Programming Web-Services Homework 2

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1 Introduction

This week we were tasked to implement a flight ticket reservation service built upon SOAP and web services. The testing of these services was done by the clients who parsed a *wsdl* file.

2 Task 1

The first step is to build a user login system as we don't want them to go on a rampage without any control. In order to accomplish this we compare the user's credentials against some hardcoded userbase. If the check succeeds then we return a token(a random number) otherwise a "not-valid" token.

Included with the report, we have the *flightReservation-doc.wsdl* used to generated the *authentication* web service.

```
wsimport -keep authorize.wsdl
```

The rest of the clients used the remote wsdl files:

```
wsimport -keep http://localhost:8080/soap/itinerary?WSDL
wsimport -keep http://localhost:8080/soap/book?WSDL
```

The available web services are (all verified through the passed auth token):

- Authorize a user(/soap/auth/login)
- Search flights given a source and a destination (/soap/itinerary)
- Search itinerary by id(/soap/itinerary)
- bookTicketsForItinenary(/soap/book)
- issueTickets(/soap/book)

3 Task 2

The test clients are the following:

- AuthClient
- ItineraryClient(Checks both operations)
- BookTicket

To deploy the .war file we run the following command:

```
mvn clean package
asadmin start-domain
asadmin deploy target/foo.war
```

The *SOAPHandler* can be used for logging and metrics analysis but we didn't implement it in our project.

4 Conclusion

In conclusion, the task at hand was enlightening in the sense that we went through every step of the web service implementation and deployment. The semantic freedom we had SOAP messaging, along with the factory and XML manipulation libraries, played a big role in easing this process.

The ways that we could attack this problem was either bottom-up($wsdl \rightarrow java$) or top-down($java \rightarrow wsdl$). The positive of the second approach is that the developer can write java which is easier readable and maintainable than a wsdl document. On the other hand writing wsdl you don't become bound to a specific platform/programming language thus remaining free to choose or ship with multiple technologies.