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Title: ?	* [WFS 2.0] Do not make GML a 'mandatory' output format.
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Work item code: ?	
Category: ?	* C (Functional modification of feature)
Reason for change: ?	* One of the key issues that emerged from Geoservices API process was that there is a significant community desire to use JSON for data delivery. Now we know that this would be a relatively trivial addition to WFS. But it would still leave WFS with the mandatory-GML requirement, which scares off potential implementers particularly on the client side. I wonder if there is a way we could relax that, so that a conformant WFS might only offer JSON? As a precedent, I don't think there is a mandatory format (media-type) in WMS or WCS 2.0.
Summary of change: ?	* Significant work was done in WFS 2.0 to decouple the tight integration

	of GML with WFS in order to support different versions of GML and other output formats too. It is, thus, anticipated that it should not be too much work to make GML optional rather than mandatory.
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