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Foreword

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The CEN/ISSS XFS Workshop gathers suppliers as well as banks and other financial service companies. A list of companies participating in this Workshop and in support of this CWA is available from the CEN/ISSS Secretariat.

This CWA was formally approved by the XFS Workshop meeting on 2000-10-18. The specification is continuously reviewed and commented in the CEN/ISSS Workshop on XFS. It is therefore expected that an update of the specification will be published in due time as a CWA, superseding this revision 3.0.

The CWA is published as a multi-part document, consisting of:

Part 1: Application Programming Interface (API) - Service Provider Interface (SPI); Programmer's Reference

Part 2: Service Classes Definition; Programmer's Reference

Part 3: Printer Device Class Interface - Programmer's Reference

Part 4: Identification Card Device Class Interface - Programmer's Reference

Part 5: Cash Dispenser Device Class Interface - Programmer's Reference

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Part 16: Application Programming Interface (API) - Service Provider Interface (SPI) - Migration from Version 2.0 (see CWA 13449) to Version 3.0 (this CWA) - Programmer's Reference

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Part 25: Identification Card Device Class Interface - PC/SC Integration Guidelines

In addition to these Programmer's Reference specifications, the reader of this CWA is also referred to a complementary document, called Release Notes. The Release Notes contain clarifications and explanations on the CWA specifications, which are not requiring functional changes. The current version of the Release Notes is available online from http://www.cenorm.be/isss/Workshop/XFS.

The information in this document represents the Workshop's current views on the issues discussed as of the date of publication. It is furnished for informational purposes only and is subject to change without notice. CEN/ISSS makes no warranty, express or implied, with respect to this document.

Revision History:

1.0	May 24, 1993	Initial release of API and SPI specification
1.11	February 3, 1995	Separation of specification into separate documents for API/SPI and service class definitions
2.00	November 11, 1996	Update release encompassing the self-service environment
3.00	October 18, 2000	Update release encompassing:
		- Added WFS_CMD_CAM_RESET
		- UNICODE support
		For a detailed description see CWA 14050-24 CAM migration document from version 2.00 to version 3.00, revision 1.00, October 18th 2000.

1. Introduction

1.1 Background to Release 3.0

The CEN XFS Workshop is a continuation of the Banking Solution Vendors Council workshop and maintains a technical commitment to the Win 32 API. However, the XFS Workshop has extended the franchise of multi vendor software by encouraging the participation of both banks and vendors to take part in the deliberations of the creation of an industry standard. This move towards opening the participation beyond the BSVC's original membership has been very succesful with a current membership level of more than 20 companies.

The fundamental aims of the XFS Workshop are to promote a clear and unambiguous specification for both service providers and application developers. This has been achieved to date by sub groups working electronically and quarterly meetings.

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1.2 XFS Service-Specific Programming

The service classes are defined by their service-specific commands and the associated data structures, error codes, messages, etc. These commands are used to request functions that are specific to one or more classes of service providers, but not all of them, and therefore are not included in the common API for basic or administration functions.

When a service-specific command is common among two or more classes of service providers, the syntax of the command is as similar as possible across all services, since a major objective of the Extensions for Financial Services is to standardize command codes and structures for the broadest variety of services. For example, using the **WFSExecute** function, the commands to read data from various services are as similar as possible to each other in their syntax and data structures.

In general, the specific command set for a service class is defined as the union of the specific capabilities likely to be provided by the developers of the services of that class; thus any particular device will normally support only a subset of the defined command set.

There are three cases in which a service provider may receive a service-specific command that it does not support:

- The requested capability is defined for the class of service providers by the XFS specification, the particular vendor implementation of that service does not support it, and the unsupported capability is *not* considered to be fundamental to the service. In this case, the service provider returns a successful completion, but does no operation. An example would be a request from an application to turn on a control indicator on a passbook printer; the service provider recognizes the command, but since the passbook printer it is managing does not include that indicator, the service provider does no operation and returns a successful completion to the application.

- The requested capability is defined for the class of service providers by the XFS specification, the particular vendor implementation of that service does not support it, and the unsupported capability *is* considered to be fundamental to the service. In this case, a WFS_UNSUPP_COMMAND error is returned to the calling application. An example would be a request from an application to a cash dispenser to dispense coins; the service provider recognizes the command but, since the cash dispenser it is managing dispenses only notes, returns this error.

- The requested capability is *not* defined for the class of service providers by the XFS specification. In this case, a WFS_ERR_INVALID_COMMAND error is returned to the calling application.

This design allows implementation of applications that can be used with a range of services that provide differing subsets of the functionalities that are defined for their service class. Applications may use the **WFSGetInfo** and **WFSAsyncGetInfo** commands to inquire about the capabilities of the service they are about to use, and modify their behavior accordingly, or they may use functions and then deal with WFS_ERR_UNSUPP_COMMAND error returns to make decisions as to how to use the service.

2. Banking Cameras

This specification describes the functionality of the services provided by the Camera (CAM) services under XFS, by defining the service-specific commands that can be issued, using the **WFSGetInfo, WFSAsyncGetInfo**, **WFSExecute** and **WFSAsyncExecute** functions.

Banking camera systems usually consist of a recorder, a video mixer and one or more cameras. If there are several cameras, each camera focuses a special place within the self-service area (eg. the room, the customer or the cash tray). By using the video mixer it can be decided, which of the cameras should take the next photo. Furthermore data can be given to be inserted in the photo (eg. date, time or bankcode).

If there is only one camera that can switch to take photos from different positions, it is presented by the service provider as a set of cameras, one for each of its possible positions.

3. References

1.	XFS Application Programming Interface (API)/Service Provider Interface (SPI), Programmer's Reference Revision 3.00, October 18, 2000