
MEMO: WAP BILLING FRAMEWORK

TO: **READERS OF WAP BILLING FRAMEWORK WAP-220 WBF**
FROM: **WAG BILLING DRAFTING COMMITTEE**
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This memorandum accompanies the prototype specification of the WAP Billing Framework, WAP-220 WBF. Its purpose is to outline why we created a prototype specification and how you can give feedback in order to enhance this specification. The prototype specification was created between early 2000 and January 2001 and has received several minor updates since January 2001.

A prototype specification is a specialized document developed by WAP Forum. It has a limited lifetime of six months, therefore the existing WAP Billing Framework prototype specification will expire in February 2002. Within this timeframe the specification can be distributed in order to receive external feedback.

There was a consensus in the WAP Forum that a specification for standard billing mechanisms would add value to the overall WAP architecture. The Billing Drafting Committee wants to receive external feedback on the prototype before releasing the final billing framework specification. There is one major reason, why external comments are required:

This specification defines the data contents, which are transferred from the WAP network elements to a downstream system, but it does not specify a standard protocol to transfer the data between WAP network elements and an external system (i.e. a billing system). Is a standard protocol required and, if yes, which kind of protocol should be adopted?

The Billing Drafting Committee would appreciate your feedback in particular on the above issue, but of course any other feedback on any level of detail will also be greatly appreciated. Please forward your comments to TECHNICAL-COMMENTS@MAIL.WAPFORUM.ORG.

Best Regards,

Billing Drafting Committee