

# COS30041 Creating Secure and Scalable Software

## Lecture 09a Traditional (“Big”) Web Services



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# Learning Objectives

- After studying the lecture material, you will be able to
  - Understand and describe what Traditional (“Big”) Web Services are
  - Understand and describe the advantages and disadvantages of “Big” Web Services
  - Understand the issues involved in programming the “Big” Web Services
  - Program the “Big” Web Services via JAX-WS
  - Program client applications that call the “Big” Web services
  - Understand and describe the similarities and differences between CORBA and “Big” Web Services

# Pre-requisite

- Object Oriented Programming
- Some experiences on XML would be an advantage

# Outline

- Traditional (“Big”) Web Services
- CORBA versus “Big” Web Services
- Programming “Big” Web Services
  - Server side component
  - Client program

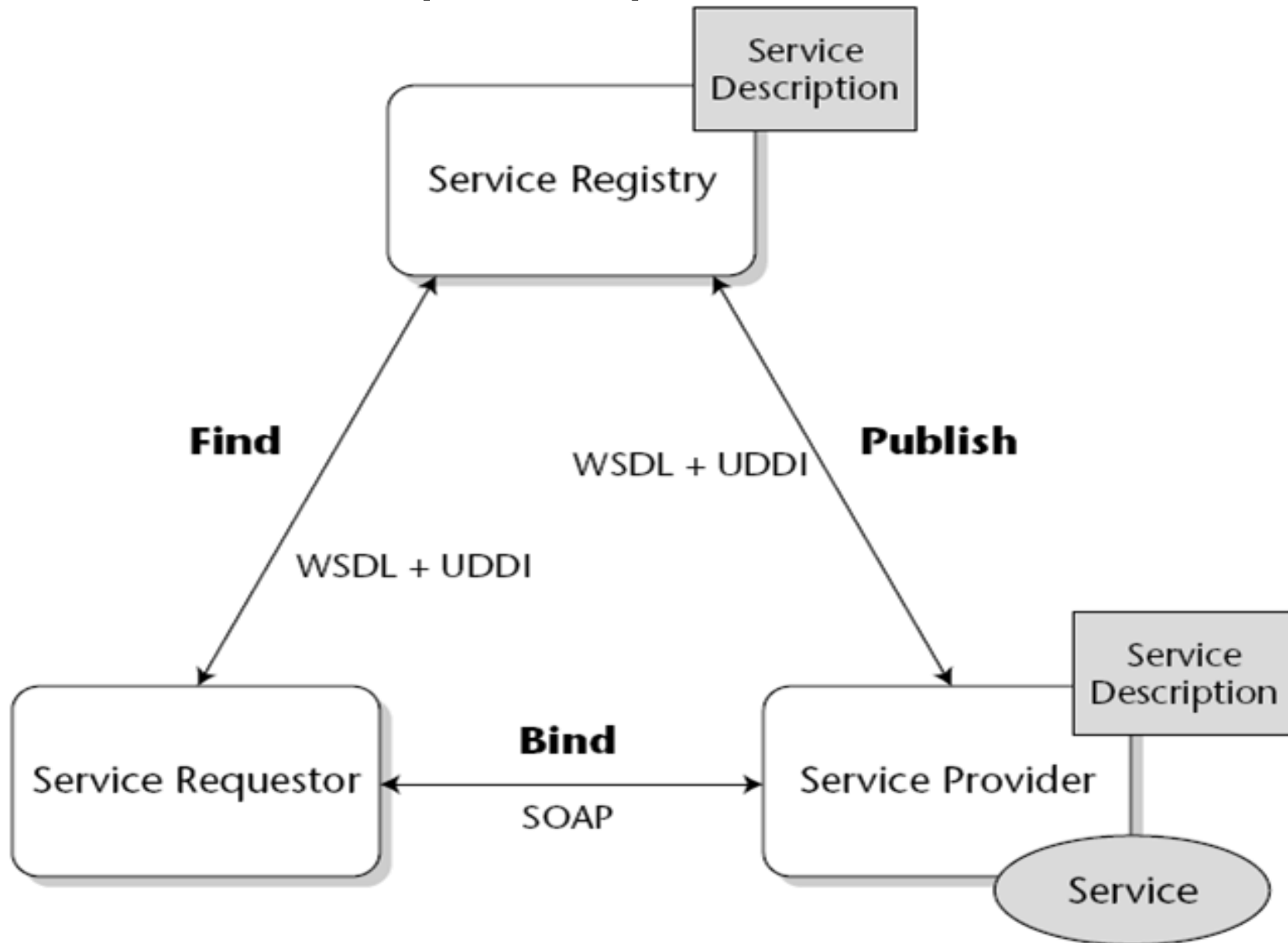
# Roadmap

- **Traditional (“Big”) Web Services**
- CORBA versus “Big” Web Services
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# Traditional Web Services

- “Big” Web Services
- A way to build and integrate large-scale systems within and between companies by sending XML messages to well-defined, modular interfaces
- Different software components are communicated via XML messages
- Using WSDL (Web Services Description Language)
- Using UDDI (Uniform Description, Discovery, and Integration)
- Using SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol)

# Web Services (cont'd)



From Fig. 5.1 of [MEJB3,p.116]



# Web Services (cont'd)

- Service provider

- Software component that provide the web services

- Service requestor

- Software component that request for certain web services

- Service registry

- A place for service provider to publish its web services via the abstract service definitions
  - A place for service requester to search for the services that it wants

# Web Services Description Language, WSDL

- The language used to describe the web services
- Example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions name="HelloWorldWS" targetNamespace="urn:examples">
  <types/>
    <message name="HelloInterface_hello"/>
    <message name="HelloInterface_helloResponse">
      <part name="result" type="xsd:string"/>
    </message>
    <portType name="HelloInterface">
      <operation name="hello">
        <input message="tns:HelloInterface_hello"/>
        <output message="tns:HelloInterface_helloResponse"/>
      </operation>
    </portType>
    <binding name="HelloInterfaceBinding" type="tns:HelloInterface">
      <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/
http" style="rpc"/>
      <operation name="hello">
        <soap:operation soapAction="" />
```

# Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration, UDDI

- A standard for the service registry to communicate with
  - The service requestor for searching the services required
  - The service provider for the services being provided
- If developers know where the web services are, they do not need to use UDDI to search the required web services
- Dynamic service lookups in UDDI registry is still unsure for the time being

# Simple Object Access Protocol, SOAP

- The service requestor and the service provider are communicated using the SOAP
- Example: (from service requestor)

```
POST /HelloBean HTTP/1.1
```

```
Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"
```

```
Content-Length: 398
```

```
SOAPAction: ""
```

```
Host: falcon:8080
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
```

```
  <env:Body>
```

```
    <ans1:hello xmlns:ans1="urn:examples"/>
```

```
  </env:Body>
```

```
</env:Envelope>
```

# Simple Object Access Protocol, SOAP (cont'd)

## ■ Example: (from service provider)

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
SOAPAction: ""
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Transfer-Encoding: chunked

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:ns0="urn:examples">
  <env:Body>
    <ns0:helloResponse>
      <result xsi:type="xsd:string">Hello, World!</result>
    </ns0:helloResponse>
  </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```

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  - ☐ Server side component
  - ☐ Client side component

# Comparing CORBA and “Big” Web Services

	CORBA	“Big” WS
Cross platform	Yes	
Language	Neutral	
Interface language	IDL	WSDL
Communication protocol	IIOP	SOAP (/HTTP)

# Advantages of “Big” Web Services vs CORBA

## ■ Encourage

- ☐ modularity through standardized interfaces
- ☐ flexibility through loose coupling
- ☐ extensibility through using XML

## ■ Language neutral

## ■ SOAP (vs CORBA's IIOP) is lightweight in terms of

- ☐ simple to use
- ☐ does not require many assumptions about the behaviour of clients and servers



# Drawbacks of “Big” Web Services vs CORBA

- Scalability of Web Services has not been properly addressed
- SOAP has large overheads
  - as compared with communication protocol in binary form, say, IIOP in CORBA
  - when parsing larger XML messages

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# Programming “Big” Web Services

- No DTO anymore
- Communication is via SOAP / HTTP (text-based)
- Only values are passed to and from server via XML
- Primitive data types are good (no extra work)
  - boolean, char, double, float, int
- Objects needs to be “converted” to and from XML  
[programmer to do]
  - String is an exception
- [Client] Objects → XML >> SOAP >> XML → Object [Server]

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# Prog. “Big” WS using JAX-WS

## ■ Things to note

- ☐ Where should the web services modules sit? Web / EIS Tier
  - ☐ Is that obvious?
- ☐ How do client and server communicate?
  - ☐ SOAP on top of HTTP (basically text)
- ☐ Any DTO to pass between server and client?
  - ☐ Is that obvious?

# Prog. “Big” WS using JAX-WS – Server side

## ■ For Web Services Java Class

- `@WebService(serviceName = “XxxxWS”) – declare a web service class`

- `@WebService(serviceName = “MyuserFacadeWS”)`  
`public class MyuserFacadeWS`

## ■ For Web Service Methods in Web Service Java Class

- `@WebMethod(operationName = “yyyyZzzz”) – declare a method`

- `@WebParam(name = “vvvv”) – declare a parameter from HTTP request`

- `@WebMethod(operationName = “getRecordsByAddress”)`  
`public List<MyuserDTO> getRecordsByAddress(  
    @WebParam(name = “address”) String address)`

# Example (server side) – MyuserFacadeWS

```
/**
 *
 * @author elau
 */
@WebService(serviceName = "MyuserFacadeWS")
public class MyuserFacadeWS {

    // a reference to Stateless EJB, so no actual coding here
    // Alternatively, put the code here, no need to refer to the EJB
    @EJB
    private MyuserFacadeRemote ejbRef;

    @WebMethod(operationName = "createRecord")
    public boolean createRecord(@WebParam(name = "myuserDTO") MyuserDTO myuserDTO) {
        return ejbRef.createRecord(myuserDTO);
    }

    @WebMethod(operationName = "getRecord")
    public MyuserDTO getRecord(@WebParam(name = "userid") String userid) {
        return ejbRef.getRecord(userid);
    }
}
```

# Prog. “Big” WS using JAX-WS – Parameter Passing

- Where do such parameters (primitive data or Java object) sit?
- Primitive data types – Easy
  - No need to do extra work
- Java Object / User-defined Class [Type] – More work
  - Convert “Object” to XML [“printing values of instance variables in XML format”]
  - Convert XML to “Object” [“reading variable values in XML format, create an object and call the getters, if necessary”]
  - JAXB does all these for you NOW



# How does JAXB work?

- **@XmlRootElement** – define the name of the Java Object
  - `@XmlRootElement(name = "MyuserDTO")`  
Note: `createRecord(@WebParam(name = "myuserDTO") MyuserDTO myDTO)`
- **@XmlAccessorType** – define the accessor type of the Java Object
  - `@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.FIELD)`
- **@XmlElement(required = true)** – specify a field / an instance variable is a must in the XML doc
  - `@XmlElement(required = true)`  
private String userid;

# Example (Passing Object, JAXB) – MyuserDTO

```
/**
 *
 * @author elau
 */
@XmlRootElement(name = "MyuserDTO")
@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.FIELD)
public class MyuserDTO implements Serializable {

    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String userid;
    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String name;
    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String password;
    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String email;
    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String phone;
    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String address;
    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String secQn;
    @XmlElement(required = true)
    private String secAns;

    public MyuserDTO () {
    }
}
```

```
public MyuserDTO(String userid, String name, String password, String email, String phone, String address, String secQn, String secAns) {
    this.userid = userid;
    this.name = name;
    this.password = password;
    this.email = email;
    this.phone = phone;
    this.address = address;
    this.secQn = secQn;
    this.secAns = secAns;
}
```

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# Programming “Big” WS client using JAX-WS

- Within the same “enterprise”, no need to use UDDI to discover the WSDL
- Use `@WebServiceRef(wsdlLocation = “http://...”)` to get a reference to the web service object
  - `@WebServiceRef(wsdlLocation = “http://localhost:...”)`  
`private static MyuserFacadeWS_Service myService;`
- Use `“Service.getXxxxPort()”` to get the actual port of the web service object
  - `MyuserFacadeWS port = myService.getMyuserFacadeWSPort();`
- Call the web service method via the “port” object
  - `port.createRecord(myuserDTO);`

# Example – WSDL of MyuserFacadeWS

```
69 <service name="MyuserFacadeWS">
70   <port name="MyuserFacadeWSPort" binding="tns:MyuserFacadeWSPortBinding">
71     <soap:address location="http://localhost:8080/ED-JEE-DTO-war/MyuserFacadeWS"/>
72   </port>
73 </service>

39 <binding name="MyuserFacadeWSPortBinding" type="tns:MyuserFacadeWS">
40   <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" style="document"/>
41   <operation name="getRecordsByAddress">
42     <soap:operation soapAction=""/>
43     <input>
44       <soap:body use="literal"/>
45     </input>
46     <output>
47       <soap:body use="literal"/>
48     </output>
49   </operation>
50   <operation name="createRecord">
51     <soap:operation soapAction=""/>
52     <input>
53       <soap:body use="literal"/>
54     </input>
55     <output>
56       <soap:body use="literal"/>
57     </output>
58   </operation>
59   <operation name="getRecord">
60     <soap:operation soapAction=""/>
61     <input>
62       <soap:body use="literal"/>
63     </input>
64     <output>
```

# Example – WSDL of MyuserFacadeWS (cont'd)

```
25 <portType name="MyuserFacadeWS">
26   <operation name="getRecordsByAddress">
27     <input wsam:Action="http://ws/MyuserFacadeWS/getRecordsByAddressRequest" message="tns:getRecordsByAddress"/>
28     <output wsam:Action="http://ws/MyuserFacadeWS/getRecordsByAddressResponse" message="tns:getRecordsByAddressResponse"/>
29   </operation>
30   <operation name="createRecord">
31     <input wsam:Action="http://ws/MyuserFacadeWS/createRecordRequest" message="tns:createRecord"/>
32     <output wsam:Action="http://ws/MyuserFacadeWS/createRecordResponse" message="tns:createRecordResponse"/>
33   </operation>
34   <operation name="getRecord">
35     <input wsam:Action="http://ws/MyuserFacadeWS/getRecordRequest" message="tns:getRecord"/>
36     <output wsam:Action="http://ws/MyuserFacadeWS/getRecordResponse" message="tns:getRecordResponse"/>
37   </operation>
38 </portType>

7   <message name="getRecordsByAddress">
8     <part name="parameters" element="tns:getRecordsByAddress"/>
9   </message>
10  <message name="getRecordsByAddressResponse">
11    <part name="parameters" element="tns:getRecordsByAddressResponse"/>
12  </message>
13  <message name="createRecord">
14    <part name="parameters" element="tns:createRecord"/>
15  </message>
16  <message name="createRecordResponse">
17    <part name="parameters" element="tns:createRecordResponse"/>
18  </message>
19  <message name="getRecord">
20    <part name="parameters" element="tns:getRecord"/>
21  </message>
22  <message name="getRecordResponse">
23    <part name="parameters" element="tns:getRecordResponse"/>
24  </message>
```

# Example – WSDL of MyuserFacadeWS (cont'd)

```
2 <types>
3   <xsd:schema>
4     <xsd:import namespace="http://ws/" schemaLocation="http://localhost:8080/ED-JEE-DTO-war/MyuserFacadeWS?xsd=1"/>
5   </xsd:schema>
6 </types>
```

# Example (Client side) – MyuserWSAppClient

```
/**
 *
 * @author elau
 */
public class MyuserWSAppClient {

    @WebServiceRef(wsdlLocation = "http://localhost:8080/ED-JEE-DTO-war/MyuserFacadeWS?wsdl")
    private static MyuserFacadeWS_Service service;

    /**...3 lines */
    public static void main(String[] args) {...22 lines }

    public void createRecord(MyuserDTO myuserDTO) {
        MyuserFacadeWS port = service.getMyuserFacadeWSPort();
        boolean result = port.createRecord(myuserDTO);

        if (result) {
            System.out.println("Record " + myuserDTO.getUserid() + " has been added to database.");
        } else {
            System.out.println("Record " + myuserDTO.getUserid() + " cannot be added to database.");
        }

        return;
    }

    public void getRecord(String userid) {
        MyuserFacadeWS port = service.getMyuserFacadeWSPort();
        MyuserDTO myuserDTO = port.getRecord(userid);

        this.displayMyuserDTOInfo(myuserDTO);
    }
}
```



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