**Error Handling in NSI CS 2.1**

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Abstract

This document describes a set of standard error codes for the NSI CS protocol [GFD.212]. Each error code is formaly defined to ensure consistent error reporting through detailed error explanations and example XML elements.

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# Introduction

The NSI Implementation Taskforce, as part of the Global Lambda Integrated Facility (GLIF), was formed to address implementation issues relating to the deployment of NSI CS 2.0 [GFD.212] on the Automated GOLE infrastructure. As part of this effort the taskforce identified the need for consistent NSA error reporting to ease troubleshooting, and to allow applications (including NSA themselves) the ability to use consistent error feedback as part of their error handling and retry strategy.

The NSI CS protocol utilizes the *serviceException* element to convey error information associated with the protocol. This element is commonly used in the “error” message types: SOAP faults, failed messages, and error messages. The structure is relatively flexible and able to handle both simple high-level error information, as well as detailed errors down to the individual attribute value causing a problem. The intention was to provide an expandable structure that could grow with the needs of the protocol and new service definitions as they were defined. However, no formal definition was provided as to how each of the defined protocol errors was mapped into a detailed *serviceException* element. Unfortunately, this left too may decision in the hands of the implementers that resulted in multiple *serviceException* representations for the same basic error.

This living document is an effort to formalize the content of each error and define a consistent error reporting strategy through detailed error explanations and example XML elements for each of standard errors.

# Notational Conventions

The keywords “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119].

Words defined in the glossary are capitalized (e.g. Connection). NSI protocol messages and their attributes are written in camel case and italics (e.g. *reserveConfirmed*).

# Formal error codes

To support the *serviceException* definition the NSI CS protocol defined a hierarchal error code structure to group related error codes together under a common parent error code value. These error codes along with additional error details are populated in the *serviceException* element before returning an error to the requester. There is base set of error codes defined as part of the NSI CS specification that should be considered independent of the services being offered by a network.

Table 1 provides a list of these base protocol error codes.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **errorId** | **errorDescription** | **text** | **variables** |
| 00100 | GENERIC\_MESSAGE\_PAYLOAD\_ERROR | Illegal message payload. | Include invalid payload elements if available. |
| 00101 | MISSING\_PARAMETER | Invalid or missing parameter | Include the parameter name that is missing. |
| 00102 | UNSUPPORTED\_PARAMETER | Provided parameter contains an unsupported value that MUST be processed. | Include the parameter name that is unsupported. |
| 00103 | NOT\_IMPLEMENTED | Requested feature has not been implemented. | Include the capability that is not implemented. |
| 00104 | VERSION\_NOT\_SUPPORTED | The protocol version requested is not supported. | Return type *protocolVersion* and value of the version requested. |
| 00200 | GENERIC\_CONNECTION\_ERROR | A connection error has occurred. |  |
| 00201 | INVALID\_TRANSITION | Connection state machine is in invalid state for received message. | Include the current state of the state machine. |
| 00203 | RESERVATION\_NONEXISTENT | Schedule does not exist for *connectionId*. | The *connectionId* in question is returned in the *connectionId* element. |
| 00300 | GENERIC\_SECURITY\_ERROR | A security error has occurred. |  |
| 00302 | UNAUTHORIZED | Insufficient authorization to perform requested operation. | Include credentials used for authorization evaluation. |
| 00400 | GENERIC\_METADATA\_ERROR | A topology or path computation error has occurred. |  |
| 00405 | DOMAIN\_LOOKUP\_ERROR | Unknown network for requested resource. | Include the resource in question. |
| 00406 | NSA\_LOOKUP\_ERROR | Cannot map networkId to service interface. | Include the networkId in question. |
| 00407 | NO\_SERVICEPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND | No service plane path for selected connection segments. | Include source and destination NSA identifiers for the service plane path that could not be found. |
| 00500 | GENERIC\_INTERNAL\_ERROR | An internal error has caused a message processing failure. |  |
| 00501 | INTERNAL\_NRM\_ERROR | An internal NRM error has caused a message processing failure. | Include information describing the specific NRM error. |
| 00600 | GENERIC\_RESOURCE\_UNAVAILABLE (non-service specific CA) | A requested resource (s) is not available. | Include the resource in question. |
| 00700 | GENERIC\_SERVICE\_ERROR | Reserved for service specific errors as defined by *serviceType* and the corresponding service definition. |  |
| 00800 | GENERIC\_RM\_ERROR | An internal (N)RM error has caused a message processing failure. | Include information describing the specific (N)RM error. |

Table NSI-CS base protocol errors.

As part of an effort to decouple the services offered by a network from the core NSI CS protocol itself, a service-specific parent error code SERVICE\_ERROR(00700) was defined for use by individual service specifications. As new services are offered, and existing ones modified, these service-specific errors can be modified as needed with no impact on the core NSI CS protocol. Context for these service-specific errors is provided by the *serviceType* element included in the *serviceException* that is returned when an NSA generates a service-specific error. This *serviceType* element maps into the service definition used for the service request on the failed segment and, in turn, to a detailed description of the service-specific error returned by the *serviceException*.

Table 2 shows the service-specific error codes defined for the point-to-point specific service schema[[1]](#footnote-1):

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **errorId** | **errorDescription** | **text** | **variables** |
| 00700 | GENERIC\_SERVICE\_ERROR | Parent error classification for a service-specific error. |  |
| 00701 | UNKNOWN\_STP | Could not find STP in topology database. | The sourceSTP or destSTP that could not be found.  |
| 00703 | LABEL\_SWAPPING\_NOT\_SUPPORTED | Label swapping not supported for requested path. | The sourceSTP or destSTP that could not be swapped. |
| 00704 | STP\_UNAVALABLE | Specified STP already in use. | The sourceSTP or destSTP that is already in use. |
| 00705 | CAPACITY\_UNAVAILABLE | Insufficient capacity available for reservation. | The capacity value. |
| 00706 | DIRECTIONALITY\_MISMATCH | Directionality of specified STP does not match request directionality. | The sourceSTP or destSTP with incorrect directionality. |
| 00707 | INVALID\_ERO\_MEMBER | Invalid ERO member detected. | The STP flagged as an invalid member. |
| 00708 | UNKNOWN\_LABEL\_TYPE | Specified STP contains an unknown label type. | The unknown label type. |
| 00709 | INVALID\_LABEL\_FORMAT | Specified STP contains an invalid label. | The invalid STP. |
| 00710 | NO\_TRANSPORTPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND | Path computation failed to resolve route for reservation. |  |

Table – NSI-CS point-to-point service-specific errors.

# Populating the serviceException

The *serviceException* element in NSI CS 2.0 requires an implementation agreement on the encoding representation of any errors and the informational variables returned within the *serviceException*. This can be considered a deficiency in the current protocol definition, specifically with the member *variable* element.  The intent was to make the *variable* element self-describing and string based for simplicity.  The *namespace* attribute is used to identify the schema of the erred element, the *type* attribute identifies the name of the element, and the *value* element contains the problem parameter.  Variables are not in all error messages, and not all variables returned in an error message are parameters in requests.  An advantage of this definition is that the variable definition is completely independent of specific parameters in the protocol or service schema definitions.

Although it is possible to model many errors with this basic structure, it is somewhat hard to manage programmatically.  The XML context of the data being model is lost, although the information provided in the *variable* element allows it to be rebuilt.  The other issue is that the *value* elementis defined as a string, so any data included in value must be serialized as a string. In future versions of the NSI CS protocol a discussion should occur on the topic of changing the definition of the *value* element from string to **xsd:anyType** allowing for more flexibility to include type specific elements within the *value* element. For this document we will discuss populating the *serviceException* element in the context of the existing NSI CS 2.0 specification.

As an example, this service-specific 00705 - CAPACITY\_UNAVAILABLE error demonstrates the use of the current *serviceException* definition:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00705</errorId>
 <text>CAPACITY\_UNAVAILABLE: Insufficient capacity available for reservation

 (5000.0 Mb/s).</text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="capacity">
 <value>5000</value>
 </variable>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp0</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

For this example we have the following parameters populated:

* The *nsaId* element contains the NSA generating the error.
* The *connectionId* element contains the reference connection involved in the error.
* The serviceType element identifies the Service Definition used to map the service-specific error identifier.
* The *errorId* element identifies this as a service-specific 00705 - CAPACITY\_UNAVAILABLE error.
* The *text* element contains descriptive text for the error. This text should be considered for end-user consumption and not for use programmatically.
* The *variables* element contains two *variable* elements providing additional context to the *serviceException*. The first *variable* models a request parameter called “*capacity*”, while the second *variable* models a second request parameter called “*sourceSTP*”. The *namespace* attribute identifies the unique schema context of the parameter, while the *type* attribute contains the parameter name itself. The *value* element contains the parameter value associated with *variable* element.

In this specific example, the *serviceException* is reporting that the requested *capacity* of “5000” Mb/s is not available on the *sourceSTP* “urn:ogf:network:example.net:east:stp0”. It should be noted that while *sourceSTP* is defined as **xsd:string** in the service-specific schema, *capacity* is defined as an **xsd:long**. The *serviceException* element required a serialization of the original *capacity* parameter from an **xsd:long** to an **xsd:string** for error reporting. Although simple for this example, more complex service elements could require additional specification to serialize. It is important to note that the *namespace* and *type* attributes in variable allow the reconstruction of the original XML context for the parameter.

# Nested serviceException handling

The *serviceException* element can support nesting of child *serviceException* elements allowing for Aggregator NSA to consolidate error feedback from multiple children NSA. This is an optional feature of the current NSI CS protocol specification, but one that can help a requester agent determine the end-to-end viability of a path more quickly.

In this example we can see *serviceException* from two children NSA (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher and urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dancer) has been consolidated into a single *serviceException* by the Aggregator NSA (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:aggregator). Information relating to the individual child *serviceException* is contained in the *childException* element, while the main *serviceException* body is populated by the Aggregator NSA using information from the *childException* elements.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:aggregator</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:93f679c4-2fa2-42fc-8423-7fe4322c30f9</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00704</errorId>
 <text>STP\_UNAVALABLE: Specified STP already in use (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:west:stp1).</text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="destSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:west:stp1</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
 <childException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>

 <http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE>

 </serviceType>
 <errorId>00705</errorId>
 <text>CAPACITY\_UNAVAILABLE: Insufficient capacity available for reservation
 (5000.0 Mb/s).</text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="capacity">
 <value>5000</value>
 </variable>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp0</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
 </childException>
 <childException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dancer</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:289e37b6-0b8c-4d66-bd46-cb6eaef456cb</connectionId>
 <serviceType>

 <http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE>

 </serviceType>
 <errorId>00704</errorId>
 <text>STP\_UNAVALABLE: Specified STP already in use (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:west:stp1).</text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="destSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:west:stp1</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
 </childException>
</serviceException>

In this case,the Aggregator NSA chose the 00704 – STP\_UNAVAILABLE child *childException* as the more critical error for the main body. Which *childException* elementis chosen for the body of the parent *serviceException* element is left up to the NSA specific implementation, however, the implementation should consider the parent *serviceException* element may be the only error used by the application.

Inclusion of the *childException* elements is OPTIONAL. The parent *serviceException* MUST be populated, and it is RECOMMENDED that *childException* elements are included when available. It is also RECOMMENDED that the single most critical of the child errors be utilized for the parent *serviceException.*

The *connectionId* within the parent *serviceException* element MUST be the *connectionId* for the reservation in the context of the aggregator, while the *conectionId* for each *childException* element MUST be the *connectionId* in the context of the child NSA.

# Example serviceException elements

This section provides example *serviceException* elements for each of the defined error codes, providing detailed discussion where required. It is important that NSA implementations follow these example mappings so that error-reporting consistency can be achieved on the Automated GOLE test bed.

## 00100 – GENERIC\_MESSAGE\_PAYLOAD\_ERROR

If the NSI protocol message is malformed in such a way that processing cannot be performed the 00100 – GENERIC\_MESSAGE\_PAYLOAD\_ERROR family of error codes are applicable. *serviceException* elements using this error code will typically be returned in a SOAP fault as a response to the initial operation request as processing through to an NSI operation failure/error is not possible.

The 00100 – GENERIC\_MESSAGE\_PAYLOAD\_ERROR is the parent “catchall” error code used when a more specific error code does not apply. This error is also utilized for situations when the XML for the NSI request is malformed. Provide any additional details that are available in either the error text or variable elements.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00100</errorId>
 <text>

 PAYLOAD\_ERROR: Illegal message payload (malformed XML).

 </text>
</serviceException>

### 00101 – MISSING\_PARAMETER

The 00101 – MISSING\_PARAMETER error code is used when a mandatory NSI message parameter is not present in the request. For example, if the *requesterNSA* parameter was missing from the NSI header block in the SOAP message:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00101</errorId>
 <text>

 MISSING\_PARAMETER: Invalid or missing parameter (*requesterNSA*).

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/framework/headers"

 type="*requesterNSA*" />
 </variables>
</serviceException>

The *variable* element contains the missing parameter identified by the error. The namespace attribute "http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/framework/headers" identifies the header schema as the context for the parameter “requesterNSA”. This namespace MUST be included for any NSI header parameters defined in NSI CS 2.0.

The following is an example of a *serviceException* for a missing *connectionId* from a provision request:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00101</errorId>
 <text>

 MISSING\_PARAMETER: Invalid or missing parameter (*connectionid*).

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/connection/types"

 type="*connectionId*" />
 </variables>
</serviceException>

As with the previous example, the *variable* element contains the missing parameter identified by the error. The namespace attribute "http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/connection/types" identifies the core NSI schema as the context for the parameter “*connectionId*”. This namespace MUST be included for any core NSI message parameters.

The following is an example of a *serviceException* for a missing service specific schema parameter from a reserve request:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00101</errorId>
 <text>

 MISSING\_PARAMETER: Invalid or missing parameter (*sourceSTP*).

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="*sourceSTP*" />
 </variables>
</serviceException>

In this example, the variable element contains the Point-to-Point service specific namespace "http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point" identifying the context for the “*sourceSTP*” parameter. For service specific parameters, the service’s namespace MUST be included to identify the parameter context.

### 00102 – UNSUPPORTED\_PARAMETER

The 00102 – UNSUPPORTED\_PARAMETER error code is used when a provided parameter contains an unsupported value that MUST be processed. In this example a reserve operation request was received by the NSA with a *directionality* parameter of **Unidirectional**, however, the NSA does not support unidirectional connections, so generates the following *serviceException*:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00102</errorId>
 <text>

 UNSUPPORTED\_PARAMETER: Provided parameter contains an unsupported value that MUST

 be processed (*directionality*).

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="*directionality*">

 <value>Unidirectional</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

Similar to the previous example, the variable element contains the Point-to-Point service specific namespace "http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point" identifying the context for the “*directionality*” parameter, while the *value* element specifies the unsupported value that caused the error. The namespace attribute MUST be included to identify the parameter context.

### 00103 – NOT\_IMPLEMENTED

The 00103 – NOT\_IMPLEMENTED error code can be used to identify that a specific operation, feature, or parameter for a feature has not be implemented. There is definitely some ambiguity between this error code and the 00102 – UNSUPPORTED\_PARAMETER when used on parameters.

During the initial deployment period of NSI, some implementations did not support a complete set of operations. In this case we are able to use this error code to identify when an NSA does not support a requested operation. As an example, if a provider NSA did not support the *queryRecursive* operation it would return the following *serviceException*:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00103</errorId>
 <text>

 NOT\_IMPLEMENTED: Requested feature has not been implemented.

 (*queryRecursive*).

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/connection/provider"

 type="*queryRecursive*" />
 </variables>
</serviceException>

Within the *variable* element the type attributes identifies the operation as “*queryRecursive*”, while the namespace attribute identifies the operation in the context of the provider interface.

A parameter/feature that has not been implemented can be communicated using a similar *serviceException*. The following XML fragment shows a *p2ps* element carried in a *reserve* request. This particular p2ps element has a parameter of type “protection” which is a feature not implemented by the provider NSA:

<p2ps>
 <capacity>10000</capacity>
 <directionality>Bidirectional</directionality>
 <symmetricPath>true</symmetricPath>
 <sourceSTP>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp0?vlan=3600</sourceSTP>
 <destSTP>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp1?vlan=3600</destSTP>
 <parameter type="protection">PROTECTED</parameter>
</p2ps>

The provider NSA to identify the feature that has not been implemented would generate the following *serviceException*:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00103</errorId>
 <text>

 NOT\_IMPLEMENTED: Provided parameter is for a feature that has not been implemented

 (*protection*).

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="*protection*" />
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

This error indicates the “protection” feature is not implemented, not that the “PROTECTED” is not support otherwise a 00102 – UNSUPPORTED\_PARAMETER would have been more appropriate.

### 00104 – VERSION\_NOT\_SUPPORTED

The 00104 - VERSION\_NOT\_SUPPORTED error code is used to identify when an NSI message is received with an unsupported *protocolVersion* element within the NSI header. The version of the NSI protocol is decoupled from the NSI schema namespace (version of WSDL, XSD, etc.) to allow for behavioral changes in the protocol without needing to revise the wire line protocol.

In this example a requester NSA has sent an NSI CS 2.1 protocol message to a provider NSA that only supports version 2.0 of the protocol.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00104</errorId>
 <text>

 VERSION\_NOT\_SUPPORTED: The protocol version requested is not supported (version

 2.1).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/framework/headers"

 type="protocolVersion">
 <value>2.1</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

The *variable* element MUST hold the protocol version requested. The *protocolVersion* element is defined in the NSI header so here the NSI header namespace is used to qualify the “protocolVersion” variable. It should be noted that this error is only sent back by the provider agent as a SOAP fault because it cannot be sure that the “failed” or “error” message in the protocol version conforms to that of the requester.

## 00200 – GENERIC\_RESERVATION\_ERROR

The 00200 - GENERIC\_RESERVATION\_ERROR family of error codes report connection related errors such as an invalid *connectionId* parameter, and invalid states for received operations. The 00200 - GENERIC\_RESERVATION\_ERROR is the parent “catchall” error code used when a more specific error code does not apply. Provide any additional details that are available in either the error text or variable elements.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>

 <connectionId>urn:uuid:59d6c0b2-a8e0-4583-ae8a-0fc84eb89f07</connectionId>
 <errorId>00200</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_RESERVATION\_ERROR: A connection error has occurred.

 </text>
</serviceException>

### 00201 – INVALID\_TRANSITION

The 00201 - INVALID\_TRANSITION error code is used to identify when a provider NSA has received an NSI operation request on a connection, but that connection is not in the correct state for the received operation.

For example, a provider NSA is creating a connection “urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b” that is currently in the “ReserveHeld” state. If a requester NSA sends a *provision* operation for this connection, the provider NSA should generate the following *serviceException*:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <errorId>00201</errorId>
 <text>

 INVALID\_TRANSITION: Connection state machine is in invalid state for received

 message (ReserveHeld).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/connection/types"

 type="reservationState">
 <value>ReserveHeld</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

The *variable* element MUST hold the current state of the connection. The *reservationState* element is defined in NSI connection types schema, so this namespace is used to qualify the “reservationState” variable. This error CANNOT be sent in a SOAP fault, TBD.

### 00203 – RESERVATION\_NONEXISTENT

The 00203 - RESERVATION\_NONEXISTENT error code is used to identify when a schedule does not exist for the *connectionId* specified in an NSI operation request. For example, the following serviceException would be generated for a provision operation on connectionId “urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b” that does not exist on the provider NSA.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <errorId>00203</errorId>
 <text>

 RESERVATION\_NONEXISTENT: Schedule does not exist for connectionId

 (urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b).

 </text>
</serviceException>

The requested *connectionId* is reported in the *connectionId* element of the *serviceException* and not using a *variable* element.

## 00300 – GENERIC\_SECURITY\_ERROR

In some situations a general security issue may occur that is not directly related to Authorization of an end-user or peer NSA. In these situations the generic 00300 – GENERIC\_SECURITY\_ERROR MUST be used to communicate the issue. Any applicable error text SHOULD be provided for troubleshooting.

For non-specific security errors the following *serviceException* is applicable:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00300</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_SECURITY\_ERROR: A security error has occurred (Error during certificate path

 validation: timestamp check failed).

 </text>
</serviceException>

### 00302 – UNAUTHORIZED

Authorization in NSI is left for deployment specific implementation so any errors generated, as the result of an authorization failure, will also be deployment specific. Here are a few examples of how the *serviceException* is used to send authorization failure information back to the RA.

If the PA is authorizing the RA by using the subject DN of the X.509 certificate from the TLS session, the following *serviceException* can be sent back when an authorization failure occurs:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00302</errorId>
 <text>

 UNAUTHORIZED: Insufficient authorization to perform requested operation.

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable type="urn:ogf:nsi:security:attr:realm">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</value>
 </variable>
 <variable type="subject">
 <value>OU=Domain Control Validated, CN=aggregator.example.net</value>
 </variable>
 <variable type="issuer">
 <value>C=US, ST=Arizona, L=Scottsdale, O=Example.net, OU=Cert Repository,

 CN=Secure Certificate Authority</value>
 </variable>

 <variable type="error">
 <value>The client certificate does not match the defined cert constraints</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

In this example, the 00302 – UNAUTHORIZED error code was used to identify the authorization failure. The realm variable MUST be returned to identify the enforced realm that produced the authorization failure. In this case, the local NSA is performing the authorization enforcement. The realm is also used as a context for the additional returned variables if they do not contain a *namespace* attribute. In this example the authorization specific parameters were also returned identifying the DN that failed authorization. More specific error messages can be returned if available.

If the PA is using the *<sessionSecurityAttr>* element for end user authorization, then the matching realm variable MUST be returned to identify the authorization realm that produced the failure, and any authorization specific error information. In the example below, we can see the original OAuth specific *<sessionSecurityAttr>* element passed to the PA within the NSI header for a *reserve* request:

<sessionSecurityAttr type="urn:ogf:nsi:security:attr:realm"

 name="http://idp.example.net/oauth">
 <saml:Attribute Name="access\_token"

 NameFormat="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:basic">
 <saml:AttributeValue xsi:type="xsd:string">

 2YotnFZFEjr1zCsicMWpAA

 </saml:AttributeValue>
 </saml:Attribute>
</sessionSecurityAttr>

The following would then be the *serviceException* generated for an authentication failure in the <http://idp.example.net/oauth> security realm.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>

 <connectionId>urn:uuid:59d6c0b2-a8e0-4583-ae8a-0fc84eb89f07</connectionId>
 <serviceType>

 <http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE>

 </serviceType>
 <errorId>00302</errorId>
 <text>

 UNAUTHORIZED: Insufficient authorization to perform requested operation.

 </text>
 <variables>

 <variable type="urn:ogf:nsi:security:attr:realm">
 <value>http://idp.example.net/oauth</value>
 </variable>

 <variable type="error">
 <value>invalid\_token</value>
 </variable>
 <variable type="error\_description">
 <value>Supplied token is invalid</value>
 </variable>
 <variable type="error\_uri">
 <value>http://idp.example.net/oauth/errors/invalid\_token.html</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

## 00400 – GENERIC\_METADATA\_ERROR

The 00400 - GENERIC\_METADATA\_ERROR error code is a family of codes identifying reservation errors associated with topology and path computation. This is a generic error that is only used when a more specific creation error is not available.

### 00405 – DOMAIN\_LOOKUP\_ERROR

The 00405 - DOMAIN\_LOOKUP\_ERROR error code is used to identify when an error has occurred locating meta data associated with the *networkId* of the specified resource. This typically occurs when the *networkId* of an STP specified in a reservation does not map to a valid NSA description document or topology.

For example, an aggregator NSA attempts to lookup the *networkId* of STP “urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south:stp5?vlan=1790” but is unable to find the NSA description document or topology document associated with the *networkId* “urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south”:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00405</errorId>
 <text>

 DOMAIN\_LOOKUP\_ERROR: Unknown network for requested resource
 (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south:stp5?vlan=1790).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south:stp5?vlan=1790</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00406 – NSA\_LOOKUP\_ERROR

The 00406 - NSA\_LOOKUP\_ERROR error code is used to identify when an error is encountered as the result of invalid or missing discovery meta data. This occurs when the NSA description document of the target NSA does not support the needed version of the CS service interface. See “00405 -” if the *networkId* of the resource matches no meta data documents.

For example, an aggregator NSA attempts to lookup the CS interface associated with the *networkId* of STP “urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south:stp4?vlan=1782” but while finding the NSA Description document, it is unable to find the required CS service interface:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00406</errorId>
 <text>

 NSA\_LOOKUP\_ERROR: Cannot map networkId to service interface
 (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="networkId">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00407 – NO\_SERVICEPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND

00407 - NO\_SERVICEPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND No service plane path for selected connection segments. Include source and destination NSA identifiers for the service plane path that could not be found.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <errorId>00407</errorId>
 <text>NO\_SERVICEPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND: No control plane path for selected connection segments.</text>
 <variables>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/framework/headers"

 type="*providerNSA*">

 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dancer</value>

 </variable>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south:stp5?vlan=1790</value>
 </variable>

 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"
 type="destSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:south:stp6?vlan=1790</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

## 00500 – GENERIC\_NSA\_ERROR

The 00500 - GENERIC\_NSA\_ERROR error code reflects an error internal to the NSA. As each NSA may have distinct error codes due to implementation decisions, the 00500 - GENERIC\_RESERVATION\_ERROR is the parent “catchall” error code used and can include a NSA specific error code.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>

 <connectionId>urn:uuid:59d6c0b2-a8e0-4583-ae8a-0fc84eb89f07</connectionId>
 <errorId>00500</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_NSA\_ERROR: Connection to internal database has been lost.

 </text>
</serviceException>

## 00600 – GENERIC\_RESOURCE\_UNAVAILABLE

The 00600 - GENERIC\_RESOURCE\_UNAVAILABLE error code is a generic message indicating that one or more of the requested resource is unavailable. This error is generally not used as more service specific errors are defined in the 007xx series codes. The 00600 - GENERIC\_RESOURCE\_UNAVAILABLE can be considered as the “catchall” error code used for services not (yet) specified or defined in the NSI standard, e.g. compute and storage resources.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>

 <connectionId>urn:uuid:59d6c0b2-a8e0-4583-ae8a-0fc84eb89f07</connectionId>
 <errorId>00600</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_RESOURCE\_UNAVAILABLE: Requested resource(s) is unavailable.

 </text>

</serviceException>

## 00700 – GENERIC\_SERVICE\_ERROR

The 00700 - GENERIC\_SERVICE\_ERROR family of error codes report service related errors and is used when a more specific error code does not apply.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>

 <connectionId>urn:uuid:59d6c0b2-a8e0-4583-ae8a-0fc84eb89f07</connectionId>
 <errorId>00700</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_SERVICE\_ERROR: A service specific error has occurred.

 </text>
</serviceException>

### 00701 – UNKNOWN\_STP

Could not find STP in topology database. For an unknown link error we use the equivalent UNKNOWN\_STP error.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00701</errorId>
 <text>UNKNOWN\_STP: Could not find STP in topology database

 (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp9?vlan=1782).</text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp9?vlan=1782</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00703 – LABEL\_SWAPPING\_NOT\_SUPPORTED

Label swapping not supported for requested path. Use the renamed LABEL\_SWAPPING\_NOT\_SUPPORTED error

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00703</errorId>
 <text>

 LABEL\_SWAPPING\_NOT\_SUPPORTED: Label swapping not supported for requested

 path.

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp1?vlan=1782</value>
 </variable>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="destSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp7?vlan=1788</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00704 – STP\_UNAVALABLE

Specified STP already in use.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00704</errorId>
 <text>

 STP\_UNAVALABLE: Specified STP already in use

 (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp7?vlan=1788).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp7?vlan=1788</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00705 – CAPACITY\_UNAVAILABLE

Insufficient capacity available for reservation.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00705</errorId>
 <text>

 CAPACITY\_UNAVAILABLE: Insufficient capacity available for reservation

 (5000.0 Mb/s).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="capacity">
 <value>5000</value>
 </variable>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp7?vlan=1788</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00706 – DIRECTIONALITY\_MISMATCH

Directionality of specified STP does not match request directionality. The sourceSTP or destSTP with incorrect directionality.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00705</errorId>
 <text>

 DIRECTIONALITY\_MISMATCH: Directionality of specified STP does not match request

 directionality (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp7-in?vlan=1790-1792).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="directionality">
 <value>Bidirectional</value>
 </variable>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="sourceSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp7-in?vlan=1790-1792</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00707 – INVALID\_ERO\_MEMBER

If the pathfinder cannot satisfy an ERO then the reservation request fails and a *serviceException* is returned identifying the components of the ERO that caused the failure.

As an example, a requester agent issues a *reserve* request to the ESnet Aggregator NSA identified by *nsaId* urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:aggregator. The *ero* element contains an intermediate edge *stp* element that is resolvable within NSI topology, but is not associated with an inter-domain SDP. The Aggregator NSA should detect this error during the pathfinding phase and generate a *reserveFailed* response with the following *serviceException* element:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:aggregator</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00708</errorId>
 <text>

 INVALID\_ERO\_MEMBER: Invalid ERO member detected

 (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:north:CLIENT\_port\_16).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="stp">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:north:CLIENT\_port\_16</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00708 – UNKNOWN\_LABEL\_TYPE

The STP in the request contains a label type that is undefined or unknown.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00709</errorId>
 <text>

 UNKNOWN\_LABEL\_TYPE: Specified STP contains an unknown label type

 (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp5?vlan1790).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="destSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp5?vlan1790</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00709 – INVALID\_LABEL\_FORMAT

The STP in the request contains a label that is in a format that is invalid.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00710</errorId>
 <text>

 INVALID\_LABEL\_FORMAT: Specified STP contains an invalid label

 (urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp5?vlan=1795-1790).

 </text>
 <variables>
 <variable namespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/services/point2point"

 type="destSTP">
 <value>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:east:stp5?vlan=1795-1790</value>
 </variable>
 </variables>
</serviceException>

### 00710 – NO\_TRANSPORTPLAN\_PATH\_FOUND

Path computation errors are a class of errors associated with failures to find a data path between the specified source and destination STP in the reserve request. These errors are assigned the 00403 - NO\_TRANSPORTPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND error code. There are a number of more specific error codes available to identify reservation failures, so the NO\_TRANSPORTPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND error should only be used when a more specific error cannot be found.

The following is an example of a path computation error for a reservation request.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00710</errorId>
 <text>

 NO\_TRANSPORTPLANE\_PATH\_FOUND: Path computation failed to resolve route for

 reservation.

 </text>
</serviceException>

### 00800 – GENERIC\_RM\_ERROR

Internal NRM errors are a class of errors associated with failures in the network management software component of the PA, and are assigned the 00800 - GENERIC\_RM\_ERROR error code. Information associated with this error will typically be NRM specific, and not correctable by the client. Any additional information provided in the *serviceException* will be helpful in reporting the issue for troubleshooting, but will not be usable by the RA for corrective action programmatically.

For internal NRM errors caused by an inter-process communication error while processing an NSI message, the following *serviceException* is applicable:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00800</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_RM\_ERROR: An internal NRM error has caused a message processing failure

 (internal communication error).

 </text>
</serviceException>

For internal NRM errors caused by invalid internal states or software bugs, the same *serviceException* is applicable but with a change in descriptive text:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00800</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_RM\_ERROR: An internal NRM error has caused a message processing failure

 (path computation).

 </text>
</serviceException>

Operation timeouts within NSI can be triggered by the MTL in the case of a message delivery timeout, the Coordinator in the case of a missing confirmed/failed/error reply, the PA in the case of a commitTimeout, or the NRM in the case of internal timers triggering operation related issues. The GENERIC\_RM\_ERROR error code is also used for these NRM related timeout errors.

For internal NRM timeout errors the same *serviceException* is applicable but with a change in descriptive text:

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nsa:dasher</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00800</errorId>
 <text>

 GENERIC\_RM\_ERROR: An internal NRM error has caused a message processing failure

 (internal timeout).

 </text>
</serviceException>

## Special case errors

### Data plane activation errors

Problems setting-up and tearing down the data plane are sent through using
an errorEvent message using the INTERNAL\_NRM\_ERROR error.

<serviceException>
 <nsaId>urn:ogf:network:es.net:2013:nsa</nsaId>
 <connectionId>urn:uuid:92d54ff8-dec2-4be8-ae9e-3c0244f2c82b</connectionId>
 <serviceType>http://services.ogf.org/nsi/2013/12/descriptions/EVTS.A-GOLE</serviceType>
 <errorId>00501</errorId>
 <text>

 INTERNAL\_NRM\_ERROR: An internal NRM error has caused a message processing failure

 (data plane activation failed).

 </text>
</serviceException>

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# Security Considerations

Security considerations are dealt with in Open Grid forum GWD-R draft-trompert-gwdi-nsi-aa-v04, NSI Authentication and Authorization [NSI AA].

No additional security issues have been raised.

# Glossary

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| Aggregator (AG) | The Aggregator is an NSA that has more than one child NSA, and has the responsibility of aggregating the responses from each child NSA. |
| Connection | A Connection is an NSI construct that identifies the physical instance of a circuit in the data plane. A Connection has a set of properties (for instance, Connection identifier, ingress and egress STPs, capacity, or start time). Connections can be either unidirectional or bidirectional. |
| Connection Service (CS) | The NSI Connection Service is a service that allows an RA to request and manage a Connection from a PA. |
| Connection Service Protocol | The Connection Service Protocol is the protocol that describes the messages and associated attributes that are exchanged between RA and PA. |
| Control and Management Planes | The Control Plane and/or Management Plane are not defined in this document, but follow common usage. |
| Coordinator | The Coordinator function has the role of providing intelligent message and process coordination, this includes tracking and aggregating messages, replies and notifications and the servicing of query requests. |
| Data Plane | The Data Plane refers to the infrastructure that carries the physical instance of the Connection, e.g. the Ethernet switches that deliver the circuit. |
| Discovery Service | The NSI discovery service is a web service that allows an RA to discover information about the services available in a PA and the versions of these services. |
| Inter-Network Topology | This is a topological description of a set of Networks and their transfer functions, and the connectivity between Networks. |
| Network | A Network is an Inter-Network topology object that describes a set of STPs with a Transfer Function between STPs. |
| Network Resource Manager (NRM) | The Network Resource Manager owns a set of transport resources and has ultimate responsibility for authorizing and managing the use of these resources. Each NRM is always associated with a single NSA. |
| Network Services | Network Services are the full set of services offered by an NSA. Each NSA will support one or more Network Services. |
| Network Service Agent (NSA) | The Network Service Agent is a concrete piece of software that sends and receives NSI Messages. The NSA includes a set of capabilities that allow Network Services to be delivered. |
| Network Service Interface (NSI) | The NSI is the interface between RAs and PAs. The NSI defines a set of interactions or transactions between these NSAs to realize a Network Service. |
| Network Services Framework (NSF) | The Network Services framework describes an NSI message-based platform capable of supporting a suite of Network Services such as the Connection Service and the Topology Service. |
| NSI Message | An NSI Message is a structured unit of data sent between an RA and a PA. |
| NSI Topology | The NSI Topology defines a standard ontology and a schema to describe network resources that are managed to create the NSI service. The NSI Topology as used by the NSI CS (and in future other NSI services) is described in: GWD-R-P: Network Service Interface Topology Representation [3].  |
| ero | An Explicit Routing Object (ero) is a parameter in a Connection request. It is an ordered list of STP constraints to be used by the inter-Network pathfinder.  |
| Requester/Provider Agent (RA/PA)  | An NSA acts in one of two possible roles relative to a particular instance of an NSI. When an NSA requests a service, it is called a Requester Agent (RA). When an NSA realizes a service, it is called a Provider Agent (PA). A particular NSA may act in different roles at different interfaces. |
| Service Demarcation Point (SDP) | Service Demarcation Points (SDPs) are NSI topology objects that identify a grouping of two Edge Points at the boundary between two Networks. |
| Service Termination Point (STP) | Service Termination Points (STPs) are NSI topology objects that identify the Edge Points of a Network in the intra-network topology. |
| Service Plane | The Service Plane is a plane in which services are requested and managed; these services include the Network Service. The Service Plane contains a set of Network Service Agents communicating using Network Service Interfaces. |
| Service Definition | An XML document that describes the parameters that can specified when requesting a new service. |
| Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) | SOAP is a protocol specification for exchanging structured information in the implementation of Web Services in computer networks. |
| Ultimate PA (uPA) | The ultimate PA is a Provider Agent that has an associated NRM.  |
| Ultimate RA (uRA) | The Ultimate RA is a Requester Agent is the originator of a service request. |
| XML Schema Definition (XSD) | XSD is a schema language for XML. |
| eXtensible Markup Language (XML) | XML is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format that is both human-readable and machine-readable. |

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1. Service-specific error codes can only be used when the *serviceType* element is populated within the *serviceException* providing context for the error code. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)