

session context handle: A [remote procedure call \(RPC\)](#) context handle that is used by a client when issuing RPCs against a server on EMSMDB interface methods. It represents a handle to a unique session context on the server.

table object: A group of shapes that are arranged in rows and columns to form a table.

Unicode: A character encoding standard developed by the Unicode Consortium that represents almost all of the written languages of the world. The [Unicode](#) standard [\[UNICODE5.0.0/2007\]](#) provides three forms (UTF-8, UTF-16, and UTF-32) and seven schemes (UTF-8, UTF-16, UTF-16 BE, UTF-16 LE, UTF-32, UTF-32 LE, and UTF-32 BE).

User Datagram Protocol (UDP): The connectionless protocol within TCP/IP that corresponds to the transport layer in the ISO/OSI reference model.

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

1.2 References

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1.2.1 Normative References

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[MS-OXCDATA] Microsoft Corporation, "[Data Structures](#)".

[MS-OXCFOLD] Microsoft Corporation, "[Folder Object Protocol](#)".

[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP] Microsoft Corporation, "[Messaging Application Programming Interface \(MAPI\) Extensions for HTTP](#)".

[MS-OXCMSG] Microsoft Corporation, "[Message and Attachment Object Protocol](#)".

[MS-OXCROPS] Microsoft Corporation, "[Remote Operations \(ROP\) List and Encoding Protocol](#)".

[MS-OXCRPC] Microsoft Corporation, "[Wire Format Protocol](#)".

[MS-OXCTABL] Microsoft Corporation, "[Table Object Protocol](#)".

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc2119>

[RFC768] Postel, J., "User Datagram Protocol", STD 6, RFC 768, August 1980, <https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc768>

1.2.2 Informative References

[MS-OXPROTO] Microsoft Corporation, "[Exchange Server Protocols System Overview](#)".

[MSDN-ENM] Microsoft Corporation, "Event Notification in MAPI", [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms528269\(EXCHG.10\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms528269(EXCHG.10).aspx)

[MSDN-WS2] Microsoft Corporation, "Windows Sockets 2", [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms740673\(VS.85\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms740673(VS.85).aspx)

[MSFT-ConfigStaticUDPPort] Microsoft Corporation, "Configure a Static UDP Port for Push Notifications in an Exchange 2010 Environment (en-US)", <http://social.technet.microsoft.com/wiki/contents/articles/2542.configure-a-static-udp-port-for-push-notifications-in-an-exchange-2010-environment.aspx>

1.3 Overview

This protocol enables a client to receive notifications about specific events that occur on the messaging server. The client can subscribe to certain events on the server, and when one of the events occurs, the server sends the client a notification. The notification sent by the server is commonly a two part operation. First, the server notifies the client about pending notifications. Then the server transmits the notification details.

The server supports three methods for notifying the client of pending notifications on the server:

- Asynchronous **RPC** notifications. This method enables the client to make an asynchronous remote procedure call (RPC) call to the server; the server does not complete the RPC call until there is a notification for the session.
- Asynchronous notifications via **HTTP** extensions, as described in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#).
- Push notifications. This method relies on a **callback address** being registered with the server, so that **User Datagram Protocol (UDP) datagrams** can be sent to the callback address when pending notifications exist.
- The **RopPending ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.3). This **ROP** is included in the **EcDoRpcExt2** method call response if there are pending notifications on the server and the details of the notification do not fit in the response buffer.

Regardless of the means used to notify the client of the pending notification, the notification details are sent to the client by using the **RopNotify** ROP (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)).

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

This specification provides a low-level explanation of notifying a client about events on the server. For information about applying this protocol in a **Messaging Application Programming Interface (MAPI)** provider, see [\[MSDN-ENM\]](#).

This specification relies on an understanding of [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) , [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#), and [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#).

For conceptual background information and overviews of the relationships and interactions between this and other protocols, see [\[MS-OXPROTO\]](#).

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

This specification assumes that the client has previously logged on to the server and created a session context.

1.6 Applicability Statement

This protocol was designed to be used for the following purposes:

- Notifying clients about specific events on the server.
- Notifying clients about notifications pending for the client on the server.

This protocol provides basic information, a high degree of efficiency, and complete preservation of data fidelity for these uses. Note, however, that it might not be appropriate for use in scenarios that do any of the following:

- Require replication of mailbox content between clients and servers.
- Require client-driven copying of data between different mailboxes on different servers.
- Require exporting or importing of data to or from a mailbox.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

This specification covers versioning issues in the following areas:

- Supported Transports: This protocol uses the Wire Format Protocol, as described in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#), the Remote Operations (ROP) List and Encoding Protocol, as described in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#), the **MAPI** extensions to **HTTP**, as described in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#), and Internet protocols as described in section [2.1](#).
- Protocol Versions: This protocol has only one interface version.
- Capability Negotiation: The protocol does not require asynchronous **RPC** notifications to be implemented. The client examines the server version to determine whether asynchronous RPC notifications are supported. For more information about how to determine server version, see [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#).
- Localization: This protocol passes text strings in notification details. Localization considerations for such strings are described in [\[MS-OXCMSG\]](#) section 2.2.1.3.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

The commands specified by this protocol are sent to and received from the server by using the underlying **ROP request buffers** and **ROP response buffers**, respectively, as specified in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#).

Asynchronous calls are made on the server by using **RPC** transport, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#), and the **MAPI** extensions to **HTTP<1>**, as specified in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#).

UDP datagrams are sent from server to client by using the User Datagram Protocol (UDP), as specified in [\[RFC768\]](#). For more information, see [\[MSDN-WS2\]](#).

2.2 Message Syntax

2.2.1 Notifications

This section specifies the following:

- The server events that the client can be notified of.
- The **RopRegisterNotification ROP**, which is used to subscribe to notifications.
- The ROPs and **RPCs** used to notify the client of pending notifications:
 - The **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method.
 - The **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method.
 - The **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method.
 - The **RopPending** ROP ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.3).
 - The **NotificationWait** request type<2> ([\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 2.2.4.4).
- The **RopNotify** ROP (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)), which is used to send notification details.

2.2.1.1 Server Event Types

The following table specifies the events that happen on the server. Clients can register to receive notifications about these events by using the **RopRegisterNotification ROP** (section [2.2.1.2.1](#)).

Event name	Description
NewMail	A new email message has been received by the server.
ObjectCopied	An existing object has been copied on the server.
ObjectCreated	A new object has been created on the server.
ObjectDeleted	An existing object has been deleted from the server.
ObjectModified	An existing object has been modified on the server.
ObjectMoved	An existing object has been moved to another location on the server.
SearchCompleted	A search operation has been completed on the server.

Event name	Description
TableModified	A table has been modified on the server. TableModified event types are specified in section 2.2.1.1.1 .

2.2.1.1.1 TableModified Event Types

The following table specifies the table modification event types. Clients can register to receive notifications about these events by using the **RopRegisterNotification ROP** (section [2.2.1.2.1](#)).

Event name	Description
TableChanged	A table has been changed.
TableRowAdded	A new row has been added to the table.
TableRowDeleted	An existing row has been deleted from the table.
TableRowModified	An existing row has been modified in the table.
TableRestrictionChanged	A table restriction has been cleared, removed, or is pending. For more details about how a table restriction is cleared or removed, see [MS-OXCTABL] section 3.2.5.16. For more details about how this event type is related to the TBLSTAT_RESTRICTING value of the TableStatus field, as specified in [MS-OXCTABL] section 2.2.2.1.3, of the RopRestrict ROP ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.3), see [MS-OXCTABL] section 3.2.5.1.

For server steps related to creating and sending **TableModified** event notifications, see section [3.1.4.3](#). For client initialization steps related to subscribing to **TableModified** event notifications, see section [3.2.4.2](#).

2.2.1.2 Subscription Management

Subscription management is handled by the **RopRegisterNotification ROP** (section [2.2.1.2.1](#)). For more information about how clients subscribe to notification events, see section [3.2.4.1](#).

2.2.1.2.1 RopRegisterNotification ROP

The **RopRegisterNotification ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.1) creates a subscription for specified notifications on the server and returns a **handle** of the subscription to the client.

The complete syntax of the ROP request and response buffers for this ROP is specified in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#). This section specifies the syntax and semantics of various fields that are not fully specified in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#).

2.2.1.2.1.1 RopRegisterNotification ROP Request Buffer

The following descriptions define valid fields for the request buffer of the **RopRegisterNotification ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.1).

NotificationTypes (2 bytes): A set of bits describing notifications that the client is interested in receiving.

The following table lists the values that are available for notification types.

Value	Meaning
0x0002	The server sends notifications to the client when NewMail events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0004	The server sends notifications to the client when ObjectCreated events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0008	The server sends notifications to the client when ObjectDeleted events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0010	The server sends notifications to the client when ObjectModified events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0020	The server sends notifications to the client when ObjectMoved events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0040	The server sends notifications to the client when ObjectCopied events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0080	The server sends notifications to the client when SearchCompleted events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0100	The server sends notifications to the client when TableModified events occur within the scope of interest.
0x0400	The server sends notifications to the client when the Extended flag is set.

For details about server events, see section [2.2.1.1](#).

Reserved (1 byte): This field is reserved. The field value MUST be 0x00. The server behavior is undefined if the value is not 0x00. This field is optional and is present only if the **Extended** (0x0400) flag is set in the **NotificationTypes** field.

WantWholeStore (1 byte): A value of **TRUE** (0x01) if the scope for notifications is the entire **mailbox**; otherwise, **FALSE** (0x00).

2.2.1.3 Pending Notifications

Pending notifications rely on transmission of one or more of the following methods:

- The **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method, which is used in asynchronous **RPC** notifications.
- The **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method, which is also used in asynchronous RPC notifications.
- The **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method, which is used for push notifications.
- The **EcDoRpcExt2** method and the **RopPending ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.3).
- The **NotificationWait** request type as described in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 2.2.4.4.<3>

2.2.1.3.1 EcDoAsyncConnectEx Method

The **EcDoAsyncConnectEx**<4> **RPC** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.4, is used to acquire an **asynchronous context handle** on the server to use in subsequent **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method calls, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1. The **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method is used to support asynchronous RPC notifications. For more information about how the client sends **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method to initialize the notification process, see section [3.2.5.2](#). For more information about how the server receives the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method, see section [3.1.5.2](#).

2.2.1.3.2 EcDoAsyncWaitEx Method

The **EcDoAsyncWaitEx<5>** asynchronous **RPC** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1, is used to inform a client about pending notifications on the server. The **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method is used to support asynchronous RPC notifications. For more information about how the client sends and receives **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method calls, see section [3.2.5.5.1](#). For more information about how the server receives and completes **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method calls, see section [3.1.5.3](#).

2.2.1.3.3 EcRRegisterPushNotification Method

The **EcRRegisterPushNotification<6>** **RPC** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.5, is used to register a **callback address** of a client on the server. The callback address is required in order to receive **UDP datagrams** from the server, and is used to support push notifications, which is one way in which the server can notify clients of pending notifications. The UDP datagrams inform the client that notifications are pending on the server for the session.

2.2.1.3.4 RopPending ROP

The **RopPending ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.3) notifies the client that there are pending notifications on the server for the client. This ROP MUST appear only in response buffers of either the **EcDoRpcExt2** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, or the **Execute** request type, **<7>** as specified in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 2.2.4.2.2. For more information about how the server sends this **ROP response**, see section [3.1.5.6](#). For more information about how the client receives this ROP response, see section [3.2.5.5.3](#).

2.2.1.4 Notification Details

Notification details are transmitted by using the **RopNotify ROP** (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)).

2.2.1.4.1 RopNotify ROP

The **RopNotify ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.2) provides the client with the details of notifications that are sent by server. This ROP MUST appear only in response buffers of the **EcDoRpcExt2** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, or in the **Execute** request type **success response body<8>**, as specified in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 2.2.4.2.2.

The complete syntax of the **ROP response buffer** for this ROP is specified in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#). This section specifies the syntax and semantics of various fields that are not fully specified in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#).

For more information about how the server sends notification details using the **RopNotify ROP**, see section [3.1.5.7](#). For more information about how the client receives notification details using the **RopNotify ROP**, see section [3.2.5.7](#).

2.2.1.4.1.1 RopNotify ROP Response Buffer

The following descriptions define valid fields for the response buffer of the **RopNotify ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.2).

NotificationHandle (4 bytes): The 32-bit server object **handle** of the target object for the notification. The target object can be a **notification subscription** or a table.

LogonId (1 byte): An unsigned integer that specifies the logon associated with the notification event.

NotificationData (variable): This field contains a **NotificationData** structure, as specified in section [2.2.1.4.1.2](#).

2.2.1.4.1.2 NotificationData Structure

The **NotificationData** structure specifies details about the notification. The contents of this structure are 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
NotificationFlags											TableEventType																				
TableRowFolderID																															
...																															
TableRowMessageID																															
...																															
TableRowInstance																															
InsertAfterTableRowFolderID																															
...																															
InsertAfterTableRowID																															
...																															
InsertAfterTableRowInstance																															
TableRowDataSize																TableRowData (variable)															
...																															
FolderId																															
...																															
MessageId																															
...																															
ParentFolderId																															
...																															
OldFolderId																															

...	
OldMessageId	
...	
OldParentFolderId	
...	
TagCount	Tags (variable)
...	
TotalMessageCount	
UnreadMessageCount	
MessageFlags	
UnicodeFlag	MessageClass (variable)
...	

NotificationFlags (2 bytes): A combination of an enumeration and flags that describe the type of the notification and the availability of the notification data fields.

The least significant 12 bits of the **NotificationFlags** field contain the **NotificationType** enumeration, which defines the type of the notification. The possible values for this enumeration are listed in the following table.

Bit	Meaning
0x0002	The notification is for a NewMail event.
0x0004	The notification is for an ObjectCreated event.
0x0008	The notification is for an ObjectDeleted event.
0x0010	The notification is for an ObjectModified event.
0x0020	The notification is for an ObjectMoved event.

Bit	Meaning
0x0040	The notification is for an ObjectCopied event.
0x0080	The notification is for a SearchCompleted event.
0x0100	The notification is for a TableModified event.
0x0400	This value is reserved. It is not used by the server and MUST be ignored by the client.

The most significant four bits of the **NotificationFlags** field are flags that specify the availability of the notification data fields.

Bit	Flag	Meaning
0x1000	T	The notification contains information about a change in the total number of messages in a folder triggering the event. If this bit is set, the NotificationType value MUST be 0x0010.
0x2000	U	The notification contains information about a change in the number of unread messages in a folder triggering the event. If this bit is set, the NotificationType value MUST be 0x0010.
0x4000	S	The notification is caused by an event in a search folder . If this bit is set, bit 0x8000 MUST be set.
0x8000	M	The notification is caused by an event on a message.

TableEventType (2 bytes): A subtype of the notification for a **TableModified** event. This field is available only if the **NotificationType** value in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0100.

The following table lists the values that are available for event types. For more details, see section [2.2.1.1.1](#).

Value	Meaning
0x0001	The notification is for TableChanged events.
0x0003	The notification is for TableRowAdded events.
0x0004	The notification is for TableRowDeleted events.

Value	Meaning
0x0005	The notification is for TableRowModified events.
0x0007	The notification is for TableRestrictionChanged events.

TableRowFolderID (8 bytes): The value of the **Folder ID** structure, as specified in [\[MS-OXCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.1.1, of the item triggering the notification. This field is available only if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003, 0x0004, or 0x0005.

TableRowMessageID (8 bytes): The value of the **Message ID** structure, as specified in [\[MS-OXCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.1.2, of the item triggering the notification. This field is available only if bit 0x8000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field and if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003, 0x0004, or 0x0005.

TableRowInstance (4 bytes): An identifier of the instance of the previous row in the table. This field is available only if bit 0x8000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field and if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003, 0x0004, or 0x0005.

InsertAfterTableRowFolderID (8 bytes): The old value of the **Folder ID** structure of the item triggering the notification. This field is available only if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003 or 0x0005.

InsertAfterTableRowID (8 bytes): The old value of the **Message ID** structure of the item triggering the notification. This field is available only if bit 0x8000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field and if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003 or 0x0005.

InsertAfterTableRowInstance (4 bytes): An unsigned 32-bit identifier of the instance of the row where the modified row is inserted. This field is available only if bit 0x8000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field and if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003 or 0x0005.

TableRowDataSize (2 bytes): An unsigned 16-bit integer that indicates the length of the table row data. This field is available only if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003 or 0x0005.

TableRowData (variable): The table row data, which contains a list of property values in a **PropertyRow** structure, as specified in [\[MS-OXCDATA\]](#) section 2.8, for the row that was added or modified in the table. The property values to be included are determined by a previous **RopSetColumns** ROP, as specified in [\[MS-OXCTABL\]](#) section 2.2.2.2. This field is available only if the **TableEventType** field is available and is 0x0003 or 0x0005.

FolderId (8 bytes): The **Folder ID** structure of the item triggering the event. This field is available only if the **NotificationType** value in the **NotificationFlags** field is not 0x0100 or 0x0400.

MessageId (8 bytes): The **Message ID** structure, as specified in [\[MS-OXCDATA\]](#) section 2.2.1.2, of the item triggering the event. This field is available only if the **NotificationType** value in the **NotificationFlags** field is not 0x0100 or 0x0400, and bit 0x8000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field.

ParentFolderId (8 bytes): The **Folder ID** structure of the parent folder of the item triggering the event. This field is available only if the value of the **NotificationType** in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0004, 0x0008, 0x0020, or 0x0040, and it is sent for either a message in a search folder (both bit 0x4000 and bit 0x8000 are set in the **NotificationFlags** field) or a folder (both bit 0x4000 and bit 0x8000 are not set in the **NotificationFlags** field).

OldFolderId (8 bytes): The old **Folder ID** structure of the item triggering the event. This field is available only if the **NotificationType** value in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0020 or 0x0040.

OldMessageId (8 bytes): The old **Message ID** structure of the item triggering the event. This field is available only if the value of the **NotificationType** in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0020 or 0x0040 and bit 0x8000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field.

OldParentFolderId (8 bytes): The old parent **Folder ID** structure of the item triggering the event. This field is available only if the value of the **NotificationType** in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0020 or 0x0040 and bit 0x8000 is not set in the **NotificationFlags** field.

TagCount (2 bytes): An unsigned 16-bit integer that specifies the number of property tags in the **Tags** field. This field is available only if the value of the **NotificationType** in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0004 or 0x0010. If the value of the **NotificationType** in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0010, the value of this field SHOULD [<9>](#) be set to 0x0000.

Tags (variable): An array of unsigned 32-bit integers that identifies the IDs of properties that have changed. This field is available only if the **TagCount** field is available and the value of the **TagCount** field is not 0x0000 or 0xFFFF.

TotalMessageCount (4 bytes): An unsigned 32-bit integer that specifies the total number of items in the folder triggering this event. This field is available only if bit 0x1000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field.

UnreadMessageCount (4 bytes): An unsigned 32-bit integer that specifies the number of unread items in a folder triggering this event. This field is available only if bit 0x2000 is set in the **NotificationFlags** field.

MessageFlags (4 bytes): An unsigned 32-bit integer that specifies the message flags of new mail that has been received. [<10>](#) This field is available only if the value of the **NotificationType** in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0002. For details, see [\[MS-OXCMSG\]](#) section 2.2.1.6.

UnicodeFlag (1 byte): A value of **TRUE** (0x01) indicates the value of the **MessageClass** field is in **Unicode**; otherwise, **FALSE** (0x00) indicates the value of the **MessageClass** is in **ASCII**. A value of **FALSE** is returned if the client is working in cached mode, as specified by the **ClientMode** field in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 2.2.2.2.4. This field is available only if the value of the **NotificationType** field in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0002.

MessageClass (variable): A null-terminated string containing the **message class** of the new mail. The string is in Unicode if the **UnicodeFlag** field is set to **TRUE** (0x01). The string is in ASCII if **UnicodeFlag** is set to **FALSE** (0x00). This field is available only if the value of the **NotificationType** in the **NotificationFlags** field is 0x0002.

3 Protocol Details

3.1 Server Details

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

This section describes a conceptual model of possible data organization that an implementation maintains to participate in this protocol. The described organization is provided to facilitate the explanation of how the protocol behaves. This specification does not mandate that implementations adhere to this model as long as their external behavior is consistent with that described in this document.

This protocol includes the following abstract data model (ADM) elements:

Global.Handle, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.1.

Global.AsynchronousHandle, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.1.

cookies, as specified in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 3.2.1.[<11>](#)

The following ADM types are defined in this section:

NotificationSubscriptionObject: An object on the server associated with the session context that manages event notifications and **notification subscriptions**.

3.1.2 Timers

If push notifications are supported by the server, as specified in [section 3.1.5.4](#), the server SHOULD allow for a 60-second interval between **UDP datagrams** until the client has retrieved all event information for the session. The server MUST provide server administrators a means to configure the time interval between the UDP datagrams.

3.1.3 Initialization

None.

3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

3.1.4.1 Sending Pending Notifications

The server notifies the client of pending notifications in one of three ways: by completing an asynchronous **EcDoAsyncWaitEx RPC** method call, by using push notifications and sending a **UDP datagram** to a **callback address**, or by sending a **RopPending ROP response** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.3). For more details about responding to an asynchronous RPC call, see [section 3.1.5.3](#). For more details about using push notifications and sending a UDP datagram, see [section 3.1.5.4](#). For more details about sending a **RopPending ROP response**, see [section 3.1.5.6](#).

3.1.4.2 Sending Notification Details

The server sends notification details to the client by sending the **RopNotify ROP response** ([section 2.2.14.1](#)). The **RopNotify** command is the only method to transmit notification details to the client, so it is used regardless of the method used to notify the client of the pending notification. For more details about sending the **RopNotify ROP**, see [section 3.1.5.7](#).

3.1.4.3 Creating and Sending TableModified Event Notifications

If the client has subscribed to **TableModified** event notifications, by using the **RopRegisterNotification ROP** (section [2.2.1.2.1](#)), the server SHOULD [<12>](#) require that a table view is created in order to send the **TableModified** event notifications, as specified in section [2.2.1.1.1](#). If a table view is required on the server, the server MUST receive a request from one of the following ROPs, each of which cause a table view to be created on the server: **RopCollapseRow** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.17), **RopExpandRow** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.16), **RopFindRow** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.13), **RopQueryColumnsAll** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.12), **RopQueryPosition** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.7), **RopQueryRows** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.4), **RopSeekRow** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.8), **RopSeekRowFractional** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.10), and **RopSeekRowBookmark** ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.9). The server SHOULD then create a subscription to **TableModified** event notifications automatically for every table created on the server. The server MUST NOT create a subscription to table notifications for the tables that were created with a **NoNotifications** flag. For more details about the **NoNotifications** flag, see [\[MS-OXCFOLD\] section 2.2.1.14.1](#) and [\[MS-OXCFOLD\] section 2.2.1.13.1](#).

When a **TableModified** event occurs, the server generates a notification using one of the following three methods, listed in descending order of usefulness to the client.

1. The server generates an informative notification that specifies the nature of the change (content or hierarchy), the value of the **Folder ID** structure, as specified in [\[MS-OXCADATA\] section 2.2.1.1](#), the value of the **Message ID** structure, as specified in [\[MS-OXCADATA\] section 2.2.1.2](#), and new table values. The **TableRowAdded**, **TableRowDeleted**, and **TableRowModified** events each produce informative notifications.
2. The server generates a basic notification that does not include specifics about the change made. The **TableChanged** and **TableRestrictionChanged** events produce basic notifications.
3. The server does not generate a notification at all.

The notification level is server implementation-specific; however, the server SHOULD generate informative notifications whenever possible and only generate a basic notification when it is not feasible to generate an informative notification.

The server SHOULD [<13>](#) stop sending notifications if the **RopResetTable** ROP ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.15) is received, until a new table view is created using one of the following ROPs: **RopCollapseRow**, **RopExpandRow**, **RopFindRow**, **RopQueryColumnsAll**, **RopQueryPosition**, **RopQueryRows**, **RopSeekRow**, **RopSeekRowFractional**, or **RopSeekRowBookmark**.

3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

3.1.5.1 Receiving a RopRegisterNotification ROP Request

When a **RopRegisterNotification ROP** (section [2.2.1.2.1](#)) message is received by the server, the server SHOULD create a new Notification Subscription object and associate it with the session context. The server SHOULD save the information provided in the **RopRegisterNotification ROP request** fields for future use.

The server SHOULD allow multiple Notification Subscription objects to be created and associated with the same session context.

For details about how the client sends the **RopRegisterNotification** ROP request, see section [3.2.5.1](#).

3.1.5.2 Receiving an EcDoAsyncConnectEx Method Call

The server SHOULD [<14>](#) support the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method call, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.4.

When a call to the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** **RPC**, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.4, is received by the server, the server MUST create an **asynchronous context handle** and MUST bind it to the **session context handle** used to make the call.

3.1.5.3 Receiving an EcDoAsyncWaitEx Method Call

The server SHOULD [<15>](#) support the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method call, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1.

Whenever an asynchronous **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method call, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1, on the **AsyncEMSMDB** interface is received by the server, the server MUST validate that the **asynchronous context handle** provided is a valid asynchronous context handle that was returned from the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method call, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.4. The server SHOULD NOT complete the call until there is a notification for the client session, or the call has been outstanding on the server 5 minutes. If the server already has a call outstanding for the same **session context handle**, the server SHOULD complete the new call and set the **ErrorCode** field to **Rejected**, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1, if another asynchronous **RPC** call is currently in progress on the server.

If the server completes the **outstanding RPC call** when there is a notification for the client session, the server MUST return the value **NotificationPending** in the **pulFlagsOut** field. The server MUST return 0x00000000 in the **pulFlagsOut** field if the call was completed when there is no notification for the client session.

3.1.5.4 Receiving an EcRRegisterPushNotification Method Call

The server MAY [<16>](#) support the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method call, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.5.

When a call to the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method is received by the server, a valid **callback address** in the **rgbCallbackAddress** field and buffer with opaque client data in the **rgbContext** field MUST be present. The server MUST fail the call and MUST NOT take any actions if the callback address is not a valid **SOCKADDR** structure. For more information, see [\[MSDN-WS2\]](#).

The server SHOULD support at a minimum the AF_INET address type for IP support and the AF_INET6 address type for **IPv6** support.

The server MUST save the callback address and opaque context data on the session context for future use.

After the callback address has been successfully registered with the server, the server SHOULD send a **UDP datagram** containing the client's opaque data, from the **rgbContext** field, when a notification becomes available for the client.

If the server supports sending push notification UDP datagrams, the server MUST continue sending a UDP datagram to the callback address at 60-second intervals if event details are still queued for the client. The server SHOULD stop sending UDP datagrams only when all of the notifications have been retrieved from the server through **EcDoRpcExt2** method calls, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2.

3.1.5.5 Receiving an EcDoRpcExt2 Method Call

When the server receives an **EcDoRpcExt2** method call, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, if there are pending notifications on the server, the server SHOULD send a **RopNotify ROP response** (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)) for each pending notification on the session context that is associated with the client. If all the **RopNotify** ROP responses do not fit in the response buffer, the server SHOULD include as many **RopNotify** ROP responses as will fit in the response, and then include a **RopPending** ROP response ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.3) to indicate that additional notifications are available on the server. For more details, see section [3.1.5.6](#) and section [3.1.5.7](#).

The server does not require that the **EcDoRpcExt2** method call include a **ROP request**.

3.1.5.6 Sending a RopPending ROP Response

The server SHOULD send a **RopPending ROP response** (section [2.2.1.3.4](#)) to the client whenever there are pending notifications on the session context associated with the client and the **RopNotify** ROP response (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)) for the associated notification does not fit in the response buffer. The server sends a **RopPending** ROP response to the client whenever there are pending notifications on any linked session contexts.

3.1.5.7 Sending a RopNotify ROP Response

The server SHOULD send a **RopNotify ROP response** (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)) to the client for each pending notification on the session context that is associated with the client. The server SHOULD send as many **RopNotify** ROP responses as the response buffer allows. If the server was not able to fit the details for all pending notifications into the response buffer using **RopNotify** ROP responses, it SHOULD include a **RopPending** ROP response (section [2.2.1.3.4](#)) to indicate there are additional notifications available on the server, if the **RopPending** ROP response fits in the response buffer.

3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

3.1.7 Other Local Events

The server events and table events specified in section [2.2.1.1](#) and section [2.2.1.1.1](#) that occur on the server cause the pending notifications and notification detail messages to be sent. How the server triggers each of these events is implementation dependent and external to this protocol.

3.2 Client Details

3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.2.2 Timers

None.

3.2.3 Initialization

Protocol initialization occurs when a client sends a request to the server to subscribe to notifications from the server, as specified in section [3.2.4.1](#).

3.2.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

The following sections specify the client-side higher-layer triggered events for this protocol.

3.2.4.1 Subscribing to Notifications

The client sends the **RopRegisterNotification ROP request** (section [2.2.1.2.1](#)) to the server to subscribe to all notifications specified in section [2.2.1.1](#).

For more details about sending the **RopRegisterNotification** ROP request, see section [3.2.5.1](#).

3.2.4.2 Subscribing to TableModified Event Notifications

For a client to receive **TableModified** event notifications, in addition to sending the **RopRegisterNotification ROP request**, the client SHOULD [<17>](#) also send the one of the following **ROPs** to the server, which causes a table view to be created: **RopCollapseRow** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.17), **RopExpandRow** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.16), **RopFindRow** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.13), **RopQueryColumnsAll** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.12), **RopQueryPosition** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.7), **RopQueryRows** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.4), **RopSeekRow** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.8), **RopSeekRowFractional** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.10), and **RopSeekRowBookmark** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.9). Once a table view has been created, the client will receive **TableModified** event notifications so long as the **NoNotifications** flag has not been set on the table. The **NoNotifications** flag is specified in [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#) section 2.2.1.14.1 and [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#) section 2.2.1.13.1.

If the client sends the **RopResetTable** ROP ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.15), the client SHOULD [<18>](#) stop receiving table notifications until one of the following ROPs is sent: **RopCollapseRow**, **RopExpandRow**, **RopFindRow**, **RopQueryColumnsAll**, **RopQueryPosition**, **RopQueryRows**, **RopSeekRow**, **RopSeekRowFractional**, or **RopSeekRowBookmark**.

3.2.4.3 Initializing Asynchronous RPC Notifications

The client SHOULD [<19>](#) support the use of asynchronous **RPCs** as means to notify the client of pending notifications. To initialize asynchronous RPC notifications on the server, the client sends the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.4, followed by the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1. For more details about sending these two methods, see section [3.2.5.2](#) and section [3.2.5.3](#) respectively.

3.2.4.4 Initializing Push Notifications

As an alternate to polling, the client MAY [<20>](#) support receiving push notifications from the server. Push notifications use **UDP datagrams** as a means to notify the client of pending notifications. To initialize push notifications and register a **callback address** on the server, the client sends the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method, as specified in section [3.2.5.4](#).

Clients that do not support push notifications SHOULD use either the basic polling method or the asynchronous **RPC** notification method.

3.2.4.5 Polling the Server for Notifications

In cases where neither push notifications nor asynchronous **RPC** notifications are being used, and the client is not actively calling the **EcDoRpcExt2** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, or the **Execute** request type [<21>](#), as specified in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 2.2.4.2, the client MUST poll the server for pending notifications. To poll the server for pending notifications, the client MUST make **EcDoRpcExt2** method calls as specified in section [3.2.5.6](#), or the **Execute request type**. The **EcDoRPCExt2** method call does not require a **ROP** request is included in the call.

If the client is polling the server, the client SHOULD poll at a regular interval, as specified by the value of the **pcmsPollsMax** field returned on the **EcDoConnectEx** method call, as specified in [MS-OXCRPC] section 3.1.4.1.

If the client is polling the server, the client SHOULD NOT poll more frequently than the interval specified by the value of the **pcmsPollsMax** field. If the client is required to respond to notifications at a rate that is more frequent than the polling interval, then the polling method SHOULD NOT be used for retrieving notifications.

3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The following sections specify the client-side message processing events and sequencing rules for this protocol.

3.2.5.1 Sending a RopRegisterNotification ROP Request

If the client is required to receive notifications from the server, the client SHOULD send a **RopRegisterNotification ROP** (section 2.2.1.2.1) message to the server to subscribe to notifications. The client MUST provide specific details about the notifications it needs to receive and the scope of the notifications, as specified in section 2.2.1.2.1. Upon receiving the **RopRegisterNotification** ROP response from the server, the client MUST save the returned **handle** to the Notification Subscription object. When the client no longer needs to receive notifications, the handle of the Notification Subscription object MUST be released by using the **RopRelease** ROP ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.15.3).

The client can send the **RopRegisterNotification** ROP message multiple times to the server.

3.2.5.2 Sending an EcDoAsyncConnectEx Method Call

The client sends the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method, as specified in [MS-OXCRPC] section 3.1.4.4, to initialize the server for asynchronous **RPC** notifications.

The client SHOULD determine whether the server supports the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method by examining the server version information that is returned from the **EcDoConnectEx** method call, as specified in [MS-OXCRPC] section 3.1.4.1. For details about which minimum server version is required for using the asynchronous RPC notification method, see section 1.7.

The client can call the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method after a successful **EcDoConnectEx** method call. The client MUST save the returned **asynchronous context handle** after the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method call completes. The client MUST use the asynchronous context handle in the subsequent **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method calls to the server, as specified in [MS-OXCRPC] section 3.3.4.1.

3.2.5.3 Sending an EcDoAsyncWaitEx Method Call

The client determines whether the server supports the asynchronous **RPC** notification method by examining the server version information that is returned from the **EcDoConnectEx** method call, as described in [MS-OXCRPC] section 3.1.4.1. To determine which minimum server version is required for using the asynchronous RPC notification method, see section 1.7.

If the server supports asynchronous RPC notifications, and the client successfully created **asynchronous context handle** by calling the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method, as specified in [MS-OXCRPC] section 3.1.4.4, the client SHOULD call the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method, as specified in [MS-OXCRPC] section 3.3.4.1, to determine whether notifications are pending on the server.

For more details about receiving an **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method response from the server, see section 3.2.5.5.1.

3.2.5.4 Sending an EcRRegisterPushNotification Method Call

The client MAY [<22>](#) make an **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method call, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.5, to register a **callback address** for the session context with the server. The callback address is required in order to receive push notification **UDP datagrams** from the server. In addition to the callback address, the client MUST provide a buffer of opaque data to the server.

The client can register a variety of different callback address types if the server supports the address type. A client SHOULD register a callback address by using an address type that corresponds to the protocol being used to communicate with the server. For example, if the client makes an **RPC** call to **EcDoConnectEx**, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.1, by using the TCP/IP protocol, it registers an AF_INET callback address in the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method call.

Because of network conditions such as firewalls or the use of **RPC/HTTP** connections by the client, it is not always possible for the UDP datagram that is sent from the server to the client's callback address to be successful. To overcome this problem, the client SHOULD poll the server by using the polling method, even after registering a callback address with the server through an **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method call, until it receives a UDP datagram from the server. When the client receives a UDP datagram from the server at the specified callback address, it SHOULD stop polling the server and rely on datagrams pushed from the server to know when to call the **EcDoRpcExt2** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, to retrieve event information.

3.2.5.5 Receiving Pending Notifications

This section specifies the following actions performed by the client to receive pending notifications:

- Receiving the **RopPending ROP response** (section [2.2.1.3.4](#)).
- Receiving push notification **UDP datagrams**.
- Sending and receiving asynchronous **RPC** calls.

3.2.5.5.1 Sending and Receiving EcDoAsyncWaitEx Method Calls

When a call to the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method completes, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1, the client MUST examine its return value and the value of the **pulFlagsOut** field. If the return value is 0x00000000 and bit 0x00000001 is set in the **pulFlagsOut** field, the client SHOULD make **EcDoRpcExt2** method calls, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, to receive notification details from the server. After the successful results of the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method call are processed, the client SHOULD make another **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method call to continue to listen for more notifications.

If the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method returns a non-zero result code, it indicates that an error occurred. In this case, the client SHOULD NOT retry an **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method call, and SHOULD instead use the push notification method specified in section [3.2.4.4](#). If the push notification method is not supported, the client SHOULD instead use the polling method specified in section [3.2.4.5](#).

3.2.5.5.2 Receiving Push Notification UDP Datagrams

Upon receiving a **UDP datagram** on the **callback address** that was previously registered by the client by means of the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.5, the client MUST verify that the content of the UDP datagram is valid by matching it with the content of the opaque data **binary large object (BLOB)** that was provided to the server by means of the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method. If the content of the UDP datagram is valid, the client SHOULD make **EcDoRpcExt2** method calls, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, to receive notification details from the server. Otherwise, the client MUST NOT take any actions on the UDP datagram.

3.2.5.5.3 Receiving the RopPending ROP

Upon receiving the **RopPending ROP response** (section [2.2.1.3.4](#)) either in the buffer of the **EcDoRpcExt2** method response, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, or in the **Execute** request type response body, [<23>](#) as specified in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 2.2.4.2.2, the client MUST determine whether the session index provided in the **RopPending** ROP response matches any of the sessions created by the client. If the session index matches, the client SHOULD make an **EcDoRpcExt2** method call or send an **Execute** request type to receive notification details from the server by using the **session context handle** that is associated with the session specified by the session index. If the session index in **RopPending ROP** does not match the index of any session created by the client, the client MUST NOT take any actions.

3.2.5.6 Sending an EcDoRpcExt2 Method Call

The client can send the **EcDoRpcExt2** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, as part of client polling as specified in section [3.2.4.5](#) with no **ROP request** operation included in the method call. Or, the client can send the **EcDoRpcExt2** method as part of a communication pattern unrelated to notifications. In either case, if any pending notifications exist on the server, the client receives either a **RopNotify** (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)) or **RopPending** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.14.3) **ROP** in response to their **EcDoRpcExt2** method call, as specified in section [3.1.5.5](#).

3.2.5.7 Receiving Notification Details By Using the RopNotify ROP

After the client is notified of pending notifications by any of the methods described in section [3.2.5.5](#) the client calls the **EcDoRpcExt2** method, as described in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.2, or sends an **Execute** request type [<24>](#), as specified in [\[MS-OXCMAPIHTTP\]](#) section 2.2.4.2, to retrieve the notification details. In response to the **EcDoRpcExt2** method or the **Execute** request, the client receives a **RopNotify ROP response** (section [2.2.1.4.1](#)).

Upon receiving a **RopNotify** ROP response, the client MUST verify that the value of the **NotificationHandle** field is a valid **handle** to a **notification subscription** or a **Table object** that was previously created by the client. If the value of the **NotificationHandle** field is valid, the client can update its internal state by using the details provided in the **RopNotify** ROP response. Otherwise, the client MUST ignore the **RopNotify** ROP response.

When the client subscribes to **TableModified** event notifications, the client MUST NOT make any assumptions about the level of notifications that it will receive and the client MUST be able to handle any of the three response types specified in section [3.1.4.3](#).

3.2.6 Timer Events

None.

3.2.7 Other Local Events

None.

4 Protocol Examples

The examples in this section are XML fragments that contain various notifications. The type of notification in each case is identified by the **name** attribute of the **Data** element.

[XML]

```
<Data name="NewMailNotification">
  <Buffer>
    02 // NotificationType is NewMail
    80 // Message
    010000000078291F // New message FolderId
    0100000000783484 // New message MessageId

    22000000 // MessageFlags
    00 // UnicodeFlag indicates ASCII
    49504D2E4E6F746500 // MessageClass
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectCreatedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    04 // NotificationType is ObjectCreated
    00 // No flags
    0100000000782781 // New object FolderId
    0100000000782780 // Parent FolderId
    0000 // TagCount
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectCreatedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    04 // NotificationType is ObjectCreated
    80 // Message
    0100000000782780 // New message FolderId
    0100000000784172 // New message MessageId

    1F00 // TagCount
    0B001B0E // Tags
    0300790E
    02010B30
    0300A166
    0300F13F
    40000730
    40000830
    0201F93F
    1E00F83F
    03005940
    0201FB3F
    1E00FA3F
    03005A40
    0201BD67
    0201BE67
    40000967
    1F003510
    1F000010
    02010910
    02011310
    1E00040E
    1E00030E
    1F003700
    1F003D00
    1F001D0E
    0B001F0E
    0300FD3F
    40003900
```

```

        4000060E
        0300080E
        0300230E
    </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectDeletedNotification">
    <Buffer>
        08 // NotificationType is ObjectDeleted
        00 // No flags
        0100000000782780 // FolderId
        010000000078277F // ParentFolderId
    </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectModifiedNotification">
    <Buffer>
        10 // NotificationType is ObjectModified
        00 // No flags
        0100000000782780 // FolderId

        0200 // TagCount
        03003866 // Tags
        0B000A36
    </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectModifiedNotification">
    <Buffer>
        10 // NotificationType is ObjectModified
        20 // U flag, unread items changed
        010000000078291F // FolderId
        0100 // TagCount
        03000336 // Tags
        00000000 // Unread message count
    </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectModifiedNotification">
    <Buffer>
        10 // NotificationType is ObjectModified
        10 // T flag, total items changed
        0100000000782780 // FolderId

        0400 // TagCount
        03000236 // Tags
        0300080E
        0300AF66
        0300B366

        01000000 // TotalMessageCount
    </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectModifiedNotification">
    <Buffer>
        10 // NotificationType is ObjectModified
        30 // U flag, unread items changed
        010000000078291F // FolderId

        0500 // TagCount
        03000236 // Tags
        03000336
        0300080E
        0300AF66
        0300B366

        04000000 // TotalMessageCount
        03000000 // UnreadMessageCount
    </Buffer>
</Data>

```

```

    </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectMovedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    20 // NotificationType isObjectMoved
    80 // Message
    0100000000782781 // Message FolderId
    0100000000784378 // MessageId
    0100000000782780 // OldFolderId
    0100000000784172 // OldMessageId
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="ObjectCopiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    40 // NotificationType is ObjectCopied
    80 // Message
    0100000000782780 // Message FolderId
    0100000000784173 // MessageId
    0100000000782780 // OldMessageId
    0100000000784172 // OldFolderId
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableModifiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    00 01 // NotificationType is TableModified
    01 00 // TableEventType is TableChanged
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableModifiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    00 01 // NotificationType is TableModified
    07 00 // TableEventType is TableRestrictionChanged
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableRowAddModifiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    00 01 // NotificationType is TableModified
    03 00 // TableEventType is TableRowAdded
    01 00 00 02 81 6C EA 9D // TableRowFolderID
    01 00 00 02 81 6C EA 9E // InsertAfterTableRowFolderID

    A3 00 // TableRowDataSize

    // TableRowData
    00 // No errors
    42 00 69 00 6c 00 6c 00
    79 00 20 00 44 00 2e 00
    53 00 2e 00 20 00 50 00
    72 00 6f 00 78 00 79 00 00

    00 7e
    00 00 00 00 00 dc
    a7 40 c8 c0 42 10 1a b4 b9 08 00 2b 2f e1 82 01
    00 00 00 00 00 00 2f 4f 3d 46 49 52 53 54 20
    4f 52 47 41 4e 49 5a 41 54 49 4f 4e 2f 4f 55 3d
    45 58 43 48 41 4e 47 45 20 41 44 4d 49 4e 49 53
    54 52 41 54 49 56 45 20 47 52 4f 55 50 20 28 46
    59 44 49 42 4f 48 46 32 33 53 50 44 4c 54 29 2f
    43 4e 3d 52 45 43 49 50 49 45 4e 54 53 2f 43 4e
    3d 44 53 50 52 4f 58 59 00
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableRowAddModifiedNotification">

```

```

<Buffer>
  00 C1          // NotificationType is TableModified and the
                // S and M flags are set
  03 00          // TableEventType is TableRowAdded
  01 00 00 00 00 78 60 45 // FolderId
  01 00 00 02 81 6C FC 84 // MessageId
  01 00 00 00 // TableRowInstance
  01 00 00 00 00 78 60 45 // InsertAfterTableRowFolderId
  01 00 00 02 81 6C FC 82 // InsertAfterTableRowID
  01 00 00 00 // InsertAfterTableRowInstance

  A3 00 // TableRowDataSize

  // TableRowData
  00          // No errors
  42 00 69 00 6c 00 6c 00
  79 00 20 00 44 00 2e 00
  53 00 2e 00 20 00 50 00
  72 00 6f 00 78 00 79 00 00

  00 7e
  00 00 00 00 00 dc
  a7 40 c8 c0 42 10 1a b4 b9 08 00 2b 2f e1 82 01
  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2f 4f 3d 46 49 52 53 54 20
  4f 52 47 41 4e 49 5a 41 54 49 4f 4e 2f 4f 55 3d
  45 58 43 48 41 4e 47 45 20 41 44 4d 49 4e 49 53
  54 52 41 54 49 56 45 20 47 52 4f 55 50 20 28 46
  59 44 49 42 4f 48 46 32 33 53 50 44 4c 54 29 2f
  43 4e 3d 52 45 43 49 50 49 45 4e 54 53 2f 43 4e
  3d 44 53 50 52 4f 58 59 00
</Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableRowAddModifiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    00 01          // NotificationType is TableModified
    05 00          // TableEventType is TableRowModified
    01 00 00 00 00 78 60 45 // FolderId
    01 00 00 00 00 78 60 50 // InsertAfterTableRowFolderID

    A3 00 // TableRowDataSize

    // TableRowData
    00          // No errors
    42 00 69 00 6c 00 6c 00
    79 00 20 00 44 00 2e 00
    53 00 2e 00 20 00 50 00
    72 00 6f 00 78 00 79 00 00

    00 7e
    00 00 00 00 00 dc
    a7 40 c8 c0 42 10 1a b4 b9 08 00 2b 2f e1 82 01
    00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2f 4f 3d 46 49 52 53 54 20
    4f 52 47 41 4e 49 5a 41 54 49 4f 4e 2f 4f 55 3d
    45 58 43 48 41 4e 47 45 20 41 44 4d 49 4e 49 53
    54 52 41 54 49 56 45 20 47 52 4f 55 50 20 28 46
    59 44 49 42 4f 48 46 32 33 53 50 44 4c 54 29 2f
    43 4e 3d 52 45 43 49 50 49 45 4e 54 53 2f 43 4e
    3d 44 53 50 52 4f 58 59 00
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableRowAddModifiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    00 C1          // NotificationType is TableModified and the
                // S and M flags are set
    05 00          // TableEventType is TableRowModified
    01 00 00 00 00 78 60 45 // TableRowFolderID
    01 00 00 02 81 6C FC 83 // TableRowMessageID

```

```

01 00 00 00 // TableRowInstance
01 00 00 00 00 78 60 46 // InsertAfterTableRowFolderID
01 00 00 02 81 6C FC 84 // InsertAfterTableRowID
01 00 00 00 // InsertAfterTableRowInstance

A3 00 // TableRowDataSize

// TableRowData
00 // No errors
42 00 69 00 6c 00 6c 00
79 00 20 00 44 00 2e 00
53 00 2e 00 20 00 50 00
72 00 6f 00 78 00 79 00 00

00 7e
00 00 00 00 00 dc
a7 40 c8 c0 42 10 1a b4 b9 08 00 2b 2f e1 82 01
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2f 4f 3d 46 49 52 53 54 20
4f 52 47 41 4e 49 5a 41 54 49 4f 4e 2f 4f 55 3d
45 58 43 48 41 4e 47 45 20 41 44 4d 49 4e 49 53
54 52 41 54 49 56 45 20 47 52 4f 55 50 20 28 46
59 44 49 42 4f 48 46 32 33 53 50 44 4c 54 29 2f
43 4e 3d 52 45 43 49 50 49 45 4e 54 53 2f 43 4e
3d 44 53 50 52 4f 58 59 00
</Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableRowDeletedModifiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    00 01 // NotificationType is TableModified
    04 00 // TableEventType is TableRowDeleted
    01 00 00 00 00 78 60 45 // FolderId
  </Buffer>
</Data>

<Data name="TableRowDeletedModifiedNotification">
  <Buffer>
    00 C1 // NotificationType is TableModified and the
          // S and M flags are set
    04 00 // TableEventType is TableRowDeleted
    01 00 00 02 81 6C EA 96 // TableRowFolderID
    01 00 00 02 81 6D 09 01 // TableRowMessageID
    01 00 00 00 // TableRowInstance
  </Buffer>
</Data>

```

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

There are no special security considerations specific to this protocol. However, general security considerations pertaining to the underlying **ROP** transport protocol described in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) do apply to this protocol.

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 updates to those products.

- Microsoft Exchange Server 2003
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2007
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2010
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2013
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2016
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2019
- Microsoft Office Outlook 2003
- Microsoft Office Outlook 2007
- Microsoft Outlook 2010
- Microsoft Outlook 2013
- Microsoft Outlook 2016
- Microsoft Outlook 2019
- Microsoft Outlook 2021
- Microsoft Outlook LTSC 2024
- Microsoft Exchange Server Subscription Edition

Exceptions, if any, are noted in this section. If an update version, service pack or Knowledge Base (KB) number appears with a product name, the behavior changed in that update. The new behavior also applies to subsequent updates 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 2.1](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **MAPI** extensions to **HTTP**. The MAPI extensions to HTTP were introduced in Microsoft Outlook 2013 Service Pack 1 (SP1) and Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 Service Pack 1 (SP1).

[<2> Section 2.2.1](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **NotificationWait** request type. The **NotificationWait** request type was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

[<3> Section 2.2.1.3](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **NotificationWait** request type. The **NotificationWait** request type was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

<4> [Section 2.2.1.3.1](#): Exchange 2003 and Office Outlook 2003 do not support the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.4.

<5> [Section 2.2.1.3.2](#): Exchange 2003 and Office Outlook 2003 do not support the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.3.4.1.

<6> [Section 2.2.1.3.3](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 support the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.5. The initial release version of Exchange 2010, and Microsoft Exchange Server 2010 Service Pack 1 (SP1), do not support the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method, and the returned value is always **ecNotSupported** (0x80040102). Microsoft Exchange Server 2010 Service Pack 2 (SP2) does support the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method if a registry key is created to support push notifications, as described in [\[MSFT-ConfigStaticUDPPort\]](#). Outlook 2013, Outlook 2016, and Outlook 2019 do not send the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** RPC method call. Exchange 2013, Exchange 2016, and Exchange 2019 do not support the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method, and the returned value is always **ecNotSupported** (0x80040102).

<7> [Section 2.2.1.3.4](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **Execute** request type. The **Execute** request type was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

<8> [Section 2.2.1.4.1](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **Execute** response type. The **Execute** response type was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

<9> [Section 2.2.1.4.1.2](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, and Exchange 2010 do not set the value of the **TagCount** field to 0x0000; they set the value of the field to the number of property tags in the **Tags** field.

<10> [Section 2.2.1.4.1.2](#): In Exchange 2013 the value of **MessageFlags** is zero.

<11> [Section 3.1.1](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support **cookies**. The **cookies** element was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

<12> [Section 3.1.4.3](#): Exchange 2003 and Exchange 2007 do not require that a table view is created in order to send table notifications.

<13> [Section 3.1.4.3](#): Exchange 2003 and Exchange 2007 do not stop sending notifications if the **RopResetTable ROP** ([\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 2.2.5.15) is received.

<14> [Section 3.1.5.2](#): Exchange 2003 does not support the **EcDoAsyncConnectEx** method call or asynchronous RPC notifications.

<15> [Section 3.1.5.3](#): Exchange 2003 does not support the **EcDoAsyncWaitEx** method call or asynchronous RPC notifications.

<16> [Section 3.1.5.4](#): Exchange 2003 and Exchange 2007 support push notifications and the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method, as specified in [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#) section 3.1.4.5. The initial release version of Exchange 2010, and Exchange 2010 SP1 do not support push notifications or the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method. Exchange 2010 SP2 does support push notifications and the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method if a registry key is created, as described in [\[MSFT-ConfigStaticUDPPort\]](#). Microsoft Exchange Server 2010 Service Pack 3 (SP3) and Exchange 2013 do not support push notifications of the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** method.

<17> [Section 3.2.4.2](#): Exchange 2003 and Exchange 2007 do not require that the client send any ROPs to the server in order to receive **TableModified** event notifications, as specified in section

[2.2.1.1.1](#). In Exchange 2003 and Exchange 2007, the subscription is created automatically when the client creates a **Table object** on the server.

[<18> Section 3.2.4.2](#): The client will continue to receive table notifications even if the **RopResetTable** ROP ([MS-OXCROPS] section 2.2.5.15) is sent, if the server is Exchange 2003 or Exchange 2007.

[<19> Section 3.2.4.3](#): Office Outlook 2003 does not support the asynchronous RPC notification method. Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, Outlook 2013, Outlook 2016, and Outlook 2019 do support the asynchronous RPC notification method.

[<20> Section 3.2.4.4](#): Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007 and Outlook 2010 do support the push notification method. Outlook 2013, Outlook 2016, and Outlook 2019 do not support the push notification method.

[<21> Section 3.2.4.5](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **Execute** request type. The **Execute** request type was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

[<22> Section 3.2.5.4](#): Outlook 2013, Outlook 2016, and Outlook 2019 do not support the push notification method and do not send the **EcRRegisterPushNotification** RPC method call.

[<23> Section 3.2.5.5.3](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **Execute** request type. The **Execute** request type was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

[<24> Section 3.2.5.7](#): Exchange 2003, Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, the initial release of Exchange 2013, Office Outlook 2003, Office Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010, and the initial release of Outlook 2013 do not support the **Execute** request type. The **Execute** request type was introduced in Outlook 2013 SP1 and Exchange 2013 SP1.

7 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to this document since the last release. Changes are classified as Major, Minor, or None.

The revision class **Major** means that the technical content in the document was significantly revised. Major changes affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples of major changes are:

- A document revision that incorporates changes to interoperability requirements.
- A document revision that captures changes to protocol functionality.

The revision class **Minor** means that the meaning of the technical content was clarified. Minor changes do not affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples of minor changes are updates to clarify ambiguity at the sentence, paragraph, or table level.

The revision class **None** means that no new technical changes were introduced. Minor editorial and formatting changes may have been made, but the relevant technical content is identical to the last released version.

The changes made to this document are listed in the following table. For more information, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com.

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