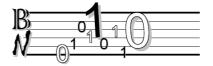
# BinaryNotes

# Developers Guide



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#### 1. Overview

BinaryNotes is the Open Source ASN.1 (Abstract Syntax Notation One) framework for Java and .NET.

In telecommunications and computer networking, Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) is a standard and flexible notation that describes data structures for representing, encoding, transmitting, and decoding data. It provides a set of formal rules for describing the structure of objects that are independent of machine-specific encoding techniques and is a precise, formal notation that removes ambiguities.

ASN.1 is a joint ISO and ITU-T standard, originally defined in 1984 as part of CCITT X.409:1984. ASN.1 moved to its own standard, X.208, in 1988 due to wide applicability. The substantially revised 1995 version is covered by the X.680 series.

ASN.1 defines the abstract syntax of information but does not restrict the way the information is encoded. Various ASN.1 encoding rules provide the transfer syntax (a concrete representation) of the data values whose abstract syntax is described in ASN.1.

The standard ASN.1 encoding rules include<sup>1</sup>:

- \* Basic Encoding Rules (BER)
- \* Canonical Encoding Rules (CER)
- \* Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)
- \* XML Encoding Rules (XER) and Extended XML Encoding Rules (EXER)
- \* Packed Encoding Rules (PER)
- \* Generic String Encoding Rules (GSER)

ASN.1 together with specific ASN.1 encoding rules facilitates the exchange of structured data especially between application programs over networks by describing data structures in a way that is independent of machine architecture and implementation language.

Application layer protocols such as X.400 electronic mail, X.500 and LDAP directory services, H.323 (VoIP) and SNMP use ASN.1 to describe the PDUs they exchange. It is also extensively used in the Access and Non-Access Strata of UMTS. There are many other application domains of ASN.1

Materials from <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ASN.1">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ASN.1</a> are used for writing this section. For more details please go to at this reference.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CER, XER/EXER, GSER is not supported by BinaryNotes.

#### 2. Introduction

The framework contains:

- Encoding/decoding library. The library has BER (Basic Encoding Rules), PER (Packet Encoding Rules) and DER (experimental) implementation.
- BNCompiler the extensible (based on XSL) ASN.1 compiler which is able to generate the simple Java or C# classes for the specified ASN.1 input file. The generated code has annotations/attributes that uses the compiler in runtime. You can customize the generated files by change the original XSL-templates or create your own templates.
- Message Queues the own simple and high performance MQ implementation based on ASN.1 encoding.

### 3. Requirements

BinaryNotes required:

• Java Platform Standard Edition v1.5 (.NET developer can use JRE instead JDK<sup>2</sup>).

• .NET 2.0 (Only for .NET developers)

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  .NET developer needs JVM too. The compiler run only under Java and haven't implementation for .NET. But the runtime library is native for .NET

## 4. BinaryNotes Compiler

BinaryNotes Compiler (BNCompiler) is a tool for generating the class/method declarations for the specified ASN.1 specification (as input file). The compiler generates ready to use code for the BinaryNotes library. But developer may not to use the compiler and create own classes manually. Also usually this is more difficult than the ASN.1 based work.

#### 4.1. Generating process

The generated classes has annotations/attributes and simple properties which uses by runtime library. For Java it's JavaBean properties, for .NET - native C# property declarations <sup>3</sup>.

For example the following simple ASN.1 declaration:

```
FOOBAR

DEFINITIONS IMPLICIT TAGS ::= BEGIN

TestSequence ::= SEQUENCE {
    field1 INTEGER,
    field2 PrintableString,
    field3 UTF8String OPTIONAL,
    field4 BOOLEAN DEFAULT false,
    field4 CHOICE {
        field1 INTEGER,
        field2 REAL
    }
}
END
```

translating to the following Java-code:

```
package foobar;
// This file was generated by the BinaryNotes compiler.
// See http://bnotes.sourceforge.net
// Any modifications to this file will be lost upon recompilation of the source ASN.1.
import org.bn.*;
import org.bn.annotations.*;
import org.bn.annotations.constraints.*;
import org.bn.coders.*;
import org.bn.types.*;
  @ASN1Sequence ( name = "TestSequence", isSet = false )
  public class TestSequence {
        @ASN1Integer( name = "" )
        @ASN1Element ( name = "field1", isOptional = false , hasTag = false , hasDefaultValue = false )
        private Long field1 = null;
         @ASN1String( name = "", stringType = UniversalTag.PrintableString , isUCS = fake ) \\ @ASN1Element ( name = "field2", isOptional = false , hasTag = false , hasDefaultValue = false ) 
        private String field2 = null;
        private String field3 = null;
        @ASN1Boolean( name = "" )
        @ASN1Element ( name = "field4", isOptional = false , hasTag = false , hasDefaultValue = true )
       private Boolean field4 = null;
       @ASN1Choice ( name = "field4" )
       public static class Field4ChoiceType {
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This documentation haven't detail description of annotation for now.

```
@ASN1Integer( name = "" )
           @ASN1Element ( name = "field1", isOptional = false , hasTag = false , hasDefaultValue = false )
           private Long field1 = null;
           @ASN1Real( name = "" )
           @ASN1Element ( name = "field2", isOptional = false , hasTag = false , hasDefaultValue = false )
           private Double field2 = null;
           public Long getField1 () {
                    return this.field1;
           public boolean isField1Selected () {
                    return this.field1 != null;
           }
           private void setField1 (Long value) {
                    this.field1 = value;
           public void selectField1 (Long value) {
                    this.field1 = value;
                    setField2(null);
           public Double getField2 () {
                    return this.field2;
           public boolean isField2Selected () {
                    return this.field2 != null;
           private void setField2 (Double value) {
                    this.field2 = value;
           public void selectField2 (Double value) {
                    this.field2 = value;
                    setField1(null);
  }
  @ASN1Element ( name = "field4", isOptional = false , hasTag = false , hasDefaultValue = false )
   private Field4ChoiceType field4 = null;
public Long getField1 () {
  return this.field1;
public void setField1 (Long value) {
  this.field1 = value;
public String getField2 () {
   return this.field2;
public void setField2 (String value) {
  this.field2 = value;
public String getField3 () {
   return this.field3;
public boolean isField3Present () {
   return this.field3 == null;
public void setField3 (String value) {
  this.field3 = value;
```

```
public Boolean getField4 () {
    return this.field4;
}

public void setField4 (Boolean value) {
    this.field4 = value;
}

public Field4ChoiceType getField4 () {
    return this.field4;
}

public void setField4 (Field4ChoiceType value) {
    this.field4 = value;
}

public void initWithDefaults() {
    Boolean param_Field4 = new Boolean (false);
    setField4(param_Field4);
}
```

#### And the following for C# (.Net):

```
// This file was generated by the BinaryNotes compiler.
// See http://bnotes.sourceforge.net
// Any modifications to this file will be lost upon recompilation of the source ASN.1.
using System;
using org.bn.attributes;
using org.bn.attributes.constraints;
using org.bn.coders;
using org.bn.types;
namespace foobar {
  [ASN1Sequence ( Name = "TestSequence", IsSet = false )]
  public class TestSequence {
       private long field1_;
       [ASN1Integer( Name = "" )]
       [ASN1Element ( Name = "field1", IsOptional = false , HasTag = false , HasDefaultValue = false ) ]
       public long Field1
                         get { return field1_; }
                         set { field1_ = value; }
       private string field2\_; [ASN1String( Name = "", StringType = UniversalTags.PrintableString , IsUCS = false )]
       [ASN1Element ( Name = "field2", IsOptional = false , HasTag = false , HasDefaultValue = false ) ]
       public string Field2
                         get { return field2_; }
                         set { field2_ = value; }
       private string field3_;
       private bool field3_present = false;
       [ASN1String( Name = "", StringType = UniversalTags.UTF8String , IsUCS = false )]
       [ASN1Element ( Name = "field3", IsOptional = true , HasTag = false , HasDefaultValue = false ) ]
       public string Field3
                         get { return field3_; }
                         set { field3_ = value; field3_present = true; }
```

```
private bool field4_;
  [ASN1Boolean( Name = "" )]
  [ASN1Element ( Name = "field4", IsOptional = false , HasTag = false , HasDefaultValue = true ) ]
  public bool Field4
                   get { return field4_; }
                   set { field4_ = value; }
  }
  private Field4ChoiceType field4_ ;
  [ASN1Choice ( Name = "field4" )]
  public class Field4ChoiceType {
          private long field1_;
          private bool field1_selected = false ;
           [ASN1Element ( Name = "field1", IsOptional = false , HasTag = false , HasDefaultValue = false ) ]
           [ASN1Integer( Name = "" )]
          public long Field1
                            get { return field1_; }
                            set { selectField1(value); }
          private double field2:
           private bool field2_selected = false ;
           [ASN1Element ( Name = "field2", IsOptional = false , HasTag = false , HasDefaultValue = false ) ]
           [ASN1Real( Name = "" )]
           public double Field2
                            get { return field2_; }
                            set { selectField2(value); }
           }
          public bool isField1Selected () {
                            return this.field1_selected;
           }
          public void selectField1 (long val) {
                            this.field1_ = val;
                            this.field1_selected = true;
                   this.field2_selected = false;
           }
          public bool isField2Selected () {
                            return this.field2_selected;
          public void selectField2 (double val) {
                            this.field2_ = val;
                            this.field2_selected = true;
                   this.field1_selected = false;
           }
[ASN1Element ( Name = "field4", IsOptional = false , HasTag = false , HasDefaultValue = false ) ]
public Field4ChoiceType Field4
  get { return field4_; }
  set { field4_ = value; }
public bool isField3Present () {
   return this.field3_present == true;
public void initWithDefaults() {
  bool param_Field4 = false;
  Field4 = param_Field4;
```

```
}
}
```

You can use the generated classes in your application like that:

```
TestSequence sequence = new TestSequence();
sequence.setField1(10L);
sequence.setField3("Hello");
// Inner class for implicity ASN.1 type declaration
TestSequence.Field4ChoiceType choice = new TestSequence.Field4ChoiceType();
choice.selectField2(0.5);
sequence.setField4(choice);
```

#### For C#:

```
TestSequence sequence = new TestSequence();
sequence.Field1 = 10L;
sequence.Field3 = "Hello";
// Inner class for implicity ASN.1 type declaration
TestSequence.Field4ChoiceType choice = new TestSequence.Field4ChoiceType ();
choice.selectField2(0.5);
sequence.Field4 = choice;
```

#### 4.2. BNCompiler command line options

BNCompiler can be executed by bncompiler.cmd script (Win32), bncompiler.sh script for UNIX-like OS or may be forked from ANT-tool (The compiler main class is *org.bn.compiler.Main*).

The compiler is handling the following command line options:

Long option name	Short name	Mandatory	Description	Example
file	-f	Yes	The source input ASN.1 file	-f mytest.asn
moduleName	-m	Yes	The language translating module name (must be available directory in modules path)	-m java -m cs
modulesPath	-mp	No	Path to modules directory which contains XSL templates for translating. Default is current directory + "modules/"	-mp d:\modules
outputDir	-0	No	Output path for generating files. Default is current directory + "output/"	-o org/my/superpackage
namespace	-ns	No	Namespace/Package name for generated files. Default is ASN.1 module namens org.my.superpacka	

Example for using the compiler for C# (Win32):

```
D:\BinaryNotes\Dist\bin\bncompiler.cmd -m cs -o test/org/company -ns test.org.company -f test.asn
```

Example for using the complier with ANT-tool:

```
<pathelement path="${dist.path.lib}/java/binarynotes.jar"/>
 <pathelement path="${dist.path.bin}/bncompiler.jar"/>
</path>
<target name="bncompile" depends="init">
 <java classname="org.bn.compiler.Main" fork="true">
  <classpath refid="bndepends.path"/>
  <arg value="-mp"/>
  <arg value="${dist.path.bin}/modules"/>
  <arg value="-m"/>
  <arg value="java"/>
<arg value="-o"/>
  <arg value="src/org/bn/mq/protocol"/>
  <arg value="-ns"/>
  <arg value="org.bn.mq.protocol"/>
  <arg value="-f"/>
  <arg value="../asn/test.asn"/> <!-- Input file path to your ASN.1 declaration -->
 </java>
</target>
```

#### 4.3. Extending/Customization of BNCompiler

The compiler has predefined templates (language translation modules) for C#/Java. But you can create own translation modules.

Translation modules is XSL-scripts with predefined structure. BNCompiler, depending on moduleName command line option, execute the specified translation module. Warning: The predetermined (standard) modules periodically changes, and if you want customize please create own module and don't change standard modules. You can lose your work later with the new BinaryNotes version. But don't forget about the original bugfix updates.

## 5. BinaryNotes Library

The library supports various encodings standards.

The version 1.3 supports:

- BER
- DER (experimental)
- PER (Aligned/Unaligned)

The library is defines a factory *org.bn.CoderFactory* for creating encoder/decoder implementation. An encoder interface is defined as *org.bn.IEncoder*, and decoder accordingly as *org.bn.IDecoder*.

CoderFactory is Singleton<sup>4</sup> and can create encoder and decoder by the specified encoding schema name in the string form:

- "BER" for BER encoding
- "DER" for DER encoding
- "PER" or "PER/Aligned" or "PER/A" for PER Aligned encoding
- "PER/Unaligned" or "PER/U" for PER Unaligned encoding

The following code describes creating encoder and decoder. For Java:

```
// Encoder for Java
IEncoder<DataSeq> encoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newEncoder("BER");

// Decoder for Java
IDecoder decoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newDecoder("BER");
```

#### For C#:

```
// Encoder for C#
IEncoder encoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newEncoder("BER");
// Decoder for C#
IDecoder decoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newDecoder("BER");
```

IEncoder contain primary method <T> encode(T obj, OutputStream stream), and IDecoder contain primary method decode<T>(InputStream stream, Class<T> objClass).

Java example:

```
// Encoding for Java
TestSequence sequence = new TestSequence();
sequence.setField1(10L);
sequence.setField3("Hello");
// Inner class for implicitly ASN.1 type declaration
TestSequence.Field4ChoiceType choice = sequence.new Field4ChoiceType();
choice.selectField2(0.5);
sequence.setField4(choice);
IEncoder< TestSequence> encoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newEncoder("BER");
ByteArrayOutputStream outputStream = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
encoder.encode(sequence, outputStream);
...
// Decoding for Java
IDecoder decoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newDecoder("BER");
// Decoding the specified input stream
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> From the GoF (Gang-Of-Four) Design Pattern Book definitions

```
TestSequence seq = decoder.decode(stream, TestSequence.class);

System.out.println(seq.getField1());

if(seq.isField3Present())

System.out.println(seq.getField3());
...
```

#### C# example:

```
// Encoding for C#
TestSequence sequence = new TestSequence();
sequence.Field1 = 10L;
sequence.Field3 = "Hello";
// Inner class for implicity ASN.1 type declaration
TestSequence.Field4ChoiceType choice = new TestSequence.Field4ChoiceType ();
choice.selectField2(0.5);
sequence.Field4 = choice;
IEncoder encoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newEncoder("BER");
ByteArrayOutputStream outputStream = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
encoder.encode<TestSequence>(sequence, outputStream);
// Decoding for .NET
IDecoder decoder = CoderFactory.getInstance().newDecoder("BER");
// Decoding the specified input stream
TestSequence seq = decoder.decode<TestSequence>(stream);
System.Console.Writeln(seq.Field1);
if(seq.isField3Present()) {
       System.Console.Writeln(seq.Field3);
```

#### 5.1. Metadata and type mapping

The library supported following Java/.NET types and annotations/attributes:

ASN1 type	Java	.NET	Metadata must be specified	Metadata (annotation / attribute)	Constraints supports	Definition Examples
INTEGER	Integer Long	int long	no	ASN1Integer (@ASN1Integer for Java, [ASN1Integer] for .NET	ASN1ValueRangeConstrain t	11. int value; // .net 2. Integer value; // java 3. // Java with annotation  @ASN1Integer(name="fieldName") private Integer value; // field declaration  public int getValue() { return this.value}; public void setValue(int param) { this.value = param};  4. // .NET with constraints attribute  @ASN1Integer(name="fieldName") [ASN1ValueRangeConstraint(Min = 120, Max = 1000] public int Value { } ; // Property
REAL	Double	Double	no	ASN1Real	-	1. Double value; // java 2. double value; //.net 3. // .net with attributes [ASN1Real name="fieldName"] public double Value { }; // property
PrintableString UTF8String TeletexString VideotexString IASString VisibleString GeneralString UniversalString NumericString BMPString	J	string	No, by default is expected Printable String		ASN1SizeConstraint	1. String value; // java 2. // .net [ASN1String name="filedName" stringType=UniversalTags.UTF8String] public string Value { }; // property
BOOLEAN	Boolean	bool	No	ASN1	<u>-</u>	
SEQUENCE	class	class	Yes	ASN1Sequence	-	See to 4.1 for example
CHOICE	class Collection<>	class ICollection<>	Yes Yes	ASN1Choice ASN1SequenceOf	- ASN1SizeConstraint	See to 4.1 for example 1. // Java
SEQUENCE OF	Collection <>	rcollection<>	165	ASMISequenceOI	ASINTSIZECONSCIANIC	@ASN1SequenceOf private Collection <string> myCollection;</string>

ASN1 type	Java	.NET	Metadata must be specified	Metadata (annotation / attribute)	Constraints supports	Definition Examples
						2. // .NET @ASN1SequenceOf public ICollection <string> myCollection { }; // property</string>
ANY	byte[]	byte[]	Yes	ASN1Any	-	-
OCTET STRING	byte[]	byte[]	No	ASN1OctetString	-	-
ENUMERATED	class with Enui	m class with Enum	Yes	ASN1Enum	-	-
BITSTRING	special class	special class	No	ASN1BitString	ASN1SizeConstraints	
	org.bn.types.B	it org.bn.types.BitS				
	String	tring				
OBJECT	special class	special class	No	ASN1ObjectIdentifier	-	
IDENTIFIER		bjorg.bn.types.Obj				
	ectIdentifier	ectIdentifier				

## 5.2. Prepared elements (High performance encoding mode)

The annotations/attributes have performance problems for a critical application. The version 1.4 and later offer the new feature – Prepared Elements.

The BNCompiler now for generated files has some static declarations for increase performance. If you aren't using BNCompiler and coding your classes manually, you can use the following declaration for increase performance (example for .NET):

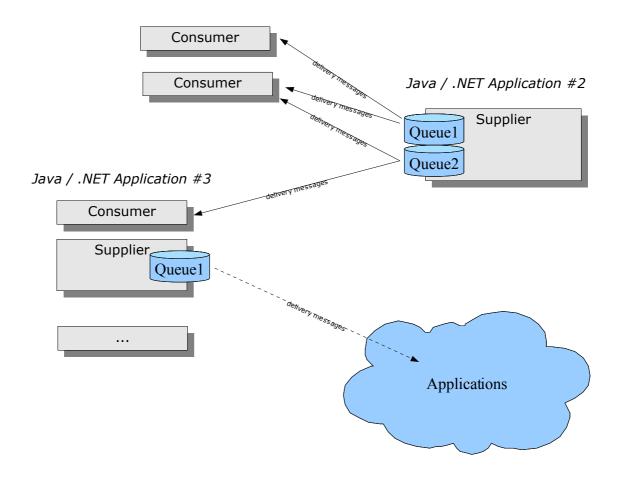
## 6. BinaryNotes Message Queues (BinaryNotesMQ)

BinaryNotes Message Queues (BNMQ) v1.0 is the main and new feature for BinaryNotes v1.3. Functionality:

- Simple & fast Messages Queues based on ASN.1 encoding.
- Compact ASN.1 encoded messages (default encoding is PER/Unaligned)
- Flexible subscription procedure with filtering on server support
- Persistence (mandatory) messages and subscription supported (based on HSQLDB for Java, and SQLite for .NET)
- Framework hide all networking infrastructure. For BNMQ version 1.0 only supported autorestore connection feature. But has plans to support more progressive Fault-Tolerant and Load-Balancing Features (v1.1 MQ).
- The flexible design which allows to simple extend default implementation.
- Supports for RPC-style interaction. Support async-call paradigm too.

#### 6.1. BinaryNotesMQ architecture

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There is main subjects which operates the BinaryNotesMQ library:

- **Message** content that delivering from Supplier to Consumer. Message contains system parameters (message id, priority, address information, etc) and custom body with user content.
- Queue (Message Queue) it's queue of messages from Supplier to Consumer.
- **Consumer** the client of Message Queues and are receiving messages from these queues. Consumer can subscribe to concrete Queue with the specified ConsumerId. The subscription maybe also specified as persistence and if connection with Queue is unavailable then all (mandatory) messages from supplier will be stored and delivered later.
- **Supplier** the supplier for queues. It's can register some Queues for various user messages types, handling subscriptions, and can delivery messages to Consumer. Supplier may also create persistence storage for Queue and has other auxiliary functions.

For all this subjects BinaryNotesMQ has a simple direct interface definition. The library fully hide transport level, and developer doesn't coding this level. Also the library doesn't use any standalone application for processing queues (like broker and e.t.c).

#### 6.2. BinaryNotesMQ API quick overview

The main factory for creating needed objects is org.bn.mg.MQFactory. With the factory you can create IMessagingBus. IMessagingBus is abstraction for a transport layer.

With MessagingBus you can create a new transport session (the client connection, or the server listener). Abstraction for this session is interface IMQConnection<sup>5</sup>:

```
IMessagingBus bus = MQFactory.Instance.createMessagingBus();
IMQConnection connection = bus.connect(new URI("bnmq://remotehost.test:3333")); // for client
IMQConnection connection = bus.create(new URI("bnmq://127.0.0.1:3333")); // for server
// start connection
connection.start(); // starting connection
```

The concrete IMQConnection instance can listen with IMQConnectionListener interface user implementation (see to addListener method). After preparation the connection, don't forget to call start() method.

With IMQConnection you can register a local message supplier or lookup a remote supplier:

```
IRemoteSupplier remoteSupplier = connection.lookup("ExampleSupplier"); // lookup
ISupplier supplier = connection.createSupplier("MySupplier"); // create own message supplier
```

For consumer you can lookup & subscription to remote queue over remote supplier:

```
IRemoteQueue < UserMessageType > remoteQueue = remoteSupplier.lookup("MyQueue");
remoteQueue.addConsumer(new MyConsumer()); // subscription procedure
//... You must define your implementation for IConsumer<T> interface
class MyConsumer implements IConsumer<UserMessageType> {
      public String getId() {
              return "MyConsumer";
      }
      UserMessageType onMessage(IMessage<UserMessageType> message) {
```

Where you must define implementation handling messages using interface IConsumer <>. This interface has two methods:

- getId method invoke for determinate ConsumerId
- onMessage code for processing received message. Method can return result value if supplier using RPC-style.

For specified example UserMessageType is type of message which uses for this queue. This class must define developer with BNCompiler or manually created.

For **supplier** you can create queue:

```
// For Java
IQueue<UserMessageType> queue = supplier.createQueue("MyQueue", UserMessageType.class);
// For .NET
IQueue<UserMessageType> queue = supplier.createQueue<UserMessageType>("MyQueue");
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> From start here samples specified only for Java and for .NET stipulates necessarily because .NET has similar to Java API.

```
// and now we can send messages to queue

IMessage<UserMessageType> message = queue.createMessage();
message.setBody(new UserMessageType()); // filling user body content
queue.sendMessage(message);
```

#### 6.3. BinaryNotesMQ RPC-style message processing

BinaryNotesMQ supports RPC-style message processing. Supplier can invoke method on queue call or callAsync instead of sendMessage:

```
UserMessageType result = queue.call(new UserMessageType()); // Synchronized call (awaiting result in the current thread)
// more progressive & fast async call also supported queue.callAsync(new UserMessageType(), new CallAsyncListener()); // Async call with handler
// for .NET you can also use delegates queue.callAsync(new UserMessageType(), callResultDelegate, callTimeoutDelegate);
```

Consumer doesn't need any special coding for RPC style instead returning result when handling event onMessage().

## 6.4. BinaryNotesMQ Point-to-Point lightweight messaging/RPC model

BNMQ are supporting PTP model when two remote points has equals rights and may send and receive messages (two-way messaging) or use two-way RPC-model:

```
serverConnection = bus.create(new URI("bnmq://127.0.0.1:3333"));
ptpServerSession = serverConnection.createPTPSession("serverPTP","ptpSimpleSession",String.class);
ptpServerSession.addListener(new TestPTPSessionListener());
serverConnection.start();

clientConnection = bus.connect(new URI("bnmq://127.0.0.1:3333"));
ptpClientSession = clientConnection.createPTPSession("clientPTP","ptpSimpleSession",String.class);
ptpClientSession.addListener(new TestPTPSessionListener());
clientConnection.start();

String result = ptpClientSession.call("Hello from PTP Client",20);

ITransport clientTransport = ...; // client transport after connected over MQConnection (see to
IMQConnectionListener).
ptpServerSession.callAsync("Hello from Server 2", clientTransport, new TestRPCAsyncCalBack(),20);
```

#### 6.5. BinaryNotesMQ message format

BinaryNotesMQ on the transport layer uses own type of message format for now (but can in the future supports more protocols):



The BinaryNotesMQ potentially can support another encodings instead based on ASN.1, and header have the very simple format:

1 (first byte)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encoder schema id	Encoder schema subtype id		Body length Network orde	ered 32bit inte	ger	

• **Encoder schema / encoder schema subtype –** type (identifier) of encoder schema:

Encoder schema id	Encoder schema subtype id	Encoding definition
0x00	0x00	ASN.1 BER encoded body
0x01	0x00	ASN.1 PER aligned encoded body
0x01	0x01	ASN.1 PER unaligned encoded body

- **Protocol version** body protocol version (for tracking protocol changes and compatibility MQ)
- **Body length** Length of message body. Value encoded as network ordered 32-bit integer.

After header following body encoded as specified in header.

Body encoded using BinaryNotesMQ ASN.1 declaration (see to BinaryNotesMQ\asn\ directory) and define message types:

- **UserBody** delivering user content
- **Subscribe** consumer subscription command
- Lookup lookup supplier
- AliveRequest system messages for controlling availability transport layer

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