## **WS-BPEL**

## Web Services Business Process Execution Language

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## BPFL4WS and WS BPFL History

- Precedents: Web Services Flow Language (WSFL) of IBM, Microsoft's XLANG specification
- BPEL4WS 1.0 specification (2002, July), promoted by IBM, Microsoft and BEA Systems
- BPEL4WS 1.1 (2003, May) of SAP and Siebel Systems
- Appearance of orchestration engines in accordance with BPEL4WS
- Submission to the OASIS Technical Committee
- Open and official OASIS standard, which gives it a new name: WS-BPEL 2.0
- Specification: http://docs.oasis-open.org/wsbpel/2.0/OS/wsbpel-v2.0-OS.html (2007, April)



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# WS-BPEL Standard



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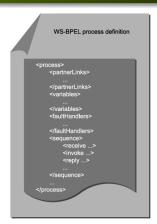
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# Objectives



To acquire a good understanding of how a BPEL process can formally be described

Definition structure of a common WS-BPEL process



# The element process

## The root element of one specification

It is assigned a name value with:

- Attribute name
- Establishment of namespaces, related to the definition of a process

# Syntax of the element process

```
<bpel:process name="BookstoreABPEL"</pre>
      targetNamespace="http://packtpub.com/Bookstore/BookstoreBPEL"
2
      suppressJoinFailure="yes"
 3
      xmlns:tns="http://packtpub.com/Bookstore/BookstoreABPEL"
 4
 5
      xmlns:bpel="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wsbpel/2.0/process/
          executable">
      <!-- To import the WSDL client -->
6
      <bpel:import location="BookstoreABPELArtifacts.wsdl"</pre>
7
           namespace="http://packtpub.com/Bookstore/BookstoreABPEL"
8
           importType="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" />
9
      <partnerLinks> ...
10
      </partnerLinks>
     <variables> ...
12
13
      </variables>
     <sequence> ...
14
1.5
      </sequence>
16
   </process>
17
```

# The partnerLinks elements

#### PartnerLink

Define what services or other processes the *bpel*–process is going to be connected to

- List of participating services within this BPEL process
- A 'PartnerLink' is a substitution parameter in which we put 'the things' to which the bpel process is talking to

# The partnerLinks elements—II

### Characteristics of partnerlinks

- It is similar to an instance of the recipient WS
- Corresponds to the WSDL portType syntactic element that we defined for a WS
- The partner services act as process services, which are in charge of calling the "physical" process that actually serves each one
- The partner services are called by the process linked to the service



# The partnerLinks elements— II

```
<!-- PARTNERLINKS
-->

<!-- List of participating services in this BPE process
-->

<br/>
<br/>

<p
```

### Atributo partnerRole

The BPEL process understands or implements the WS defined in this attribute

# The partnerLinks elements— III

### Contents of a partnerLink

- myRole: establishes the role to be played as service's provider
- partnerRole: associated service that the service-process will be invoking
- The attributes myRole and partnerRole can be used by the same element partnerLink

# A partnerLink building example

```
<partnerLinks>
      <partnerLink name="client"</pre>
2
         partnerLinkType="tns: TypeWorksheetSubmission"
 3
         myRole="ServiceProviderTypeWorkSheetSubmission"/>
 4
      <partnerLink name="Invoice"</pre>
 5
         partnerLinkType="inv:InvoiceType"
 6
         partnerRole="ServiceProviderInvoices"/>
7
      <partnerLink name="Worksheet"</pre>
8
         partnerLinkType="tst:WorksheetType"
9
         partnerRole="ServiceProviderWorksheet"/>
10
      <partnerLink name="Employee"</pre>
11
         partnerLinkType="emp:EmployeeType"
12
         partnerRole="ServiceProviderEmployees"/>
1.3
      <partnerLink name="Notification"</pre>
14
         partnerLinkType="not: NotificationType"
15
         partnerRole="ServiceProviderNotification"/>
16
   </partnerLinks>
17
```

# The partnerLinkType element

#### Characterístics

- These constructs are embedded in WSDL documents of any associated service
- Identification of portType elements of WSDL for each associated service involved in a process definition
- They identify the WSDL ports referenced by the partnerLink elements inside a (BPEL) process



# The partnerLinkType element- II

- Multiple partnerLink elements can reference the same partnerLinkType:
- All associated services can therefore use the same portType elements of the process service
- As a result, a partnerLinkType will have one or two descendant role-elements
- 1 role to differentiate each instance"that performs the service, using one of the attributes: myRole or

  - - partnerRole (associated)



# The partnerLinkType element— III

## Variables Purpose

They are of use for holding data in BPEL processes Each variable can hold 1 *XSD value* or 1 *WSDL message* 

#### Use

Variables are used for providing parameter passing (input/output) at the *endpoint*s of one WS

## The element variables

#### The construct variables

- Storage of the state information connected with the immediate work-flow logics
- Location of complete messages (messageType), of formatted data sets (element), and types of schema (XSD definitions)
- The information in this construction is subsequently retrieved during the completion of the process



## The element variables - II

#### attribute messageType

It is defined for each input and output message processed by the process definition

The value associated to this attribute is the name of the message that is in the associated process definition



## The element variables - III

```
<
```

The variable helloworld is declared as one WSDL message-container of type print:PrintMessage

## The element variables - IV

# heir-elements variable used by the "BookstoreABPEL" process

## The element variables - V

#### type attribute

Of use for specifying some type of XSD schema:

'xsd:string','xsd:integer',... of XML

# The functions getVariableProperty and getVariableData

These are internal to WS-BPEL

getVariableProperty(variable name, property
name)

It allows to retrieve values of global properties of the variables

getVariableData(variable name, part name,
location path)

It allows other parts of the process logic to access to information on the state of data stored in the variables. To retrieve message data saved in variables



# BPEL 2.0 dynamic initiation of variables

Although the following code is valid, however, some orchestration engines do not accept variable initialization on-line

# Initialization of variables in BPEL 2.0 - II

```
<variables>
      <variable name="response" type="xsd:string"/>
2
      <variable name="offer" type="xsd:float"/>
 3
   </variables>
  <sequence>
      <receive createInstance="yes" .../>
6
 7
  <assign name="initialization">
9
      <CODV>
         <from > 100 </from >
10
         <to variable="offer"/>
12
      </copy>
      <copy>
13
         <from>" | 'm, not, interested " </from>
14
         <to variable="response"/>
15
16
      </copy>
   </assign>
17
```

# Elements of data updating and movement

#### Use of these elements

This set of elements simply gives us the ability to copy values between process variables, which allows us to pass around data throughout a process as information is received and modified during the process execution

#### Characteristics

The copy construct can process a variety of data transfer functions (for example, only a part of a message can be extracted and copied into a variable). from and to elements also can contain optional part and query attributes that allow for specific parts or values of the variable to be referenced

# The assign element

#### Fundamental idea

- Variable handling is made at the endpoints of a WS
- or by assignments

This example shows how a literal string value is assigned to the variable helloworld; this variable is a WSDL message that has a part called 'value'



# The assign element— II

- The syntax of the variables follows the one of XPATH expressions
- The symbol '.' is the separator of the WSDL-message part
- A separator is used to specify a sub-element within complex types: helloWorld.value/sub value

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# convitrom and to elements

Within an assign command-element, the *payload* type is pointed out by the copy command (to 1 message-variable)

```
<bpel:assign validate="no" name="DetermineStock">
           <bpel:copy>
2
           <br/><br/>from>
 3
             <bpel:literal >
4
                    <tns:BookDataResponse
                    xmlns:tns="http://packtpub.com/Bookstore/
                        BookstoreABPEL"
                    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-
 7
                        instance">
                    <tns:BookISSN>tns:BookISSN</tns:BookISSN>
8
                    <tns: StockQuantity > 0 </tns: StockQuantity >
9
                    </tns:BookDataResponse>
1.0
             </bpel:literal>
11
           </bpel:from>
12
           <bpel:to variable="output" part="payload"></bpel:to>
1.3
   </bpel:copy>
14
```

# The elements copy, from and to-II

Within an assign command, the contents of one expression and one variable are both copied to 2 different message variables

```
... <bpel:copy>
 <bpel:from expressionLanguage="urn:oasis:names:tc:wsbpel:2.0:</pre>
      sublang:xpath1.0">
      <![CDATA[number(5)]]>
3
      </bpel:from>
4
      <bpel:to part="payload" variable="output">
5
      <bpel:query queryLanguage="urn:oasis:names:tc:wsbpel:2.0:</pre>
          sublang:xpath1.0">
      <![CDATA[tns:StockQuantity]]></bpel:query>
7
      </bpel:to></bpel:copy>
8
9
```

## The elements copy, from and to-III

Within an assign command, the contents of one variable and one expression are copied to 2 different message variables

```
<bpel:copy>
           <bpel:from part="payload" variable="input">
2
         <bpel:query queryLanguage="urn:oasis:names:tc:wsbpel:2.0:</pre>
3
             sublang:xpath1.0">
              <![CDATA[tns:BookISSN]]></bpel:query>
 4
       </bpel:from>
5
       <bpel:to part="payload" variable="output">
 6
             <bpel:guery queryLanguage="urn:oasis:names:tc:wsbpel</pre>
                  :2.0:sublang:xpath1.0">
         <![CDATA[tns:BookISSN]]>
8
         </bpel:query>
9
       </bpel:to>
10
      </bpel:copy>
11
   </bpel:assign>
```

# The sequence element

## Sequential construction

WS-BPEL provides numerous activities that can be used to express the work-flow logics within the definition of a process. The following descriptions of (WS-BPEL) elements explain the fundamental set of activities that are used as part of the case studies that will be used during the course

# The sequence element - II

A building *skeleton* of one sequence command that contains only some of the elements of WS-BPEL

```
<sequence>
      <receive> ...
      </receive>
      <assign>
      </assign>
      <invoke>
 7
8
      </invoke>
9
      <reply>
10
11
      </reply>
12
   </sequence>
13
```

## The receive element

## Provided service specification

The receive element allows us to establish the information one process of a service expects upon receiving a request from an external client partner service. In this case, the process service is viewed as a *service provider* waiting to be called.

## The receive element— II

#### receive element attributes

partnerlink	The client-service associated through its correspondent partnerLink
portType	portType element of the process of the service that expects to receive the request
operation	Service operation the process that receives the request
variable	The incoming request message is saved here
createInstance	If the value is "yes", receiving a request will create a new process' instance to serve that request

## The receive element— III

The receive element used by the process "BookstoreABPEL" to describe the associated customer service that causes the process to start

# Counterpart of the receive element

## The reply element

Where a receive element is programmed, there must be a response element when a synchronous exchange is being rendered. The reply element is responsible for setting the return details of the response message to the requesting client partner service. Because this element is associated with the same partnerLink element as the receive element, it repeats a number of the common attributes between them.

## The reply element— II

#### Attributes of reply element

partnerlink	The same partnerLink element set in the receive element
portType	The same portType element set in the receive element
	that received the request
operation	The same operation element of the receive element
variable	The variable element of the service process that contains
	the message to return to the associated service
messageExchange	Allows the reply command to be associated to one activity
messageExchange	capable of receiving a message

## The reply element— III

# One reply element that matches with the prior receive element

```
cbpel:reply name="replyOutput"
    partnerLink="client"
    portType="tns:BookstoreABPEL"
    operation="getBookData"
    variable="output"/>
```

#### switch, case and otherwise elements

They allow adding conditional logic to the definition of process services

The switch element establishes the scope of the conditional logic to be defined

When a condition attribute resolves to "true," the activities defined within the corresponding case construct are executed Several case constructions can be nested to verify if several conditions are met, each one depending on a different condition attribute.

The element otherwise is added as a default clause at the end of the switch element



#### The switch, case and otherwise elements— II

Skeleton of one case element where the condition attribute uses the function getVariableData

#### The invoke element

#### Fundamental idea

The definition of a BPEL process does not specify exactly what a WS does and how it does it

The information regarding the definition and implementation of a WS is contained in its WSDL file

```
1 <invoke partnerLink="printerService"
2 operation="print" inputVariable="helloWorld"/>
```

The BPEL process passes the data from helloworld, stored in the variable, to the Web service (WS) print.

The specified partnerLink tells the BPEL engine the WS address to be called here. The print operation specifies what the WS actaully will do and the input variable that the incoming WSDL message must come from the helloworld variable

#### The invoke element— II

#### Operation of an associated service

The invoke construct identifies the operation of an associated service that the process intends to invoke during its execution The invoke element is equipped with five common attributes

```
<invoke name="ValidateWeeklyHours"
    partnerLink="Employee"
    portType="emp: EmployeeInterface"
    operation="GetLimitWeeklyHours"
    inputVariable="PetitionEmployeeHours"
    outputVariable="ResponseEmployeeHours"/>
```

With the invoke construct we can have a single activity to handle multiple operations and thus by updating the partners in the process definition we can upgrade the code easily

#### The invoke element— III

#### Attributes of invoke element

partnerlink	Name the associated service through its partnerLink-partner.  Communicates to the BPEL engine the address of the SW
	that is invoked
portType	Identifies the portType element of an associated service
operation	Operation to which the process sends the request
	(It is an operation of the partner service)
inputVariable	input message, which is used to communicate with the associated operation (we refer to this attribute as a variable because it is referencing a variable element of WS-BPEL with an attribute messageType)
outputVariable	The returned value is saved in a separate variable
	This element is used when the communication is based in the MEP request-response

# The faultHandlers, catch and catchAll elements

#### Characteristics

This construct can contain multiple catch elements, each of which provides activities that perform exception handling for a specific type of error condition. Faults can be generated by the receipt of a WSDL-defined fault message, or they can be explicitly triggered through the use of the throw element. The faultHandlers construct can consist of (or end with) a catchAll element to house default error handling activities

# The faultHandlers, catch and catchAll elements— |

#### Characteristics

- A WSDL failure message or the use of the clause throw may cause service failures
- A construction faultHandlers can contain multiple elements catch in order to program error handling activities when the latter ones occur
- It can end up with a catchAll element that contains default error handling activities



# The faultHandlers, catch and catchAll elements—IV

Example of construct faultHandlers containing elements catch and catchAll

## Different types of handlers

Element	Description
	A WS-BPEL process definition can define a compensation
	process that initiates a series of activities when certain
compensationHandler	conditions occur to justify a compensation.
	These activities are kept in the compensationHandler.
	WS-BPEL uses this element to implement correlation,
	primarily to associate messages with process instances.
correlationSets	A message can belong to multiple correlationSets.
	Further, message properties can be defined within
	WSDL documents.
omp+1/	This simple element allows you to state that no activity
empty	should occur for a particular condition.

# Different types of handlers- II

Element	Description
eventHandlers	The eventHandlers element enables a process to respond to events during the execution of process logic. This construct can contain onMessage and onAlarm child elements that trigger process activity upon the arrival of specific types of messages (after a predefined period of time, or at a specific date and time, respectively).
exit	Execute the terminate element description that follows
flow	A flow construct allows you to define a series of activities that can occur concurrently and are required to complete after all have finished executing. Dependencies between activities within a flow construct are defined using the child link element.



# Different types of handlers- III

Element	Description
pick	Similar to the eventHandlers element, this construct
	also can contain child onMessage and onAlarm elements
	but is used more to respond to external events for which
	process execution is suspended.
scope	Portions of logic within a process definition can be
	subdivided into scopes using this construct. This allows you
	to define variables, faultHandlers, correlationSets, compensationHandler,
	and eventHandlers elements local to the scope.
terminate	This element effectively destroys the process instance.
	The WS-BPEL 2.0 specification proposes that this
	element be renamed exit.

# Different types of handlers- IV

Element	Description
throw	WS-BPEL supports numerous fault conditions.
	Using the throw element allows you to explicitly trigger a fault
	state in response to a specific condition.
wait	The wait element can be set to introduce an intentional
	delay within the process.
	Its value can be a set time or a predefined date.
while	This useful element allows you to define a loop.
	As with the case element, it contains a condition attribute that,
	as long as it continues resolving to "true",
	will continue to execute the activities within the while construct



## Web Service "Printing" built using the Java binding

Starting from the BPEL process "HelloWorld" that passes on a literal into the "print" service's input variable, define one process that does the following:

- Printing operation that prints the literal
- A WSDL file that defines:
  - How to use the aforementioned WS? (define its API)
  - A How WS is linked to Java code?



### Web Service "Printing" built using the Java binding - II

#### Things to define in BPEL 2.0

- The target name space
- The WSDL messages
- WSDL PortTypes
- PortType binging
- The WSDL service
- The PartnerLink types



## (1) Name space

#### Fundamental idea

Similar to Java packages

BPEL XML and targetNamespace namespaces are used to discriminate homonyms messages but directed to different WS

```
<definitions xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
targetNamespace="http://www.eclipse.org/tptp/choreography/2004/
engine/Print"
xmlns:tns="http://www.eclipse.org/tptp/choreography/2004/engine
/Print"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
xmlns:format="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/formatbinding/"
xmlns:java="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/java/">
```

WSDL messages and 'port' types created in a WSDL file inherit the *namespace* specified by the attribute 'targetNamespace'

## (2) WSDL messages

#### Are of use for

The WSDL message definition specifies how containers should be to correctly maintain the data of an invoked WSDL-operation These are lists of parts, each one of which is of a simple or complex XSD type

## (3) WSDL PortTypes

#### Are of use to

- Describe the API or the interface of the SW itself
- They represent a list of operations, including their input and output parameters, each of which is a predefined WSDL message
- Each of the operations may have associated fault treatment elements

They are like interfaces or Java abstract classes. They do not specify any particular implementation of some kind, but they exactly define what can be done and what comes in and goes out



### (4) WSDL PortTypes Binding

#### Fundamental Idea

- They are of use to specify how a WS is actually implemented
- They describe what is in the 'other side', with which we deal with when we require a service

#### Possible bindings for a WS

- SOAP/HTTP A WS implementation would be listening on a specific port and would accept SOAP messages through the HTTP transport layer
- Java Some Java class would be mapped to the port type and used directly as a service implementation



## (4) WSDL PortTypes Binding-II

The operation of a WSDL PortType is mapped to a Java method: print().

This class is instantiated and when calls are made to the operation, these are resolved resorting to the print() method defined in the class

## (4) WSDL PortTypes Binding-III

The String type of XSD has been mapped to the Java type String

Any string of XSD will also be converted to a Java String, as indicated in the binding

## (5) Service description with WSDL

#### It is useful for

- WS Instance specification, which is implemented using a specific link and which is available in a certain address
- The WSDL service is of use for specifying a WSDL port
- The address is particular to each binding.
- The Java binding knows how to interpret the attribute 'className' as a qualified class name and understands how to instantiate the class and solve the WSDL operations with the methods of that class



## (6) PartnerLink types

#### Fundamental idea

- They are a BPEL construct, not a WSDL one
- Comply with the BPEL requirement that every instance of a partnerlink must be associated with 1 particular WSDL port type

#### partnerlink roles

- partner role: to make the BPEL process to communicate with the service
- my role: the other clients communicate with this one



### Realization of the solution to the printing service

#### The "Target" Namespace

## The WSDL messages

# The PortTypes of WSDL

## Bindings of PortType

```
<binding name="PrintPortWsBinding" type="tns:Print">
           <iava:binding/>
2
3
           <format:typeMapping encoding="Java" style="Java">
 4
               <format:typeMap typeName="xsd:string" formatType="
                    java.lang.String"/>
           </format:typeMapping>
7
           <operation name="print">
8
               <iava:operation methodName="print" parameterOrder="</pre>
 9
                    value"/>
           </operation>
10
       </binding>
11
```

#### The WSDL service

```
<pre
```

## The PartnerLink types

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