XML and Web Services for Astronomers

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Web Services for Astronomers

What are Web Services

Web Service Architecture

Building Web Services

The Future of Web Services

- Web (From Dictionary.com)
 - A latticed or woven structure
 - 2. Something intricately contrived, especially something that ensnares or entangles.
 - A complex, interconnected structure or arrangement

Shorthand for the World Wide Web

- Service (From Dictionary.com)
 - The performance of work or duties for a superior or as a servant
 - 2. An act or a variety of work done for others, especially for pay
 - 3. Assistance; help

Slang terms not suitable for print.

- Web Service
 - Distributed Computing Model
 - Self-Contained Modular Applications
 - Platform Independent
 - Language Independent

Or

An unpaid act of performing intricately contrived work for others that ensnares all?

Hello World

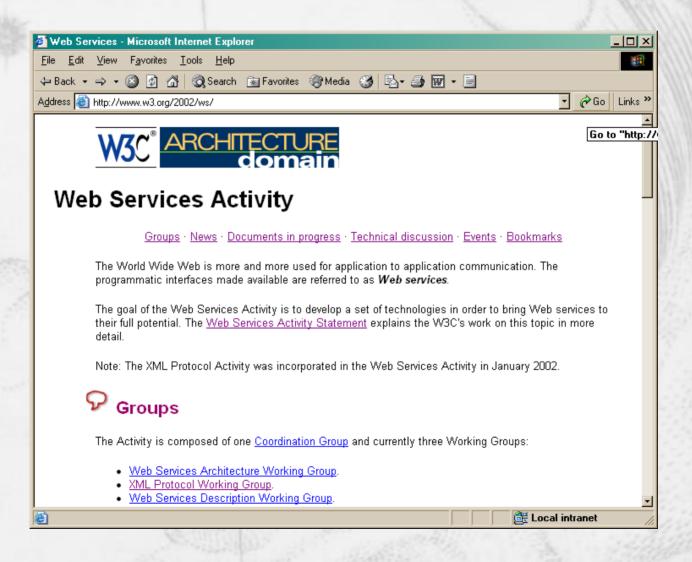
```
public class HelloWorld {
  public java.lang.String getMessage() {
     return "Hello World!";
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     HelloWorld hw = new HelloWorld();
     System.out.print(hw.getMessage());
```

A Service that is accessed via the Web!

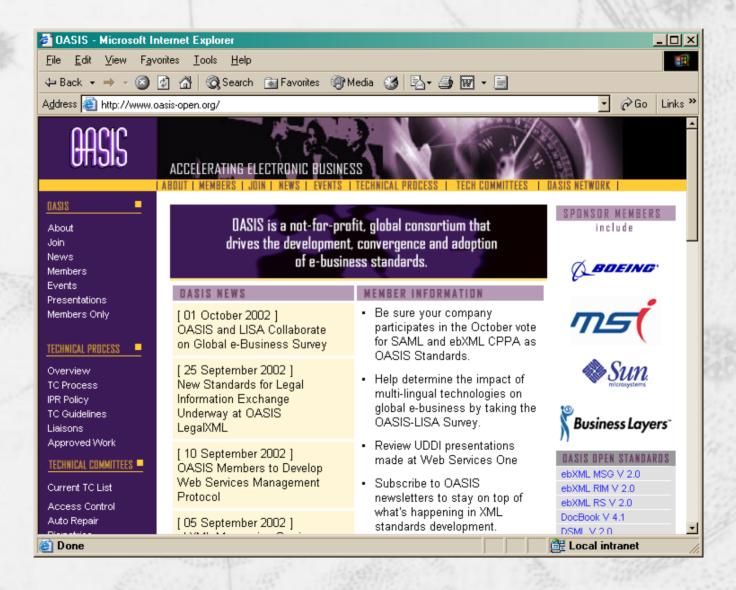
Who is in Control?

- W3C (<u>www.w3c.org</u>)
 - WSDL
 - SOAP/XML Protocol
 - Web Service Activity
- Oasis (<u>www.oasis-open.org</u>)
 - ebXML
 - UDDI
- WS-I (<u>www.ws-i.org</u>)

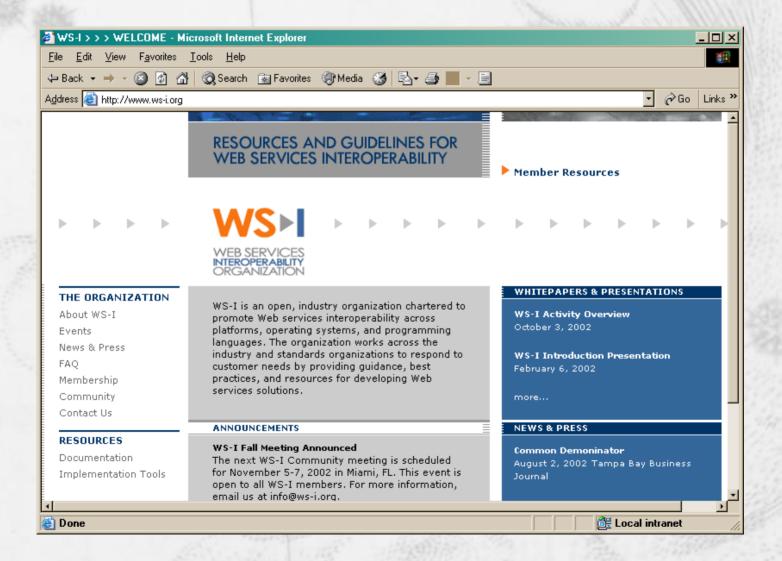
W3C Web Services Activity



OASIS



WS-I



How is this different?

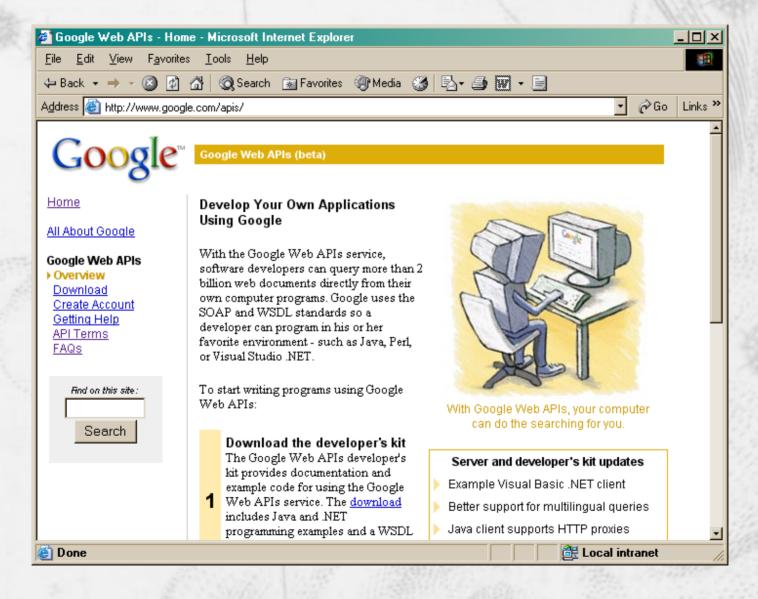
- RPC Model Exists!
 - CORBA
 - COM/DCOM
 - RMI

■ Web Services use XML!!!!!

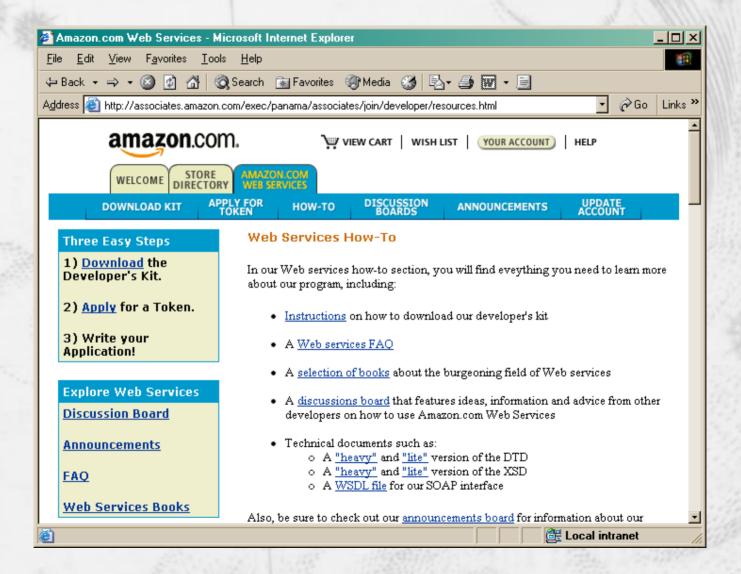
Practical Examples

- Business to Business
 - Inventory Records
 - Bill of Laden
 - Purchase Orders
- Business to Consumer
 - Financial Data
 - Spelling/Searching
 - Product Listings
 - Airline Reservations

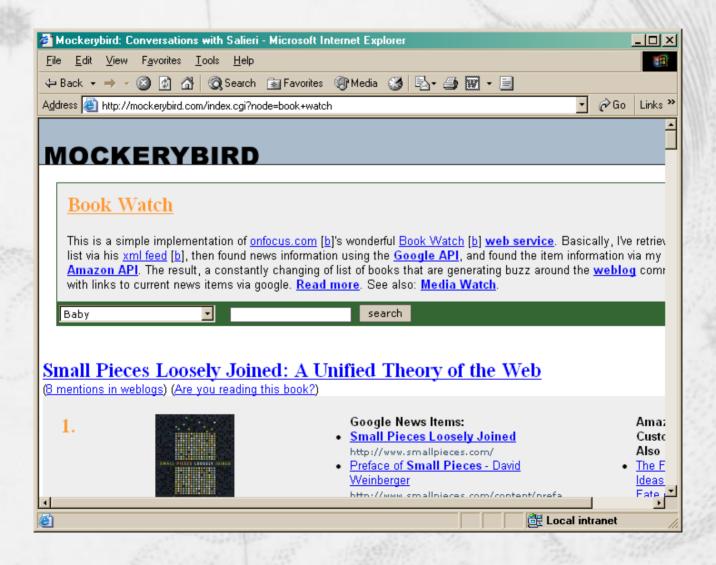
Google



Amazon



Multiple Invocations



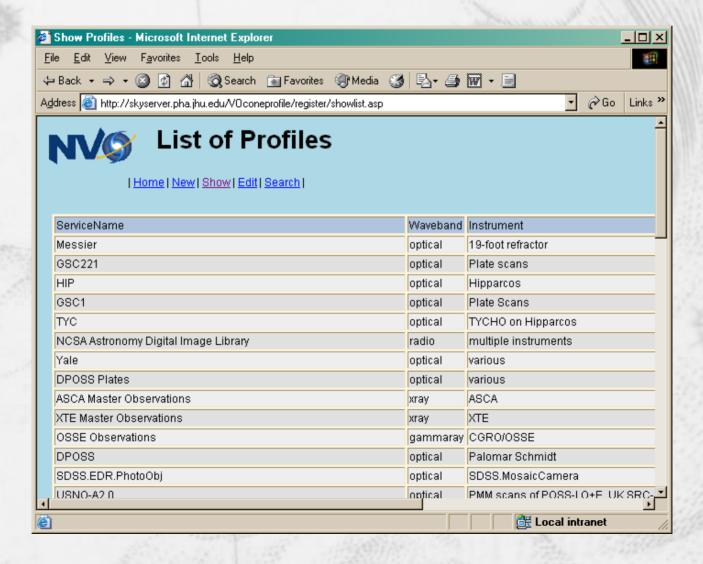
Practical Benefits

- Programmatic Access
- Platform/Language Independent
- Compose/Distribute

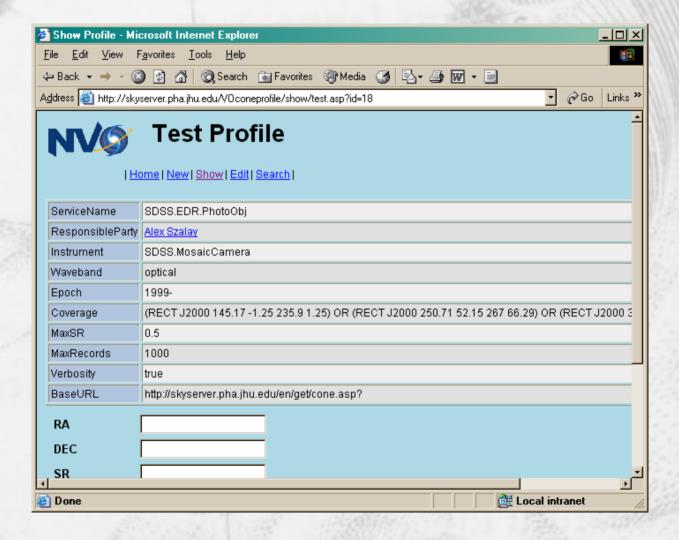
What about Astronomy

- Name Resolution
 - NED/SIMBAD Models
- Image Access
 - virtualsky
- Catalog Access
 - Intelligent Archive Queries
- Catalog Joins
 - Cross Identification Servers

Cone Search Profiles



SDSS EDR Cone Search



Web Service Paradigm

- Service Oriented Programming
 - Dynamically Locate Services
 - Services are "ON" the Network
 - Services can be coupled
- Multiple Transport Protocols
 - HTTP, SMTP, FTP, ...
- Multiple Message Encodings
 - SOAP, XML-RPC, XP(?), ...

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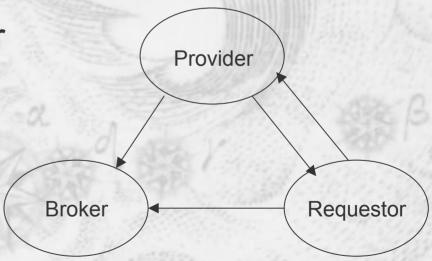
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- Three Primary Roles
 - 1. Service provider
 - 2. Service requester
 - 3. Service broker



Web Service Architecture

- Framework must support
 - 1. Publishing Service
 - 2. Finding a Service
 - 3. Binding a Service

Web Service Lifecycle

- 1. Service Must be Created
- 2. Service Must Be Published
- 3. Service Must be Easily Located
- 4. Service Must be Invoked/Called
- 5. Service must be Unpublished

Service Provider

- Creates the Service
 - New Service
 - Wrap Legacy Service
 - Wrap "Other" Services
- Publishes the Service
 - Registries
 - Standard Hierarchies
- Supports the Web Service
- Unpublishes the Service

Service Broker

Maintains Service Registry

- Simplifies Service Location
 - Categorization
 - Query Support

Service Requestor

Locates Service

- Invokes Service
 - Direct Request
 - Indirect Request

The Big Three

- Service Description WSDL
 - The most important, everything else derives from this
- Service Invocation SOAP
 Dominant Communication Protocol (XML Protocol)
- Service Publication UDDI
 Being Pushed Hard, but future not clear. (OGSA)

Describing a Service

- Web Services Description Language (WSDL) http://www.w3.org/2002/ws/desc/
 - XML Document that provides the public interface to a Web Service
 - Public Methods
 - Data Type Information (IN/OUT)
 - Transport Protocol Binding Information
 - Service Location
 - The What, Where, and How!

Invoking a Service

- Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)
 - Although as of V1.2 SOAP is no longer an acronym

http://www.w3.org/2000/xp/Group/

- XML protocol for exchanging messages
 - Platform/Language Independent
- Different Transport Protocols (General Case)
 - HTTP/HTTPR
 - SMTP
 - FTP
 - BEEP
 -

Publishing a Service

- Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration (UDDI) http://www.uddi.org (Now under OASIS)
- Technical specification for building WSDL document repositories
 - Documents can be published
 - Document can be searched
 - Formal Hierarchy
- UDDI Registry implements the specification
 - IBM, Microsoft, SAP, etc. have public Registries
 - astrouddi.org (?)

Hello World (WSDL Style)

```
<wsdl:definitions
tarnetNamesnace="http://localhost:8080/avis/HelloWorld iws'
 xmlns:impl="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"
xmlns:intf="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld iws"
vmlns:anachesoan="http://yml.anache.org/yml.soan"
 xmlns:wsdlsoap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/
xmlns:soapenc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
 xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
 <schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</p>
  targetNamespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld iws">
   <import namespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"/>
   <complexType name="ArrayOf_xsd_string">
    <complexContent>
     <restriction base="soapenc:Array">
      <attribute ref="soapenc:arrayType" wsdl:arrayType="xsd:string[]"/>
     </restriction>
    </complexContent>
   </complexType>
   <element name="ArrayOf xsd string" nillable="true" type="impl:ArrayOf xsd string"/>
</wsdl:types>
<wsdl:message name="mainRequest">
  <wsdl:part name="args" type="impl:ArrayOf_xsd_string"/>
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="getMessageResponse">
  <wsdl:part name="getMessageReturn" type="xsd:string"/>
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="getMessageRequest">
 </wsdl:message>
<wsd!:message name="mainResnonse">
 </wsdl:message>
 <wsdl:portType name="HelloWorld">
 <wsdl:operation name="main" parameterOrder="args">
<wsdl:input name="mainRequest" message="impl:mainRequest"/>
   <wsdl:output name="mainResponse" message="impl:mainResponse"/>
  </wsdl:operation>
   <wsdl:input name="getMessageRequest" message="impl:getMessageRequest"/>
<wsdl:output name="getMessageResponse" message="impl:getMessageResponse"/>
 <wsdl:binding name="HelloWorldSoapBinding" type="impl:HelloWorld">
  <wsdlsoap:binding style="rpc" transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
  <wsdl:operation name="main">
   <wsdlsoap:operation.soapAction=""/2</p>
   <wsdl:input name="mainRequest">
     <wsdlsoap:body use="encoded"
     encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/
     namespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"/>
    </ws/lrinnut>
    <wsdl:output name="mainResponse">
    <wsdlsoap:body use="encoded"
encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/
      namespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"/>
   </wsdl:output>
  </wsdl:operation>
  <wsdl:operation name="getMessage">
   <wsdlsoap:operation soapAction=""/>
   <wsdl:input name="getMessageRequest">
     encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
namespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"/>
   <wsdl:output name="getMessageResponse">
     <wsdlsoap:body use="encoded"
      encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
     namespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.iws"/a
    </wsdl:output>
 </wsdl·binding>
 <wsdl:service name="HelloWorldService">
  <wsdl:port name="HelloWorld" binding="impl:HelloWorldSoapBinding">
   <wsdlsoap:address location="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.iws"/>
 </wsdl:service>
</wsdl·definitions>
```

WSDL Definitions Element

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<wsdl:definitions
 targetNamespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"
 xmlns:impl="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"
 xmlns:intf="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"
 xmlns:apachesoap="http://xml.apache.org/xml-soap"
 xmlns:wsdlsoap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
 xmlns:soapenc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
 xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
 xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
 xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
</wsdl:definitions>
```

WSDL Document Elements

- <wsdl:types>
 The datatypes used by the Web Service
- <wsdl:message>
 The abstract definition of the data being transmitted
- <wsdl:portType>
 The abstract operations that constitute the Web service
- <wsdl:binding>
 The concrete protocol and data format used by the Web service
- <wsdl:port>
 The address for a single communication endpoint
- <wsdl:service>
 An aggregation of related ports

WSDL Types

- Define the datatypes used as arguments to the Web service as well as the return values from a Web service
- Preferably XML Schema
 - XSD namespace
- Must Handle nillable (Java Wrapper Classes)
- SOAP

WSDL Types

Map WSDL (XSD) to Language (e.g., Java)

xsd:boolean	boolean
xsd:byte	byte
xsd:double	double
xsd:float	float
xsd:int	int
xsd:long	long
xsd:short	short
xsd:dateTime	java.util.Calendar
xsd:decimal	java.math.BigDecimal
xsd:hexBinary	byte[]
xsd:base64Binary	byte[]
xsd:QName	javax.xml.namespace.QName
xsd:integer	java.math.BigInteger
xsd:string	java.lang.String

WSDL Types

- Recommended approach
 - Use Elements not Attributes
 - Only define types that refer to abstract content of messages (not protocols)
 - Array types should extend the SOAP Array type
 - Name scheme: ArrayOfXXX
 - Xsd:anyType used to represent any type.

<wsdl:types>

```
<wsdl:types>
 <schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
  targetNamespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws">
  <import namespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"/>
  <complexType name="ArrayOf xsd string">
   <complexContent>
     <restriction base="soapenc:Array">
      <attribute ref="soapenc:arrayType" wsdl:arrayType="xsd:string[]"/>
    </restriction>
   </complexContent>
  </complexType>
  <element name="ArrayOf_xsd_string" nillable="true"</pre>
   type="impl:ArrayOf_xsd_string"/>
 </schema>
</wsdl:types>
```

Web service Messages

- Interactions between Web service client and server are called messages
- Message element describes the messages that can be exchanged
- Logical definition of a type of message that may be used by operations listed in portType element
 - Input
 - Output
 - Fault Message
- Components
 - Message must have a local name

Web service Messages

- Components (wsdl:message element)
 - Message must have a local name
 - Use WSDL Namespace
 - Zero or more Part descriptions
 - part name
 - part type
 - Arguments or return parameters.
 - Should follow XML Schema
- Message element Future?

<wsdl:message>

```
<wsdl:message name="mainRequest">
 <wsdl:part name="args" type="impl:ArrayOf xsd string"/>
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="getMessageResponse">
 <wsdl:part name="getMessageReturn" type="xsd:string"/>
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="getMessageRequest">
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="mainResponse">
</wsdl:message>
```

WSDL Port Types

WSDL defines four transmission primitives (or operations) that an endpoint can support

- One-way (input element)
 - The endpoint receives a request, but does not send a response.
- Request-response (input then output element)
 - The endpoint receives a request, and sends a correlated response.
- Solicit-response (output then input element)
 - The endpoint sends a response, and receives a correlated response.
- Notification (output element)
 - The endpoint sends a response, but does not receive a request.

WSDL portType

- A portType element defines the interfaces that a Web service exposes.
- Similar to a
 - Class
 - Module
 - or Function Library
- The operations are the class/module/library methods.

<wsdl:portType>

```
<wsdl:portType name="HelloWorld">
 <wsdl:operation name="main" parameterOrder="args">
  <wsdl:input name="mainRequest"</pre>
   message="impl:mainRequest"/>
  <wsdl:output name="mainResponse"
   message="impl:mainResponse"/>
 </wsdl:operation>
 <wsdl:operation name="getMessage">
  <wsdl:input name="getMessageRequest"</pre>
   message="impl:getMessageRequest"/>
  <wsdl:output name="getMessageResponse"</pre>
   message="impl:getMessageResponse"/>
 </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:portType>
```

WSDL Binding

- Defines message format
- For a given portType, defines protocol
 - for operations
 - for messages
- Requires unique name attribute
- Type attribute is portType Qname

<wsdl:binding>

```
<wsdl:binding name="HelloWorldSoapBinding" type="impl:HelloWorld">
 <wsdlsoap:binding style="rpc"</pre>
  transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
 <wsdl:operation name="getMessage">
  <wsdlsoap:operation soapAction=""/>
  <wsdl:input name="getMessageRequest">
   <wsdlsoap:body use="encoded"
    encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
    namespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"/>
  </wsdl:input>
  <wsdl:output name="getMessageResponse">
   <wsdlsoap:body use="encoded"
    encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
    namespace="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"/>
  </wsdl:output>
 </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>
```

WSDL Services

- A port defines a single endpoint
- The port can then be used for binding
- Multiple ports can reference the same address with different protocols
- A Service consists of one or more ports
- A service defines a single serviceType

<wsdl:service> & <wsdl:port>

```
<wsdl:service name="HelloWorldService">
  <wsdl:port
   name="HelloWorld"
   binding="impl:HelloWorldSoapBinding">
   <wsdlsoap:address
   location="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"/>
  </wsdl:port>
  </wsdl:service>
```

Invoking a Service

- Use SOAP to communicate messages
 - SOAP Sender to SOAP Receiver
 - Potential SOAP Intermediaries

- Essentially a one-way communication between SOAP nodes.
 - RPC style
 - Document style

SOAP Basics

- Message is wrapped in the Envelope
- Envelope consists of
 - Header (Optional) used by intermediaries
 - Body contains the actual message
 - Document
 - Service Call
- Fault Handling
 - Child element of body
 - Contains Reason and Code elements

SOAP Basics

- Fault Handling (V1.2)
 - Fault Element is a child element of body
 - No other elements in the body
 - Contains
 - Reason element (Mandatory)
 - Code element (Mandatory)
 - Standard List
 - Detail element (Optional)
 - Node element (Optional)
 - Role element (Optional)

SOAP Request (HelloWorld)

```
POST /axis/HelloWorld.jws HTTP/1.0
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Accept: application/soap+xml, application/dime, multipart/related, text/*
User-Agent: Axis/1.0
Host: localhost
Cache-Control: no-cache
Pragma: no-cache
SOAPAction: ""
Content-Length: 407
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soapenv:Envelope
 xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
 xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
 <soapenv:Body>
  <ns1:getMessage
   soapenv:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
   xmlns:ns1="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws"/>
 </soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

SOAP Response (HelloWorld)

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Connection: close
Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 21:34:47 GMT
Server: Apache Tomcat/4.0.6 (HTTP/1.1 Connector)
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=8A6802F3136B882A53BC0E8E1E30F8CC;Path=/axis
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soapenv:Envelope
 xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
 xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
 <soapenv:Body>
  <ns1:getMessageResponse
   soapenv:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
   xmlns:ns1="http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws">
   <getMessageReturn xsi:type="xsd:string">Hello World!</getMessageReturn>
  </ns1:getMessageResponse>
 </soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

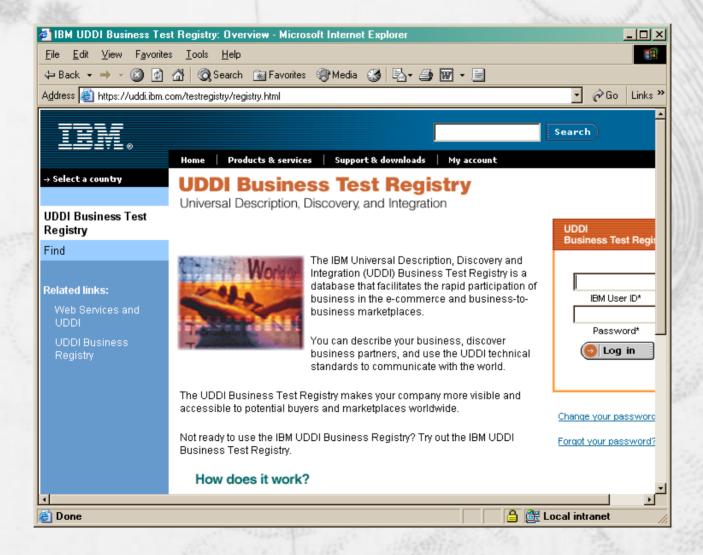
Web Service Registries

- UDDI Currently Dominant
 - Public Registries
 - IBM, MS, SAP, etc.
 - Private Registries
 - UDDI Functions
 - Describe services
 - Discover businesses
 - Integrate business services
- The MetaData Problem

UDDI Registry

- Business Entity
 - Can have multiple Services
- Business Service
 - Has an associated specification
- Specification Pointers
 - Detailed information on service
- Service Types
 - Defined by a tModel
 - tModel and WSDL

UDDI Registry



UDDI Private Registry

- Some development tools or products provide private UDDI registry server
 - Java WS Developer pack.
 - Oracle JDeveloper
 - IBM WS toolkit
 - MS VS .NET

Greater control, no registration!

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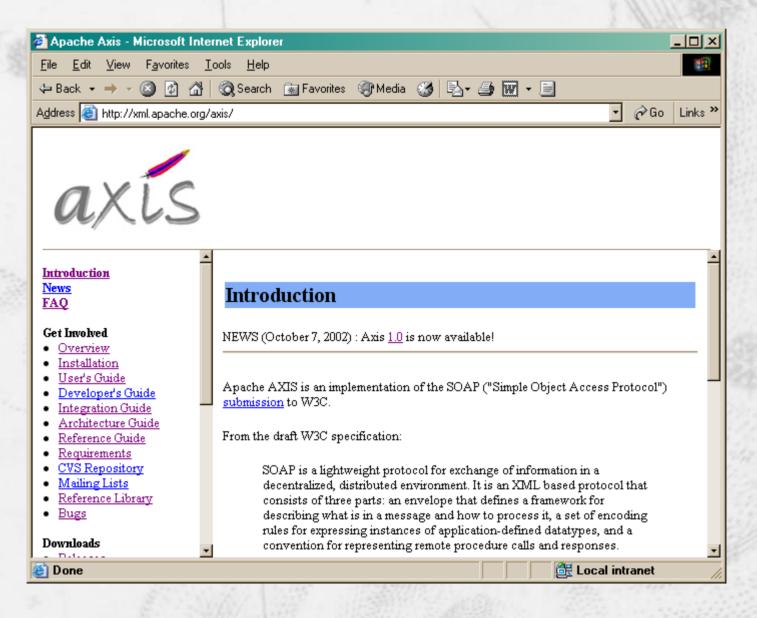
Simple Demonstration of Deploying a Web service

Use Java (but other options exist: .NET, Perl, python, etc.)

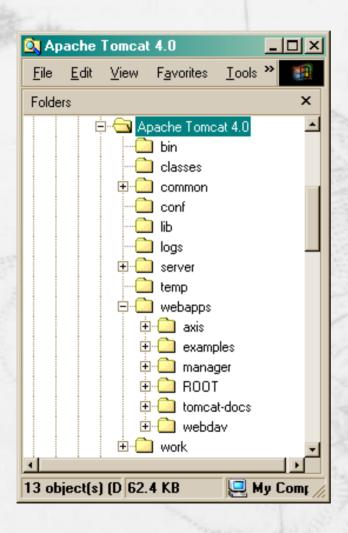
Tomcat Server



AXIS SOAP Server



Installation & Setup



- Install Tomcat
- Deploy Axis web apps into Tomcat webapps directory.
- Start Tomcat Server
- Validate AXIS Installation

Web Service Deployment

- Simple Technique (JWS)
 - Copy Java Source file containing the method(s) to be exposed to axis directory
 - HelloWorld.java -> HelloWorld.jws
- Complex Technique (WSDD)
 - AXIS solution
 - Web Service Deployment Descriptor
- Annotations (.NET approach)
 - [WebMethod]

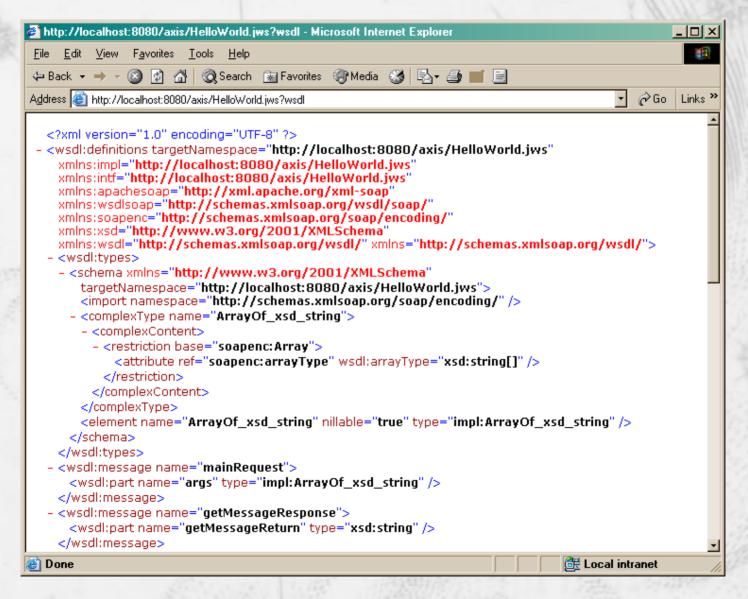
Hello World (Java)

```
public class HelloWorld {
   public java.lang.String getMessage() {
     return "Hello World!";
   }
}
```

Hello World (CSharp)

```
using System.Web.Services;
public class HelloWorld : WebService {
  [WebMethod]
  public string getMessage() {
    return "Hello World!";
```

View WSDL



Web Service Client

- Generate Client Stub from WSDL
 - wsdl2java tool included with AXIS

>java org.apache.axis.wsdl.WSDL2Java http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws?wsdl

Generates

- localhost\HelloWorld.java
- localhost\HelloWorldService.java
- localhost\HelloWorldServiceLocator.java
- localhost\HelloWorldSoapBindingStub.java

Utilizing the Stub Classes

HelloWorldClient.java

```
package localhost;
public class HelloWorldClient
  public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    // Make a service
     HelloWorldService service = new HelloWorldServiceLocator();
    // Now use the service to get a stub
     HelloWorld port = service.getHelloWorld();
     System.out.println(port.getMessage());
```

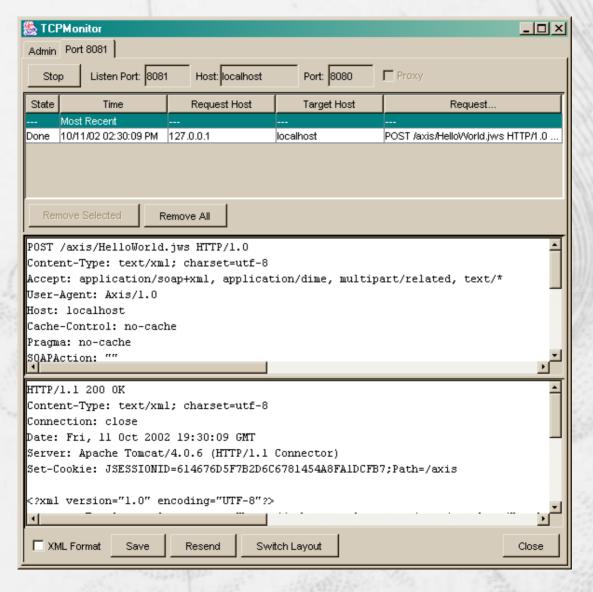
AXIS Extras

Generate Server Skeleton Stub from WSDL

>java org.apache.axis.wsdl.WSDL2Java –s http://localhost:8080/axis/HelloWorld.jws?wsdl

- Generates
 - localhost\HelloWorldSoapBindingImpl.java
- More arguments for additional functionality

AXIS TCP Monitor



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Roadblocks or Speedbumps?

- Reliable Protocol Needed (HTTPR, BEEP)
- Lack of State
- Implementation Inconsistencies
 - unsigned
 - multipart/structures
- Security!

Reliable Protocols

- HTTP Reliable HTTP
 - IBM Initiative

http://www-106.ibm.com/developerworks/library/ws-phtt/

- Adds Persistence to HTTP
- BEEP (Blocks Extensible Exchange Protocol

http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3080.txt

- Connection-oriented
- Asynchronous interactions

DIME (Direct Internet Message Encapsulation)

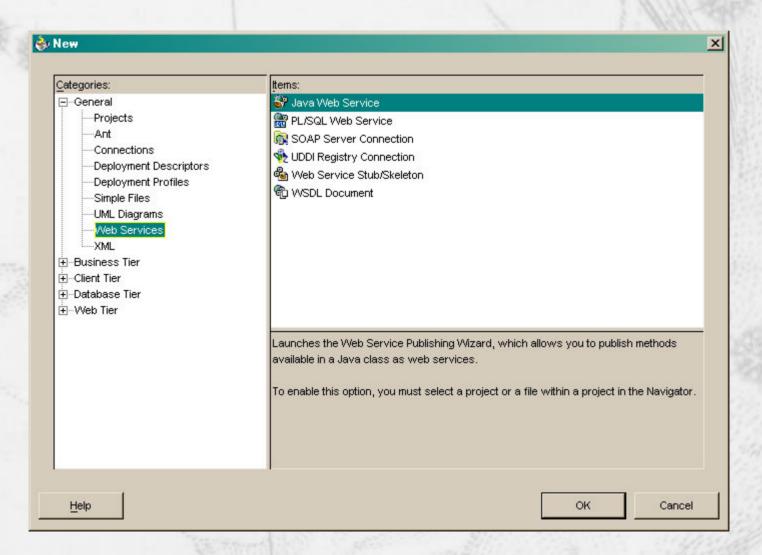
- General purpose binary message format
- Enable Web services to efficiently handle multiple attachments
 - Encrypted messages
 - Graphics
 - Multimedia content
 - General Documents
- DIME Message (application/dime)
 - 1+ records to deliver payload
 - Chunking

http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-nielsen-dime-02.txt

BPEL4WS

- Business Process Execution Language for Web Services
 - Implementing executable business processes.
 - Describing non-executable abstract processes.
- Merging of WSFL and Xlang
 - Ugliest WS Acronym award
- Define new Web service as a composition of existing Web services

Simplify Development/Deployment



J2EE Web Services

- Java APIs for XML
 - JAX-RPC
 - JAXM (SAAJ)
 - JAXR
- JSR 109 Implementing Enterprise Web Services
- JSR 110 Java APIs for WSDL

Security

- Issues include
 - Message Integrity
 - Message Confidentiality
 - Authentication
- Technologies include
 - Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)
 - Transport Layer Security (TLS)
 - Message Encryption
 - Digital Signatures
- But Standards !!!!!

Summary

- Web services provide a powerful programming paradigm
- Mucho Hype
- Looking for Real Applications (NVO)
- Open Grid Services Architecture (OGSA)