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Introduction to Specification

Communication with space vehicles often requires a sophisticated suite of ground equipment ranging from network devices to antennas. These devices work together to create an end-to-end signal-processing suite. For example, an antenna, frequency converter, demodulator, bit synchronizer, decryption device, and frame synchronizer process a telemetry down-link signal before the end-user software receives the data. These devices must be configured to properly process the signal and provide status to user applications.

The Ground Equipment Monitoring Service (GEMS) specification defines a common messaging interface to do just this. The intent of GEMS is to define a lightweight, easy-to-use interface model suitable for control and status of nearly all types of devices within space related ground systems. In truth, these devices are not unique to space communications. Modern ground systems include many commercial devices such as networking devices and digital archive systems. While this specification focuses specifically on space applications, it is designed to apply to a broad range of devices.

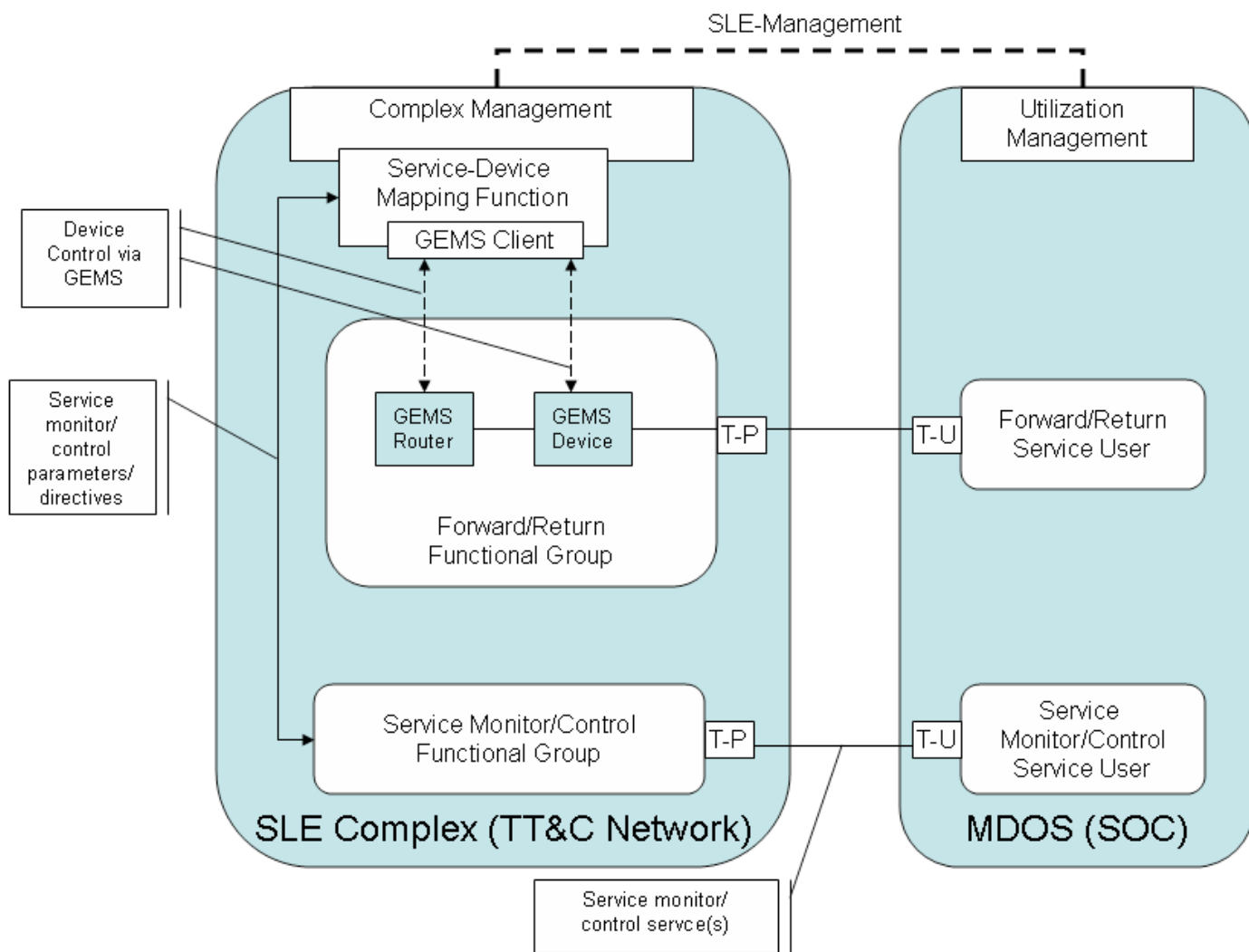
User's Perspective

To understand the GEMS design, it is useful to first look at it from a user's perspective. Typically, high-level software, such as a TT&C (Telemetry, Tracking & Commanding) application, controls the ground system equipment. The main purpose of these types of applications is controlling the space vehicle – a complicated task in its own right. The ground system enables communication between the TT&C applications and the space vehicle by performing low-level signal and data processing functions. While the ground system is a significant part of the signal processing capabilities, if operating properly it should be transparent to the user. Only initial configuration and basic status is needed. This should be simple and ideally use a standard model for all types of devices. That is where the GEMS model comes in. The GEMS model defines a simple, message-based interface suitable for controlling all types of devices using a variety of protocols and transport mechanisms. It allows system integrators to develop control and status applications that can easily interface with a wide range of device types.

Vendor's Perspective

From a vendor's perspective, a standard device control protocol should be relatively easy to implement and require limited resources. In addition, to ensure the widest possible range of integrations, the protocol should not require any specific third-party middleware implementation. Using GEMS, vendors achieve exactly this. The GEMS protocol is a lightweight protocol requiring only a TCP/IP connection. The Platform Independent Model (PIM) simply describes the messages and interactions necessary to configure and obtain status on a device. The Platform Specific Models (PSM) map the PIM to basic ASCII and XML messages. The ASCII PSM is intended for the most basic devices with limited processing capabilities. It is well suited for Serial (RS-232) and terminal style devices. The XML PSM incorporates the more sophisticated capabilities of XML such as XML Schemas and validation. While these capabilities require additional libraries, formatting and processing the messages is still quite simple.

The GEMS interface compliments other existing standards such as CCSDS SLE. The CCSDS SLE specification provides facility level interfaces but does not address the lower level device interfaces. It accomplishes this through a Service- Device mapping function. The GEMS specification enables a standard Service-Device mapping function to be created for a wide range of device types. The following figure depicts this interaction.



In this figure, the SLE Complex Management Service layers on top of the GEMS client to control the physical devices in the system.

1 Scope

The GEMS specification defines a lightweight standard for the control and status of typical ground equipment found in the space domain using a model driven approach. A conceptual model for the GEMS specification is shown below.

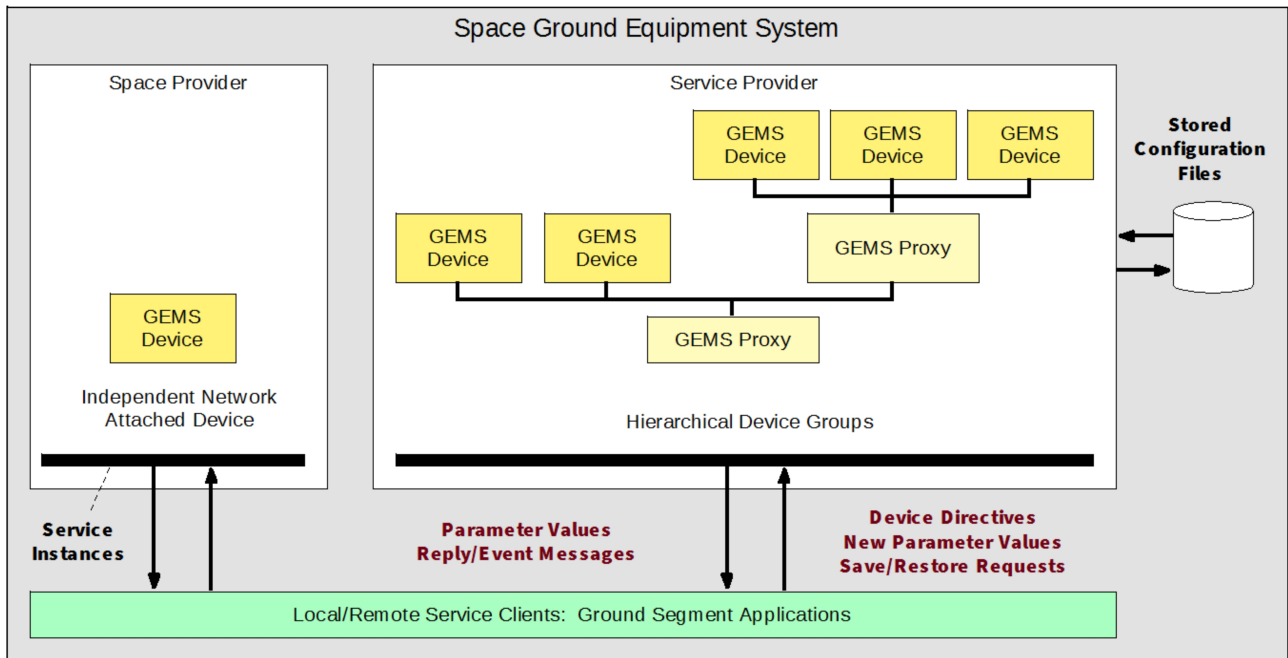


Figure 1.1 - GEMS Overview

The GEMS specification is most commonly used for the control of a single device. However, in more complicated systems, multiple devices may be controlled using a single container message (MessageSequence) combined with a GEMS Proxy.

The GEMS PIM defines the message structure and behavior standard to all GEMS Devices. In the case of GEMS, the platform is defined as the middleware, network protocol, or transport mechanism used to communicate with the device. By defining the platform at this level, the GEMS PIM focus is primarily on the necessary message content and behavior and leaves the specifics of defining the message format and transporting that message to the PSMs.

Two GEMS PSMs are defined. The raw GEMS-ASCII PSM is a terse ASCII-based protocol well suited for serial or terminal based devices. The focus of this PSM is short, human-readable messages that are easily formatted and processed. These messages are transported directly across either a network or serial bus. The GEMS-XML PSM utilizes the features of XML to provide message definition and validation. These messages use an HTML like header for transport across a network. Otherwise, GEMS-XML messages leverage the structure inherent in an XML document to define the content.

Many other platform specific mappings of the GEMS PIM are possible. These potentially include other standard middleware or protocol definitions such as CORBA, SNMP, or the GPIB-SCPI protocol. In fact, the large number of potential protocols used for device control further illustrates the need for the GEMS specification. By defining a specific mapping of each of these protocols to the GEMS PIM, automatic translation between these protocols is possible. This enables a device vendor to focus on the features and capabilities of the device without the need to support multiple protocols. Similarly, the device user can utilize a single protocol, with appropriate translators, to control numerous device.

2 Conformance

The primary point of conformance is support of the PIM. Conformance to any defined PSM is optional, but if a defined platform is used, such as XML and raw ASCII, the implementation must conform to the appropriate PSM. In the event that a PSM does not exist for a specific protocol, implementers are encouraged to define a PSM and submit it for standardization to the OMG.

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ASCII American National Standard for Information Systems – Coded Character Sets – 7 Bit American National Standard Code for Information Interchange (7-Bit ASCII), ANSI X3.4-1 986, American National Standards Institute, Inc., March 26, 1986

4 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this specification, the following terms and definitions apply.

TT&C: Telemetry Tracking & Commanding

CCSDS: Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems SLE: CCSDS Space Link Extensions

SNMP: Simple Network Management Protocol

GPIB: General Purpose Interface Bus

SCPI: Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments

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6 PIM

6.1 Overview

The GEMS specification defines a standard, platform independent model (PIM) for controlling a wide range of devices. The GEMS model does not presume or try to define a specific system level architecture. Instead, it defines generic concepts such as devices, parameters, and directives that are relatively simple to implement and provide system integrators common ways to control heterogeneous suites of space related ground equipment.

The central concept of GEMS is the GEMS device. GEMS devices have typed parameters, accept directives with typed arguments, and can optionally save and restore their configuration using persistent storage. Users utilize the GEMS interface within the device to configure and obtain status.

For more sophisticated systems with multiple devices, a GEMS proxy is deployed and routes message traffic to a system of devices. This allows for several devices to be configured in a single transaction. In addition, the proxy often supports the Save/Restore functionality, thus keeping the GEMS devices simple.

The GEMS PIM consists of message related classes that allow the user to send directives, configure devices, obtain configuration information and device status, save the configuration, and restore the configuration.

6.2 GEMS Use Cases

The following diagram depicts the GEMS use cases. These use cases define common interactions and activities associated with creating and using suites of devices.

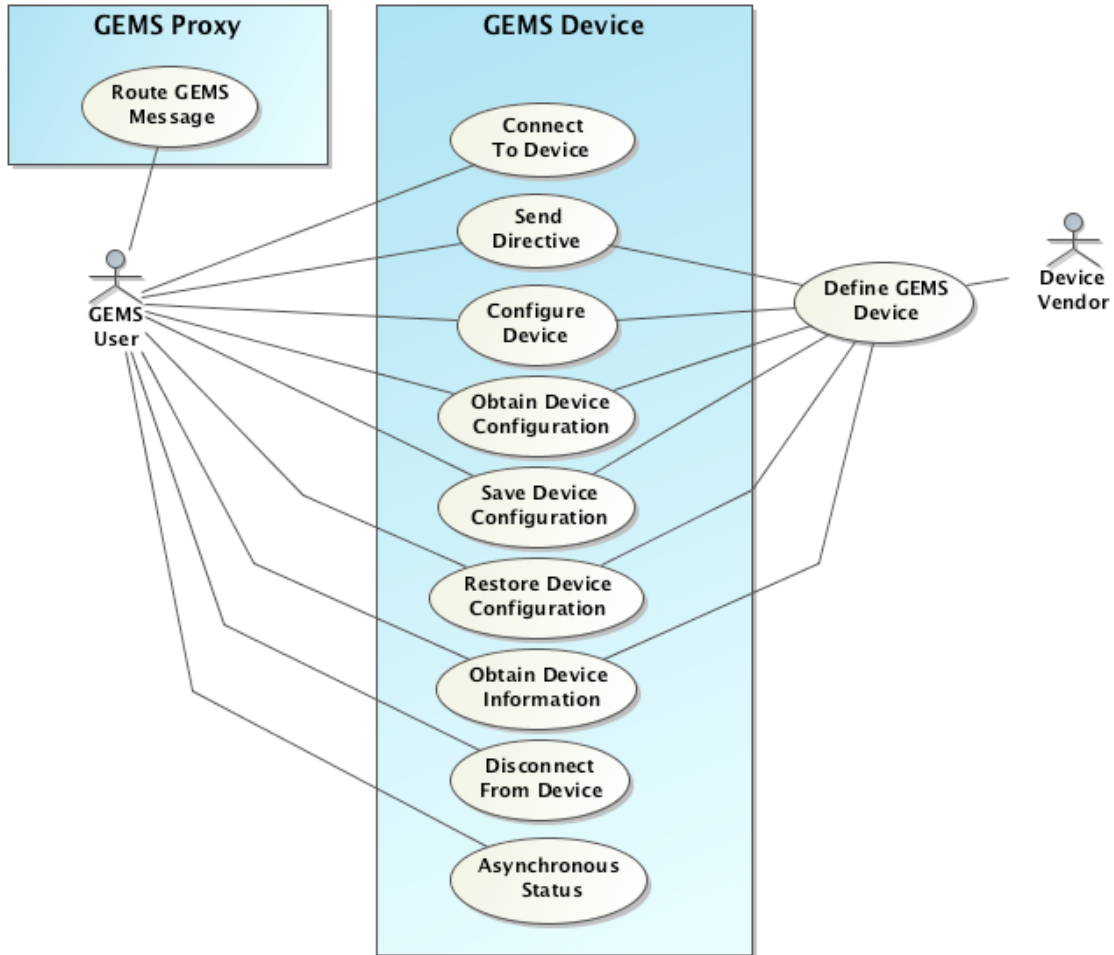


Figure 6.1 - GEMS Use Cases

6.2.1 GEMS User

This actor represents a user of a GEMS device or system. The GEMS user commonly takes the form of a controlling software application that uses the GEMS interface to manipulate a device or system of devices.

6.2.2 Device Vendor

As the name indicates, the Device Vendor is the manufacturer of the device supporting the GEMS interface. The Device Vendor's role is to define the parameters and directives supported by the device and provide those along with the device to the System Integrator and/or GEMS User.

6.2.3 Define GEMS Device

This use case represents the activities necessary to define a GEMS device. These include defining the names, types, and ranges for all device parameters as well as the directives and associated arguments.

6.2.4 Connect To Device

The first action that a GEMS user must take to establish an interaction with a GEMS device is to connect to the device. In doing this, the GEMS user identifies whether control of the device or status only is requested. This is similar to requesting read/write access to a file. The GEMS device responds to a connection request by indicating whether or not the connection was successful and if successful, provides a token that the GEMS user will use in all future interactions with the device.

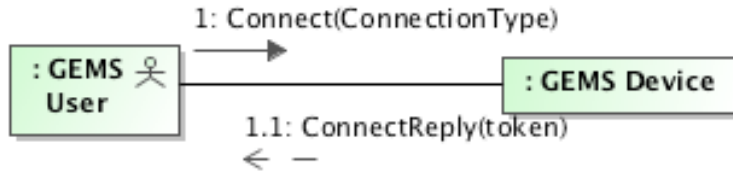


Figure 6.2 - Connecting

Authentication may optionally be performed by passing GEMS User credentials in the token field of the Connect Request. This is described in 6.6.1.

6.2.5 Send Directive

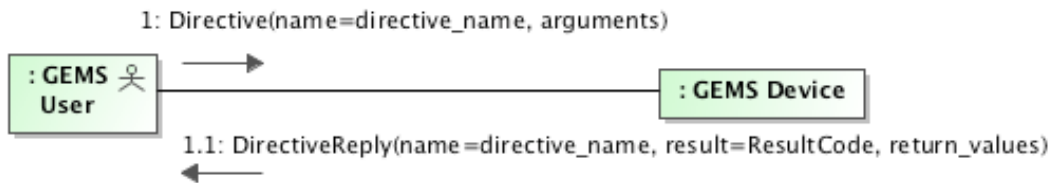


Figure 6.3 - Sending a directive

GEMS directives allow the user to manipulate the device or system in a scoped action. Common examples relating to ground system equipment are enabling modulation of a signal or sending a vehicle command. In this use case, the user formats a GEMS directive message and sends it to the GEMS device. The GEMS device performs the actions necessary to fulfill the directive and then sends a reply message back to the user indicating the result of the directive. The response includes any return values appropriate for the directive.

6.2.6 Configure Device

A common use case is configuring a device. In this use case, the user sends a set of configuration parameters to the device. The device performs the appropriate validation of the parameters and then applies the values to its configuration. The GEMS device sends a response back to the user indicating success or failure. If successful, the response also includes the number of parameters affected.

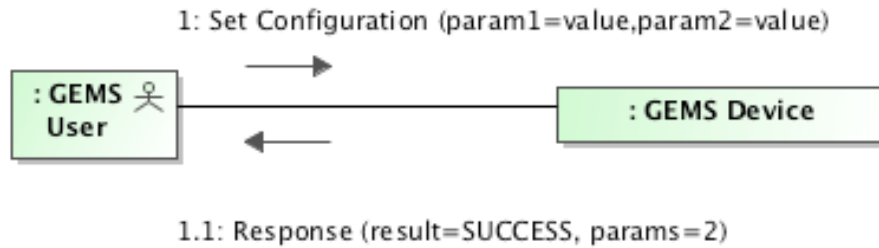


Figure 6.4 - Configuring a device

6.2.7 Obtain Configuration

In this use case, the user wishes to obtain information about the device configuration. The user sends a message to the GEMS device requesting configuration information. The request can specify specific parameters that the user wishes information on. The GEMS device receives the request and populates a reply with the appropriate parameters.

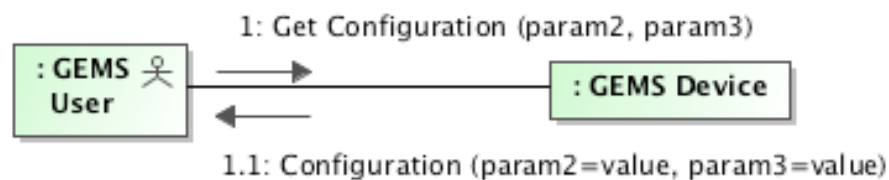


Figure 6.5 - Obtaining device configuration

6.2.8 Save Configuration

A convenient use case in satellite operations is configuring the device for a specific space vehicle and then saving that configuration for later use. Often, configurations are saved for different missions. To accomplish this, the user sends a message requesting the GEMS device to save its configuration to local storage. The user specifies the name of the configuration for later recall.

This use case is optional since saving the configuration to persistent storage, such as a hard drive or Flash RAM, is not necessarily available on all types of devices. For these types of devices, it is expected that higher-level applications such as a GEMS router will provide this capability by first obtaining the device configuration and then writing it to persistent storage.

6.2.9 Restore Configuration

Once the user has saved a configuration to persistent storage, it can be recalled later. The user sends a restore configuration message to the GEMS device. The message includes the name of the configuration to restore. The GEMS device then loads that configuration and applies the values specified to the device. The response message indicates success or failure and the number of parameters modified.

It is not required for the named configuration to contain all device parameters. Only the parameters specified are modified. This enables a useful approach to controlling a device. GEMS users can load full configuration followed by selected subsets.

Like saving the configuration, this use case is optional for devices that do not have a persistent storage capability. In these cases, it is expected that higher-level software applications such as a GEMS router store the configurations and then apply those configurations to the device.

6.2.10 Obtain Device Information

In this use case, the user obtains information about what directives and parameters the GEMS device accepts. The user sends a message to the GEMS device requesting service information. The reply contains descriptions of the directives (including argument name and type information) and the parameters (including name, type, and range information).

6.2.11 Asynchronous Status

In this use case, the user obtains asynchronous status messages containing the current values of various GEMS parameters. The user configures the frequency and type of update using parameters and directives on the GEMS device. Standardization of these parameters and directives are left for later versions of GEMS. The messages are “pushed” asynchronously and can be provided on either the current GEMS connection or an alternate out-of-band connection.

6.2.12 Proxy & Route GEMS Message

Typically, GEMS messages target a specific device. However, in more complex systems, it is convenient and sometimes required to manipulate multiple devices in a single transaction. In this case, multiple messages are combined into a message set and sent to a GEMS proxy for processing. The GEMS Proxy separates the messages and passes them to the designated targets sequentially.

This capability is not required of GEMS devices, though it can be used to offer sequential execution of messages. A GEMS proxy can also provide functions such as Save/Restore and message logging. These functions are not required in a GEMS proxy.

A GEMS proxy is considered to be a device and can be the target of messages such as the SetConfigMessage and GetConfigMessage. The specifics of any proxy parameters, directives, or other behavior is left to the implementor to define. At a minimum, in the event a GetConfigMessage is sent to a proxy, the resulting GetConfigResponse will contain at least one parameter named ‘targets.’ That parameter is an array of strings listing all of the targets handled by that specific proxy instance.

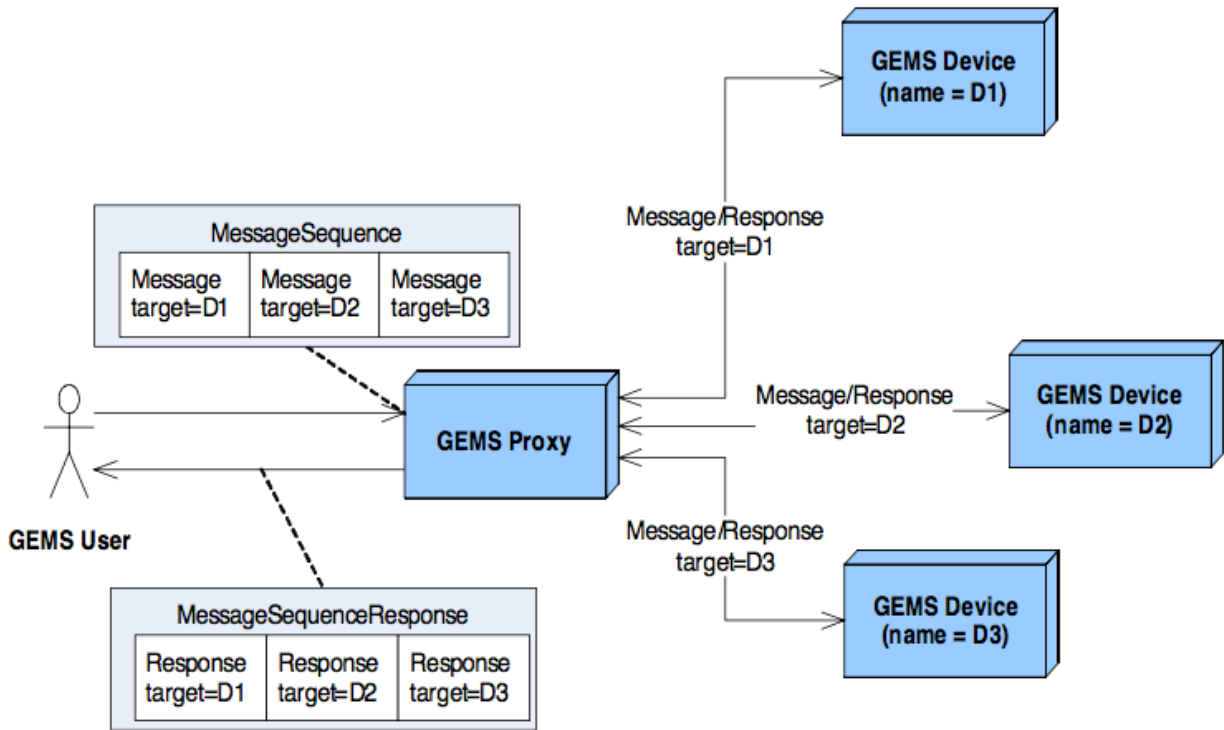


Figure 6.6 - Message routing

6.2.13 GEMS High Level Design

The GEMS protocol defines the basic message structure and interaction between a user and a GEMS device. It does not specify the exact parameters, types, or ranges for any specific device or device type. That is beyond the scope of this specification. Instead, GEMS defines the approach to use when defining device specific parameters. The device vendor provides custom device information in a format compliant with the PIM and PSM used. To represent this interaction, GEMS defines two notional packages. These packages are not part of this specification. The Custom Devices package contains definitions of concrete devices. These devices meet the GEMS specification but are custom to a given vendor. The Standard Devices package contains definitions of standard devices, their parameters (names, types, and ranges) and directives. It is envisioned that this package eventually becomes an addendum to this specification.

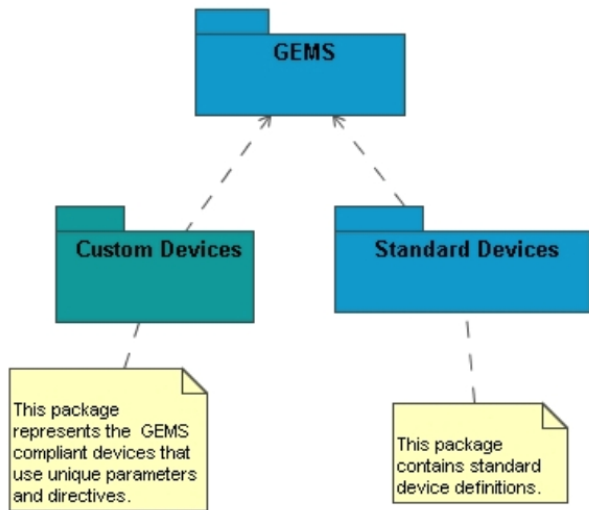


Figure 6.7 - GEMS Package

Typically, the device vendor defines and maintains the associated GEMS device definitions. The device definitions are either distributed manually by the vendor (e.g. incorporated in to product documentation or as a GEMS Device Definition file), or directly from the GEMS device as an electronic document. See 6.9 for more information on Device Definitions. By supporting a GEMS interface, the device vendor enables customers to easily control the device in a standard manner following the GEMS model. However, there is no guarantee that the parameter names, types, and ranges used will be interoperable with other similar devices produced by other vendors. For example, a common status parameter supported by receivers is signal lock. This parameter indicates when the receiver has locked on to the desired signal. One vendor might name that parameter LOCK_STATE while another vendor might name it SIGNAL_LOCK. To help standardize parameter choices a dictionary of device types and parameters will be developed.

6.3 GEMS UML Design

The following class diagram shows the GEMS classes and their relationships. At the top are the message classes. These classes define the various types of messages available through the GEMS protocol. Each message class, with the exception of the Disconnect class, has an associated response message. In several cases, the message contains one or more parameters

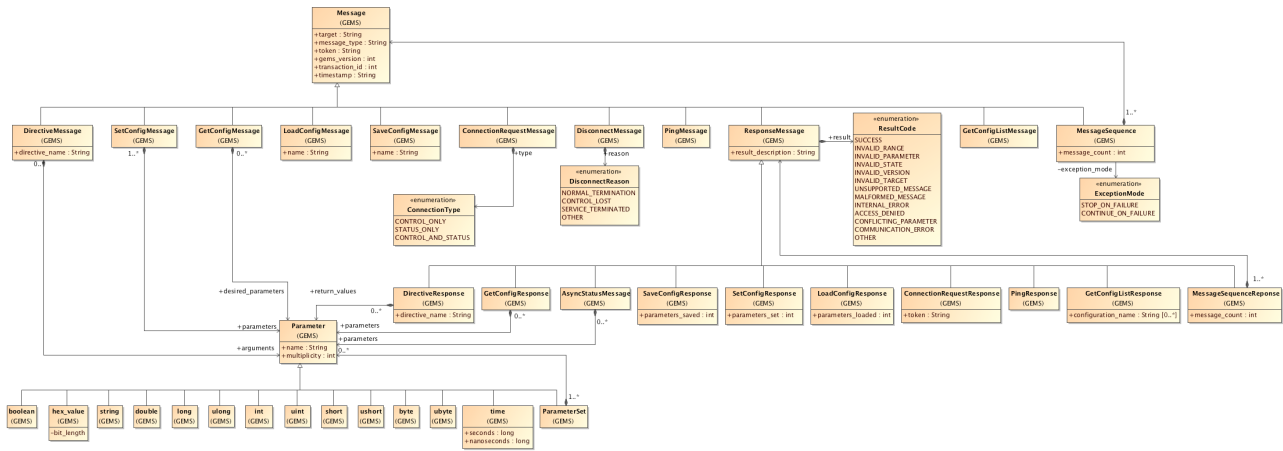


Figure 6.8 - GEMS UML

These classes are described in detail in the following sections.

6.3.1 Parameters

Parameters represent the actual values used to configure and provide status on a given device. Each Parameter has a name, type, and a multiplicity. The name is a free text string and cannot contain any spaces. The multiplicity represents arrays of the same type. The specific implementation of the multiplicity is left to the PSM.

For completeness, the PIM defines both signed and unsigned types as well as a variety of integer sizes. If appropriate, these various integer types and precisions may be mapped to a single integer type within a PSM.

6.3.1.1 UML Diagram

This diagram shows the base parameter class and all of the specific types.

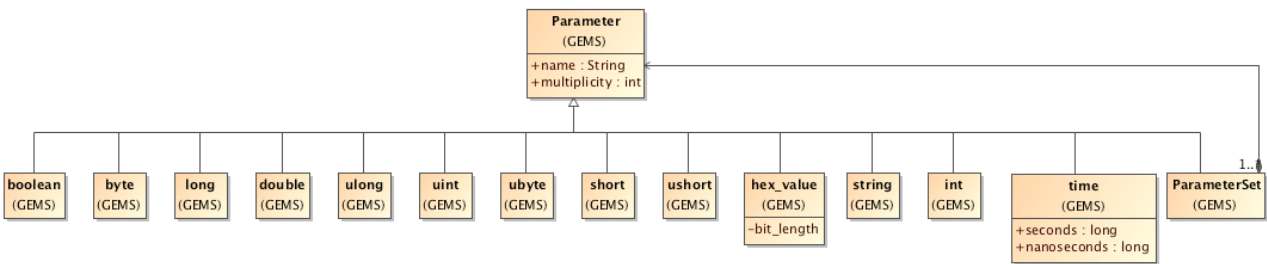


Figure 6.9 - GEMS Standard types

6.3.1.2 boolean

Represents a boolean true/false value.

6.3.1.3 byte

Represents a single signed 8 bit byte or octet.

6.3.1.4 ubyte

Represents a single unsigned 8 bit byte or octet.

6.3.1.5 long

Represents a signed 8 byte value.

6.3.1.6 ulong

Represents an unsigned 8 byte value.

6.3.1.7 int

Represents a signed 4 byte value.

6.3.1.8 uint

Represents an unsigned 4 byte value.

6.3.1.9 short

Represents a signed 2 byte value.

6.3.1.10 ushort

Represents an unsigned 2 byte value.

6.3.1.11 double

Represents a double precision floating point number.

6.3.1.12 string

Represents a free text ASCII string of characters.

6.3.1.13 hex_value

Represents an ASCII representation of a hexadecimal value. The string optionally may be preceded by a '0x.' The bit_length is used to specify the number of bits represented in the hex_value. See the PSM specific mapping for the format of this field.

6.3.1.14 time

Represents the number of seconds and nanoseconds elapsed since midnight UTC of January 1, 1970. The time value is represented by integer values for seconds and nanoseconds.

6.3.1.15 utime

Represents a time value as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). This format allows for the representation of leap seconds within a time parameter.

6.3.1.16 Parameter Sets

Parameter sets allow for the creation of mixed-type structures of parameters or “complex types” using the composite design pattern. The intent is to offer device vendors an option for creating arbitrarily complex data structures.

6.3.2 Messages

GEMS defines a set of messages that allow parameters and directives to be sent between a GEMS client and GEMS device. These messages all have a common header and structure. Each message sent to the GEMS device has a corresponding response.

The following diagram depicts the GEMS message class structure.

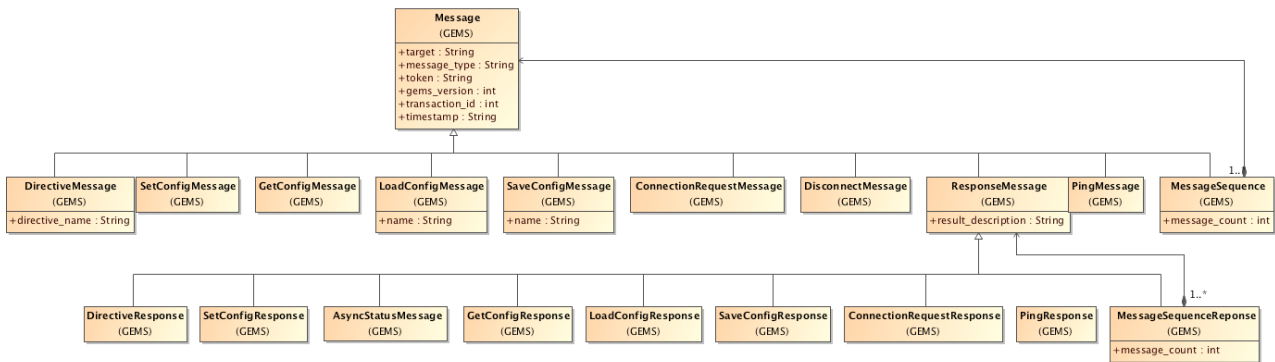


Figure 6.10 - GEMS Message Classes

6.3.2.1 Message Base Class

The Message base class defines the header information necessary to determine the target for the messages and other information such as the version number.

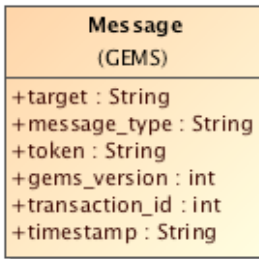


Figure 6.11 - GEMS Message Base class

target

The target is a free text field containing the name of the target device. For a single device, the target is a word naming the device. If the device is part of a system hierarchy, the levels within the hierarchy are concatenated using ‘/’ characters similar to UNIX directory paths. This naming scheme allows GEMS proxies to properly route messages.

Example:

/SiteA/Modem/Modulator1

The target field is optional if the message is sent directly to the targeted device. For distributed systems that utilize a GEMS proxy, the proxy is responsible for mapping the target names to network addresses as necessary.

message_type

The message_type field is an alpha-numeric field containing a message identifier for a specific message type. The specific values are defined in the PSM.

token

The token field is a free-text field containing an ASCII token. The exact format and content of the token is dependent on the GEMS device. The GEMS device gives the token to the GEMS user as part of the initial connection. The token is then passed back to the GEMS device with every message.

While this specification does not define the use of the token field, it does offer recommendations. For example, if strict authentication is desired, a GEMS device can encode values in to the token that clearly identify the client and any privileges that client may have.

A common use of the message token is for limiting access to device control related features. When a client connect message is received, the message contains the type of access being requested (e.g., control or status). If there are currently no control clients connected, the GEMS device gives the control token to the new client. While this mechanism is not fool-proof, it does work well in controlled environments.

version

The version field contains the version of GEMS message being used. It provides backwards compatibility. Currently only version 1.0, 1.1, 1.2 are supported.

timestamp

The timestamp field provides useful debugging and message sorting information. The value in the field is the current time when the message is sent in UTC. The format of the field is defined in the PSM.

6.3.2.2 Response Messages

All GEMS response messages contain a result code and an optional free-text description. The result code indicates the success of failure of the original message. If a failure occurs, the specific result code can be inspected programmatically and the appropriate action taken. In the event an unrecognizable message is received, a generic base response message

is returned with the result code set to indicate the error. Most commonly the result code for this type of error is MALFORMED_MESSAGE.

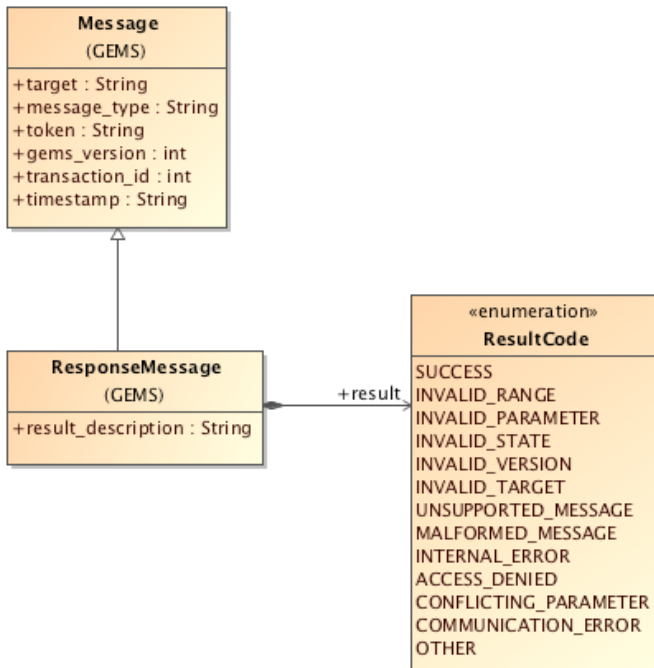


Figure 6.12 - GEMS Response Messages

The acceptable result codes are as follows:

SUCCESS

This result code indicates that the associated message or directive was successful. The result_description is optional.

INVALID_RANGE

This result code indicates that a parameter or argument within the associated message or directive was out of the acceptable range. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a free-text description of which parameter was in error.

INVALID_PARAMETER

This result code indicates that an unsupported or unknown parameter was named in the associated message. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a free-text description of which parameter was in error.

INVALID_STATE

This result code indicates that an invalid state was reached within the device or GEMS interface. Common reasons for this are attempts to set or get parameter values before a connection is established. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a free-text description of the error.

INVALID_VERSION

This result code indicates that the GEMS message version was unrecognized or unsupported by the device. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a list of the supported GEMS versions.

INVALID_TARGET

This result code indicates that the target was unrecognized. In this error condition, the result_description should contain the provided (unrecognized) target.

UNSUPPORTED_MESSAGE

This result code indicates that the message type is not supported by the device. This applies to the optional save/restore messages. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a free-text description of the error.

MALFORMED_MESSAGE

This result code indicates that the message was malformed or otherwise unrecognized. In this error condition, the reply message header should reflect as much of the original message as possible. The result description should contain the malformed message with any necessary modification such that the reply is properly formed.

INTERNAL_ERROR

This result code indicates that the device or proxy experienced an internal error while processing the original message. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a free-text description of the error, if possible.

ACCESS_DENIED

This result code indicates that the GEMS user does not have appropriate access to invoke the action defined in the original message. This commonly is the result of a status-only client attempting to configure the device using either a SetMessage or LoadConfigMessage. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a free-text description of the error.

CONFLICTING_PARAMETERS

This result code indicates that the original message defined a set of parameters that conflicted with one another. For example, a device might have different ranges depending on the mode specified. In this error condition, the result_description should identify the conflicting parameters.

COMMUNICATION_ERROR

This result code indicates that a communication error occurred. This commonly occurs as a result of network socket errors, serial bus errors, or other transport mechanism errors. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a description of the error, if possible.

OTHER

This result code indicates that an error occurred not already defined in one of the other possible result codes. In this error condition, the result_description should contain a description of the error. If necessary, other non-standard error codings may be used within the result_description. However, it should be noted that these types of codings are not interoperable with other implementation and will be treated as free-text.

6.3.3 Controlling and Monitoring Devices

This section describes the process of controlling and monitoring GEMS devices.

6.3.3.1 Setting Configurations

To control a GEMS Device, the user sends a set of parameters. The parameters each have a name, type, and value as described in 6.3.1, Parameters. These parameters are applied in a transactional manner to the device. Validation checks

are performed prior to changing the configuration of the device itself. If these checks fail (e.g., values out of range), the transaction is cancelled. A description of the error is sent back to the GEMS user in the response message. If all values validate, the new parameter settings are applied to the device.

The following diagram depicts this sequence.

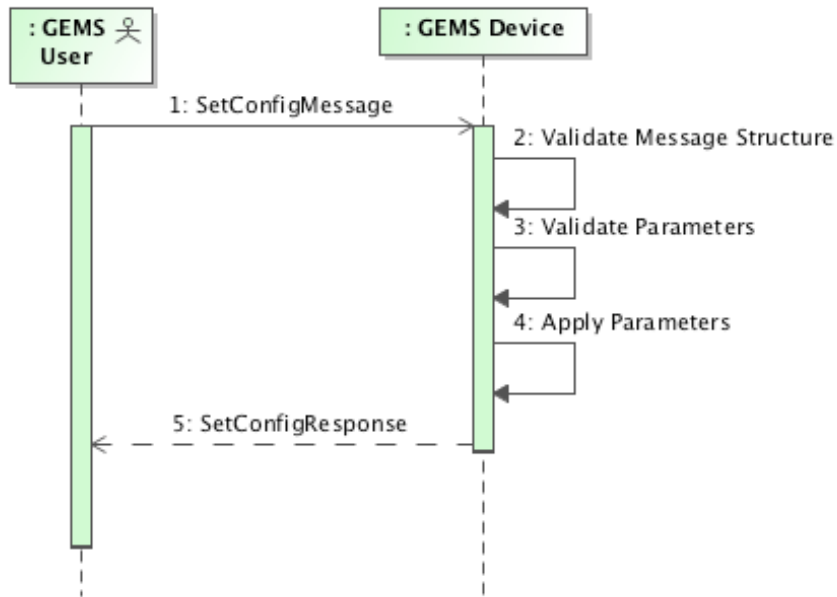


Figure 6.13 - Set Configuration Sequence

Errors found in steps 2 or 3 are immediately returned and no changes to the device configuration are made. In the event that an error occurs during step 4, the GEMS device attempts to return to the previous configuration if possible.

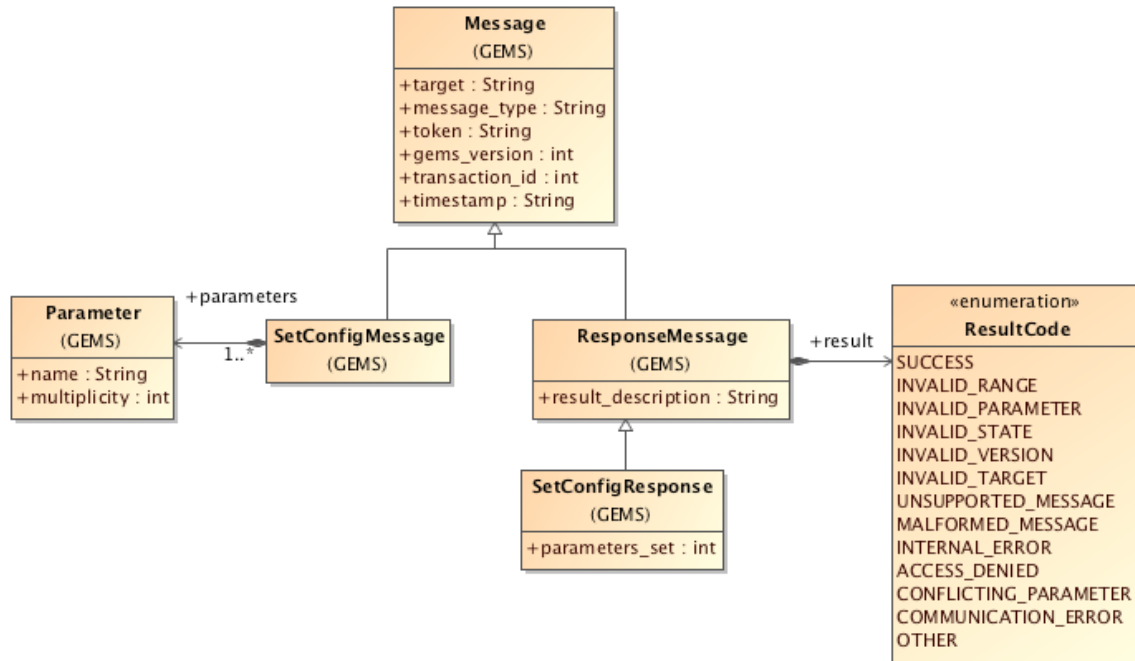


Figure 6.14 - Set Configuration Message classes

SetConfigMessage

The *SetConfigMessage* contains the list of parameters to set. These parameters are applied to the device as a single transaction.

SetConfigResponse

The *SetConfigResponse* message indicates the result of the *SetConfigMessage*. This message has 1 parameter.

parameters_set

The *parameters_set* field indicates the number of parameters affected by the *SetConfigMessage*. This value provides the GEMS User feedback on the number of values actually modified. For example, a *SetConfigMessage* containing 20 parameter values might only change five parameters. From the perspective of the GEMS device, this is a valid request. However, the GEMS User might have expected to change 20 parameters.

6.3.3.2 Retrieving Configurations & Status

To obtain the current configuration of a device or monitor the runtime status of a device, the GEMS user sends a *GetConfigMessage*. The message can optionally contain the list of parameters desired. If specific parameters are specified, only those parameters are returned to the GEMS user. If no parameters are specified, then all device parameters are returned.

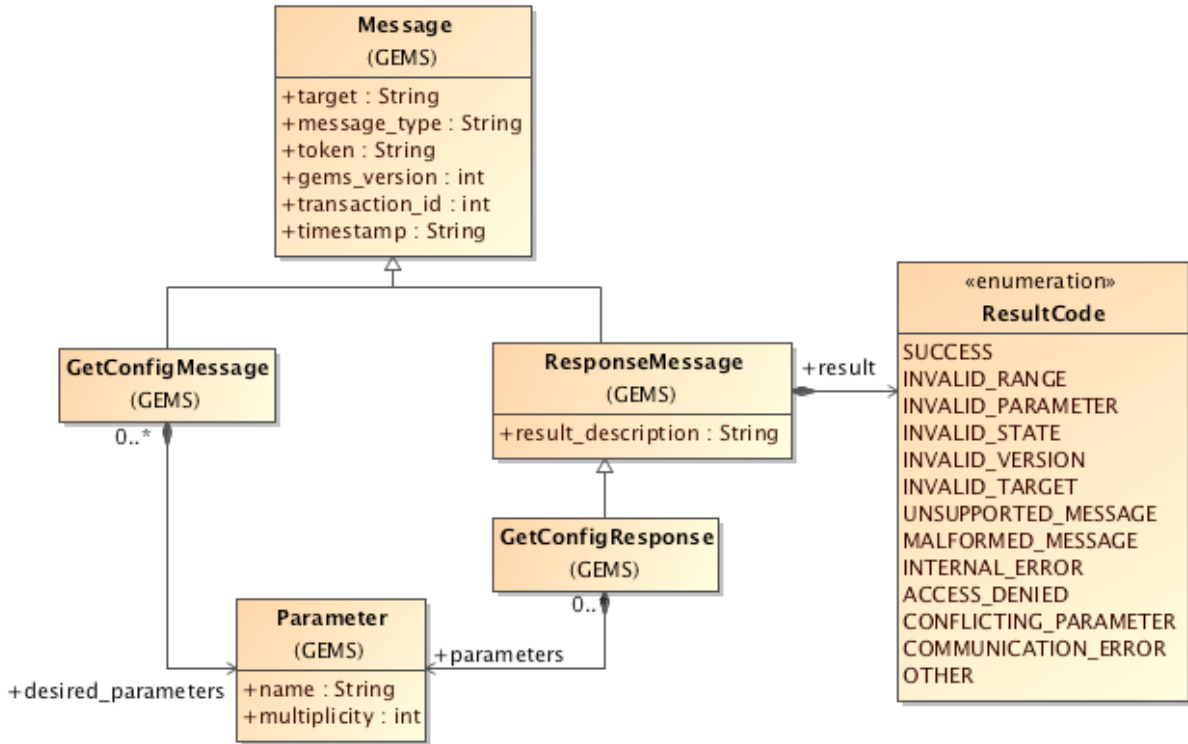


Figure 6.15 - GetConfigMessage classes

GetConfigMessage

The GetConfigMessage requests the current configuration from the GEMS device. The message can optionally contain a list of desired parameters.

GetConfigResponse

The GetConfigResponse message contains the device parameters requested.

6.3.3.3 Storing Configurations

To store a configuration, the GEMS User sends a SaveConfigMessage to the GEMS device. This message contains the desired name of the configuration. All device parameters are saved to this configuration. It is expected that multiple device configurations can be contained in a single named configuration. While the format of the persisted configuration is at the vendor’s discretion, it is recommended that it use a standard PSM. For example, if ASCII files are used to store configuration information, an appropriate PSM such as XML should be used.

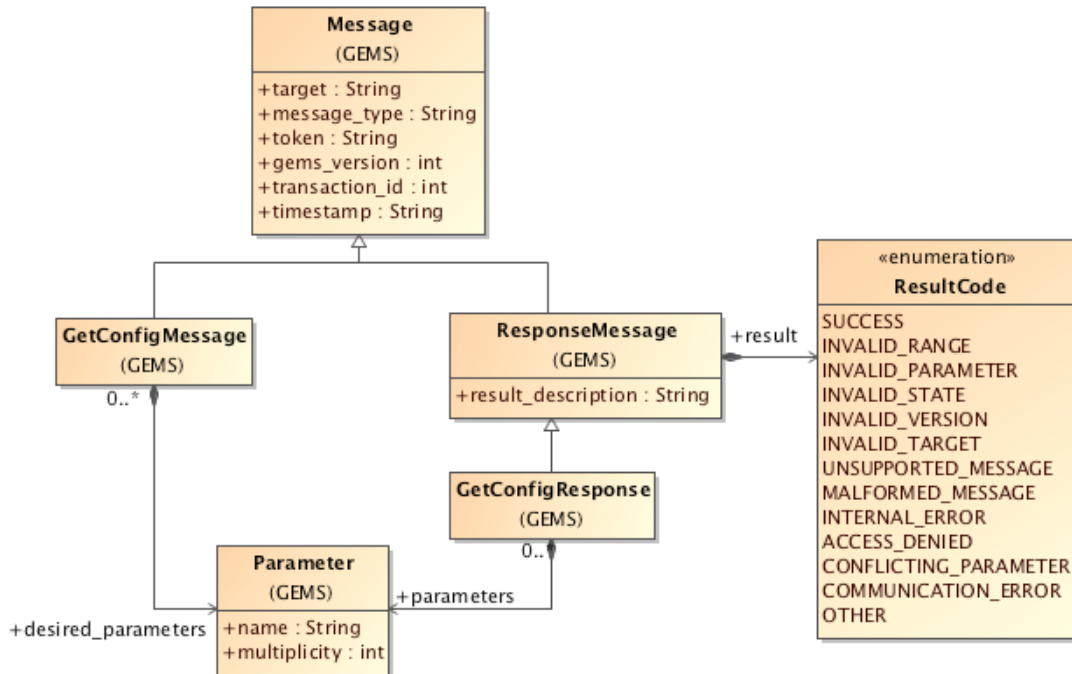


Figure 6.16 - Save Config Message classes

SaveConfigMessage

The SaveConfigMessage contains the name of the configuration to save. The configuration name is a string containing a sequence of letters (A-Z) and/or numbers. Spaces are not allowed as they are not fully supported on all operating systems. The configuration name is case sensitive.

SaveConfig Response

The SaveConfigResponse contains the number of parameters saved if the save was successful. In the case of an error, the ResultCode indicates the type of error.

parameters_saved

The parameters_saved field indicates the number of parameters saved to the named configuration. This value provides the GEMS User feedback on the number of values actually saved. This value can be compared to a later restore configuration request as a means of ensuring expected behavior.

6.3.3.4 Restoring Configurations

To restore a named configuration to a GEMS device, the GEMS user sends a LoadConfigMessage. This message identifies the name of the configuration to load. The following diagram depicts the UML structure for these messages.

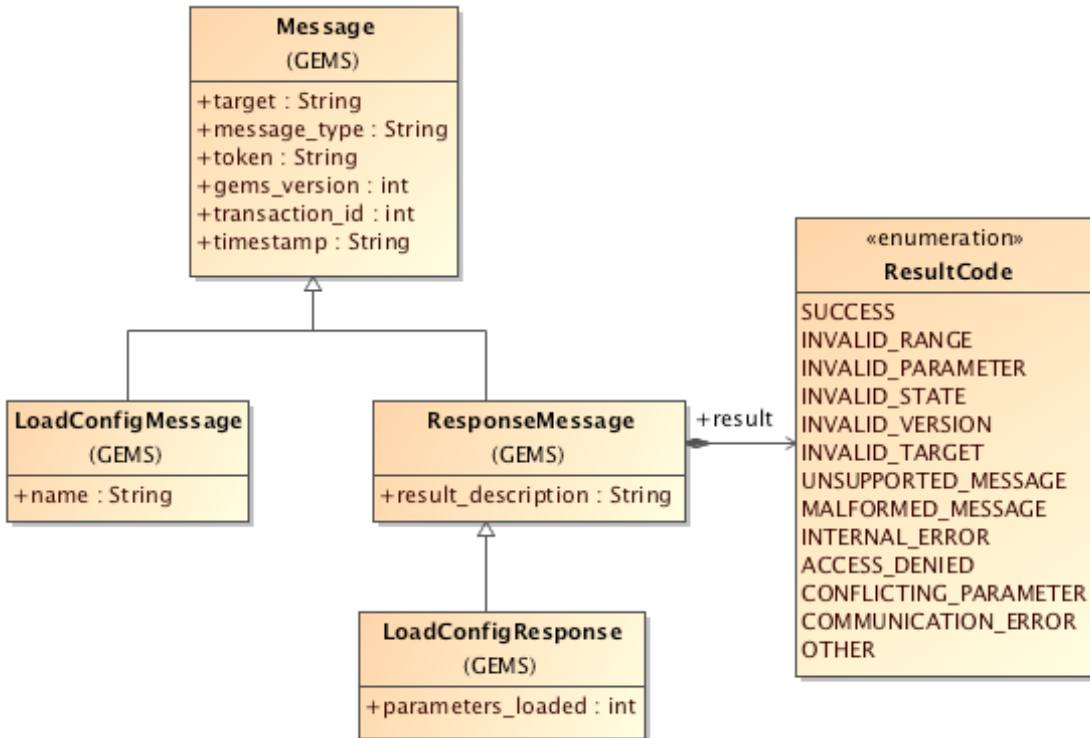


Figure 6.17 - Load Config Message classes

It is not required that the configuration contain a full set of parameter values.

6.3.3.5 LoadConfigMessage

The LoadConfigMessage identifies the name of the configuration to load.

6.3.3.6 LoadConfigResponse

The LoadConfigResponse contains the number of parameters loaded. If an error occurred, it also indicates whether or not the device was left in a valid state.

6.3.3.7 parameters_loaded

The parameters_loaded field indicates the number of parameters affected by the LoadConfigMessage. This value provides the GEMS User feedback on the number of values actually modified. For example, a configuration containing 20 parameter values might only change five parameters. From the perspective of the GEMS device, this is a valid request. However, the GEMS User might have expected to change 20 parameters.

6.3.3.8 Retrieving Available Configurations

In order to restore a named configuration to a GEMS device, the GEMS user needs to be provided a mechanism for retrieving all the configurations available. This message identifies the list of configuration names available to load. The following diagram depicts the UML structure for these messages.

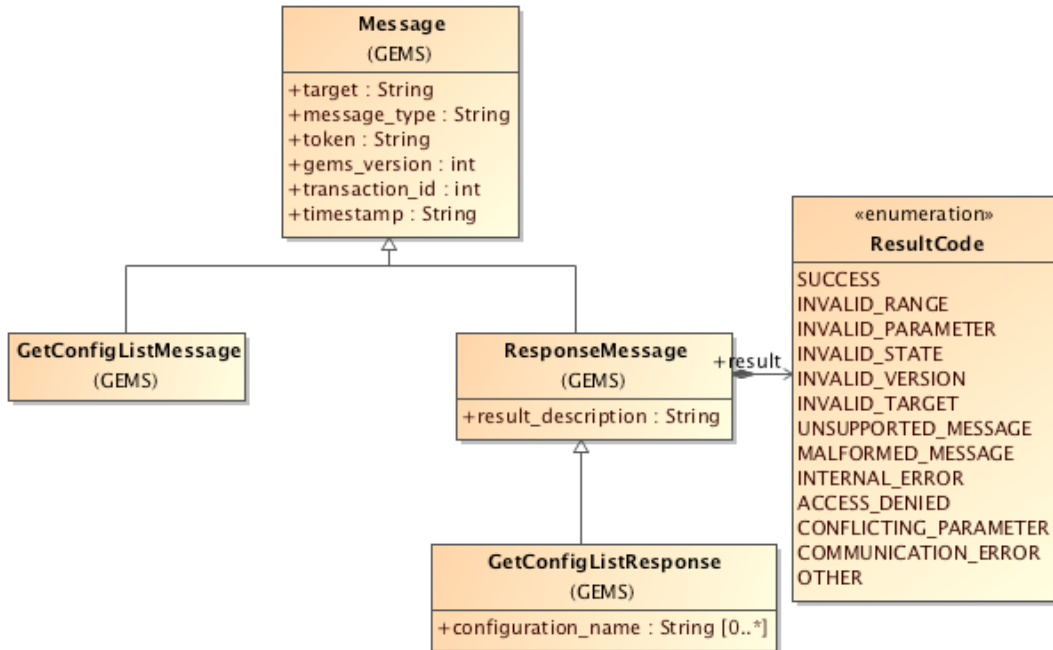


Figure 6.18 - Get Config List Message classes

GetConfigListMessage

The GetConfigListMessage does not contain any additional information above and beyond the base message class.

GetConfigListResponse

configuration_name

The configuration_name field contains all of the available configuration names for the GEMS device. The format of the names is dictated by the device developer.

6.3.3.9 Ping Message and Response

The ping message provides a simple mechanism for determining if the GEMS device is still responding to messages. The use of this message is optional. The response to the message is a Ping Response.

6.4 Directives

Directives allow the GEMS user to invoke a scoped action on the GEMS device. These actions typically involve the purpose of the device rather than the configuration. For example, a device that formats space vehicle commands might

have a send `_vehicle_command` directive. GEMS directives can have a list of parameters (or arguments) and can return values in the response.

The supported directives and associated arguments are defined by the vendor as part of the device definition. The format of this definition is based on the PSM used.

The following diagram shows the sequence of directive messages.

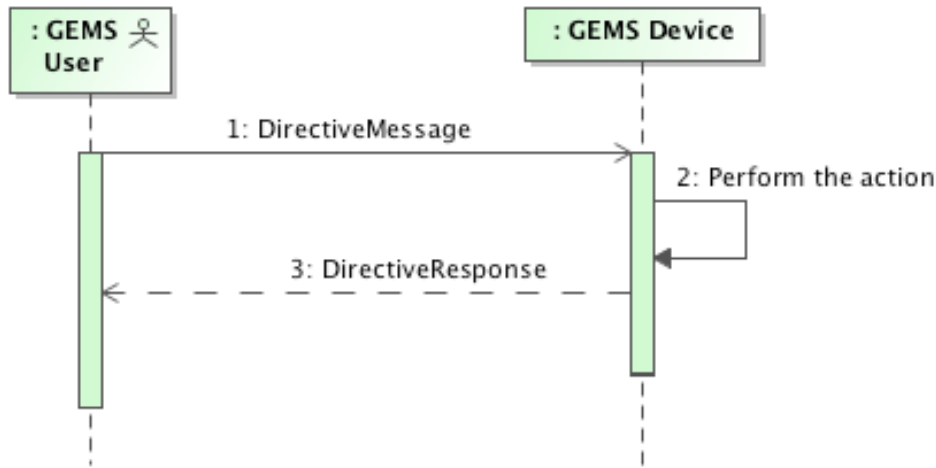


Figure 6.19 - Directive Message Sequence

The `DirectiveMessage` contains the name of the directive and the list of arguments. The response contains the name of the directive and a list of return values. If an error occurs, the `ResultCode` indicates the reason for the error.

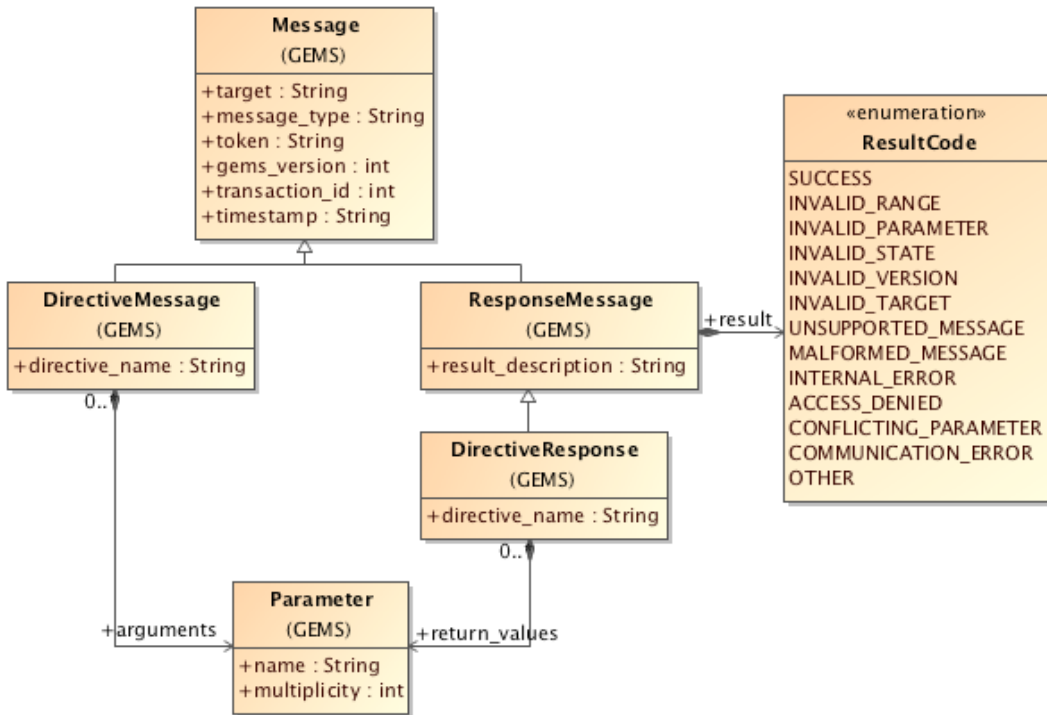


Figure 6.20 - Directive Message classes

6.4.1 DirectiveMessage

The DirectiveMessage contains the name of the directive and a list of arguments.

6.4.2 DirectiveResponse

The DirectiveResponse contains the name of the directive and a list of return values. The name is provided to allow the GEMS user to correlate the response with the original directive.

6.5 Asynchronous Status Messages

Asynchronous status messages allow users to obtain parameter values through a push mechanism. These are normally provided either periodically, or on change. The messages are structure as ResponseMessages with a result_description and a ResultCode. The purpose of this structure is to allow the GEMS Device to communicate any non-nominal conditions to the GEMS user in the event that the periodic status update fails. It also allows GEMS user software to handle the message in a similar fashion to normal response messages.

The following diagram shows the sequence of an AsyncStatusMessage. The configuration of the message occurs using the SetConfigMessage. The GEMS device then enters a polling loop in which it generates AsyncStatusMessages at the configured rate.

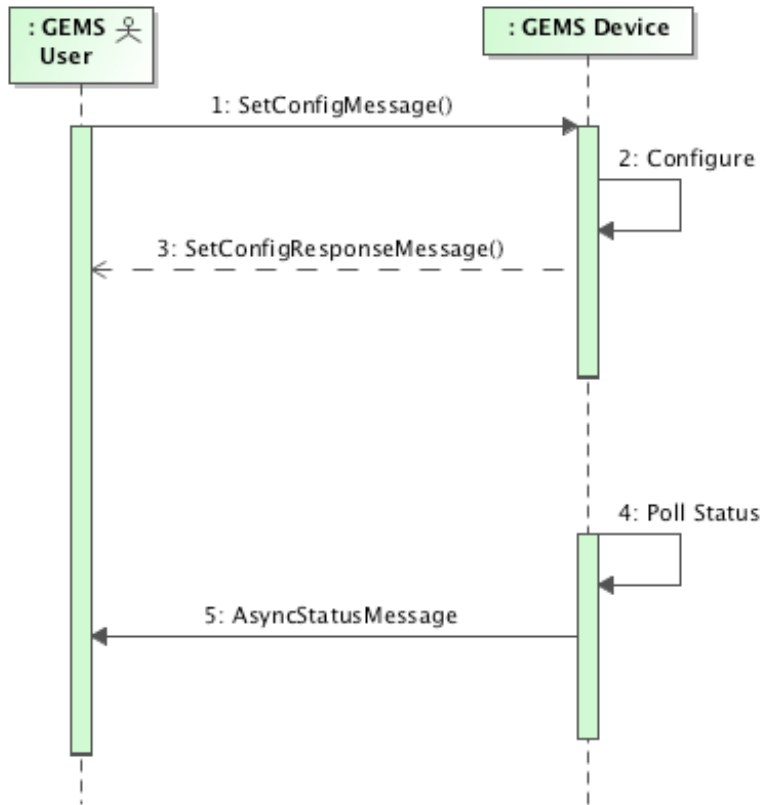


Figure 6.21 - Asynchronous Status Message

The AsyncStatusMessage contains a list of parameters. The list of parameters may be all or a subset of the parameters available on the GEMS Device. The structure of the message is similar to the GetConfigResponse. If an error occurred during the asynchronous status polling, it is reflected in the ResultCode and/or the result_description.

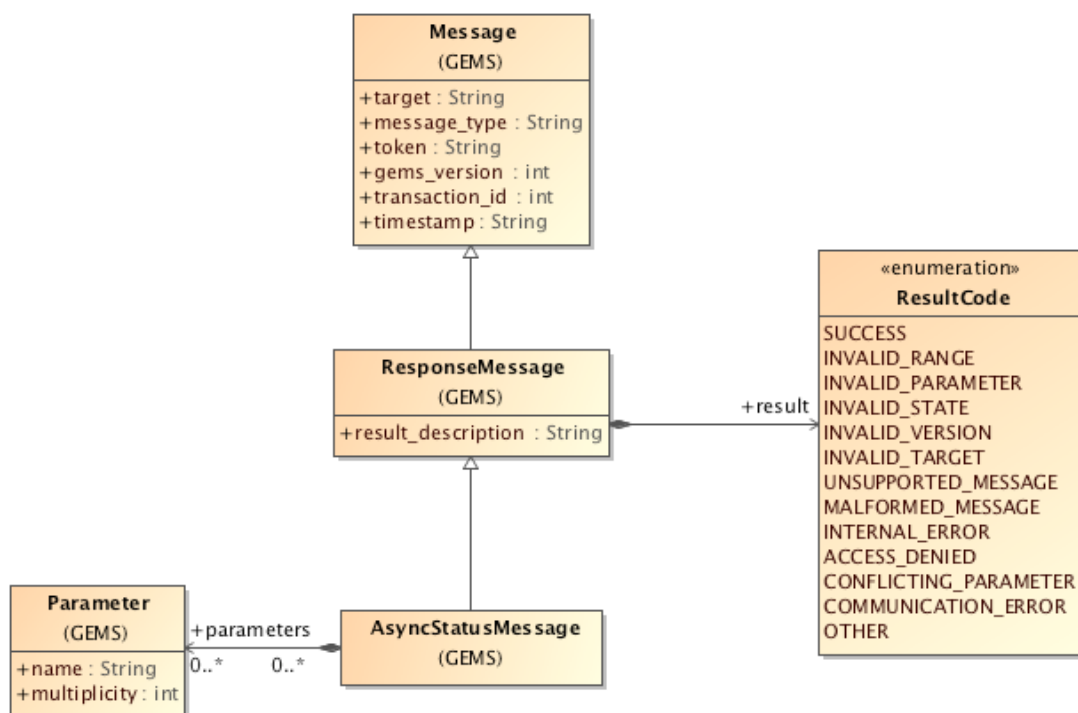


Figure 6.22 - AsyncStatusMessage class

6.6 GEMS Security

The GEMS PIM defines only basic security concepts. GEMS Users connecting to a GEMS device are provided a token to use for all future interactions until a Disconnect message is sent or the connection is in some way broken (e.g., the socket is disconnected). In the basic GEMS model, the content of the token is left undefined. Implementers of GEMS devices are encouraged to use the token to identify the client and the connection type. The encoding of this information varies between PSMs and between vendors.

6.6.1 GEMS Authentication

Optionally, GEMS devices may use a lightweight authentication scheme that allows GEMS-Users to identify themselves to the server using a user name and password. This information is passed to the server in the token field of the original Connect Request. The GEMS PIM defines only the information to be passed. It is left to the PIM and transport layers to appropriately secure the information. This is often done using transports such as SSL/TLS.

6.6.1.1 Authentication

The GEMS-User sends a GEMS Connect Request message to the server. The connect message contains the username and password encoded as a string in the GEMS token field using the following format:

```
up:<username>:<password>
```

The prefix up indicates that a username:password pair follows. The intention is to allow other forms of credentials such as a digital certificate encoded in base64, etc. Only the up form is currently defined.

The following provides an example authentication token with the user john and password John'sSecret#1

up:john:John'sSecret#1

6.6.1.2 Successful Authentication Response

If the username and password successfully authenticate, then a GEMS Connect Response is returned indicating success and providing the token to use for all subsequent transactions. The content of returned token is implementation specific.

6.6.1.3 Failed Authentication Response

If the authentication fails, the server responds with ACCESS_DENIED and the description: "Authentication failed."

Note that there is no additional information about why the authentication failed.

6.7 GEMS Internationalization

At this time no consideration is provided for internationalization.

6.8 Standard Devices

In future revisions this section will contain industry standard device definitions. The intent of these definitions is to offer a degree of interoperability across device vendors. This allows GEMS users to swap GEMS devices of like types with minimal impact to application software.

6.9 Device Definitions

A GEMS Device may optionally provide a GEMS Device Definition to clients. The intent of the device definition is to describe the parameters and directives supported by a GEMS Device, including textual descriptions and any constraints, in a machine-readable format. The format, and mechanism for obtaining the information, is PSM specific. A GEMS Device Definition may contain more than one device if a logical grouping of devices exists within the system.

The GEMS Device Definition contains the following information:

A list of one or more devices, each containing:

- Device Target Name
- List of Parameter Definitions or Parameter Set Definitions
- List of Directive Definitions

The Device Target Name is the target name used in all GEMS messages when referencing the device.

6.9.1 Parameter Definitions

Parameter definitions are used to define an individual parameter on a GEMS device. Parameter Definitions contain the following:

- Parameter Name
- Parameter Type
- Description of the parameter (free text)
- A list of constraints, if any, restricting values of the parameter

Parameter constraints may contain one or more of the following:

- maximum/minimum/fixd length (applies to strings)
- pattern as a regular expression (applies to strings)
- enumerated list of values (applies to strings)
- inclusive maximum/minimum values (applies to numeric and time values)
- exclusive maximum/minimum values (applies to numeric and time values)
- maximum/minimum number of nano seconds (applies to time values)

For parameter arrays (i.e., lists), the multiplicity attribute defines the number of items that the array can contain. For example, a multiplicity of 5 indicates that the array may contain between 0 and 5 elements. A multiplicity of -1 indicates that the array is unbounded.

6.9.2 Parameter Set Definitions

Parameter Set definitions contain the following:

- Name
- Description of the parameter set (free text)
- List of Parameter Definitions as defined in 6.9.1

6.9.3 Directive Definitions

Directive definitions are used to define the directives supported by a GEMS Device. Parameter Definitions are used to define the arguments and return values of the directive.

Each Directive Definition includes the following:

- Directive Name
- Description of the directive (free text)
- A list of arguments (represented as a list of Parameter or Parameter Set Definitions)
- A list of return values (represented as a list of Parameter or Parameter Set Definitions)

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7 PSM (XML)

7.1 General

XML (Extensible Markup Language) is a W3C initiative that allows information and services to be encoded with meaningful structure and semantics that computers and humans can understand. XML is great for information exchange, and can easily be extended to include user-specified and industry-specified tags.

The GEMS PSM mapping for XML leverages these capabilities to define and transfer GEMS messages. XML schemas provide a concise language for defining messages, device parameters, and directives. These schemas also enable strict validation of the message contents all the way down to range values.

7.2 PIM To PSM Mapping

Most of the GEMS PIM TO PSM Mapping is captured in a single, standard XML schema file: GEMS_base_types.xsd. This file defines the message classes and parameters described in the PIM.

7.2.1 GEMS_base_types.xsd

The PIM to PSM mapping for GEMS is best described by working through the GEMS_base_types.xsd file itself. This file starts out with a standard XML header that defines the namespace and pulls in other standard XML schemas. These values are PSM specific and have no direct mapping to the GEMS PSM.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema
  xmlns:xsd="Error! Hyperlink reference not valid."
  targetNamespace="http://www.omg.org/spec/gems/20110323/basetypes"
  xmlns="http://www.omg.org/spec/gems/20110323/basetypes"
  elementFormDefault="qualified"
  attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
```

7.2.1.1 Parameter Types

GEMS parameters map to specific complex types.

String Type

The mapping of the GEMS string type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="StringParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:string">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="string" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Boolean Type

The mapping of the GEMS boolean type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="BooleanParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:boolean">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="boolean" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Byte Type

The mapping of the GEMS byte type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="ByteParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:byte">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="byte" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Unsigned Byte Type

The mapping of the GEMS unsigned byte type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="UnsignedByteParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:unsignedByte ">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="ubyte" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Hex Value

The mapping of the GEMS hex_value type is defined in the following XML Schema. The xsd:hexBinary type requires an even number of hex characters (nibbles), therefore the hex parameter must contain full bytes. Odd bit lengths may be specified by including an even number of hex characters and specifying the correct bit length. For example E0/4 represents 0xE.

```
<xsd:complexType name="HexParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:hexBinary">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="hex" type="xsd:string"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="bit_length" type="xsd:int" use="required"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
    </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Double Type

The mapping of the GEMS double type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="DoubleParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:double">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="double" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Long Type

The mapping of the GEMS long type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="LongParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:long">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="long" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Unsigned Long Type

The mapping of the GEMS unsigned long type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="UnsignedLongParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:unsignedLong">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="ulong" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Integer Type

The mapping of the GEMS integer type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="IntParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:int">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="int" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
    </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Unsigned Integer Type

The mapping of the GEMS unsigned integer type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="UnsignedIntParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:unsignedInt">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="uint" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Short Integer Type

The mapping of the GEMS short integer type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="ShortParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:short">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="short" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Unsigned Short Integer Type

The mapping of the GEMS unsigned short integer type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="UnsignedShortParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:unsignedShort">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="ushort" type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Time Type

The mapping of the GEMS time type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```
<xsd:complexType name="TimeParameter">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:anySimpleType">
      <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="time" type="xsd:string"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="seconds" type="xsd:int" use="required"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

```

        <xsd:attribute name="nanoseconds" type="xsd:int" use="optional"/>
    </xsd:extension>
</xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>

```

Utime Type

The mapping of the GEMS utime type is defined in the following XML Schema.

```

<xsd:complexType name="UtimeParameter">
    <xsd:simpleContent>
        <xsd:extension base="xsd:string">
            <xsd:attribute name="ParameterType" fixed="utime" type="xsd:string"/>
        </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>

```

The format of the UTC string is as follows:

yyyy-dayThh:mm:ss[.nnnnnnnnn]Z

where: yyyy - four digits of year

day – day of the year

hh - hours (00 through 23)

mm - minutes (00 through 59)

ss[.nnnnnnnnn] – seconds.nanoseconds

Z - the character "Z" denotes Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

For example, "2009-273T09:14:50.02Z" represents 9:14:50.02 AM GMT on 30 September 2009. The fractional portion of the seconds in this example represents 20 milliseconds.

7.2.1.2 Parameters

GEMS Parameters are named values with a specific type. GEMS-XML maps this to a Parameter element that contains a single type element. The choice schema element constrains the parameter types to the available GEMS types. The multiplicity attribute is used only if the parameter is an array. The multiplicity then specifies the number of items. If no multiplicity attribute is specified, the parameter is a scalar.

```

<xsd:complexType name="Parameter">
    <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:choice maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"> <xsd:element name="string"
            type="StringParameter"/>
            <xsd:element name="boolean" type="BooleanParameter"/>
            <xsd:element name="byte" type="ByteParameter"/>
            <xsd:element name="ubyte" type="UnsignedByteParameter"/>
            <xsd:element name="hex_value" type="HexParameter"/>
            <xsd:element name="double" type="DoubleParameter"/>
        </xsd:choice>
    </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>

```

```

    <xsd:element name="long" type="LongParameter"/>
    <xsd:element name="ulong" type="UnsignedLongParameter"/>
    <xsd:element name="int" type="IntParameter"/>
    <xsd:element name="uint" type="UnsignedIntParameter" />
    <xsd:element name="short" type="ShortParameter"/>
    <xsd:element name="ushort" type="UnsignedShortParameter"/>
    <xsd:element name="time" type="TimeParameter"/>
    <xsd:element name="utime" type="UtimeParameter"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:sequence>
<xsd:attribute name="name" type="xsd:string" use="required"/>
<xsd:attribute name="type" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
<xsd:attribute name="multiplicity" type="xsd:int" use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>

```

7.2.1.3 Parameter Sets

Parameter sets contain a heterogeneous grouping of parameters modeled after the Composite Design Pattern. The GEMXML mapping represents ParameterSets as a sequence of Parameters and/or ParameterSets.

If the multiplicity is set, indicating an array of ParameterSets, then the contained ParameterSet elements are entries in the array. The name and multiplicity attributes (if specified) are ignored. This is to ensure a consistent mapping with the equivalent GEMS-ASCII message.

```

<xsd:complexType name="ParameterSet">
  <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
    <xsd:element name="Parameter" type="Parameter" minOccurs="0"
      maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xsd:element name="ParameterSet" type="ParameterSet" minOccurs="0"
      maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xsd:choice>
  <xsd:attribute name="name" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="type" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="multiplicity" type="xsd:int" use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>

```

7.2.1.4 Message

The GEMS-XML mapping for the GEMS message class is shown in the XML schema below. The Message element contains attributes for the version, token, target, transaction_id, and timestamp specified in UTC. The timestamp string format follows the format specified for the time type in the ASCII PSM which is “seconds.nanoseconds.” See Table 8.1.

```

<xsd:complexType name="MessageType">
  <xsd:attribute name="gems_version" type="xsd:int" use="required"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="token" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="target" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>

```

```

    <xsd:attribute name="transaction_id" type="xsd:long" use="optional"/>
    <xsd:attribute name="timestamp" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>

```

7.2.1.5 MessageSequence

The XML mapping for the GEMS MessageSequence is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="MessageSequenceType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:restriction base="MessageType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="SetConfigMessage"
          type="SetConfigMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="GetConfigMessage"
          type="GetConfigMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="LoadConfigMessage"
          type="LoadConfigMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="SaveConfigMessage"
          type="SaveConfigMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="SetConfigResponse"
          type="SetConfigResponseType" />
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
name="LoadConfigResponse"
          type="LoadConfigResponseType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
name="SaveConfigResponse"
          type="SaveConfigResponseType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="DirectiveMessage"
          type="DirectiveMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="UnknownResponse"
          type="ResponseMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="PingMessage"
          type="PingMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="PingResponse"
          type="PingResponseType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="GetConfigResponse"
          type="GetConfigResponseType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
          name="GetConfigListMessage" type="GetConfigListMessageType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
          name="GetConfigListResponse" type="GetConfigListResponseType"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"

```

```

        name="GetConfigListResponse" type="GetConfigListResponseType"/>
<xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
        name="ConnectionRequestMessage" type="ConnectionRequestMessageType"/>
<xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
        name="ConnectionRequestResponse" type="ConnectionRequestResponseType"/>
<xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="DisconnectMessage"
        type="DisconnectMessageType"/>
    </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:restriction>
</xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="MessageSequence" type="MessageSequenceType"/>

```

7.2.1.6 SetConfigMessage And GetConfigMessage

The XML mapping for GEMS uses the same schema definition for both SetConfigMessage and GetConfigMessage mappings.

```

<!-- Define a SetGetConfigMessageType -->
<xsd:complexType name="SetGetConfigMessageType">
    <xsd:complexContent>
        <xsd:restriction base="MessageType">
            <xsd:sequence>
                <xsd:element name="Parameter" type="Parameter" minOccurs="0"
                    maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
                <!-- 0 or more Parameters -->
                <xsd:element name="ParameterSet" type="ParameterSet" minOccurs="0"
                    maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
                <!-- 0 or more ParameterSets -->
            </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:restriction>
    </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- Define a SetConfigMessage -->
<xsd:element name="SetConfigMessage" type="SetGetConfigMessageType"/>
<!-- Define a GetConfigMessage -->
<xsd:element name="GetConfigMessage" type="SetGetConfigMessageType"/>

```

7.2.1.7 LoadConfigMessage And SaveConfigMessage

The XML mapping for GEMS uses the same schema definition for both SetConfigMessage and GetConfigMessage mappings.

```

<!-- Define a LoadSaveConfigMessageType -->

```



```

<xsd:complexType name="LoadSaveConfigMessageType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:restriction base="MessageType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element name="name" type="StringParameter"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- Define a LoadConfigMessage -->
<xsd:element name="LoadConfigMessage" type="LoadSaveConfigMessageType"/>
<!-- Define a SaveConfigMessage -->
<xsd:element name="SaveConfigMessage" type="LoadSaveConfigMessageType"/>

```

7.2.1.8 GetConfigListMessage

The XML mapping for a GEMS GetConfigListMessage is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="GetConfigListMessageType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="MessageType">
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="GetConfigListMessage" type="GetConfigListMessageType"/>

```

7.2.1.9 ConnectionType

GEMS ConnectionType values are passed with the connection request and indicate the type of connection desired.

```

<xsd:simpleType name="ConnectionType">
  <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
    <xsd:enumeration value="CONTROL_ONLY"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="STATUS_ONLY"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="CONTROL_AND_STATUS"/>
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

```

7.2.1.10 ConnectionRequestMessage

The XML mapping for the GEMS ConnectionRequestMessage is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="ConnectionRequestMessageType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="MessageType">

```

```

        <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="1" name="type"
                type="ConnectionType"/>
        </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
</xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ConnectionRequestMessage" type="ConnectionRequestMessageType"/>

```

7.2.1.11 DisconnectReason

GEMS DisconnectReason values are passed with the disconnect message and indicate the reason for disconnecting.

```

<xsd:simpleType name="DisconnectReason">
    <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
        <xsd:enumeration value="NORMAL_TERMINATION"/>
        <xsd:enumeration value="CONTROL_LOST"/>
        <xsd:enumeration value="SERVICE_TERMINATED"/>
        <xsd:enumeration value="OTHER"/>
    </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

```

7.2.1.12 DisconnectMessage

The GEMS-XML mapping for the GEMS DisconnectMessage is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="DisconnectMessageType">
    <xsd:complexContent>
        <xsd:extension base="MessageType">
            <xsd:sequence>
                <xsd:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="1" name="reason"
                    type="DisconnectReason" />
            </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DisconnectMessage" type="DisconnectMessageType"/>

```

7.2.1.13 ResultCode

The GEMS-XML mapping for the ResultCode utilizes an XML enumeration.

```

<xsd:simpleType name="ResultCode">
    <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
        <xsd:enumeration value="SUCCESS"/>
    </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

```

```

    <xsd:enumeration value="INVALID_RANGE"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="INVALID_PARAMETER"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="INVALID_STATE"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="INVALID_VERSION"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value = "INVALID_TARGET"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="CONFLICTING_PARAMETER"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="UNSUPPORTED_MESSAGE"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="MALFORMED_MESSAGE"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="COMMUNICATION_ERROR"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="INTERNAL_ERROR"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="ACCESS_DENIED"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="OTHER"/>
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

```

7.2.1.14 Response

The GEMS-XML mapping for the base ResponseMessage is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="ResponseMessageType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:restriction base="MessageType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" name="Result"
type="ResultCode"/>
        <xsd:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="description"
type="xsd:string"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>

```

The GEMS-XML mapping for a generic error response message is as follows:

```

<xsd:element name="UnknownResponse" type="ResponseMessageType"/>

```

7.2.1.15 LoadConfigResponse

The GEMS-XML mapping for the LoadConfigResponse is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="LoadConfigResponseType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="1" name="parameters_loaded"

```

```

        type="xsd:int"/>
    </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:extension>
</xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="LoadConfigResponse" type="LoadConfigResponseType"/>

```

7.2.1.16 Save Config Response

The GEMS-XML mapping for the SaveConfigResponse message is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="SaveConfigResponseType">
    <xsd:complexContent>
        <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType">
            <xsd:sequence>
                <xsd:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="1" name="parameters_saved"
                    type="xsd:int"/>
            </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="SaveConfigResponse" type="SaveConfigResponseType"/>

```

7.2.1.17 Get Config List Response

The GEMS-XML mapping for the GetConfigListResponse message is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="GetConfigListResponseType">
    <xsd:complexContent>
        <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType">
            <xsd:sequence>
                <xsd:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" name="ConfigurationName"
                    type="xsd:string"/>
            </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="GetConfigListResponse" type="GetConfigListResponseType"/>

```

7.2.1.18 SetConfigResponse

The GEMS-XML mapping for the SetConfigResponse message is as follows:

```

<xsd:complexType name="SetConfigResponseType">
    <xsd:complexContent>

```

```

    <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="1" name="parameters_set"
          type="xsd:int"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="SetConfigResponse" type="SetConfigResponseType"/>

```

7.2.1.19 GetConfigResponse

The GEMS-XML mapping for the GetConfigResponse message is as follows:

```

<!-- Define a GetConfigResponseType -->
<xsd:complexType name="GetConfigResponseType">
  <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType">
    <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxSelector="unbounded">
      <xsd:element name="Parameter" type="Parameter" minOccurs="0"
        maxOccurs="unbounded"/> <!-- 0 or more Parameters -->
      <xsd:element name="ParameterSet" type="ParameterSet" minOccurs="0"
        maxOccurs="unbounded"/> <!-- 0 or more ParameterSet -->
    </xsd:choice>
  </xsd:extension>
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- Define a GetConfigResponse -->
<xsd:element name="GetConfigResponse" type="GetConfigResponseType"/>

```

7.2.1.20 ConnectionRequestResponse

The GEMS-XML mapping for the ConnectionRequestResponse message is as follows:

```

<!-- Define a ConnectionRequestResponse -->
<xsd:complexType name="ConnectionRequestResponseType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType"/>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ConnectionRequestResponse" type="ConnectionRequestResponseType"/>

```

7.2.1.21 Directive Arguments

Directive arguments are represented in GEMS-XML as a sequence of Parameters.

```

<!-- Define an ArgumentsType to be used by GEMS Directives -->

```

```

<xsd:complexType name="ArgumentsType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="Parameter"
      type="Parameter"/>
  </xsd: sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="directive_name" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>

```

7.2.1.22 Directive Return Values

Directive return values are represented in GEMS-XML as a sequence of parameters.

```

<!-- Define a ReturnValuesType to be used by GEMS Directive Responses -->
<xsd:complexType name="ReturnValuesType">
  <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
    <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="Parameter"
      type="Parameter"/>
    <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="ParameterSet"
      type="ParameterSet"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:complexType>

```

7.2.1.23 Directive Messages

The DirectiveMessage is the container for a directive. It is standard for all devices.

```

<!-- Define a DirectiveMessageType -->
<xsd:complexType name="DirectiveMessageType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:restriction base="MessageType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" name="directive_name"
          type="xsd:string"/>
        <xsd:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="arguments"
          type="ArgumentsType" />
      </xsd: sequence>
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd : complexContent>
</xsd : complexType>
<!-- Define a directive message -->
<xsd: element name="DirectiveMessage" type="DirectiveMessageType"/>

```

7.2.1.24 Directive Response

The DirectiveResponse is the contain for a directive response. It is standard for all devices.

```
<!-- Define a DirectiveResponseType -->
<xsd : complexType name=" DirectiveResponseType">
  <xsd: complexContent>
    <xsd: extension base="ResponseMessageType">
      <xsd: sequence>
        <xsd: element minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" name="directive _name"
          type="xsd: string"/>
        <xsd: element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="return _values"
          type=" ReturnValuesType" />
      </xsd: sequence>
    </xsd : extension>
  </xsd : complexContent>
</xsd: complexType>
<!-- Define a directive response -->
<xsd:element name="DirectiveResponse" type="DirectiveResponseType"/>
```

7.2.1.25 Ping Message

The GEMS XML-Mapping for the PingMessage is as follows:

```
<xsd:complexType name="PingMessageType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="MessageType">
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="PingMessage" type="PingMessageType"/>
```

7.2.1.26 Ping Response Message

The GEMS XML-Mapping for the PingResponseMessage is as follows:

```
<!--Define a PingResponse -->
<xsd:complexType name="PingResponseType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType"/>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="PingResponse" type="PingResponseType"/>
```

7.2.1.27 AsyncStatusMessage

The GEMS-XML mapping for the AsyncStatusMessage message is as follows:

```
<xsd:complexType name="AsyncStatusMessageType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="ResponseMessageType">
      <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="Parameter"
type="Parameter"/>
        <xsd:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="ParameterSet"
type="ParameterSet"/>
      </xsd:choice>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="AsyncStatusMessage" type="AsyncStatusMessageType"/>
```

7.2.1.28 GEMS Scheme End

```
</xsd: schema>
```

7.3 XML Examples

Examples of the GEMS XML messages are available on the OMG website at <http://www.omg.org/space>. Navigate to the GEMS specific page and look for GEMS Examples.

7.4 TCP/IP Message Structure

Transfer of GEMS-XML messages across a network transport is done by writing the XML directly to the transport layer. If the transport layer includes the message length, the XML text is all that is required. This is the case with several commercially available message oriented middleware solutions. However, if the message length is not included, as is the case with normal TCP/IP sockets, then a standard HTTP header and the standard XML encoding pseudo-attribute is added to the message. This is done to simplify processing of the message on the other side.

The HTTP header format is as follows. Note that all lines must end in a carriage-control and line-feed. A blank line with a carriage-control and line feed is used to separate the HTTP header from the body.

```
POST /target HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: OMG-GEMS
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: 646
```

Response messages use the standard HTTP response header.

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
User-Agent: OMG-GEMS
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: 616
```

The Content-Length specifies the number of bytes to read after the HTML header and includes any formatting characters (spaces, end-of-line etc.)

Example:


```
POST /target HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: OMG-GEMS
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: 346
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<gems:PingMessage gems_version="1.2"
  target="System/Device1"
  timestamp="1410540242.29"
  token="" transaction_id="1"
  xmlns:gems=http://www.omg.org/spec/GEMS/20110301/GEMS\_base\_types.xsd
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation=http://www.omg.org/spec/GEMS/20110301/GEMS\_base\_types.xsd
/>
```

When using client-side HTTP libraries, the GEMS connection requires a persistent socket connection. If the connection to the TCP socket is closed at some point during a connection, the GEMS device should automatically disconnect the GEMS User.

7.5 GEMS Device Definitions

The GEMS-XML mapping of a Device Definition takes the form of an XML file. The schema for this file is defined in the normative GEMS_Device.xsd file, included as part of the GEMS-XML PSM. To avoid redundancy between documents, comments have been added in the schema file, describing the various portions of the schema.

The XML Device Definition file is either distributed manually by the device vendor as part of the system delivery, or automatically using an HTTP GET request. It is expected that the HTTP GET request is handled using standard HTTP protocols on port 80. However, alternate port number may be specified by the vendor.

If provided automatically using an HTTP GET request, the URL for the device definition file shall be as follows:

```
http://<hostname>/omg/gems/DeviceDefinitions.xml
```

where <hostname> is either the hostname or a valid IP address for the web server on the device.

7.5.1 Example Device Definition File

Examples of the GEMS Device Definition File are available on the OMG website at <http://www.omg.org/space>. Navigate to the GEMS specific page and look for GEMS Examples.

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8 PIM (ASCII)

8.1 General

The ASCII PSM defines a simple ASCII message protocol usable across a variety of transport mechanisms, including networks, serial lines and internal data buses such as PCI. The message structure is human-readable and easy to process.

8.2 PIM to PSM Mapping

For the GEMS PIM TO PSM ASCII Mapping each supported message type is captured in a single table describing the message format. The message table defines the order of the fields within the message, the field tags placed within the message, and the field's original range of values (ROVs).

All messages consist of a standard message header, followed by data in a message body consisting of fields uniquely associated with each type of message. Each message is terminated using a standard message trailer and is constructed from ASCII character fields.

8.2.1 Parameters

GEMS-ASCII parameters are represented within messages using a name, type, value triad as follows:

```
parameter_name:type=value
```

Multiplicity is represented using an array-like syntax common to many scripting languages. The values are specified using a comma separated list.

```
parameter_name[3]:type=value1,value2,value3
```

8.2.1.1 Parameter Types

The PSM ASCII Mapping supports all the parameter types defined by the GEMS PIM. The general format in ASCII for parameters is '**parameter_name:parameter_type=parameter_value.**' Following is a table of example ASCII formats for all of the parameter types.

Table 8.1 - Parameter Types and Formatting

Parameter Type	Example Format	Comments
string	param:string=abc	
boolean	param:bool=true	'true' and 'false' case insensitive
byte	param:byte=127	
ubyte	param:ubyte=255	
hex_value	param:hex_value=faf320/22 param:hex_value=0xfaf320/22	The value of the bit length field follows the slash (/). Specify a zero length bit field with a 0/0.
double	param:double=1 0.12	
long	param:long=-999999999	
ulong	param:ulong=999999999	

int	param:int=-123	
uint	param:uint=123	
short	param:short=-1 2	
ushort	param:ushort=12	
time	param:time=111111111.222000000	Value is seconds.nanoseconds in UTC where nanoseconds are fractional.
utime	2009-273T09:14:50.02Z	yyyy-dayThh:mm:ss[.nnnnnnnnn]Z yyy - four digits of year day - day of the year hh - hours (00 through 23) mm - minutes (00 through 59) ss[.nnnnnnnnn] - seconds.nanosecond Z - the character "Z" denotes Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

8.2.1.2 Parameter Sets

In the PSM ASCII Mapping parameter sets may be defined by the additional use of semi-colons. For example a simple parameter set containing mixed parameters would be as follows:

```
mixed_set:set_type=param_1:int=1;param_2:boolean=true;param_3:string=a short string;
```

To represent an array of parameter sets use commas to separate the parameter sets.

```
setlist:set_type[2]=A:hex_value=FA/7;B:string[2]=text1,text2;,A:hex_value=2F/6;B:string[1]=text2;
```

Note: The final member of the parameter set is followed by a semi-colon. This allows for easy parsing when dealing with parameter set arrays.

8.2.2 Reserved Words and Special Characters

The following words are reserved and should not be used as parameter or target names: “[GEMS]” and “[END]”

The following characters are special but can be escaped using the following escape sequences:

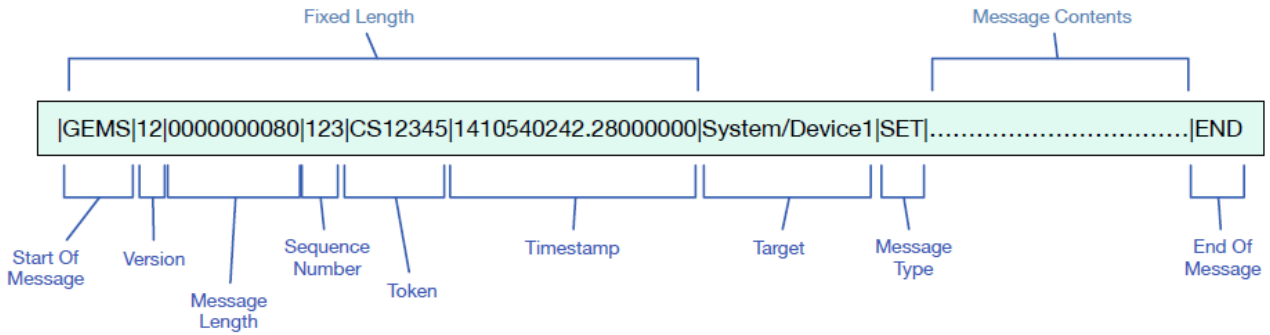
Character	Escape Sequence
&	&a
	&b
,	&c
;	&d

These escape sequences were chosen for the ASCII PSM to allow for simple parsing. Notionally, implementations first tokenize on a vertical bar ‘|’ character. Then, for messages containing parameters, split the parameter fields on the first equal sign ‘=’. Escaped characters should only show up to the right of the equal sign in string parameters.

8.2.3 Message Header

The message header maps directly to the GEMS base message class. The first three fields are fixed length to simplify processing. After that, all fields are variable length and use the pipe symbol, |, as a delimiter.

The following diagram shows the message header and footer.



The following table defines each field, the expected field length, and the range of values.

Table 8.2 - Standard Request Message Fields

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Start of Message	4	GEMS	Invariant
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
GEMS Version	2	01 – 99	Message Format Version Mapping - For versions 1.2 and greater, ASCII code for version is version number with decimal removed 01 : 1.0 02 : 1.1 12 : 1.2 13 : 1.3 (etc.)
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Message Length	10	up to 9999999999	Total Length of the message (in bytes), including the start of message, standard header, message body and the end of message.

Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Transaction ID	Variable	0-999,999,999	Client specified transaction ID. The reply will reflect this number back to the client for message
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Token	Variable	Alphanumeric	Token provided by the device or proxy in the connect response.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Timestamp	19	11111111.222000000	Timestamp of when the message was sent in UTC. Uses the format of the time parameter specified in Table 8.1.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Target	Variable	Alphanumeric	The target field identifies the target of the message for the initial request and the source of the message for the reply.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Message Type	Variable	Alphanumeric	The Message Type identifies the type of message being sent. These types map directly to the PIM message types and are listed in the following sections.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Message Body	Variable	Alphanumeric	Specific to each supported message type. See following sections for definitions and examples.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
End of Message	3	END	Invariant

The message header for a response contains the same first 7 fields as the message plus an additional 2 fields providing result codes and descriptions.

Table 8.3 - Response Message Fields

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 9.2 >	
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)

Result Code	Variable	Alphanumeric	One of the following GEMS PIM result codes: SUCCESS INVALID_RANGE INVALID_PARAMETER INVALID_TARGET INVALID_VERSION INVALID_STATE CONFLICTING_PARAMETER UNSUPPORTED_MESSAGE MALFORMED_MESSAGE COMMUNICATION_ERROR INTERNAL_ERROR ACCESS_DENIED OTHER
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Result Description	Variable	Alphanumeric	Free text device specific description of the corresponding result code.

The GEMS-ASCII mapping for a generic error response message is simply a standard response header and trailer with the message type set to UNK-R.

8.2.4 Message Trailer

The message trailer ends all request and response messages and is represented as follows. It is always separated from the message body by a '|' character.

Table 8.4 - Message Trailer Fields

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
End of Message	3	END	Invariant

8.2.5 ConnectMessage and Response

The following table describes the ConnectMessage body and response format.

8.2.5.1 ConnectMessage

Table 8.5 - Connect Request Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = CON
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Connection Type	Variable	Alphanumeric	Supported Values: CONTROL_ONLY CONTROL_AND_STATUS STATUS_ONLY

Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.5.2 ConnectMessage Response

The ConnectMessage Response nothing more than the standard response header and trailer with the message type set to CON-R. See 8.2.3 and 8.2.4.

8.2.6 DisconnectMessage

The following table describes the DisconnectMessage body. There is no corresponding response message.

Table 8.6 - Disconnect Message Request

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >
	1	
Disconnect Reason	Variable	Alphanumeric
Field Delimiter	1	
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >

8.2.7 GetConfig Message and Response

The following tables describe the message body for the GetConfigMessage and its corresponding response.

8.2.7.1 GetConfigMessage

Table 8.7 - Get Configuration Request Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = GET
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Number of Parameters	Variable	Numeric	Number of parameters requested. A blank entry indicates the client desires all parameters available.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter Name 1	Variable	Alphanumeric	Name of first parameter value requested. Only required if Number of Parameters field is greater than 0.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
...			

Parameter Name n	Variable	Alphanumeric	Name of nth parameter requested. Only required if Number of Parameters field is greater than n -1.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.7.2 GetConfigMessage Response

Table 8.8 - Get Configuration Response Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Response Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type = GET-R
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Number of Parameters Returned	Variable	Numeric	Number of parameters returned
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter Value 1	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	Value of first parameter requested
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter Value n	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	Value of nth parameter requested
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.8 SetConfigMessage and Response

The following tables describe message body for the SetConfigMessage and its corresponding response.

8.2.8.1 SetConfigMessage

Table 8.9 - Set Configuration Request Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = SET
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Number of Parameters	Variable	Numeric (> 0)	Number of parameters modified
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)

Parameter Value 1	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	Value of first parameter
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter Value n	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	Value of nth parameter
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.8.2 SetConfigMessage Response

Table 8.10 - Set Configuration Response Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Response Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type = SET-R
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Number of Parameters Successfully Set	Variable	Numeric (>= 0)	Number of parameters returned
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.9 Save/LoadConfigMessage and Response

The following tables describe the message body and response for both the Save and LoadConfigMessages.

8.2.9.1 Save and LoadConfigMessage

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = SAVE or LOAD
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
File Name	Variable	Standard File Naming Conventions	Name of file configuration is saved to or loaded from
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.9.2 Save and LoadConfig Response

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Response Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type = SAVE-R or LOAD-R
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameters Successfully Saved or Loaded	Variable	Numeric (>= 0)	Number of parameters successfully saved to or loaded from file.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.10 GetConfigListMessage and Response

The following tables describe the message body and response for the GetConfigListMessage.

8.2.10.1 GetConfigListMessage

Table 8.11 - GetConfigList Request Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = GETL
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.10.2 GetConfig ListMessage Response

Table 8.12 - GetConfigListMessage Response

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = GETL-R
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Number of Configuration Names	Variable	Numeric (>= 0)	Number of configuration names available
Configuration Name 1	Variable	Alphanumeric	Name of 1 st configuration available
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Configuration Name n	Variable	Alphanumeric	Name of ⁿ th configuration available

Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.11 DirectiveMessage and Response

The following tables describe the message body and response for the DirectiveMessage.

8.2.11.1 DirectiveMessage

Table 8.13 - Directive Request Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = DIR
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Directive Name	Variable	Alphanumeric	Name of the directive to execute
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Number of Parameters	Variable	Numeric (>= 0)	Number of parameters to be passed into directive
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter 1	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	1st parameter of directive. Only if Number of Parameters field is > 0.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter n	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	nth parameter of directive Only if Directive Number of Parameters field is > n -1.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.11.2 DirectiveMessage Response

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type Field = DIR-R
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Directive Name	Variable	Alphanumeric	Name of the directive
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)

Number of Return Values	Variable	Numeric (>= 0)	Number of returned values
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Return Value 1	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	1st return parameter. Only if Number of Return Values field is > 0.
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
...			
Return Value n	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	nth return parameter Only if Number of Return Values field is > n -1
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.2.12 AsyncStatusMessage

Table 8.14 – Asynchronous Status Message

Field Names	Length (char)	Range of Values	Comments
Standard Response Header	Variable	<See Table 8.2 >	Message Type = ASYNC
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Number of Parameters Returned	Variable	Numeric	Number of parameters returned
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter Value 1	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	Value of first parameter requested
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Parameter Value n	Variable	<See Table 8.1 >	Value of nth parameter requested
Field Delimiter	1		Pipe character (ASCII 124)
Standard Trailer	3	<See Table 8.4 >	

8.3 ASCII Examples

Examples of the GEMS ASCII messages are available on the OMG website at <http://www.omg.org/space>. Navigate to the GEMS specific page and look for GEMS Examples.

8.4 TCP/IP Message Structure

The GEMS-ASCII messages contain all of the information necessary for transport across both networks and serial data buses. The messages are written directly to a socket or serial port. No additional header information is required.

When using TCP, the GEMS connection requires a persistent socket connection. If the connection to the TCP socket is closed at some point during a connection, the GEMS device should automatically disconnect.

8.5 GEMS Device Definitions

The GEMS-ASCII Device Definitions utilize the GEMS-XML Device Definition file as specified in 7.5. This file may be distributed manually by the device vendor or by using a locally hosted web server and an HTTP GET message similar to GEMS-XML.