

Technical Specification

Q-CASTER 2.5

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1 Introduction

Authorized users of the Q-Caster services can programmatically submit XML messages through a simple HTTP interface. These messages are converted to SMS and distributed to mobile Handsets worldwide. A single message can be sent to many Handsets, or many messages can be sent to many Handsets. Messages are sent in real-time, and the sender receives real-time indication of success or error for each message. Q-Caster is ideal for sending large numbers of messages directly from a database or other content provider application.

Q-Caster 2.5 represents an improvement in functionality and feature set of the Q-Caster system. This version offers support for 8-bit messages, ringtones, flash messages, and dynamic originators.

The enhanced features of Q-Caster 2.5 will also appear in Q-Caster 3.0, in conjunction with an expanded feature set in 3.0.

1.1 Prerequisites

To submit messages to Q-Caster for transmission, the following conditions must be met:

- Provider must have a current, valid Contract for Message Distribution Services with Quios.
- Provider must have an existing Quios account with valid authentication information (username and password).
- Provider must have a Calling Application capable of transmitting Submissions in accordance with these specifications.
- Provider must have a valid access number for each Handset intended as a Message destination, including necessary country codes and area codes.
- At least one valid static IP number or range (CIDR) must be associated with Provider's username/password.

This technical specifications document assumes familiarity with the following standards, protocols, specifications, and/or RFCs:

- RFC 1945 "Hypertext Transfer Protocol HTTP/1.0" or RFC 2616 "Hypertext Transfer Protocol – HTTP/1.1"
- ETSI GSM 03.38
- Internet-Draft "SSL Protocol Version 3.0 Specification"
- XML DTD syntax as specified in the W3C Recommendation "Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Second Edition)"
- RFC 1738 "Uniform Resource Locators (URL)"
- Nokia Smart Messaging Spec
- Nokia Smart Messaging FAQ

1.2 System elements and terminology

In addition to industry-standard terminology, this document defines additional terms as listed in Table 1-1.

Calling Application	The programmatic interface that produces
	the Provider's message and receives
	resultant success/error notifications. The
	provided HTML testing interface is an
	example of a Calling Application; see
	Section 2.2 for more information.
Submission	The complete XML message transmitted to
	Q-Caster via HTTP POST by Provider.
Message	The complete text to be shown on the
	Handset display.
Handset	Mobile telephone, text pager, or other device
	capable of receiving SMS messages.
Provider	The organization that provides the
	Submission and sends it to Q-Caster for
	distribution to the Handsets.

Figure 1.1 indicates the flow of information between elements of the Q-Caster system.

Figure 1.1: Overview diagram of Q-Caster messaging



2 Technical Specifications

2.1 Connecting to the Q-Caster server

In order to transmit the Submission to the Q-Caster system for distribution, the Calling Application must first establish a network connection with the Q-Caster access server. The server connection URL is:

http://qcaster.ewingz.com/qc25a/

It is recommended that the connection always be made to the symbolic DNS name for the access server rather than to the IP address. The IP address associated with the server name is subject to change without notice.

2.2 Transmitting Submissions to Q-Caster

Submissions are transmitted to Q-Caster in an HTTP POST request. The interface for composing the request is the responsibility of the Calling Application. Submissions sent to the access server must conform to Sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2, as well as either RFC 1945 or RFC 2616.

Quios provides a conformant HTML Calling Application for testing purposes. The server connection URL provided in Section 2.1 demonstrates the structure of a HTML Calling Application, in addition to serving as a direct connection to the Q-Caster service. When data is sent directly to this URL, the data enters the Q-Caster system. However, if a web browser connects to this URL but no data is posted, then the URL displays a conformant Calling Application that is available for use directly or as a model for development.

2.2.1 HTTP sequence

After establishing a network connection to the Q-Caster access server (see Section 2.1), the Calling Application transmits the HTTP POST request.

The request URI for the HTTP POST request is: /qc25a/

The request must contain the following HTTP headers:

- Host: qcaster.ewingz.com
- Content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
- Content-length: xxx

(Replace *xxx* with the length of the HTTP POST body, as specified in RFC 1945 or RFC 2616.) Additional headers included in the HTTP POST request are discarded and do not adversely affect system function.

The HTTP POST request body must consist of a single attribute named *data*, whose value is an XML document that conforms to Section .

After sending the request, the Calling Application does not close the network connection, but instead leaves it open in order to receive a response from the access server (see Section 2.3).

IMPORTANT: To reiterate, the HTTP POST request must contain these two headers:

- Content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
- data=<conforming XML document>

2.2.2 XML Document

The data attribute of the HTTP POST request must contain a <Q-Caster> XML document that conforms to the specifications in this section. The attribute value may not begin with leading spaces, linefeed characters, or quotation marks. The current DTD for validating the Q-Caster XML document is contained in Listing 2-1; this DTD is subject to change without notice. An ASCII example of a conformant XML document is contained in Listing 2-2; actual submissions are encoded as specified in Section 2.2.1. Line breaks and spacing in Listing 2-2 are provided only as a convenience to the reader. Refer to Table 2-1 for information on the meanings of the input elements and attributes.

Listing 2-1 Q-Caster input DTD 1.0

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!-- DTD Q-Caster Input v1.0 Copyright 2000-2002 eWingz
Systems Inc. -->
<!ELEMENT Q-Caster (message+)>
<!ATTLIST O-Caster
 username CDATA #REQUIRED
  password CDATA #REQUIRED
  test mode (on | off) "off"
>
<!ELEMENT message (device+)>
<!ATTLIST message
 text CDATA #REQUIRED
 originator CDATA #IMPLIED
>
<!ELEMENT device EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST device
  number CDATA #REQUIRED
>
```

Listing 2-2 Example Q-Caster input document

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Q-Caster username="xxxxxxx" password="xxxxxxx"
  test_mode="off">
    <message text="This is one Text Message">
        <device number="1111111111"/>
        </message>
        <message text="This is another Text Message"
            originator="CompanyName">
            <device number="1111111111"/>
        </message
        <device number="1111111111"/>
        </device>
        <device number="11111111111"/>
        </device>
        <device number="1111111111"/>
        </device>
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        </device number="1111111111"/>
        </device number="1111111111"/>
        </device number="11111111111"/>
        </device number="11111111111"/>
        </dev
```

Elem/Attrib	Meaning
name	
username	Provider's Quios username for authentication.
password	Provider's Quios password for authentication.
test_mode	Attribute specifying whether to execute delivery of message. When test_mode is on, all authentication, validation, and parsing steps are performed, but the Message is not be sent to the Handsets and the Provider's account is not debited for Messages contained in this Submission.
message	Contains text and device information.
text	Message Body to transmit to all devices contained in the message element. May contain binary content, RTTTL content, or GSM 03.38 content. Limited to 4000 characters total.
originator	Sets the SMS originator to the specified string dynamically. Defaults to the originator string that is associated with this Provider. See Section 2.2.7 for details
device	Contains number and carrier information. The total number of device elements in a single Submission cannot exceed 100.
number	Numeric access number for destination Handset, including relevant country codes, area codes, and city codes. Any spaces or non-numeric characters are stripped from the input before it is parsed, and do not affect the number length or value. Number fields must be between 6 and 14 digits inclusive.

Table 2-1 Meaning of input elements and attributes

After sending the HTTP POST request, the Calling Application waits for a response from the access server.

2.2.3 Text messages

Characters intended for text display in the Message are encoded by the ETSI GSM 03.38 default alphabet and are limited to the characters available in that character set. A chart of the encodings and available characters are shown in Table 2-2; the complete list of encodings (and their Unicode encodings for reference) is in Appendix A.

The complete contents of the text attribute for a text message must match this regular expression:

^[\x00-\x7F]+

Different character sets are supported by different types of Handset hardware and mobile service carriers. Because Q-Caster cannot determine the specific character transmission and display capabilities for any particular Handset, text Messages are not guaranteed to display correctly. However, many Handsets and mobile service carriers, particularly those used outside the United States, are capable of transmitting and displaying ETSI GSM 03.38 characters. In most cases these characters transmit and display correctly.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0 A	0B	00	0D	0E	0F
		•-	°-	00	• •	•		0.		05	••••	02		02	•=	01
00	0	£	\$	¥	è	é	ù	ì	ò	Ç	LF	Ø	Ø	CR	Å	å
10	Δ	-	Φ	Г	Λ	Ω	П	Ψ	Σ	Θ	[1]	esc	Æ	æ	ß	É
20	spc	!	"	#	¤	olo	&	'	()	*	+	'	-	•	/
30	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
40	i	A	В	С	D	Ε	F	G	Η	Ι	J	K	L	М	N	0
50	Ρ	Q	R	S	Т	U	V	W	Х	Y	Ζ	Ä	Ö	Ñ	Ü	Ŵ
60	Ś	a	b	С	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k	1	m	n	0
70	р	q	r	S	t	u	v	W	х	У	Z	ä	ö	ñ	ü	à

Table 2-2 Characters	s used by ETSI	GSM 03.38	default alphabet
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Note: See Appendix A for an explanation of the characters marked with \Box and of some variations in the display of certain characters. For example, the Euro currency symbol is part of the extended characters available by using the 0x1B escape sequence; use e to display the Euro symbol.

Characters sent as part of the text attribute are representations of the characters (letters and digits) that will appear on the handset. However, in several cases these characters cannot use their ordinary representation: when they are not part of the ASCII character set, when they are reserved characters for one of the protocols used in transmission (XML, URL, etc.), when they are non-printable sequences, and so on. Each character can be represented by a sequence that includes its hexadecimal value that can be considered equivalent to the character itself; this sequence is its encoding.

Characters in the text attribute must be encoded in three ways: first, the correct ETSI GSM 03.38 character code must be used to properly represent non-ASCII characters, then any special characters in XML must have proper entity encoding, and finally the text must be URL encoded for proper transmission to Q-Caster.

2.2.3.1 Encoding non-ASCII characters

In Table 2-2, shading indicates the characters that use the same hexadecimal code in both ETSI GSM 03.38 and ASCII (ISO-8859-1). These shaded characters can be transmitted to Q-Caster as ASCII characters because they will be interpreted correctly. Characters that are not shaded must be transmitted using their ETSI GSM 03.38 hexadecimal encodings. For example, the character 'a' may remain 'a', but the character '@' must be represented by the XML encoding '�'.

2.2.3.2 XML entity encoding

Because certain characters have a special meaning in XML, if those characters are present in the text attribute they must be replaced by their entity encodings prior to submission. Alternately, they can be replaced by their hexadecimal Unicode encodings; this solution is equivalent. The special characters and their encodings are shown below.

Unencoded	Entity encoding	Hexadecimal Unicode encoding
&	%26amp%3B	%26#x26%3B
>	%26gt%3B	%26#x3E%3B
<	%26lt%3B	%26#x3C%3B
•	%26apos%3B	%26#x27%3B
"	%26quot%3B	%26#x22%3B

2.2.3.3 URL encoding

Finally, any characters with special meaning within the URL scheme must be encoded. Fortunately, many of these characters have already been encoded because they are non-ASCII or because they require XML encoding. The remaining characters must be URL encoded before sending; these characters are shown below.

Unencoded	URL encoding
%	%25
+	%2B
#	%23
/	%2F
:	%3A
,	%3B
=	%3D
?	%3F

More information on URL encoding is available in RFC 1738 "Uniform Resource Locators (URL)". Proper URL encoding (conforming with RFC 1738) is the responsibility of the Calling Application and any libraries that it uses for submitting the POST request. Many types of Calling Application (such as a web browsers) perform the URL encoding automatically.

Note: Using this additional URL encoding in an XML submission is technically an error in the XML. The XML document is implicitly declared to be encoded as UTF-8, but these additional URL encodings are not valid in UTF-8. However, this is not a fatal error, and will cause no difficulties in using the Q-Caster system.

Note: Especially when using Microsoft's MSXML/HTTP component, check the Calling Application's capabilities carefully to ensure that character encoding is performed correctly.

2.2.3.4 Encoding examples

Here is an example of how to encode a message. Consider a message that contains an email address: custsupport@quios.net.

The @ character is problematic, because unlike the other characters in the example, its ETSI GSM 03.38 encoding (�) differs from its ASCII encoding. Therefore, that character must be represented by an encoding sequence: custsupport� quios.net.

The next encoding requirement is XML entity encoding. Because this string contains no XMLspecial characters, no XML encoding is required.

Finally, the string must be URL encoded. The &, #, and ; characters require URL encoding. Therefore, the final representation of the string is: custsupport%26%23x00%3Bquios.net. This is the value of the text attribute of this submission.

For testing purposes, the following example submission is XML encoded and URL encoded, and displays the entire ETSI GSM 03.38 default alphabet on the handset.



2.2.3.5 Line breaks in SMS messages

As mentioned previously, the display of characters on handsets can vary between manufacturers and phone models. However, many phones will end a line and begin the next line in response to this ETSI GSM 03.38 character code:

2.2.3.6 Longer messages

Text messages of more than 160 characters are split into multiple SMS transmissions of 160 characters each. If the message must be split in a

particular place (between words, for example), then the calling application must submit it as multiple messages, split in the proper place.

2.2.3.7 Special rules for the first character

If the first character of the message is a single "\", then the message will be sent as a flash message.

The ETSI GSM 03.38 character 0x5C (Ö) cannot begin a non-flash message; it is interpreted as ASCII character 0x5C (\) during part of the submission process, and so will cause the message to be sent as a flash message.

If the first two characters in the message are two "\" characters, then the message will not be sent as flash, and the message will begin with the Ö character displayed on the handset. See Section 2.2.4 for more details on flash messages.

2.2.3.8 RTTTL content

Text messages are inspected for RTTTL content. If the text message is determined to be an RTTTL message, then it is transmitted to the handset as a ringtone.

2.2.3.9 Timestamps

Quios uses a number of geographically diverse SMSCs. Due to the nature of SMSC platforms, each SMSC normally timestamps each message in its local timezone. In some cases, the SMSC is located in a different timezone from the destination handset.

Quios cannot provide a timestamp that is guaranteed to be accurate for the location of the destination handset. Applications that require accurate local timestamps should include the timestamp in the message text.

2.2.4 Flash messages

Text messages can be sent as flash SMS messages (class 0 messages). These messages appear on the handset immediately, and are not stored to memory. Flash capabilities are dependent on the handset's manufacturer and model; results on hardware that is not flash-capable are undefined.

To send a flash message, prepend the "\" character to the text message. The complete contents of the text attribute must match this regular expression:

 $^{\ }\ [\x00-x7F] +$

Text messages of more than 160 characters (including the prepended "\") are split into multiple SMS transmissions of 160 characters each. The first message is sent as flash SMS, and all subsequent messages are sent as standard SMS.

Flash messages must adhere to all specifications for text messages. See Section 2.2.3 for these specifications.

2.2.5 RTTTL messages

Instead of a text message for display on the handset, the Message can consist of an RTTTL ringtone for transmission to the handset. Q-Caster 2.5 supports transmission of RTTTL. Lengthy ringtones are automatically split

into multiple concatenated messages and need not be split before transmission to Q-Caster.

Each incoming message to Q-Caster is inspected for RTTTL content. If RTTTL is detected in the text attribute, then the message is transmitted as a ringtone rather than as a text message.

Note: Certain types of errors in the RTTTL content causes the message to be identified as a text message, not an RTTTL message. For example, using a hyphen "-" character in a song title is not valid in RTTTL, and will cause Q-Caster to identify and deliver the message as a series of SMS text messages. Inaddition, using an invalid tempo (such as tempo=3) causes the message to fail identification as an RTTTL submission.

The RTTTL content is parsed for errors, and if encoding problems are encountered, an error err_general_failure is reported to the calling application. If no errors are detected, then the RTTTL message is sent to the handset as a ringtone.

The calling application can set the RTTTL attributes for the message. The <name> attribute is required; behavior of RTTTL messages without a <name> attribute is unspecified. Other attributes are optional. For the following attributes, default values will be provided when the calling application omits values for these attributes:

Attribute name	Default value
duration	4
scale	6
beats	63
looping	0

The complete specification for RTTTL is in Appendix B.

RTTTL capabilities are dependent on the handset's manufacturer and model; results on hardware that is not RTTTL-capable are undefined. RTTTL ringtone support is available only on certain Nokia hardware (models 3210, 3310, 6110, 6130, 6150, 6210, 6250, 7110, 8110i, 8210, 8810, 8850, 8890, 9110, 9110i, 9210). This information is subject to change.

The RTTTL feature is under active development. Please report any issues to custsupport@quios.net.

2.2.6 8-bit binary messages

Q-Caster 2.5 accepts messages in 8-bit binary format. It performs no validation or encoding; the calling application is responsible for proper validation and encoding.

The message can consist of a user data header, a space " " character, and a binary body. This type of message is transmitted with UDHI indicated. The user data header and binary body are limited to 280 characters, with the space character bringing the total to 281. The SMS header is not included in this length limitation. Each binary SMS is limited to a maximum of 140 encoded bytes and 281 total characters. However, for larger binary Messages, the Calling Application must concatenate multiple SMSs as a single Message submission, using a colon character ":" as a divider between SMSs. The Quios system splits these messages at the colon and delivers each SMS separately. The SMSs are reassembled upon reaching the Handset. Multipart Messages that are sent as separate Message submissions risk reaching the Handset in an incorrect order, or failing reassembly upon arrival at the Handset.

The regular expression for all acceptable binary messages in the ${\tt text}$ attribute is:

^(?:(?:[0-9A-F][0-9A-F])+ (?:[0-9A-F][0-9A-F])+:?)+\$

Binary capabilities are dependent on the handset's manufacturer and model; results on hardware that is not smart message-capable are undefined.

Note: Although Quios cannot provide detailed support regarding binary content, online resources are available to assist in assembling binary content, particularly for Nokia Smart Messaging. Refer to the Nokia Smart Messaging Spec or the Nokia Smart Messaging FAQ for assistance with Smart Messaging formats.

Both of these documents are available, after registering, from the Nokia website http://www.forum.nokia.com/. For the Smart Messaging Spec, choose Technologies, then Messaging, then Documents. For the Smart Messaging FAQ, choose Technologies, then Messaging, then Smart Messaging.

Note: The Calling Application is responsible for setting the MCC/MCN octets of operator logos.

2.2.7 Message originators

The requirements for the originator field depend on the Provider's contractual agreement with Quios. Quios allows different types of originators. These specifications for originators apply to both the default originator field and to dynamic originator settings.

A standard originator must contain at least one non-numeric character, must be at least 2 and no more than 11 alphanumeric characters, and must match the following regular expression:

/^[-.+0-9A-Za-z]{2,11}\$/

With prior contractual agreement, a Provider can use an International originator. With this type of originator, the Handset can call directly back to the message sender as represented in the originator. This type of originator must use a valid international format MSISDN in the originator field, optionally preceded by the plus "+" character. International originators must be at least 6 and no more than 15 digits. A leading plus "+" character forces the number to be interpreted as an international number.

With prior contractual agreement, a Provider can use a National originator (also called a Short Code). This type of originator must at least one and no more than 5 digits, and may not include a plus "+" character. A leading minus "-" character forces the number to be interpreted as a local number.

2.3 Receiving responses from Q-Caster

Upon submission to Q-Caster, the Submission undergoes a series of validity checks in the following order: XML parsing, authentication, and number/message evaluation. The Calling Application receives a single response, described in Sections 2.3.1 through 2.3.3, based on the results of these validity checks. Although the validity checks occur in the order described, responses are returned in an indeterminate order depending on the severity and nature of the error. After transmitting the response, the access server closes the network connection.

A response consisting of an HTTP 500 Internal Server Error indicates that the Quios webserver is currently unavailable.

Note: A return_code="ok" response does not indicate successful delivery to the Handset. This preliminary status indicates only that Q-Caster has determined that the request appears to have a valid device number and originator, and that the contents seem to be encoded in a valid form. This response confirms that the message has entered the Q-Caster system for delivery processing, but does not indicate delivery status. The Q-Caster 2.5a interface does not provide delivery notification.

Responses from the access server conform to the DTD shown in Listing 2-3.

Listing 2-3 Q-Caster output DTD 1.0

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!-- DTD Q-Caster Response v1.0 Copyright 2000-2002 eWingz
Systems Inc. -->
<!ELEMENT Q-Caster (message*, fatal_errors?)>
<!ELEMENT fatal_errors (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT fatal_errors (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT message (device+)>
<!ATTLIST message
   text CDATA #IMPLIED
>
<!ELEMENT device (errors*)>
<!ATTLIST device
   return_code (ok | failed) #REQUIRED
   number CDATA #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT errors (#PCDATA)>
```

2.3.1 Response to timeout

Submissions containing more than 100 device elements are subject to timeout by the access server. In the case of server timeouts, no response is returned to the Calling Application, no SMS messages are transmitted to Handsets, and the Provider account is not debited. The network connection might be closed by the access server; this behavior is undefined and depends upon many variables. The Calling Application may optionally test the network connection while awaiting server response. No explicit indication of success or failure is sent to the Calling Application.

2.3.2 Response to XML parsing failure

If the server responds before timing out, the XML is parsed and validated against the rules given in Section 2.22. In the event of XML parsing failure,

the entire Submission is rejected, no SMS messages are transmitted to Handsets, and the Provider account is not debited.

XML parsing failure is indicated by the return document's fatal_errors element containing the code err_bad_xml. An example of the access server response to an XML parsing failure is shown in Listing 2-4.

Listing 2-4 Example of XML parsing failure

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Q-Caster>
<fatal_errors>err_bad_xml</fatal_errors>
</Q-Caster>
```

XML parsing success results in the Submission being passed to the authentication module. No explicit indication of success is sent to the Calling Application.

2.3.3 Response to authentication failure

If XML parsing is successful, username/password authentication is performed. The username, password, and URL are case-sensitive. Authentication failure results from any of the following conditions:

- Username field is blank
- Username attribute is missing
- Password attribute is missing
- Password given does not authenticate username given

In the event of authentication failure, the entire Submission is rejected, no SMS messages are transmitted to Handsets, and the Provider account is not debited.

Authentication failure is indicated by an HTTP 401 (unauthorized) error. An HTML document is returned, containing information that helps to explain the problem.

Authentication success results in the Submission being passed to the message parser. No explicit indication of success is sent to the Calling Application.

2.3.4 Response to message success/failure

If authentication and parsing are successful, then Q-Caster evaluates each number and message in the XML document and issues an XML document in response to the Calling Application. A single response is returned, containing success or failure information for each device indicated in the Submission. The Provider account is debited for the successful messages, which are transmitted to Handsets immediately after being evaluated. After transmitting the response, the access server closes the network connection to the Calling Application.

Responses conform to the DTD shown in Listing 2-3. An example of a valid response is contained in Listing 2-6.

Listing 2-6 Example Q-Caster output document

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<O-Caster>
 <message text="
                   ">
   <device number="1111111111" return code="failed">
     <errors>err missing message</errors>
   </device>
   <device number="" return code="failed">
     <errors>err_missing_number</errors>
     <errors>err checknumber failed</pros>
   </device>
   <device number="12345678901" return code="ok" />
   <device number="1" return code="failed">
     <errors>err number wrong length</errors>
   </device>
   <device number="1222222222" return code="failed">
     <errors>err blocked address</errors>
   </device>
 </message>
 <message text="">
   <device number="321111111" return code="failed">
     <errors>err missing message</errors>
   </device>
 </message>
</Q-Caster>
```

Successful delivery of the SMS message to a Handset is indicated by the return_code attribute on the affected device holding the value "ok". Failed delivery is indicated by the return_code attribute holding the value "failed".

In the event of a failed delivery, the affected device contains one or more error elements. Each error element contains a code indicating the reason for the failure. After resolving the errors, the Calling Application can resubmit failed devices, provided that such resubmissions conform to this entire specification. An explanation of the error codes is contained in Table 2-3.

Note: The SMS is delivered to the carrier that administrates the destination Handset. If the Handset is roaming, it is the responsibility of the carrier to forward the message to the appropriate service.

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Error code	Meaning
err_bad_xml	The XML message cannot be parsed, or
orr blocked address	Measages connorm to the published DTD.
err_brocked_address	Hendest This error is accompanied by the
	Handset. This error is accompanied by the
	two detailed error messages below.
err_brocked_by_account	Accompanies err_blocked_address, and is
	used when the handset is blocked from
orr blocked globally	Accompanies or blocked address and is
err_brocked_grobarry	Accompanies en_blocked_address, and is
	used when the handset is blocked from
orr chacknumber failed	The source code could not be determined
err_checkhumber_rarred	for this number
err general failurg	A generic error message used when a
eri_generai_iaiiure	A generic error indiaction is not
err invalid content	The message contains invalid content. For
err_invaria_concent	avample, this error results from messages
	containing characters that are outside the
	range of 0x00-0x7E
err message limit	Provider has exceeded the authorized
011_m000dg0_11m10	number of messages for a particular time
	period This error is accompanied by the
	two detailed error messages below.
err message limit daily	Accompanies err message limit, and
	indicates that Provider's daily message
	limit has been exceeded.
err_message_limit_monthly	Accompanies err message limit, and
	indicates that Provider's monthly message
	limit has been exceeded.
err_missing_carrier	Obsolete.
err_missing_message	<message text=""> attribute contains only</message>
	blank characters.
err_missing_number	<number> element contains only blank</number>
	characters .
err_number_wrong_length	Number of digits in Handset number is not
	correct for the provided operator code and
	prefix.
err_unknown_ip_address	Indicates that the incoming message is not
	trom a recognized IP address. Q-Caster
	will accept only messages that originate
	trom IP addresses that are registered to
	the given Provider.

Table 2-3 Response error codes and their meanings

3 Appendix A: Available GSM Characters and Their Encodings

http://www.unicode.org/Public/MAPPINGS/ETSI/GSM0338.TXT

```
GSM 03.38 to Unicode
        Name:
#
        Unicode version: 3.0
        Table version:
#
                          1.1
        Table format:
                          Format A
#
        Date:
                          2000 May 30
#
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#
        General notes:
#
#
#
        This table contains the data the Unicode Consortium has on how
#
        ETSI GSM 03.38 7-bit default alphabet characters map into Unicode.
#
        This mapping is based on ETSI TS 100 900 V7.2.0 (1999-07), with
        a correction of 0x09 to *small* c-cedilla, instead of *capital*
#
#
        C-cedilla.
#
#
        Format: Three tab-separated columns
                 Column #1 is the ETSI GSM 03.38 7-bit default alphabet
                              code (in hex as 0xXX, or 0xXXXX for double-byte
#
                              sequences)
                 Column #2 is the Unicode scalar value (in hex as 0xXXXX)
                 Column #3 the Unicode name (follows a comment sign, '#')
#
        The entries are in ETSI GSM 03.38 7-bit default alphabet code order.
#
        Note that ETSI GSM 03.38 also allows for the use of UCS-2 (UTF-16
#
        restricted to the BMP) in GSM/SMS messages.
#
#
#
        Note also that there are commented Greek mappings for some
#
        capital Latin characters. This follows from the clear intent
#
        of the ETSI GSM 03.38 to have glyph coverage for the uppercase
        Greek alphabet by reusing Latin letters that have the same
#
        form as an uppercase Greek letter. Conversion implementations
#
        should be aware of this fact.
#
        The ETSI GSM 03.38 specification shows an uppercase C-cedilla
#
        glyph at 0x09. This may be the result of limited display
#
        capabilities for handling characters with descenders. However, the
        language coverage intent is clearly for the lowercase c-cedilla, as shown
        in the mapping below. The mapping for uppercase C-cedilla is shown
```

in a commented line in the mapping table. # The ESC character 0x1B is # mapped to the no-break space character, unless it is part of a valid ESC sequence, to facilitate round-trip compatibility in # the presence of unknown ESC sequences. # # 0x00 is NULL (when followed only by 0x00 up to the # # end of (fixed byte length) message, possibly also up to # FORM FEED. But 0x00 is also the code for COMMERCIAL AT # when some other character (CARRIAGE RETURN if nothing else) comes after the 0x00. # # Version history # # 1.0 version: first creation # 1.1 version: fixed problem with the wrong line being a comment, added text regarding 0x00's interpretation, # added second mapping for C-cedilla, added mapping of 0x1B escape to NBSP for display. # Updated versions of this file may be found in: <ftp://ftp.unicode.org/Public/MAPPINGS/> # # Any comments or problems, contact <errata@unicode.org> # Please note that <errata@unicode.org> is an archival address; notices will be checked, but do not expect an immediate response. # 0x00 0x0040 # COMMERCIAL AT #0x00 0x0000 # NULL (see note above) 0x01 0x00A3 # POUND SIGN 0x0024 # DOLLAR SIGN 0x02 0x03 0x00A5 # YEN SIGN 0x04 0x00E8 # LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH GRAVE 0x00E9 # 0×0.5 LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH ACUTE 0x06 0x00F9 # LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH GRAVE 0x07 0x00EC # LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH GRAVE 0x00F2 # 0x00E7 # LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH GRAVE 0x08 0x09 LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH CEDILLA #0x09 0x00C7 # LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C WITH CEDILLA (see note above) 0x0A 0x000A # LINE FEED 0x0B 0x00D8 # LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH STROKE 0x00F8 # LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH STROKE 0x0C 0x000D # 0x0D CARRIAGE RETURN 0x00C5 # 0x0E LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH RING ABOVE 0x0F 0x00E5 # LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH RING ABOVE 0x0394 # 0x10 GREEK CAPITAL LETTER DELTA 0x11 0x005F # LOW LINE 0x12 0x03A6 # GREEK CAPITAL LETTER PHI 0x13 0x0393 # GREEK CAPITAL LETTER GAMMA GREEK CAPITAL LETTER LAMDA 0x039B # 0x14 0x15 0x03A9 # GREEK CAPITAL LETTER OMEGA 0x16 0x03A0 # GREEK CAPITAL LETTER PI 0x03A8 # GREEK CAPITAL LETTER PSI 0x17 0x18 0x03A3 # GREEK CAPITAL LETTER SIGMA 0x0398 # 0x19 GREEK CAPITAL LETTER THETA GREEK CAPITAL LETTER XI 0x039E # 0x1A 0x00A0 # ESCAPE TO EXTENSION TABLE (or displayed as NBSP, see 0x1B note) 0x1B0A 0x000C # FORM FEED 0x1B14 0x005E # CIRCUMFLEX ACCENT 0x1B28 0x007B # LEFT CURLY BRACKET 0x1B29 0x007D # RIGHT CURLY BRACKET 0x1B2F 0x005C # REVERSE SOLIDUS 0x1B3C 0x005B # LEFT SQUARE BRACKET 0x007E 0x1B3D # TILDE 0x1B3E 0x005D # RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET 0x1B40 0x007C # VERTICAL LINE 0x1B65 0x20AC # EURO SIGN

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	0x1C	0x00C6	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER AE
	0x1D	0x00E6	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER AE
	0x1E	0x00DF	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER SHARP S (German)
	Ov1F	0×0009	#	LATTN CAPTTAL LETTER E WITH ACUTE
	020	00000	π μ	ADAGE
	0x20	0x0020	#	SPACE
	0x21	0x0021	#	EXCLAMATION MARK
	0x22	0x0022	#	QUOTATION MARK
	0x23	0x0023	#	NUMBER SIGN
	0 2 2 4	0 20 0 7 4	#	
	0.24	0.00044	#	CORENCE SIGN
	0x25	0x0025	#	PERCENT SIGN
	0x26	0x0026	#	AMPERSAND
	0x27	0x0027	#	APOSTROPHE
	0~28	0~0028	#	IFFT DADENTHESTS
	0.20	0.0020	#	
	0x29	0x0029	#	RIGHT PARENTHESIS
	0x2A	0x002A	#	ASTERISK
	0x2B	0x002B	#	PLUS SIGN
	0v2C	0x0020	#	COMMA
	020	00020	ш	
	UXZD	UXUUZD	#	HYPHEN-MINUS
	0x2E	0x002E	#	FULL STOP
	0x2F	0x002F	#	SOLIDUS
	0×30	0×0030	#	DIGIT ZERO
	0	00021	ш	
	UXSI	0x0031	#	DIGII ONE
	0x32	0x0032	#	DIGIT TWO
	0x33	0x0033	#	DIGIT THREE
	0×34	0×0034	#	DIGIT FOUR
	025	00025	ш	
	0x35	0X0035	#	DIGII FIVE
	0x36	0x0036	#	DIGIT SIX
	0x37	0x0037	#	DIGIT SEVEN
	0x38	0x0038	#	DIGIT EIGHT
	020	00000	ш	
	0x39	0X0039	#	DIGIT NINE
	0x3A	0x003A	#	COLON
	0x3B	0x003B	#	SEMICOLON
	0x3C	0x003C	#	LESS-THAN SIGN
	01120	010030	#	
	UX3D	0x003D	#	LOALS SIGN
	0x3E	0x003E	#	GREATER-THAN SIGN
	0x3F	0x003F	#	QUESTION MARK
	0×40	0x00A1	#	INVERTED EXCLAMATION MARK
	0 v / 1	0×00/1	#	ΙΑΠΤΝ ΟΔΡΙΠΑΙ ΙΕΠΠΕΡ Α
		0.0041	π	
	#UX41	0X0391	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ALPHA
	0x42	0x0042	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER B
	#0x42	0x0392	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER BETA
	0 v 4 3	0×0043	#	LATTN CAPITAL LETTER C
	044	00044	π μ	
	0X44	0X0044	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D
	0x45	0x0045	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E
	#0x45	0x0395	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER EPSILON
	0×46	0x0046	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER F
	01110	010010	#	LATIN CADITAL LEMED C
	0.47	0X0047	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER G
	0x48	0x0048	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER H
	#0x48	0x0397	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ETA
	0x49	0x0049	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I
	#0~19	0~0399	#	<u>CDEFK</u> CADITAL LETTED ΤΟΠΑ
	Outr	0100047	#	IAMIN CADIMAL LEMMED I
	UX4A	0X004A	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER J
	0x4B	0x004B	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER K
	#0x4B	0x039A	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER KAPPA
	0x4C	0x004C	#	LATTN CAPITAL LETTER L
	040	0004D	ш	
	UX4D	0X004D	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER M
	#0x4D	0x039C	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER MU
	0x4E	0x004E	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N
	#0×4E	0x039D	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER NU
	OVAE	0x004E	#	LATTN CADITAL LETTER O
	0.42	0.0041	π	OPERA OPERAL DEFINITION OF COMPANY
	#Ux4F	0x039F	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER OMICRON
	0x50	0x0050	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER P
	#0x50	0x03A1	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER RHO
	0x51	0x0051	#	LATTN CAPITAL LETTER O
	0	00051	Щ	INDIA CADUDA LEDDER D
	UX52	0X0052	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER R
	0x53	0x0053	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S
	0x54	0x0054	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T
	$#0 \times 54$	0x03A4	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER TAU
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0x55	0x0055	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U	
#0x55	0x03A5	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER UPSILON	
0x56	0x0056	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER V	
0x57	0x0057	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER W	
0x58	0x0058	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER X	
#0x58	0x03A7	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER CHI	
0x59	0x0059	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Y	
0x5A	0x005A	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Z	
#0x5A	0x0396	#	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ZETA	
0x5B	0x00C4	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH DIAERESIS	
0x5C	0x00D6	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH DIAERESIS	
0x5D	0x00D1	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N WITH TILDE	
0x5E	0x00DC	#	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH DIAERESIS	
0x5F	0x00A7	#	SECTION SIGN	
0x60	0x00BF	#	INVERTED QUESTION MARK	
0x61	0x0061	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER A	
0x62	0x0062	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER B	
0x63	0x0063	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER C	
0x64	0x0064	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER D	
0x65	0x0065	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER E	
0x66	0x0066	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER F	
0x67	0x0067	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER G	
0x68	0x0068	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER H	
0x69	0x0069	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER I	
0x6A	0x006A	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER J	
0x6B	0x006B	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER K	
0x6C	0x006C	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER L	
0x6D	0x006D	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER M	
0x6E	0x006E	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER N	
0x6F	0x006F	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER O	
0x70	0x0070	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER P	
0x71	0x0071	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER Q	
0x72	0x0072	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER R	
0x73	0x0073	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER S	
0x74	0x0074	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER T	
0x75	0x0075	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER U	
0x76	0x0076	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER V	
0x77	0x0077	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER W	
0x78	0x0078	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER X	
0x79	0x0079	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y	
0x7A	0x007A	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z	
0x7B	0x00E4	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH DIAERESIS	
0x7C	0x00F6	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH DIAERESIS	
0x7D	0x00F1	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER N WITH TILDE	
0x7E	0x00FC	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH DIAERESIS	
0x7F	0x00E0	#	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH GRAVE	

4 Appendix B: RTTTL Specification

The values listed here are acceptable; any other values can cause indeterminate results.

```
<ringing-tones-text-transfer-language> :=
<name> <sep> [<defaults>] <sep> <note-command>+
<name> := <char>+ ; maximum name length 10 characters
<sep> := ":"
<defaults> :=
<def-note-duration> := 'd'
<def-note-scale> := 'o'
<def-beats> := 'b'
<def-looping>
                    := '1'
If not specified, defaults are
4 = duration
6 = scale
63 = beats-per-minute
Valid in tone section: o, b, s
 <note-command> :=
[<duration>] <note> [<scale>] [<special-duration>] <delimiter>
<duration> :=
"1" Full 1/1 note
"2" 1/2 note
"4" 1/4 note
"8" 1/8 note
"16" 1/16 note
"32" 1/32 note
<note> :=
"P" pause
"C"
"C#"
"D"
"D#"
"E"
"F"
"F#"
"G"
"G#"
"A"
"A#"
"B"
"H"
<scale> :=
"4" Note A is 440Hz
"5" Note A is 880Hz
"6" Note A is 1.76 kHz
"7" Note A is 3.52 kHz
<special-duration> :=
"." Dotted note
";" Double dotted note
"&" 2/3 length
<delimiter> := ","
Acceptable values for B are:
25|28|31|35|40|45|50|56|63|70|80|90|100|112|125|140|160|180|
200|225|250|285|320|355|400|450|500|656|635|715|800|900
Acceptable values for Volume are: 1 through 15, inclusive
```

5 Appendix C: Document change log

Date	Section	Description of change
2003/10/21	Sec 2.2.7	Changed description of + and - behavior in originators.
2003/10/21	Арр В	Added list of acceptable values for parameters.
2003/05/20	Section 2.3	Added information on HTTP 500 Internal Server Error
2002/10/23	Table 2-3	Improved accuracy of description of err_checknumber_failed and err_number_wrong_length
2002/10/11	Section 2.2.7	Added information RE multipart binary messages.
2002/10/11	Section 2.2.7	Added note RE setting MCC/MCN octets.
2002/10/11	Section 2.2.8	Added information RE National originator.
2002/10/11	Section 2.3.4	Added note RE roaming.
2002/9/26	Section 2.2.5	Added information on invalid song titles/tempos causing RTTTL messages to be mistakenly IDed as text msgs.
2002/9/26	Section 2.2.7	Added section to explain originator rules
2002/9/26	Section 2.2.3	Added example of how to get Euro character
2002/9/26	Section 2.2.3.9	Added section to clarify timestamping
2002/5/16	Table 2-3	Removed obsolete err_detected_spam and obsolete err_rnl_failed
2002/5/16	Section 2.3.1	Added missing "and"
2002/5/16	Section 2.2.6	Added reference to Nokia Smart Messaging documents
2002/5/16	Section 2.2.5	Added missing "is"
2002/5/16	Section 2.2.3.6	Replaced "into" with "as"
2002/5/16	Section 2.2.3.3	Removed erroneous caution about MS components; replace it with a more accurate note.

Date	Section	Description of change
2002/5/16	Table 2-1	For test_mode, deleted stray "be"
2002/5/16	Section 2.2.1	"features" changed to "headers
2002/5/16	Section 2.2	Clarified that the connection URL is also the example Calling Application.
2002/5/16	Table 1-1	Added xref to Section 2.2.
2002/5/16	Section 1.1	Deleted obsolete reference to Q-Caster 2.0; added reference to Nokia Smart Messaging documents.
2002/5/8	Table 2-3	Corrected meaning of err_number_wrong_length
2002/5/8	Section 2.3	Clarified the meaning of return code="ok"
2002/5/8	Section 2.2.6	Added information RE length limitations for binary messages.
2002/5/8	Table 2-1	For originator, added information RE "callback" originators.
2002/1/17	Appendix C	Moved document change log to Appendix C.
2002/1/17	Section 2.2.3	Added information on leading \ and Ö characters and how they relate to flash messages.
2002/1/17	Section 2.2.3	Significant changes and additional subsections to clarify the use of encodings in message submission.
2002/1/17	Table 2-1	Changed regular expression to allow for dot and space characters in the originator.
2001/11/29	Section 1	References to beta status removed.
2001/11/27	Section 2.4	Removed.
2001/11/27	Listing 2-1 & Listing 2-2	Added originator attribute to <message>.</message>
2001/11/27	Listing 2-6	Removed references to obsolete error codes.
2001/11/27	Section 2.3.3	Removed references to deprecated providercode. Corrected information regarding response to authentication failure. Removed Listing 2-5; this listing number is reserved for future use.
2001/11/27	Sections 2.3.2 & 2.3.3	Reversed order of these sections to accurately reflect the order of events.
2001/11/27	Section 2.2.6	Removed option for non-UDHI binary content. This behavior is unspecified.

Date	Section	Description of change
2001/11/27	Table 1-1	Removed references to obsolete message header and footer.
2001/11/27	Section 2.2.3	Added regular expression for text message contents.
2001/11/27	Listing 2-1 & Table 2-1	Removed reference to obsolete attribute type.
2001/11/27	Section 2.2.1	Added repetition of the important connection information.
2001/11/27	Section 1.1	Removed reference to deprecated providercode. Added requirement for valid IP number or range. Removed reference to ANSI X3.4-1986. Added reference to ETSI GSM 03.38. Added reference to RFC 1738.
2001/11/26	Section 2.4	Section title changed.
2001/11/26	Section 2.3.4	Removed references to obsolete err_detected_spam.
2001/11/26	Section 2.3.1	Corrected description of behavior of network connection.
2001/11/26	Section 2.2.5 & 2.2.6	Corrected regular expression.
2001/11/19	Section 2.1 & 2.2.1	Corrected the hostname and connection URL for the HTTP POST request.
2001/11/19	Table 2-1	Corrected information on how the number attribute is parsed and the acceptable input for this attribute.
2001/11/19	Table 2-1, Listing 2-1, Listing 2-2	Removed "brand" from required input. The brand attribute is deprecated and should be removed from the Calling Application code when convenient.
2001/11/15	Table 2-3	Added error err_invalid_content.
2001/11/15	Section 2.2.4	Clarified specifications for flash messages.
2001/11/13	Section 2.2.3	Changed requirements for encoding submissions that contain XML special characters.
2001/11/13	Appendix B	Corrected omissions in series of <note> and <duration>.</duration></note>
2001/11/13	Section 2.2.5	Provided more specific information about default values of RTTTL attributes.

Date	Section	Description of change
2001/10/19	Table 2-1	Character support is ETSI GSM 03.38, not US-ASCII. Binary content and RTTTL are now permitted. Long messages are now split into two messages, not truncated.
2001/10/19	Section 2.2.3	Character support is ETSI GSM 03.38, not ETSI GSM03.34. A chart of these characters and their encoding has been added.
2001/10/19	Table 2-4	Many error codes have changed. A few codes have been added.
2001/10/19	Listing 2-2	The first line of code should read: xml version="1.0"?
2001/10/19	Section 2.1	Secure connections to Q-Caster 2.5 are no longer required. HTTP connections are accepted. However, 2.5 does require new usernames for all accounts.
2001/10/19	Section 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 2.2.6, and Appendix B	Added.
2001/10/19	Figure 1.1	Changed.