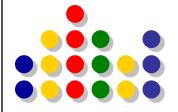
Semantic Web Processes: Semantics Enabled Annotation, Discovery, Composition and Orchestration of Web Scale Processes



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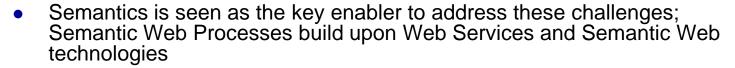
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Our Focus (1)



- Web services and their composition into Web Processes promise to power eCommerce and eServices
- Supporting Web Processes on multi-enterprise and Web scale require addressing heterogeneity/integration, scalability, dynamic change and performance challenges



- This tutorial is about adding semantics to Web Services, and exploiting them in Web Process Lifecycle (Specification, Discovery, Composition, Execution)
 - Functional perspective takes form of process composition involving Web Service Discovery, addressing semantic heterogeneity handling
 - Operational perspective takes form of the research on QoS Specification for Web Services and Processes.







Our Focus (2)





Web Processes



Web Process Composition



Web Process QoS

Web Services



Web Service Annotation

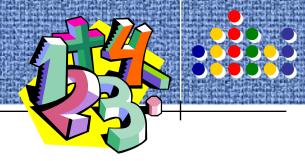


Web Service Discovery



Web Service QoS

The Basics





Web Services: Definition



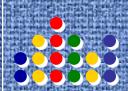
Web Services

"Web services are a new breed of Web application."
They are self-contained, self-describing, modular applications that can be published, located, and invoked across the Web. Web services perform functions, which can be anything from simple requests to complicated business processes. ...

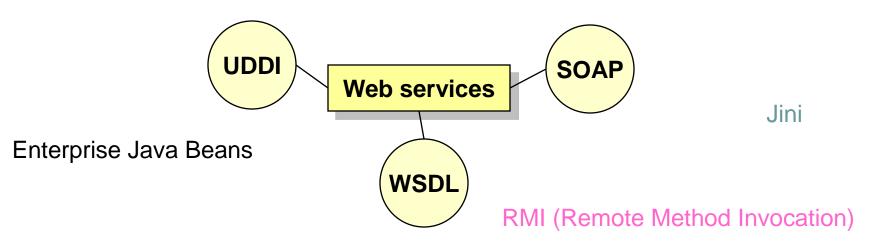
Once a Web service is deployed, other applications (and other Web services) can discover and invoke the deployed service."

IBM web service tutorial

Why Web Services?



Web Services



Microsoft DCOM

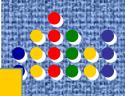
CORBA (Common Object Request Broker Architecture)

Open Software Foundation DCE (Distributed Computing Environment)

Sun ONC/RPC (Open Network Computing)

IP, UDP, TCP

Why Web services?



Web Services

Feature	CORBA	Web Services
Data Model	Object Model	SOAP Message exchange model
Client Server Coupling	Tight Coupling	Loose Coupling
Parameter Passing	Pass by reference/value	Pass by value only
Type Checking	1.Static + Runtime type checking (Regular) 2. Runtime type checking only (DII)	RunTime type checking only
State	Stateful	 Stateless, Uncorrelated (Web Services) Stateful (Web Process)
Firewall Traversal	Work in Progress	Uses HTTP port 80
Service Discovery	CORBA naming/trading Service	UDDI
Communication Mode	1-way, 2-way sync 2-way async	2-way sync (Web Services) 1-way, 2-way sync, 2-way async (Web Process)

Gokhale et al, Reinventing the Wheel? CORBA vs Web-services;

Sheth and Miller, Web Services: Incremental Technical Advance with Huge Practical Impact

What are Web Processes (1)?



- Web Processes are next generation workflow technology to facilitate the <u>interaction</u> of organizations with markets, competitors, suppliers, customers etc. supporting enterprise-level and core business activities
 - encompass the ideas of both intra and inter organizational workflow.
 - created from the composition of Web services
- When all the tasks involved in a Web process are semantically described, we may call such process as Semantic Web Processes

What are Web Processes? (2)



Web Processes

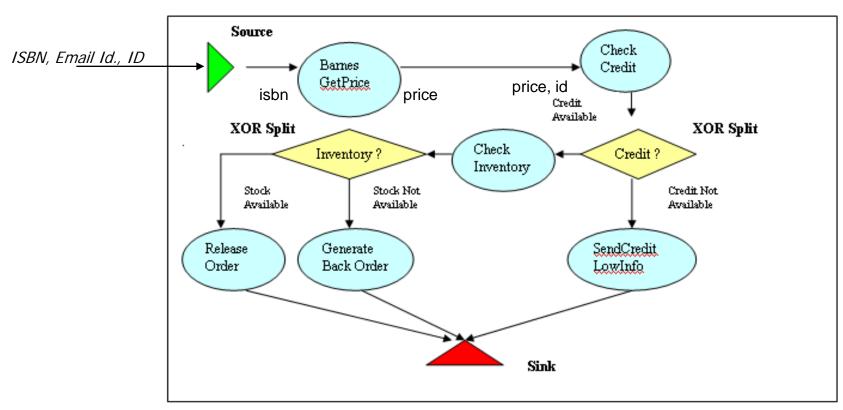
- Web processes describe how Web services are connected to create reliable and dependable business solutions
- Web processes allow businesses to describe sophisticated processes that can both consume and provide Web services
- The role of Web processes within the enterprise is to simplify the integration of business and application processes across technological and corporate domains

Web Process An Example



Web Processes

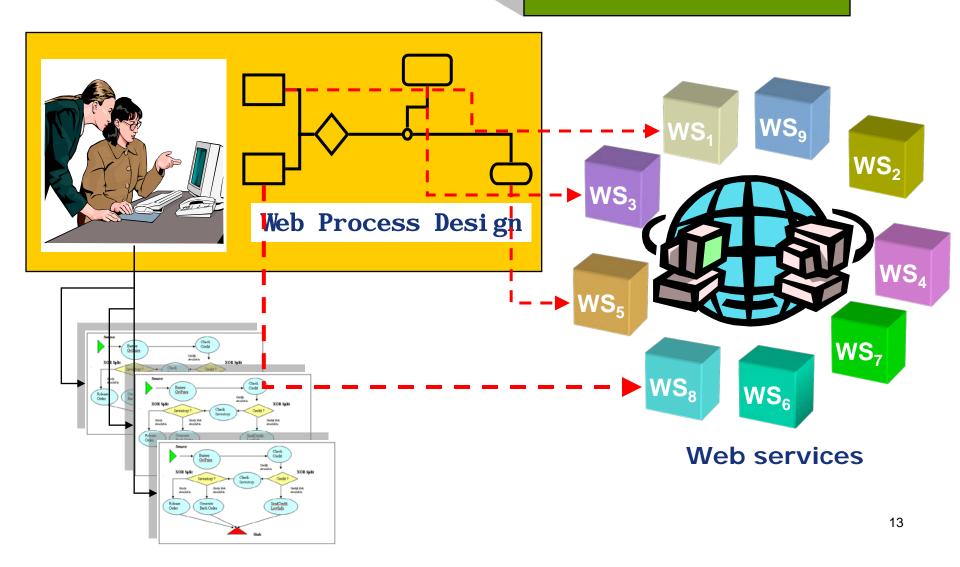
Graphical example of a web process



Web Processes Composition



Web Processes



Architectures for Web Processes*

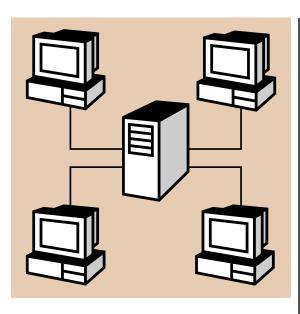


Stages of architectural evolution

- Process Portal
 - One stop for e-services, p2p interactions between buyer and sellers
 - E-Gov, industry automation, Life Science
- Process Vortex
 - Interactions between buyer and seller through a third party marketmaker, predefined processes, shared ontology
- Dynamically Trading Processes

Globalization of Processes





Workflows

B2B

Distributed Workflows

E-Services



Web Processes

Enterprise

Inter-Enterprise

Global

Processes driving the Networked Economy

BIG Challenges

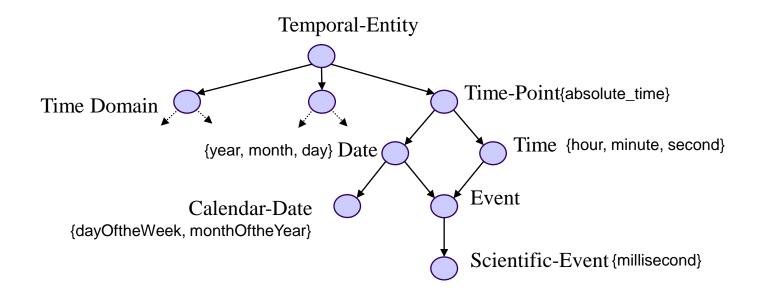


- Heterogeneity and Autonomy
 - Syntactic, semantic and pragmatic
 - Complex rules/regulations related to B2B and ecommerce interactions
 - Solution: Machine processable descriptions
- Dynamic nature of business interactions
 - <u>Demands</u>: Efficient Discovery, Composition, etc.
- Scalability (Enterprises → Web)
 - <u>Needs</u>: Automated service discovery/selection and composition

Proposition: Semantics is the most important enabler to address these challenges

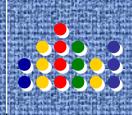
What are Semantics and Ontologies?





- An ontology includes a vocabulary of terms, and some specification of their meaning.
- The goal is to create an agreed-upon vocabulary and semantic structure for exchanging information about that domain.

Roadmap



Annotation of Web Services

Web Process Composition

Semantic Web

Web Service Discovery

Web Processes Quality of Service

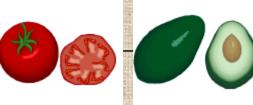














Semanties for Web Processes



Data/Information Semantics

- What: Formal definition of data in input and output messages of a web service
- Why: for discovery and interoperability
- How: by annotating input/output data of web services using ontologies

Functional/Operational Semantics

- Formally representing capabilities of web service
- for <u>discovery</u> and <u>composition</u> of Web Services
- by annotating operations of Web Services as well as provide preconditions and effects; Annotating TPA/SLA (future work)

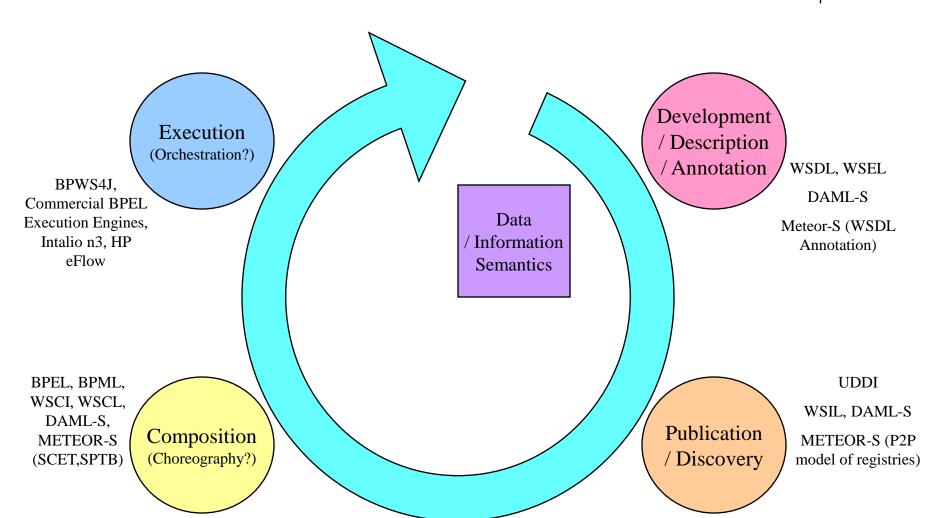
Execution Semantics

- Formally representing the execution or flow of a services in a process or operations in a service
- for <u>analysis</u> (verification), <u>validation</u> (simulation) and <u>execution</u> (exception handling) of the process models
- using State Machines, Petri nets, activity diagrams etc.

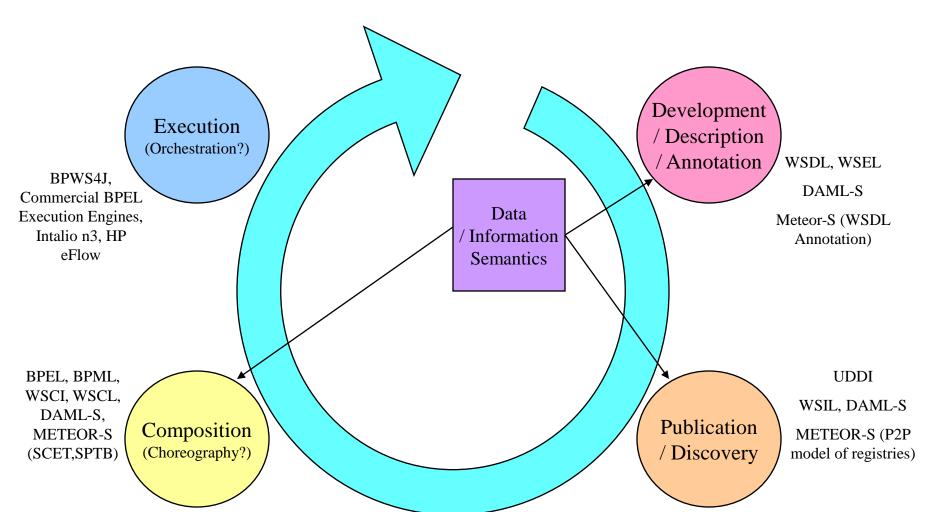
QoS Semantics

- Formally describing operational metrics of a web service/process
- To select the most suitable service to carry out an activity in a process
- using QoS model [Cardoso and Sheth, 2002] for web services

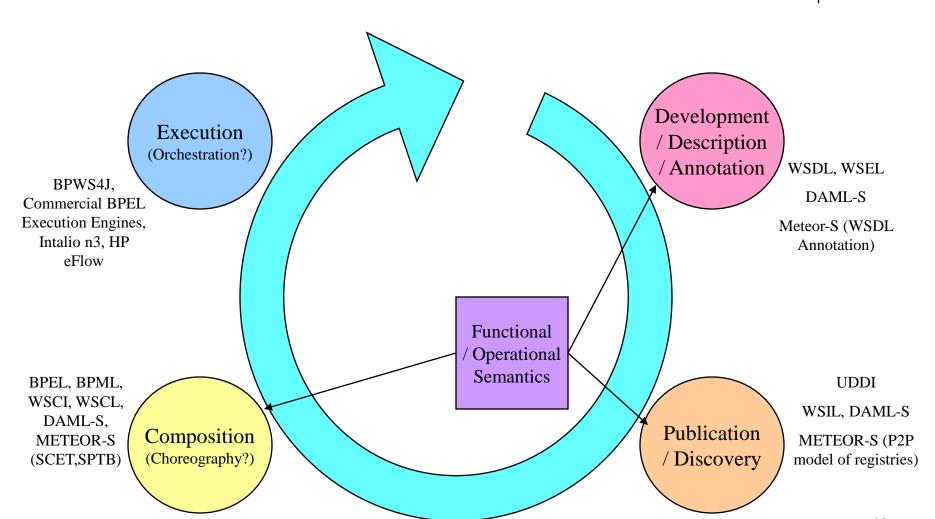




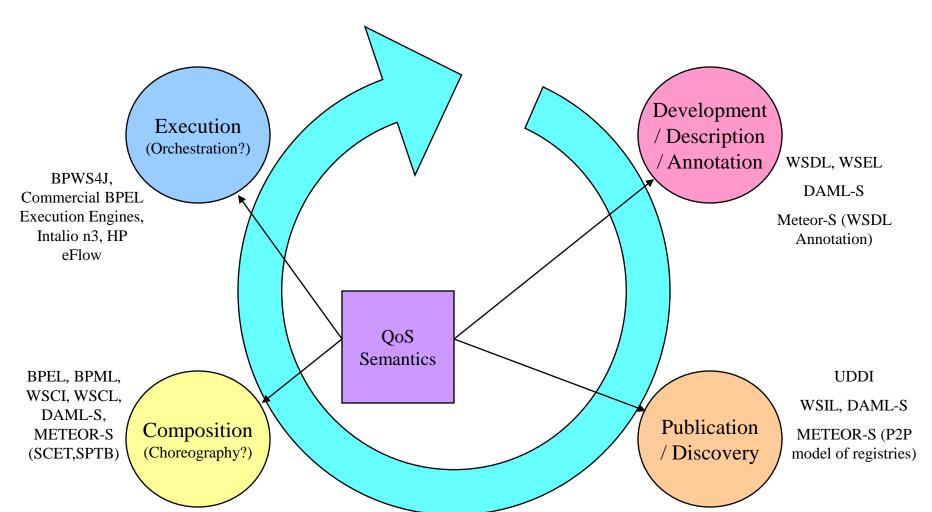




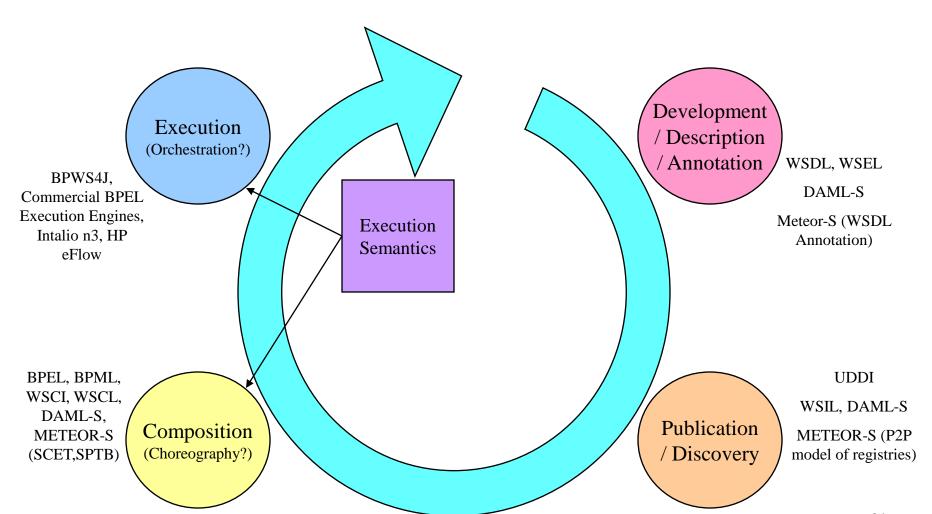




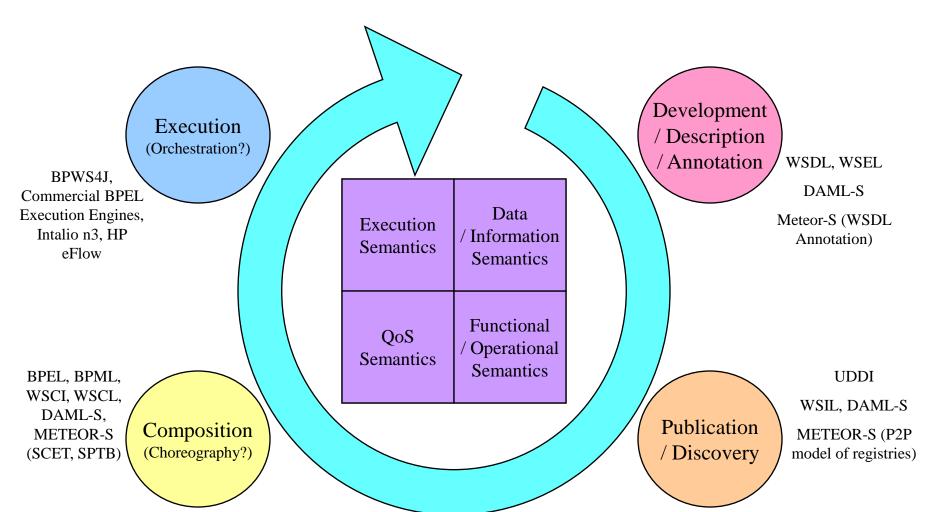












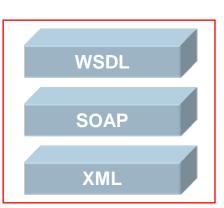
Web Processes Architecture



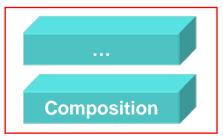
How can semantics be explored ???



Web Servers
HTTP/HTTPS
TCP/IP-SSL







Semantics

Web Process Architecture



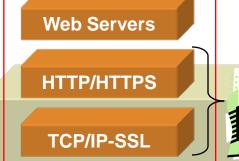
Semantic Web servers

Associate ontology based semantic layers to web resources

Semantic Web browsers

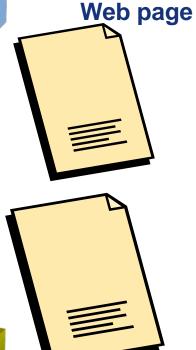
Making sense of page contents

Supporting the interpretation of web pages





Semantics



Web page

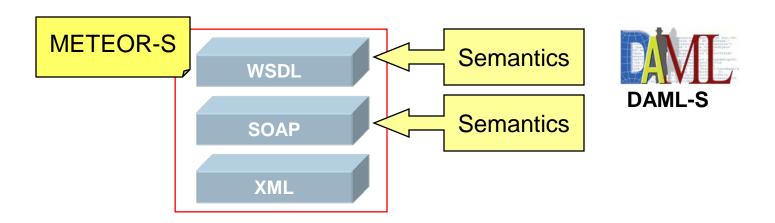
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Web Process Architecture



Web service Semantic Annotation

Associate ontological concepts to Web service descriptions



Adding Semantics to Web Services Standards, Semantic Annotation of Web Services

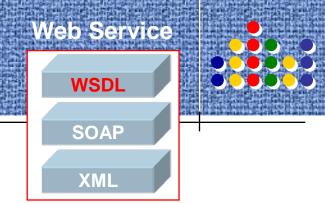
Semantics

Web Services



- WSDL defines services as collections of network endpoints or ports. A port is defined by associating a network address with a binding; a collection of ports define a service.
- **SOAP** is a message layout specification that defines a uniform way of passing XML-encoded data. It also defines a way to bind to HTTP as the underlying communication protocol. SOAP is basically a technology to allow for "RPC *over the web*".
- XML was designed to describe data and to focus on what data is.

WSDL

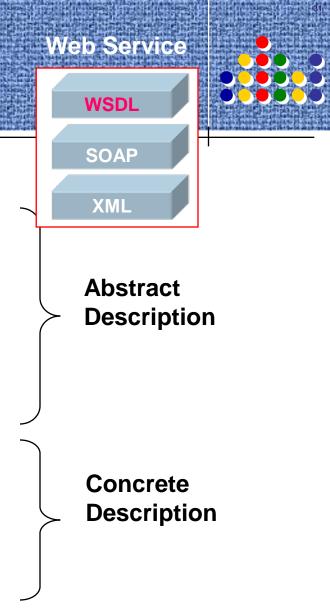


- WSDL stands for Web Services Description Language
- WSDL is an XML document
- WSDL is used to describe Web services
- WSDL is also used to locate Web services

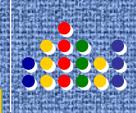
WSDL

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Semantic Annotation of Web Services



Annotation of Web Services

- To enhance the discovery, composition, and orchestration of Web services, it is necessary to increase the description of their interfaces.
- One solution is to annotate WSDL interfaces with semantic metadata based on relevant ontologies.

An ontology is a specification of a representational vocabulary for a shared domain of discourse.

Semantics at Description Layer



Description Layer:

Flow

Discovery

Publication

Description

Messaging

Network

Why:

 Unambiguously understand the functionality of the services and the semantics of the operational data

How:

- Using Ontologies to semantically annotate WSDL constructs (conforming to extensibility allowed in WSDL specification version 1.2) to sufficiently explicate the semantics of the
 - data types used in the service description and
 - functionality of the service

Present scenario:

- WSDL descriptions are mainly <u>syntactic</u> (provides operational information and not functional information)
- Semantic matchmaking is not possible

How to Annotate?



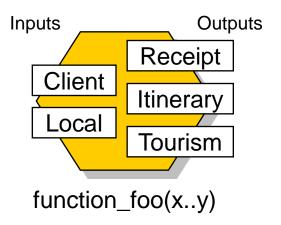
Map Web service's input & output data as well as functional description using relevant data and function/operation ontologies, respectively

- How?
 - Borrow from schema matching
 - Semantic disambiguation between terms in XML messages represented in WSDL and concepts in ontology

Web Services Interfaces

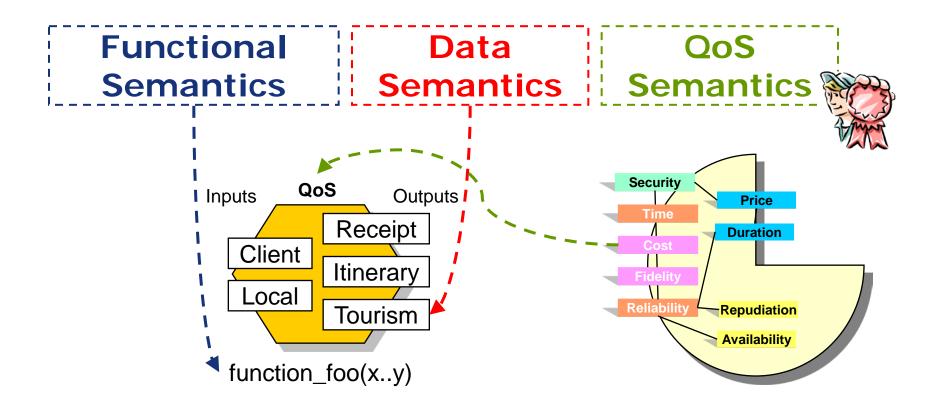


- A Web service (WS) invocation specifies:
 - The number of input parameters that must be supplied for a proper WS realization and
 - The number of outputs parameters to hold and transfer the results of the WS realization to other tasks.
 - A function to invoke



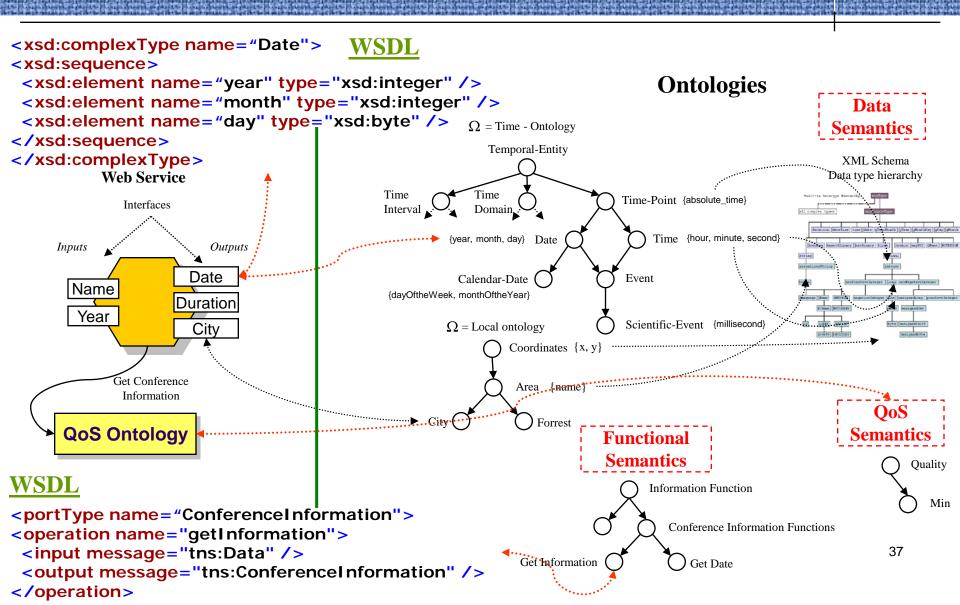
Types of Annotation





Adding Semantics to Web Services





SOAP



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- SOAP is an XML Messaging Protocol
 - that allows software running on disparate operating systems, running in different environments to make procedure calls.

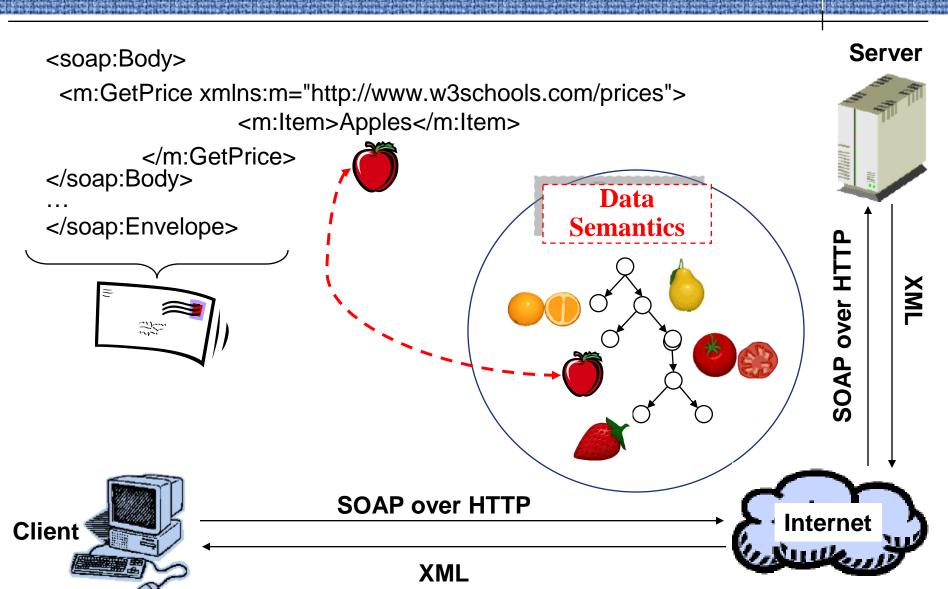
Why SOAP?



- Today's applications communicate using Remote Procedure Calls (RPC) between objects like DCOM and CORBA
- RPC represents a compatibility and security problem; firewalls and proxy servers will normally block this kind of traffic.
- A better way to communicate between applications is over HTTP, because HTTP is supported by all Internet browsers and servers. SOAP was created to accomplish this.

SOAP - Annotation





Web Process Architecture



Semantic Brokering

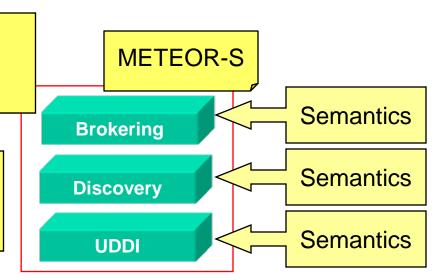
Specialized brokering services to find Web services

Semantic Discovery

Discovery algorithms that account for semantic information

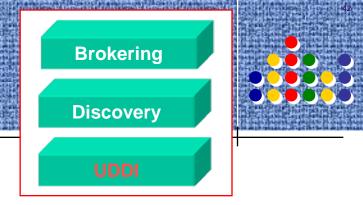
Semantic Registries

Describe Web services in UDDI registries using semantic concepts



Semantics

UDDI



- UDDI stands for Universal Description, Discovery and Integration
- UDDI serves as a "Business and services" registry and directory and are essential for dynamic usage of Web services
- A UDDI registry is similar to a CORBA trader, or it can be thought of as a DNS for business applications.
- Is a platform-independent framework for describing services, discovering businesses, and integrating business services by using the Internet.

How UDDI Works?



1.

SW companies, standards bodies, and programmers populate the registry with descriptions of different types of services

2.



Businesses populate the registry with descriptions of the services they support **UDDI** Business Registry

Business Registrations Service Type Registrations

3. UBR assigns a programmatically unique identifier to each service and business registration

4.



Marketplaces, search engines, and business apps query the registry to discover services at other companies

5.

Business uses this data to facilitate easier integration with each other over the Web

Source: http://www.uddi.org/pubs/UDDI_Overview_Presentation.ppt

Semantics at Publication and Discovery Layers



Publication and Discovery Layers:

Why:

 Enable scalable, efficient and dynamic publication and discovery (machine processable / automation)

How:

Use of ontology to categorize registries based on domains and characterize them by maintaining the

- 1. properties of each registry
- 2. relationships between the registries
- Capturing the WSDL annotations in UDDI

Present scenario:

- Suitable for <u>simple searches</u> (like services offered by a provider, services that implement an interface, services that have a common technical fingerprint etc.)
- Categories are too broad
- <u>Automated service discovery</u> (based on functionality) and <u>selecting</u> the best suited service is not possible

Flow

Discovery

Publication

Description

Messaging

Network

UDDI and Semantics



Marketplaces, search engines, and business apps query









Semantic UDDI



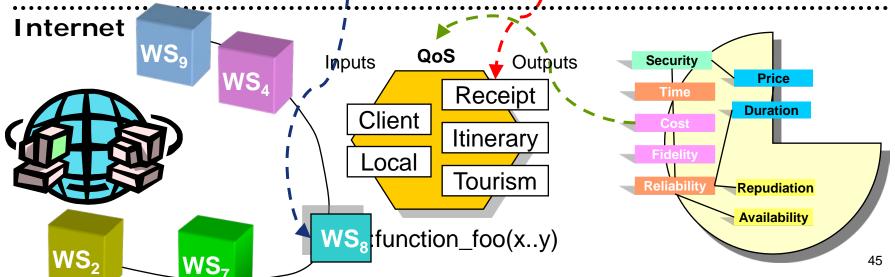
Registry entry

Functional Semantics | Semantics | Semantics

Data

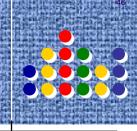
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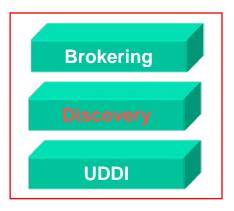


Semantic Discovery of Web Services Web

Web Service Discovery

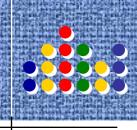


Web Services must be located (Discovery) that might contain the desired functionality, operational metrics, and interfaces needed to carry out the realization of a given task.

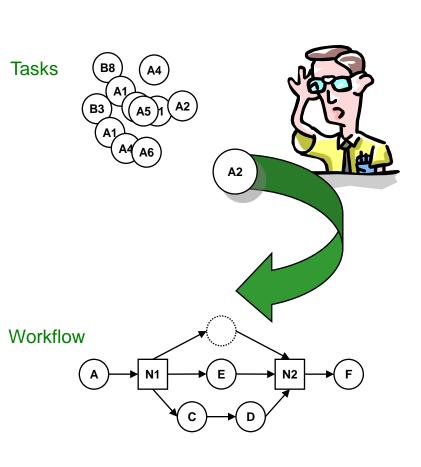


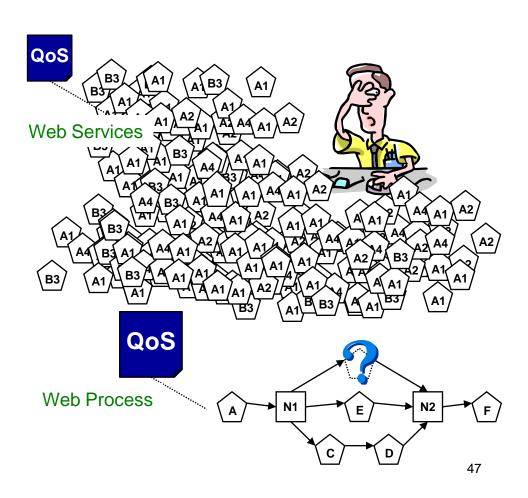
Discovery New Requirements





Before Now

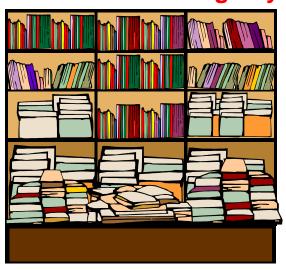




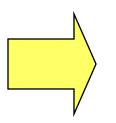
State of the art in discovery



UDDI Business Registry



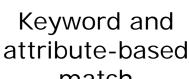
Provides non-semantic search



match

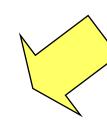


Search retrieves lot of services (irrelevant results included)









Which service to select? How to select?



Present Discovery Mechanism Keyword and attribute-based search



Web Service Discovery

- UDDI :Keyword and attribute-based search
- Example: "Quote"
 - Microsoft UBR returned 12 services
 - Human reading of description (Natural Language) help me understand:
 - 6 Entries are to get Famous Quotes
 - 1 Entry for personal auto and homeowners quoting
 - 1 Entry for multiple supplier quotes on all building materials
 - Categorization suggested for UDDI is useful but inadequate (what does the WS do?) :
 - 1 Entry for Automobile Manufacturing
 - 1 Entry for Insurance agents, brokers, & service
 - Alternatively read and try to understand WSDL
 - 1 Entry related to security details (Human Understanding)
 - 1 Test Web service for Quotes (which quote?)

Present Discovery Mechanism Search for services to book an air ticket (using categories)*



- unspsc-org: unspsc:3-1
 - Travel, Food, Lodging and Entertainment Services
 - Travel facilitation
 - Travel agents
 - Travel agencies
- Services: 3 records found.
 - AirFares
 Returns air fares from netviagens.com travel agent
 - Hotel reservations
 Reservations for hotels in Asia, Australia and New Zealand
 - Your Vacation Specialists
 Web enabled vacation information
- Providers: 2 records found.

Present Discovery Mechanism Search for services to book an air ticket (using Keywords)*



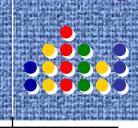
- air ticket
 - 1 record with name air tickets booking
- airticket, ticketbooking, airtravel, air travel, travel agent, airticketbooking, air ticket booking, travel agency, travelagency
 - 0 records were returned
- travelagent
 - 1 record with name travelagent test
 - 4 services: BookFlight, cancelFlightBooking etc.
 - Descriptions say that both these services are "XML based Web services"
 - No URL for WSDL
- Travel
 - 15 records. Purpose/functionality understood from descriptions
 - 2 services : TravelBooks
 - 4 services : TravelInformation
 - 2 services: Reservation and cancallation of travel tickets
 - 1 service : Emergency Services for travellers
 - 1 service : Travel documentation and itinerary
 - 5 services : Description is ambiguous/not present

* Search carried out in one of the Universal Business Registries

The use of semantics

Benefits

Web Service Discovery



- Search engines can better "understand" the contents of a particular page
- More accurate searches
- Additional information aids precision
- Makes it possible to automate searches because less manual "weeding" is needed to process the search results
- Facilitates the integration of several Web services

Semantic Discovery: Overview



Annotation and Publication

 WSDL file is annotated using ontologies and the annotations are captured in UDDI

Discovery

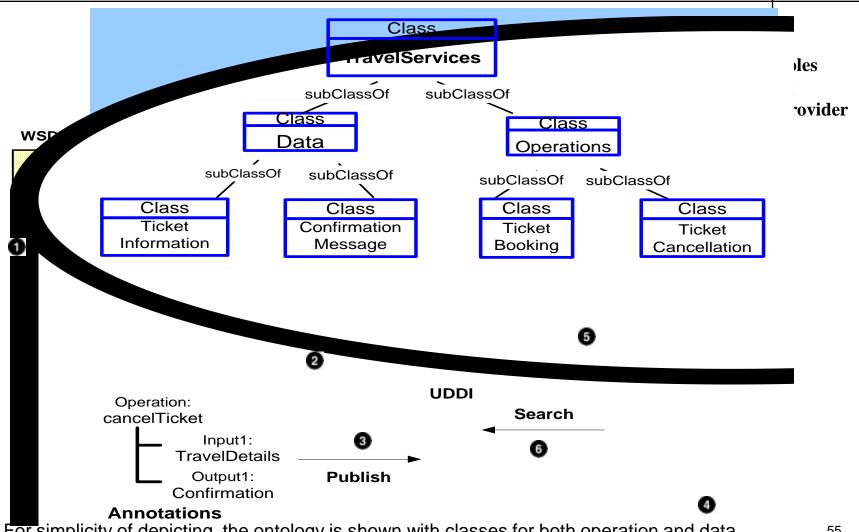
- Requirements are captured as templates that are constructed using ontologies and semantic matching is done against UDDI entries
 - Functionality of the template, its inputs, outputs, preconditions and effects are represented using ontologies

Use of ontologies

- brings service provider and service requestor to a common conceptual space
- helps in semantic matching of requirements and specifications

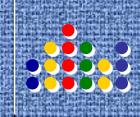
Semantic Publication and Discovery





For simplicity of depicting, the ontology is shown with classes for both operation and data Adding Semantics to Web Services Standards

Discovery in Semantic Web **Web Service** Using Semantics **Discovery**



- Functionality: What capabilities the distributor expects from the service (Functional semantics)
- Inputs: What the distributor can give to the to the Manufacturer's service (Data semantics)
- Outputs: What the distributor expects as outputs from the service (Data semantics)
- QoS: Quality of Service the distributor expects from the service (QoS semantics)



(Functional semantics) (Data semantics) (QoS semantics) (Syntactic description)

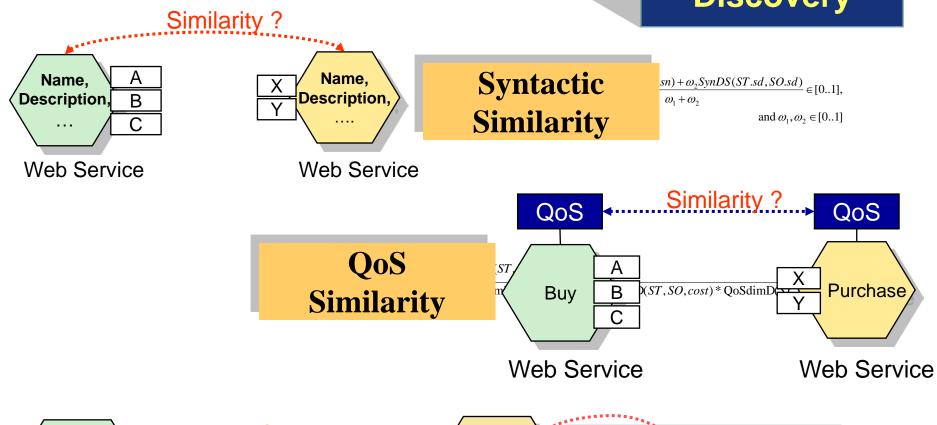


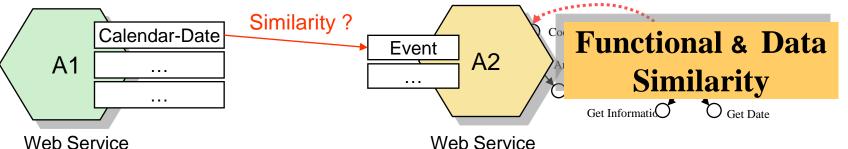
Description: Natural language description of the service functionality (Syntactic description)

Syntactic, QoS, and Semantic (Functional & Data) Similarity



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Brokering

Brokering

UDDI

Classify and publish Web services descriptions



The key players of brokering are the

service providers, service consumers, and facilitators

Providers advertise their web services

Facilitators matches subscriptions to advertised services

Consumers register web services needs

Proyiders

Facilitators

Consumers

WS **UDDI**₁ UDDI₂ UDDI_n **Discovery Discovery Brokering Specifications Specifications**

Semantic Brokering Issues



- Structured and non-structured sources
- Read-only
- Transparency
 - Location, schema, language, and ontologies
- Global schema
 - Support for semantic schema integration
- Query models
 - Semantic-based, rule-based, SQL-like, etc
- Semantic Mediators
 - Semantic query analysis and query processing
 - Use wrappers

Brokering and Semantics



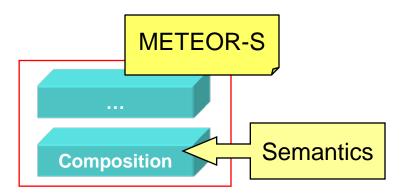
- Find Web services across several UDDIs
- Specialized and optimized brokers for specific domain search
 - Transports, Finances, Education, etc.
- Allow the interpretation of complex requirements
 - Domain semantics
 - Functional semantics
 - Data semantics
 - QoS semantics





Semantic Composition

Semantic algorithms to compute degree Web services integration



Semantics

Semantic Process Composition



Web Process Composition

Composition is the task of combining and linking existing Web Services and other components to create new processes.

Types of Composition

- Static Composition services to be composed are decided at design time
- Dynamic Composition services to be composed are decided at run-time

Composition of Web Processes

Web Process Composition

Web Process

Composition



Web Service Discovery

Once the desired Web Services have been found (Discovery), mechanisms are needed to facilitate the resolution of structural and semantic differences (integration)



Web Service Integration

This is because the heterogeneous Web services found in the first step need to interoperate with other components present in a process host

Semantics at Flow Layers





Discovery

Publication

Description

Messaging

Network

Why:

- <u>Design</u> (composition), <u>analysis</u> (verification), <u>validation</u> (simulation) and <u>execution</u> (exception handling) of the process models
- To employ mediator architectures for automated composition, control flow and data flow based on requirements
- To employ user interface to capture template requirements and generate template based on that

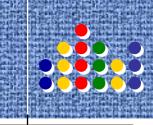
How:

- Using
 - Functionality/preconditions/effects of the participating services
 - Knowledge of conversation patterns supported by the service
 - Formal mathematical models like process algebra, concurrency formalisms like State Machines, Petri nets etc.
 - Simulation techniques

Present Scenario:

- Composition of Web services is static.
- Dynamic service discovery, run-time binding, analysis and simulation are not supported directly

Integration New Requirements

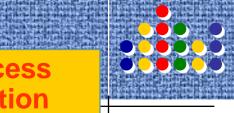


Web Process Composition

- When Web services are put together
 - Their interfaces need to interoperate.
 - Structural and semantic heterogeneity need to be resolved*.
- Structural heterogeneity exists because Web services use different data structures and class hierarchies to define the parameters of their interfaces.
- Semantic heterogeneity considers the intended meaning of the terms employed in labeling interface parameters. The data that is interchanged among Web services has to be understood.

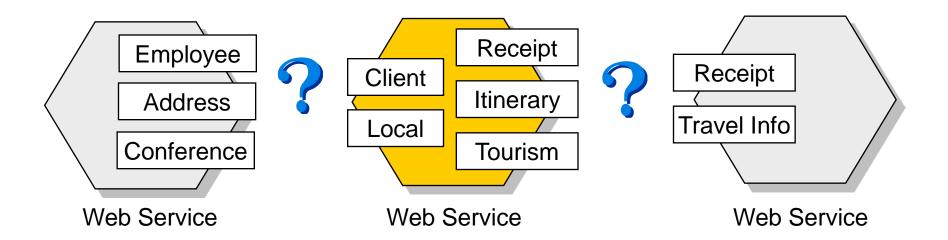
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Integration New Requirements



Web Process Composition

How to establish data connections between Web Services interfaces?



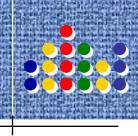
How to establish data connections between the different data structures and class hierarchies of the interface parameters?

How to understand the intended meaning of the terms used in labeling interface parameters?

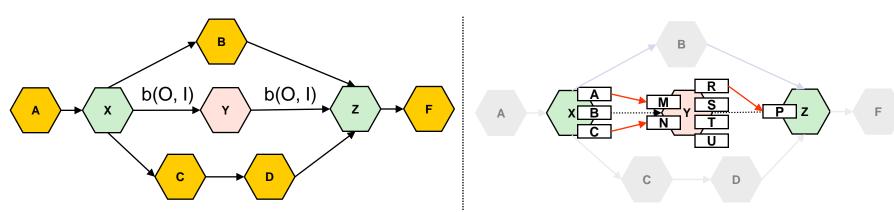
Web Services

Interfaces

Web Process Composition



- To enhance the integration, Web services need to have their inputs and outputs associated with ontological concepts (annotation).
- This will facilitate the resolution of structural and semantic heterogeneities
- Compute the optimal matching (Bondy and Murty, 1976) using semantic information (Cardoso and Sheth, 2002)



Semantic Web Processes





Questions?

Semantic Web Processes





NEXT: Composition Languages

NEXT: METEOR-S

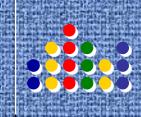
Composition Languages





- BPEL4WS
- DAML-S

BPEL4WS Introduction



BPEL4WS

- BPEL4WS (Business Process Execution Language for Web Services) is a process modeling language.
 - Developed by IBM, Microsoft, and BEA
 - Version 1.1, 5 May 2003
- It supercedes XLANG (Microsoft) and WSFL(IBM).
- It is build on top of WSDL.
 - For descriptions of what services do and how they work, BPEL4WS references port types contained in WSDL documents.

Web Services Specification



 DAML-S The service profile ontology describes the functionality of a Web service.

BPELAWS

Introduction



- BPEL4WS was released along with two others specs:
 - WS-Coordination and WS-Transaction*.
- WS-Coordination describes how services can make use of pre-defined coordination contexts to subscribe to a particular role in a collaborative activity.
- WS-Transaction provides a framework for incorporating transactional semantics into coordinated activities.

BPEL4WS

Introduction



- BPEL4WS is a block-structured programming language, allowing recursive blocks but restricting definitions and declarations to the top level.
- The language defines activities as the basic components of a process definition.
- Structured activities prescribe the order in which a collection of activities take place.
 - Ordinary sequential control between activities is provided by sequence, switch, and while.
 - Concurrency and synchronization between activities is provided by flow.
 - Nondeterministic choice based on external events is provided by pick.

BPEL4WS Introduction



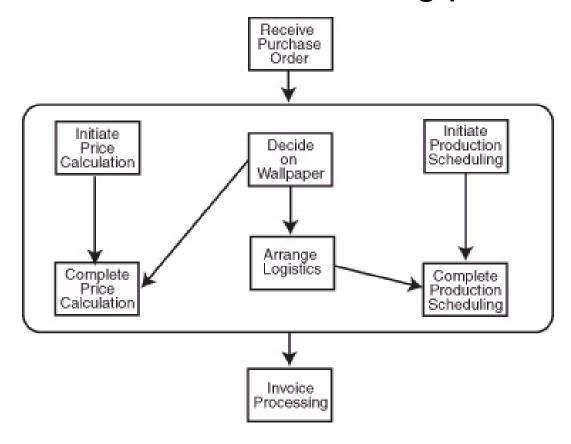
- Process instance-relevant data (containers) can be referred to in routing logic and expressions.
- BPEL4WS defines a mechanism for catching and handling faults similar to common programming languages, like Java.
- One may also define a compensation handler to enable compensatory activities in the event of actions that cannot be explicitly undone.
- BPEL4WS does not support nested process definition.

BPEL4WS

An Example



Let consider the following process.



BPEL4WS

An Example – WSDL definitions



```
<definitions targetNamespace="http://manufacturing.org/wsdl/purchase"</pre>
      xmlns:sns="http://manufacturing.org/xsd/purchase"
<message name="POMessage">
   <part name="customerInfo" type="sns:customerInfo"/>
   <part name="purchaseOrder" type="sns:purchaseOrder"/>
</message>
<message name="scheduleMessage">
   <part name="schedule" type="sns:scheduleInfo"/>
</message>
<portType name="purchaseOrderPT">
   <operation name="sendPurchaseOrder">
      <input message="pos:POMessage"/>
      <output message="pos:InvMessage"/>
      <fault name="cannotCompleteOrder"</pre>
             message="pos:orderFaultType"/>
   </operation>
</portType>
<slnk:serviceLinkType name="purchaseLT">
   <slnk:role name="purchaseService">
       <slnk:portType name="pos:purchaseOrderPT"/>
   </slnk:role>
</slnk:serviceLinkType>
</definitions>
```

Messages

The WSDL portType offered by the service to its customer

Roles

BPELLWS

An Example - The process



```
cprocess name="purchaseOrderProcess"
         targetNamespace="http://acme.com/ws-bp/purchase"
   <partners>
      <partner name="customer"</pre>
               serviceLinkType="lns:purchaseLT"
               myRole="purchaseService"/>
   </partners>
   <containers>
      <container name="PO" messageType="lns:POMessage"/>
      <container name="Invoice"</pre>
                 messageType="lns:InvMessage"/>
   </containers>
   <faultHandlers>
      <catch faultName="lns:cannotCompleteOrder"</pre>
             faultContainer="POFault">
         <reply
                  partner="customer"
                  portType="lns:purchaseOrderPT"
                   operation="sendPurchaseOrder"
                   container="POFault"
                   faultName="cannotCompleteOrder"/>
      </catch>
   </faultHandlers>
```

This section defines the different parties that interact with the business process in the course of processing the order.

This section defines the data containers used by the process, providing their definitions in terms of WSDL message types.

This section contains fault handlers defining the activities that must be executed in response to faults.

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BPEL4WS

</process>

An Example - The process



```
<sequence>
    <receive partner="customer"</pre>
                portType="lns:purchaseOrderPT"
                                                                                   Receive
                                                                                  Purchase
                 operation="sendPurchaseOrder"
                                                                                   Order
                 container="PO">
    </receive>
                                                                                                   Initiate
                                                                  Initiate
                                                                                                  Production
                                                                                   Decide
                                                                  Price
                                                                                                  Scheduling
                                                                 Calculation
                                                                                  Wallpaper
    <flow>
    </flow>
                                                                                   Arrange
Logistics
                                                                 Complete
                                                                                                  Complete
Production
                                                                  Price
                                                                 Calculation
                                                                                                 Schedulina
    <reply partner="customer"</pre>
              portType="lns:purchaseOrderPT"
              operation="sendPurchaseOrder"
                                                                                   Invoice
                                                                                  Processing
              container="Invoice"/>
</sequence>
```

BPEL4WS

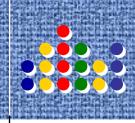
An Example – The process



```
The flow construct provides concurrency and synchronization
<flow>
                                                                                    Receive
                                                                                    Purchase
          nks>
                                                                                     Order
              <link name="ship-to-invoice"/>
              <link name="ship-to-scheduling"/>
          </links>
                                                                                                    Initiate
                                                                    Initiate
                                                                                     Decide
                                                                                                   Production
                                                                    Price
                                                                                                   Scheduling
                                                                   Calculation
                        Activities are executed sequentially
                                                                                    Wallpaper
          <sequence>
              <invoke
                        partner="shippingProvider"
                                                                                    Arrange
                                                                                    Logistics
                         portType="lns:shippingPT"
                                                                   Complete
                                                                                                   Complete
                                                                                                   Production
                         operation="requestShipping"
                                                                   Calculation
                                                                                                   Scheduling
 Activity Call
                         inputContainer="shippingRequest'
                         outputContainer="shippingInfo">
                 <source linkName="ship-to-invoice"/>
                                                                                     Invoice
              </invoke>
                                                                                    Processing
              <receive partner="shippingProvider"</pre>
                         portType="lns:shippingCallbackPT"
 Activity call
                         operation="sendSchedule"
                         container="shippingSchedule">
                 <source linkName="ship-to-scheduling"/>
              </receive>
          </sequence>
<flow>
```

DAML-S
Introduction

DAML-S



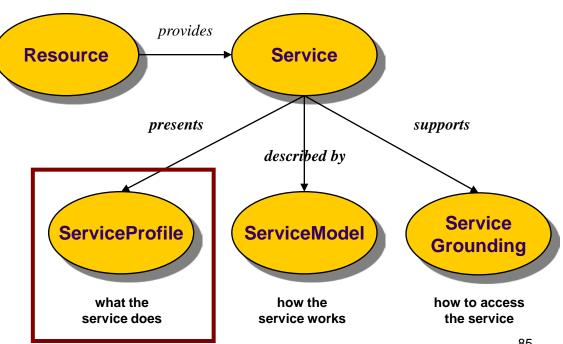
DAML-S

- DAML (DARPA Agent Markup Language)
- DAML-S: Upper ontology of web services
- DAML-S provides support for the following elements:
 - Process description.
 - Advertisement and discovery of services.
 - Selection, composition & interoperation.
 - Invocation.
 - Execution and monitoring.

DAML-S Ontologies



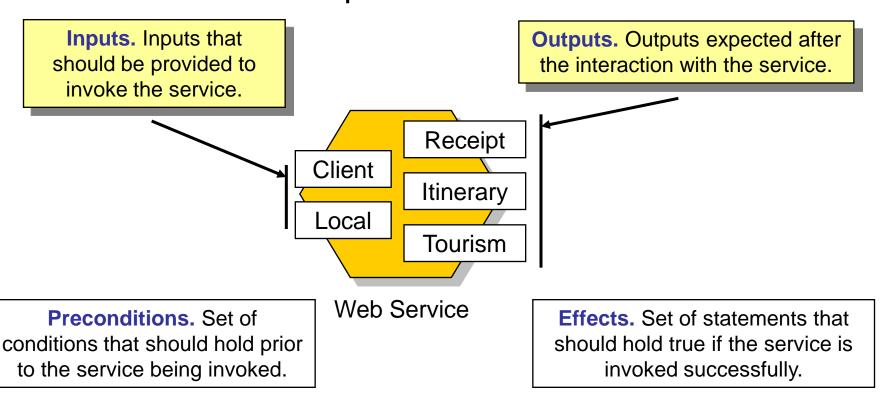
- DAML-S defines ontologies for the construction of service models:
 - Service Profiles
 - **Process Models**
 - Service Grounding



DAML-S Service Profile



The Service Profile provides details about a service.



Service Profile An example of Inputs and Outputs



```
<!ENTITY temporal "http://ovid.cs.uga.edu:8080/scube/daml/Temporal.daml">
<!ENTITY address "http://ovid.cs.uga.edu:8080/scube/daml/Address.daml">
<input>
  file:ParameterDescription rdf:ID="Addr">
  file:parameterName> Addr 
                                                              Outputs
                                                    Inputs
  When
                                                     Addr
  </profile:ParameterDescription>
</input>
<output>
  file:ParameterDescription rdf:ID="When">
  file:parameterName> 
  cprofile:restrictedTo rdf:resource="&temporal;#Date"/>
  file:refersTo rdf:resource="&congo;#congoBuyReceipt"/>
  </profile:ParameterDescription>
< output >
```

BPEL4WS vs. DAML-S

Comparison



- BPEL4WS relates closely to the ServiceModel (Process Model) component of DAML-S.
- DAML-S defines preconditions and effects
 - This enables the representation of side effects of Web services.
 - It also enables a better reasoning about the composition of services.
- DAML-S classes provide a richer representation of services
 - Classes allow reasoning draw properties from inheritance and other relationships to other DAML-S classes.

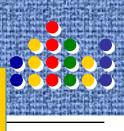
BPEL4WS vs. DAML-S Comparison



- The DAML-S ServiceProfile and ServiceModel provide sufficient information to enable
 - The automated discovery, composition, and execution based on well-defined descriptions of a service's inputs, outputs, preconditions, effects, and process model.
- BPEL4WS has complicated semantics for determining whether an activity actually happens in a block.
- BPEL4WS defines mechanisms for catching and handling faults and for setting compensation handlers.
- BPEL4WS includes WS-Coordination and WS-Transaction to provide a context for pre-defined transactional semantics.

Semantic QoS





Organizations operating in modern markets, such as e-commerce activities, require QoS management.

QoS management is indispensable for organizations striving to achieve a higher degree of competitiveness.

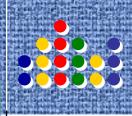
Discovery New Requirements



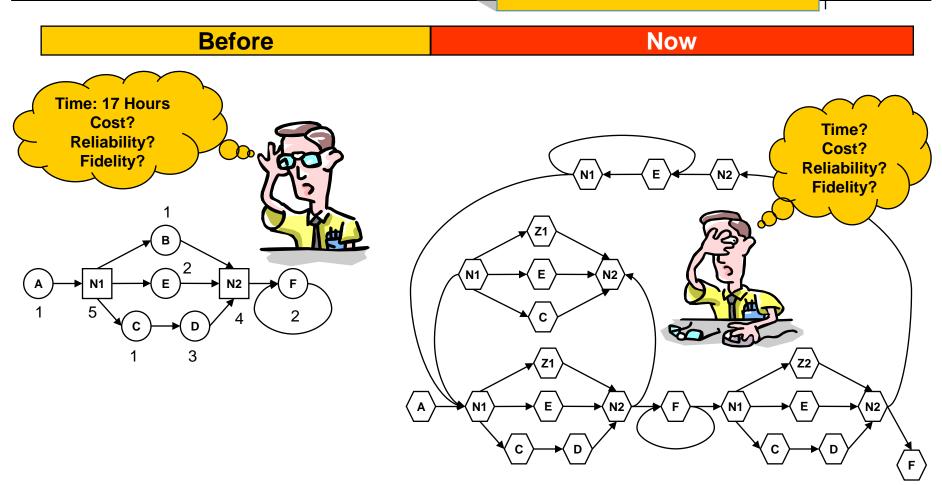


- The autonomy of Web services does not allow for designer to identify their operational metrics at design time.
- Nevertheless, when composing a process it is indispensable to inquire the Web services operational metrics.
- Operational metrics characterize the Quality of Service (QoS) that Web services exhibit when invoked.

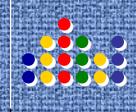
QoS New Requirements



Quality of Service



QoS Semantics



QoS

■ What ?

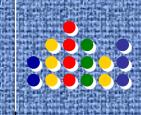
Formally describes operational metrics of a web service/process

■ Why ?

To select the most suitable service to carry out an activity in a process

□ How?

Using QoS model for web services



 Composition of processes according to QoS objective and requirements.



 Selection and execution of processes based on QoS metrics.



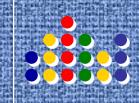
 Monitoring of processes to assure compliance with initial QoS requirements.



 Evaluation of alternative strategies when QoS requirements are violated.

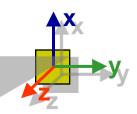


Semantic WP QoS Research Issues



QoS

Specification. What dimensions need to be part of the QoS model for processes?





Computation. What methods and algorithms can be used to compute, analyze, and predict QoS?

Monitoring. What king of QoS monitoring tools need to be developed?





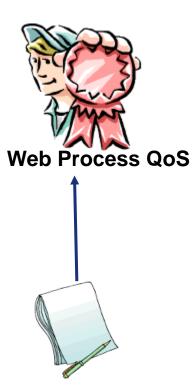
Control. What mechanisms need to be developed to control processes, in response to unsatisfactory QoS metrics?

Web Services QoS Specification



QoS

- Operational Metrics Specification
 - Operational metrics are described using a QoS model represented with a suitable ontology.
- The specification of Web services operational metrics allows the analysis and computation processes QoS.
- Processes can be designed according to QoS objectives and requirements.
- This allows organizations to translate their strategies into their processes more efficiently.



Web Service Annotation

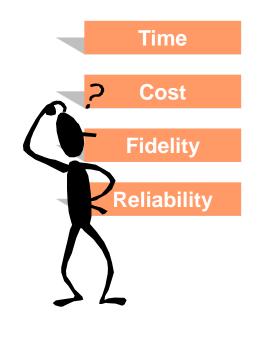
Qos Models

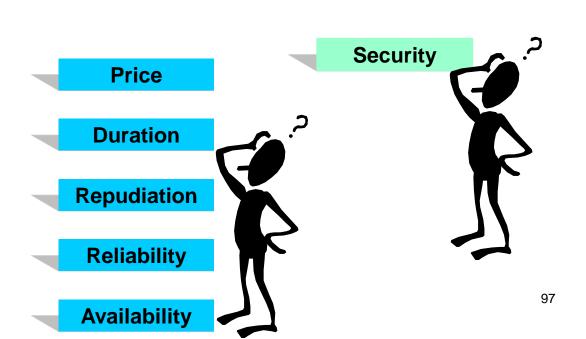
QoS

A QoS Model describes non-functional properties of a process

Which dimensions should be part of a QoS model?





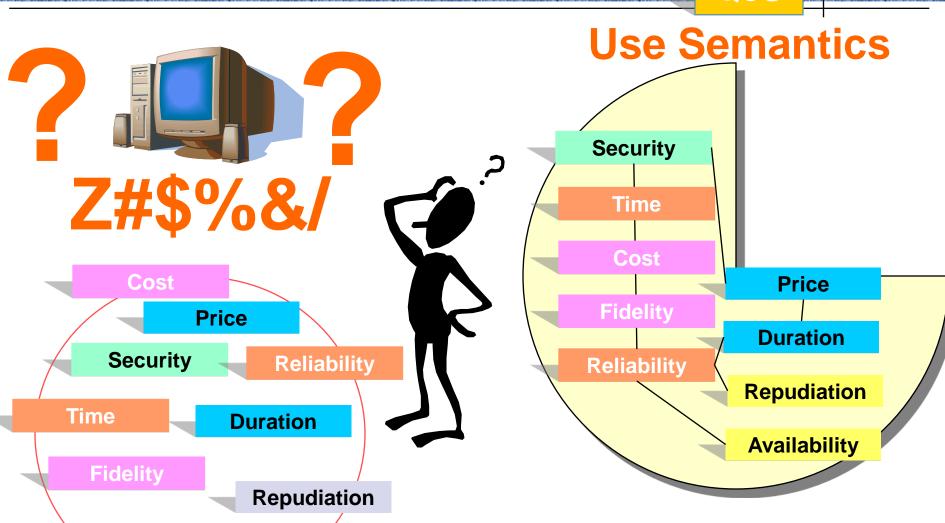


QoS Models and Semantics

Availability



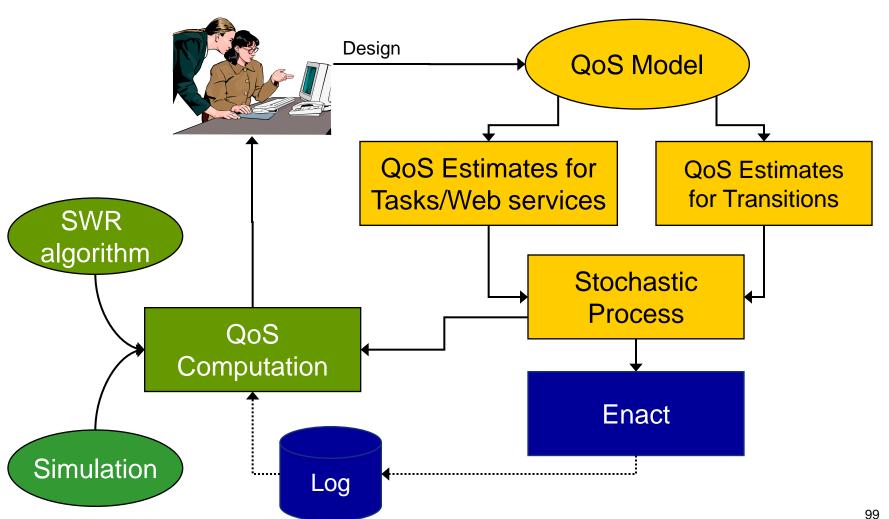
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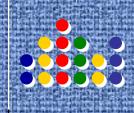


QoS in METEOR-S



QoS

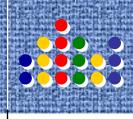




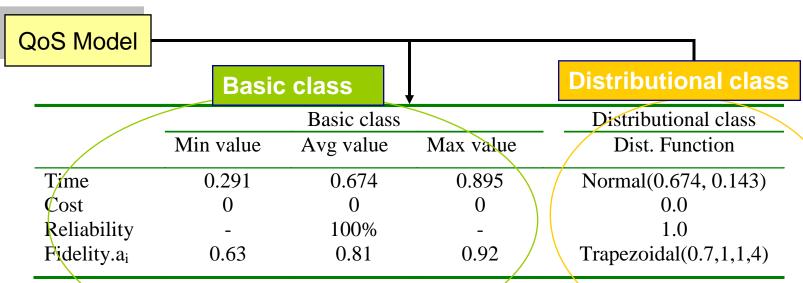
- To analyze a process QoS, it is necessary to:
 - Create estimated for task QoS metrics and
 - Create estimated for transition probabilities

Once tasks and transitions have their estimates set, algorithms and mechanisms, such as simulation, can be applied to compute the overall QoS of a process.





WS runtime behavior description can be composed of several classes. For example:

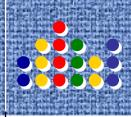


Task QoS for an automatic task (SP FASTA task)

mathematical methods

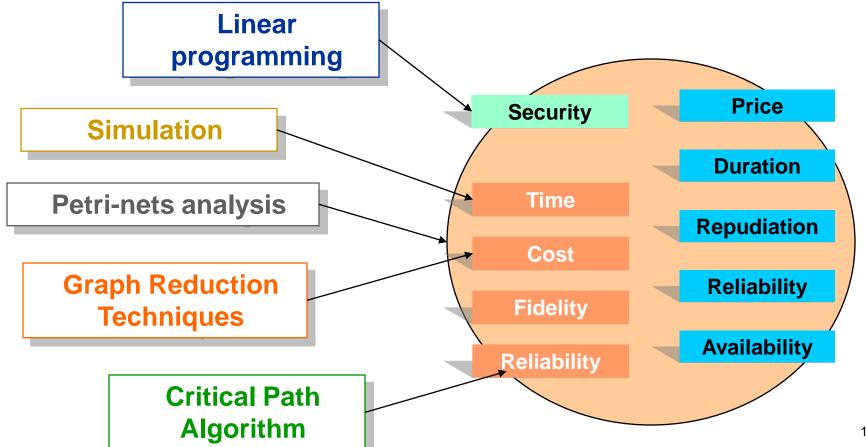
simulation systems

Web process QoS computation



QoS

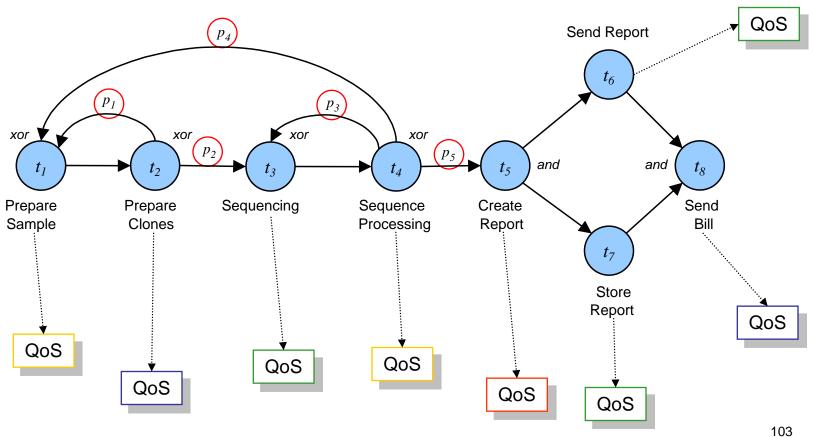
Design time | Runtime







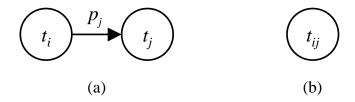
Graph Reduction Technique







Graph Reduction Technique



Reduction of a Sequential System

$$T(t_{ij}) = T(t_i) + T(t_j)$$

$$\mathbf{C}(t_{ij}) = \mathbf{C}(t_i) + \mathbf{C}(t_j)$$

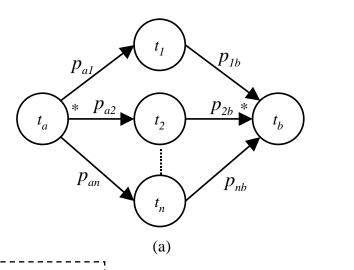
$$R(t_{ij}) = R(t_i) * R(t_j)$$

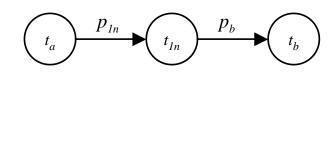
$$F(t_{ij}).a_r = f(F(t_i), F(t_j))$$





Graph Reduction Technique





(b)

Reduction of a Parallel System

$$T(t_{ln}) = Max_{I \in \{1..n\}} \{T(t_i)\}$$

$$C(t_{1n}) = \sum_{1 \le i \le n} C(t_i)$$

$$R(t_{In}) = \prod_{1 \le i \le n} R(t_i)$$

$$F(t_{1n}).a_r = f(F(t_1), F(t_2), ..., F(t_n))$$



Simulation

- While mathematical methods can be effectively used, another alternative is to utilize simulation analysis¹.
- Simulation can play an important role in tuning the QoS metrics of processes by exploring "what-if" questions.
- In our project, these capabilities involve a looselycoupled integration between the METEOR WfMS and the JSIM simulation system².

Semantic Web Processes



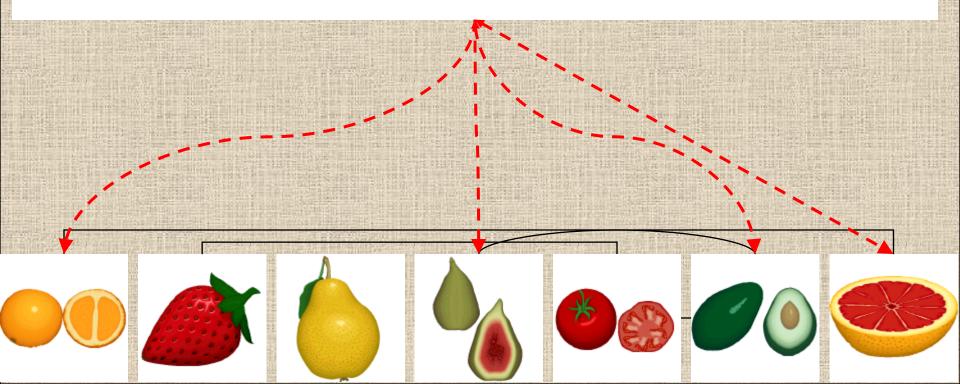


Questions?

Systems and Applications



METEOR-S Project @ LSDIS lab



METEOR-S Project @ LSDIS lab



- METEOR-S exploits Workflow, Semantic Web, Web Services, and Simulation technologies to meet these challenges in a practical and standards based approach.
 - Applying Semantics in Annotation, Quality of Service,
 Discovery, Composition, Execution of Web Services
 - Adding semantics to different layers of Web services conceptual stack
 - Use of ontologies to provide underpinning for information sharing and semantic interoperability

METEOR-S components for Semantic Web Services



Discovery Infrastructure (MWSDI)

- Semantic Annotation and Discovery of Web Services ¹
- Semantic Peer-to-Peer network of Web Services Registries²

Composer

- SCET: Service Composition and Execution Tool ³
- Semantics Process Template Builder and Process
 Generator ⁴
- QoS Management
 - Specify, compute, monitor and control QoS (SWR algorithm)

Orchestrator (Under development)

- Analysis and <u>Simulation</u> ⁶
- Execution
- Monitoring ⁶

¹ [Sivashanmugam et al.-1], ² [Verma et al.], ³ [Chandrasekaran et al.], ⁴ [Sivashanmugam et al.-2],

⁵ [Cardoso et al.], ⁶ [Silver et al.]

METEOR-S Web Service Discovery Infrastructure (MWSDI)



- uses Functional, Data and QoS semantics

Service Discovery



METEOR-S Web Service Discovery Infrastructure (MWSDI)

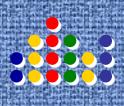


Service Selection

- uses Functional, Data and QoS semantics



METEOR-S Web Service Composition Framework (MWSCF)



- needed for the world where business processes never stop changing

MWSCF Architecture

Process Execution

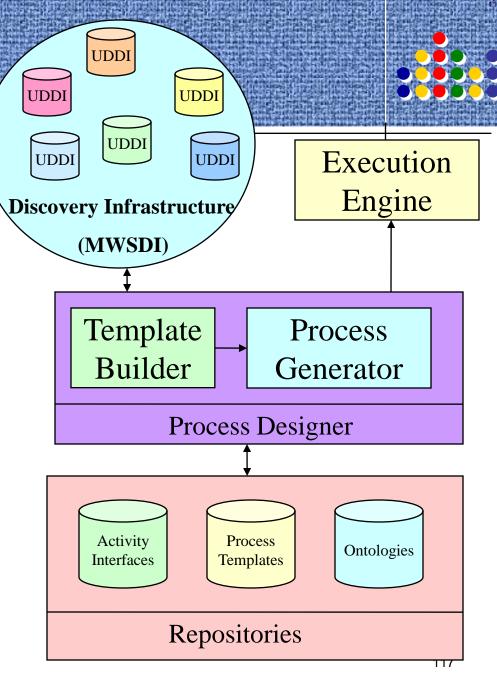
- 1. Validation and deployment
- 2. Executing the process using a client

Process Designer

- Template Construction activity specification using
 - interfaces
 - services
 - semantic activity templates
 - other details
- 2. Process Generation
 - Service discovery (automatic)
 and selection (semi-automatic)
 - Data flow

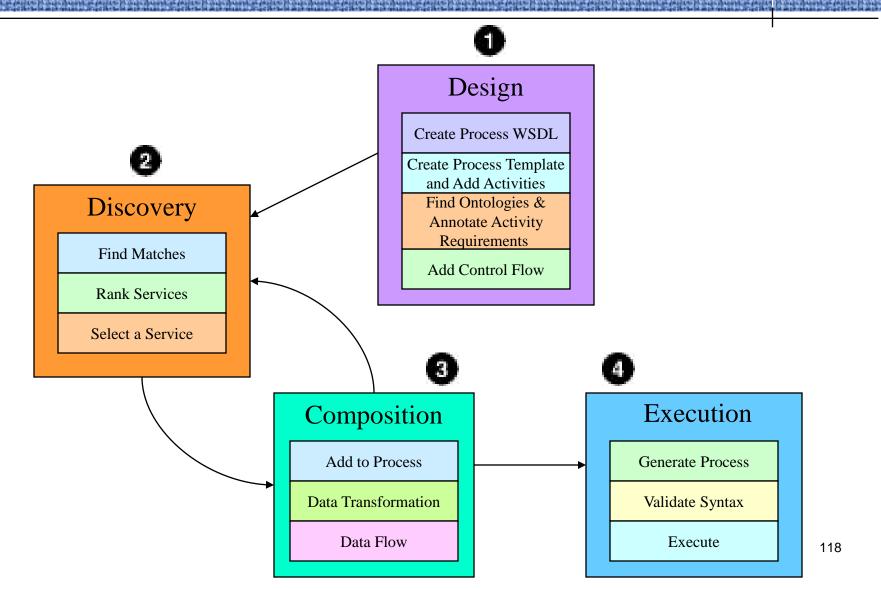
Repositories are used to store

- 1. Web Service Interfaces
- 2. Ontologies
- 3. Process Templates



Web Process Life-Cycle

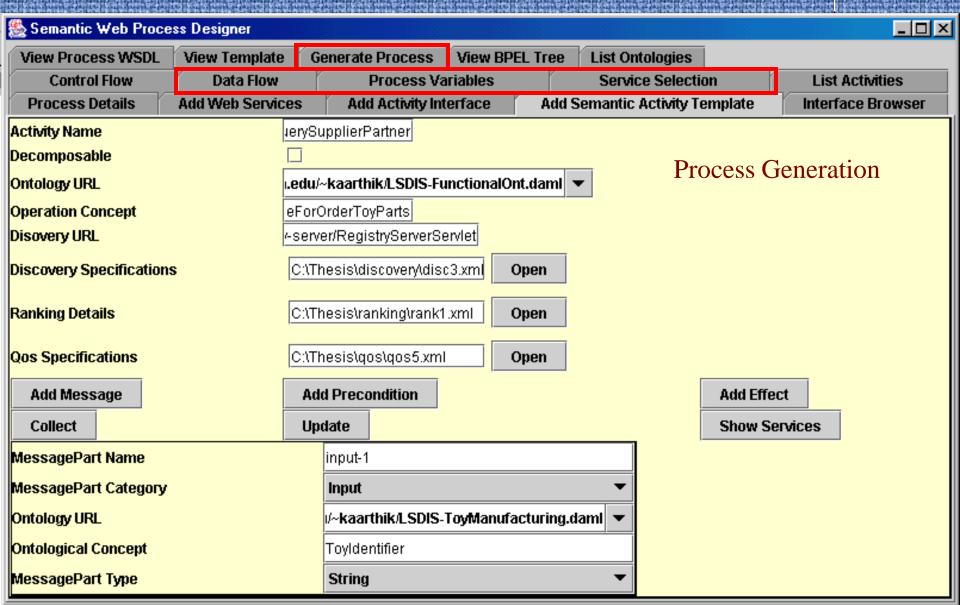






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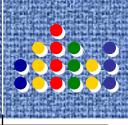


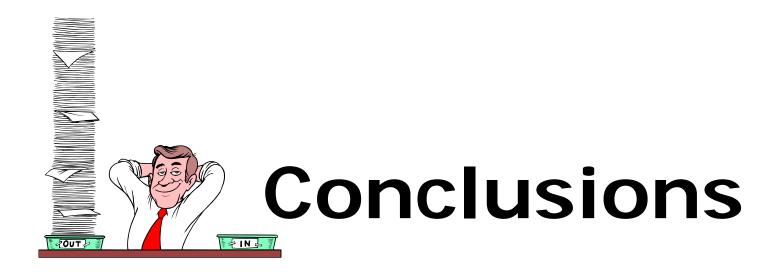
- SWAP: http://swap.semanticweb.org/
 - Share knowledge effectively
 - Combination of Semantic Web and P2P
- WonderWeb: http://wonderweb.man.ac.uk/
 - Development of a framework of techniques and methodologies that provide an engineering approach to the building and use of ontologies.
 - Development of a set of foundational ontologies covering a wide range of application domains.
 - Development of infrastructures and tool support that will be required by real world applications in the Semantic Web.

Ongoing Projects



- DAML-S: http://www.daml.org/services/
 - Set of ontologies to describe functionalties of web services
- DAML-S Matchmaker: http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/%7Esoftagents/daml_Mmaker/daml-s_matchmaker.htm
 - Match service requestors with service providers
 - Semantic Matchmaking for Web Services Discovery
- Web Service Composer: http://www.mindswap.org/~evren/composer/
 - Semi-automatic process for the dynamic composition of web services
- Web Services: http://www-106.ibm.com/developerworks/webservices/
 - WSDL, UDDI, SOAP
 - Business Process with BPEL4WS





Conclusions



- Semantic Web service Annotation and Discovery
 - Data semantics
 - Functional semantics
 - QoS Semantics
- Web processes vs. Semantic Web processes
 - BPEL4WS vs. DAML-S
- Web process composition
 - Web services semantic degree of integration
 - Data, Functional, and QoS similarity
- Web process QoS computation
 - QoS Models, techniques, and algorithms

Conclusions



Present Problems in Process Composition

- Static discovery of Web Services
- Design/deployment-time binding of Web services
- Process Composition is based on interfaces of participating services

Proposition

 Semantics is the enabler to address the problems of scalability, heterogeneity (syntactic and semantic), machine understandability faced by Web services

Semantics for Web Services

- Semantics can be applied to different layers of Web Services conceptual stack
- Semantics for Web Services can be categorized into at least 4 different dimensions namely Data, Functional, Execution and Quality (QoS).

Conclusions



- Semantics can help address big challenges related to scalability, dynamic environments.
- But comprehensive approach to semantics will be needed:
 - Data/information, function/operation, execution, QoS
- Semantic (Web) principles and technology bring new tools and capabilities that we did not have in EAI, workflow management of the past

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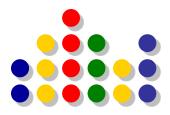




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Web Resource for this tutorial

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