# SOAP web-services

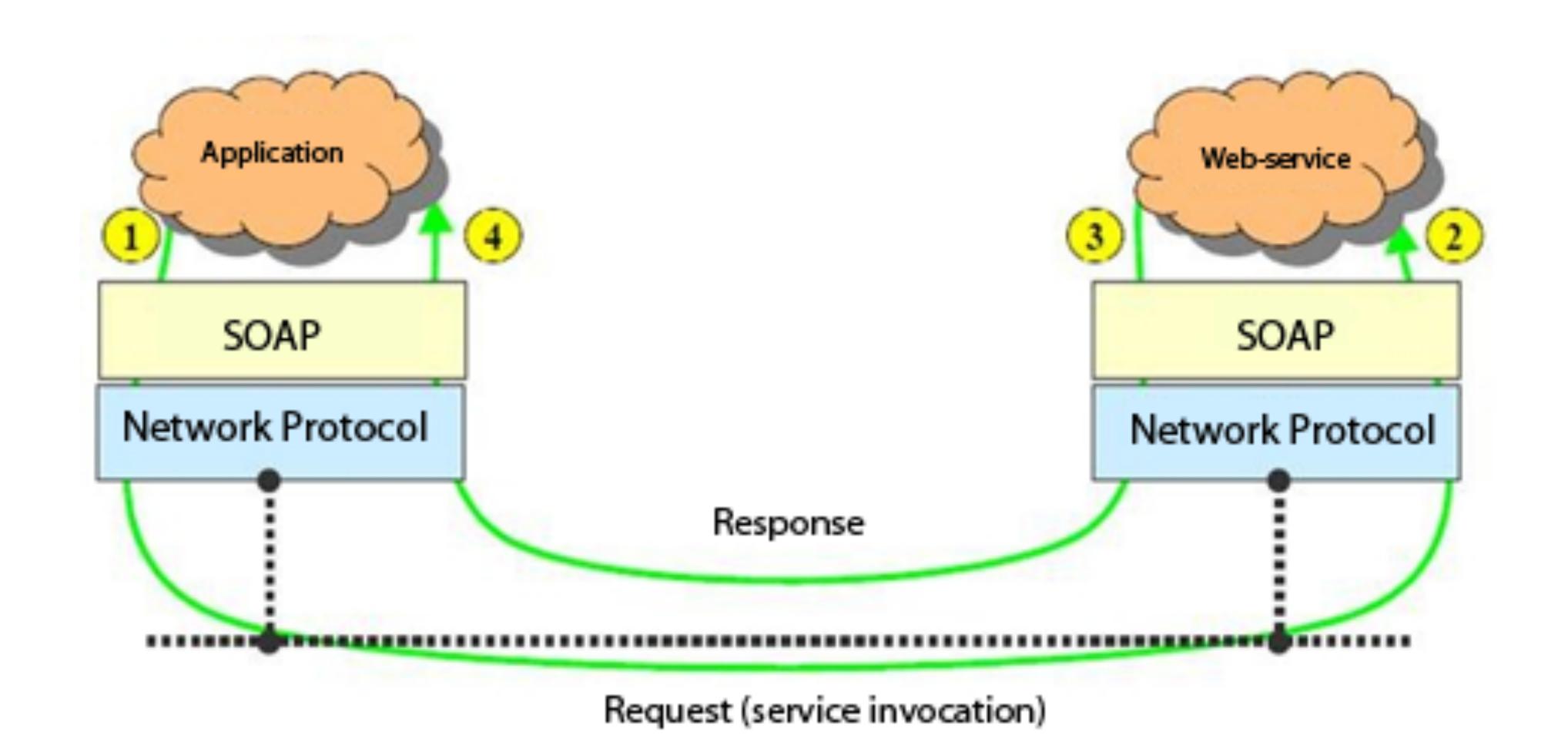
#### SOAP web-services

- Web-service is a software component
  - Accessible via network
  - Has defined interface
  - Identified by URI (uniform resource identifier)
  - Supports interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network

#### SOAP web-services

- Simple object access protocol
- Maintained by W3C consortium
- Uses xml-based message format
- Platform and language independent
- Can operate over any network protocols (HTTP, TCP, UDP)
- Extensible
- Designed for RPC (remote procedure call) style of web-services

### SOAP - Communication



# SOAP specification

- Version 1.2 is the latest version
- SOAP messaging framework
  - Rules for processing SOAP message
  - Protocol binding for exchanging SOAP messages between services
  - Structure of SOAP message

# Main technologies

- XML
- XML schema language to define XML document structure, validation of XML document structure
- SOAP
- WSDL (Web-service description language)
  - Web-service interface description

# SOAP message

- SOAP message consists of:
  - Envelope
  - Header
  - Body

SOAP-ENV: Envelope
SOAP-ENV: Header

SOAP-ENV: Body

# SOAP message: Envelope

- Container for a message
- Structure is described by "Envelope" element defined in namespace:
  - SOAP 1.1 <a href="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/">http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/</a>
  - **SOAP 1.2** http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope
- Contains:
  - Header (optional)
  - Message body

# SOAP message: Header

- The first element in envelope
- Has the following attributes:
  - encodingStyle element encoding style
  - actor (or role in SOAP 1.2) logical name of recipient node
  - mustUnderstand flag if header must be understood on recipient side

# SOAP message: Header

- actor attribute contains recipient URI:
  - http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/actor/next next node
- SOAP 1.2 instead of actor supports role:
  - http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/ultimateReceiver
  - http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next
  - http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/none

# SOAP message: Header

</env:Envelope>

```
<env:Envelope.xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
   <env:Header>
       <tx:Transaction.xmlns:tx="http://example.com/transaction"</pre>
                env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soapenvelope/role/ultimateReceiver"
                env:mustUnderstand="true">
       </tx:Transaction>
    :/env:Header>
   <env:Body>
       <reservation>
           <user>UID-740664012</user>
           <object>0ID-83206541</object>
       </reservation>
   </env:Body>
                                       Header with mandatory header element
```

# SOAP message: Message body

- Located next to the Header element
- The first element if there is no header element in message

- Contains:
  - Element FAULT defined in SOAP
  - Or arbitrary XML data

- Fault contains elements (SOAP 1.2):
  - code that contains:
    - Mandatory element value with error code specified
    - Optional element subcode with sub-code (that contains value + subcode and so forth)
  - reason error description
  - Optional elements:
    - node URI of node where error occurs
    - role role of node where error occurs
    - detail error details in arbitrary XML form

```
<env:Envelope
       xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"
       xmlns:rpc="http://www.w3.org/2002/06/soap-rpc1">
    <env:Body>
        <env:Fault>
           <env:Code>
               <env:Value>env:Sender
                                                                    Code with
               <env:Subcode>
                                                                     subcode
                   <env:Value>rpc:BadArguments
               </env:Subcode>
            </env:Code>
           <env:Reason>Processing Error</env:Reason>
            <env:Detail>
               <e:myfaultdetails.xmlns:e="http://www.example.org/faults">
                   <message>Name.does.not.match/message>
                   <errorcode>999</errorcode>
               </e:myfaultdetails>
           </env:Detail>
....</env:Fault>
    </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
                                       Details in arbitrary form
```

• Error codes for **SOAP 1.1**:

- VersionMismatch wrong version of SOAP (incorrect nemspace)
- MustUnderstand mandatory header element is not understood
- Client client side error (ex. wrong arguments passed)
- Server server side error (ex. server is out of memory)

Error codes for SOAP 1.2:

- VersionMismatch wrong version of SOAP (incorrect nemspace)
- MustUnderstand mandatory header element is not understood (header Misunderstood should be sent in response message)
- DataEncodingUnknown unknown message encoding
- Sender client side error (ex. wrong arguments passed)
- Receiver server side error (ex. server is out of memory)

```
<en\vee:En\veeelope \timesmlns:en\vee="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-en\veeelope"
             \timesmlns:flt="http://www.w3.org/2002/06/soap-faults">
   <env:Header>
        <tx:Misunderstood qname="xt:Transaction" xmlns:tx="http://sample/transaction"/>
   </env:Header>
   <env:Body>
       <env:Fault>
           <env:Code>
                <env:Value>env:MustUnderstand
    ....</env:Code>
   ....<env:Reason>
               One or more mandatory headers not understood
           </env:Reason>
                                                             Mandatory header is
       </env:Fault>
   </env:Body>
                                                                not understood
</env:Envelope>
```

#### SOAP extensions

- Main standards extending SOAP protocol:
  - WS-Addressing defines addressing mechanism independent from transport (address inside SOAP message)
  - WS-Policy defines mechanism to describe policies restricting or controlling usage of web-service
  - WS-Security defines mechanism to support web-service security on SOAP level (encryption, digital signing, authentication)
  - WS-Transaction defines SOAP extension for supporting transactional webservices

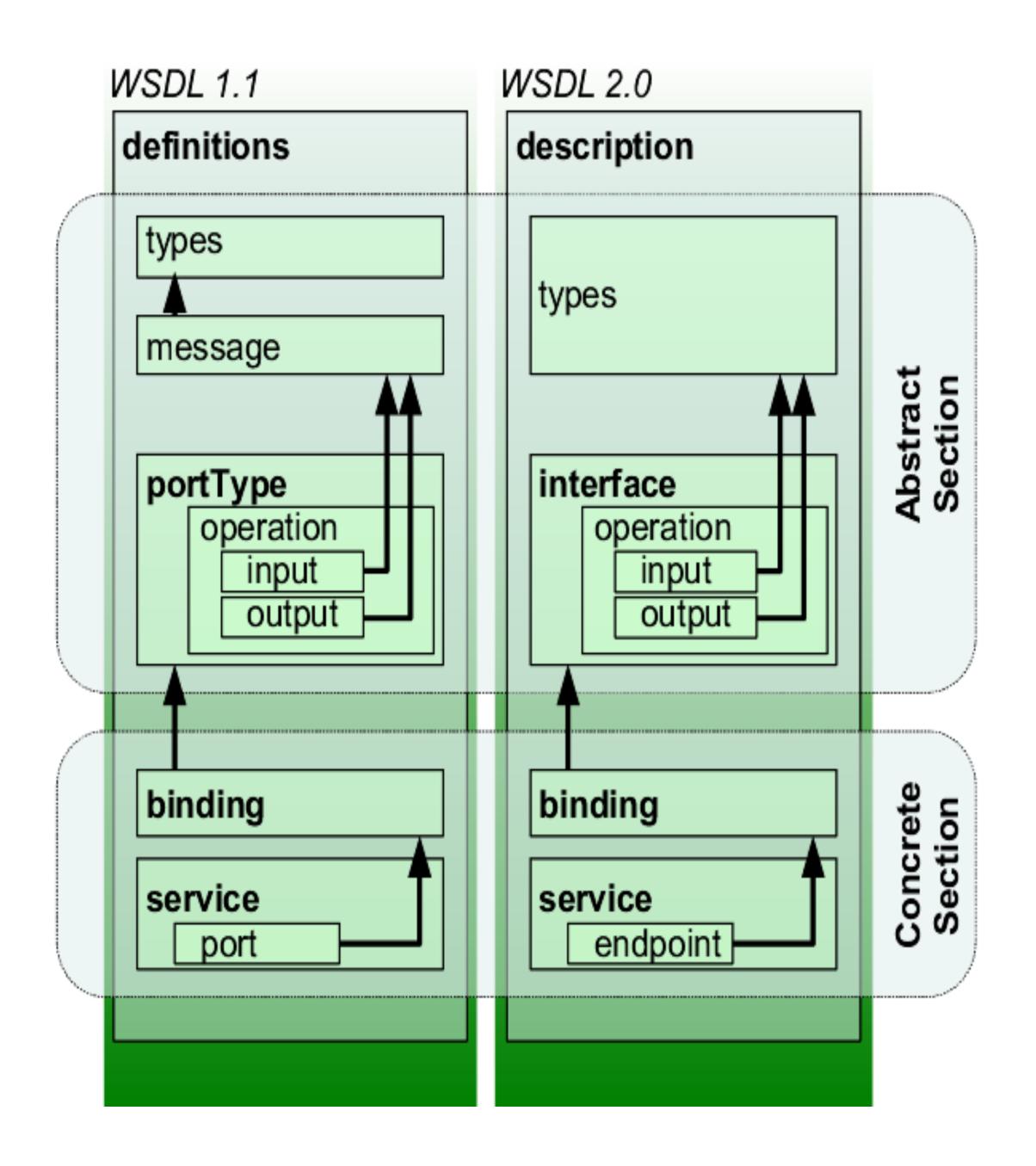
### WSDL

- Web-service description language
- Versions
  - WSDL 1.1
  - WSDL 2.0
- Platform independent

#### WSDL

• WSDL describes service on the 2 levels:

- Abstract (types, messages, operations)
- Concrete (bindings, endpoints)



### WSDL

- Steps to describe web-service with WSDL:
  - Abstracts:
    - Defines types (using XSD)
    - Define messages and its structures
    - Define operations and its in/out messages
  - Concretes:
    - Bind abstract operations to SOAP protocol and transport protocol
    - Define web-service endpoint

</wsdl:definitions>

```
<wsdl:definitions.targetNamespace="http://greeting/".xmlns:tns="http://greeting/"</pre>
       xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
       xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
   <wsdl:types>
                                                                                             Define types
       <xs:schema targetNamespace="http://greeting/".xmlns:tns="http://greeting/"...>
   </wsdl:types>
   <wsdl:message.name="getHello">
       <wsdl:part_name="parameters"_element="tns:getHello"/>
                                                                             Define messages
   </wsdl:message>
   <wsdl:message_name="getHelloResponse">
       <wsdl:part.name="parameters".element="tns:getHelloResponse"/>
   </wsdl:message>
   <wsdl:portType_name="Greeting">
       <wsdl:operation_name="getHello">
           <wsdl:input_name="getHello"_message="tns:getHello"/>
                                                                                      Define operations
           <wsdl:output_name="getHelloResponse".message="tns:getHelloResponse"/>
       </wsdl:operation>
   </wsdl:portType>
   <wsdl:binding.name="GreetingServiceSoapBinding".type="tns:Greeting">
                                                                                             Bind to SOAP and HTTP
       <soap:binding.style="document"_transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
       <wsdl:operation_name="getHello"...>
   </wsdl:binding>
   <wsdl:service_name="GreetingService">
                                                                                         Define endpoint
       <wsdl:port_name="GreetingPort"_binding="tns:GreetingServiceSoapBinding"...>
   </wsdl:service>
```

# WSDL - usage

 WSDL document defines a web-service and provides to client information about how to use it

- Web-service implements interface defined in WSDL
- Client communicates with web-service sending messages that are build according to WSDL

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- Definitions is a root element containing all web-service definitions
- 6 main elements:
  - Types contains types definition
  - Message describes an abstract message
  - PortType describes operations supported by service
  - Binding contains mapping rules to SOAP and HTTP
  - Port defines web-service endpoint
  - Service container for port elements

- Message defines abstract message (that will be bind to SOAP or another protocol message)
- Has unique name (name attribute)
- Consists of parts (part element)
  Every part of a message can be bind to SOAP message body or header
- Type of a message part can be specified:
  - By reference to abstract type (section Types)
  - By reference to element (section Types)

```
<wsdl:types>
   <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
            targetNamespace="http://greeting/".xmlns:tns="http://greeting/">
        <xs:complexType name="AuthDetails">
            <xs:sequence>
                <xs:element_name="user" type="xs:string"/>
           </xs:sequence>
       </xs:complexType>
       <<s:complexType name="Hello">
            <xs:sequence>
                <xs:element_name="name" type="xs:string"/>
            </xs:sequence>
        </xs:complexType>
       <<s:element.name="HelloElement".type="tns:Hello"/>
   </xs:schema>
</wsdl:types>
```

Types definition

```
.<wsdl:message name="getHello">
....<wsdl:part name="hello" element="tns:HelloElement"/>
....<wsdl:part name="auth" type="tns:AuthDetails"/>
.</wsdl:message>
```

Message part wit reference to element

Message part wit reference to type

- PortType defines web-service interface as a set of named operations
- Has unique name (name attribute)
- Contains operations definition (operation element)
- Operation messages defined by:
  - Input Message input element
  - Output Message output element
  - Fault Message fault element

Message exchange patters:

• One-Way – operation has only input message Web-service receives message but does not response with any message

- Request-Response operation has input and output (or fault) messages definition
  - Web-service receives message and responses with response or fault message

```
<wsdl:message_name="getHello">
    <wsdl:part_name="parameters"_element="tns:getHello"/>
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message_name="getHelloResponse">
    <wsdl:part_name="parameters"_element="tns:getHelloResponse"/>
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message_name="getHelloFault"/>
<wsdl:portType_name="Greeting">
   <wsdl:operation.name="getHello">
        <wsdl:input_name="getHello"_message="tns:getHello"/>
        <wsdl:output.name="getHelloResponse".message="tns:getHelloResponse"/>
      ...<wsdl:fault_name="getHelloFault".message="tns:getHelloFault"/>
   </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:portType>
```

• Binding – makes an abstract web-service interface real (PortType)

- Defines:
  - Transport protocol (ex. HTTP)
  - Binding messages parts to SOAP message body and headers
  - Version of SOAP protocol
  - Which binding style to use (document/literal)

</wsdl:binding>

```
<wsdl:binding_name="GreetingServiceSoapBinding"_type="tns:Greeting">
                                                                                       Use SOAP
   <soap:binding.style="document".transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
   <wsdl:operation_name="getHello">
       <soap:operation.soapAction="getHello".style="document"/>
                                                                              IN message part
       <wsdl:input_name="getHello">
                                                                              "parameters" is
           <soap:header.use="literal".message="getHello".part="parameters"/>
                                                                              mapped to SOAP
       </wsdl:input>
                                                                              header
       <wsdl:output_name="getHelloResponse">
           <soap:body_use="literal"/>
                                                         OUT and FAULT messages
       </wsdl:output>
                                                         are mapped to SOAP body
       <wsdl:fault_name="getHelloFault">
           <soap:body_use="literal"/>
       </wsdl:fault>
   </wsdl:operation>
```

- Port defines real endpoint for particular Binding
  - name attribute name of port
  - binding attribute reference to Binding

Service – contains Port definitions

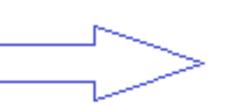
# SOAP binding styles

- How message is translated to XML depends on:
  - Binding Style (element of <soap:binding>) Document or RPC
  - Use (attribute of <soap:header> and <soap:body>) literal or encoded
- Possible combinations:
  - RPC/encoded
  - RPC/literal
  - Document/literal + Document/literal Wrapped

### RPC/encoded

web-service interface definition

SOAP message for this interface



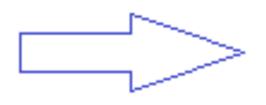
```
<soap:envelope>
...<soap:body>
...<myMethod>
...

<x xsi:type="xsd:int">5</x>
...
```

### RPC/literal

web-service interface definition

SOAP message for this interface



```
<soap:envelope>
...
<soap:body>
...
<myMethod>
...
```

### Document/literal

```
<types>
   <schema>
       <element_name="xElement"_type="xsd:int"/>
       <element_name="yElement"_type="xsd:float"/>
  ..</schema>
</types>
<message name="myMethodRequest">
   <part.name="x".element="xElement"/>
   <part name="y" element="yElement"/>
</message>
<message name="empty"/>
<portType name="PT">
   <operation_name="myMethod">
       <input message="myMethodRequest"/>
       <output message="empty"/>
  ..</operation>
</portType>
```

web-service interface definition

SOAP message for this interface



```
<soap:envelope>
...
<soap:body>
...

...

</pre
```

#### Java API for web-services: JAX WS

- JAX-WS is a Java programming language API for creating web services
  - Defines a standard Java-to-WSDL mapping (JSR224)
  - Part of Java SE (Java 6 Java 10)
  - Supersedes JAX-RPC
- Provides ability to create web-services:
  - RPC-oriented (like JAX-RPC)
  - Message-oriented

#### Java API for web-services: JAX WS

- Frameworks supporting JAX-WS:
  - GlassFish Metro (JAX-WS reference implementation)
  - Apache Axis 2
  - Apache CXF

#### Java API for web-services: JAX WS

- JAX-WS supports the following approached:
  - Top-Down

Web-service development starts from WSDL. The wsimport utility is used for source code generation.

Bottom-Up

Web-service development starts from service endpoint interface (SEI) definition in Java. The wsgen utility can be used for generation of needed artifacts.

## JAX WS - top down

- WSDL namespace is mapped to Java package name (targetNamespace attribute of <wsdl:definitions>)
- Port name is mapped to name of SEI (name attribute of <wsdl:portType>)
- Operations are mapped to methods of SEI (name attributes of <wsdl:operation>)
- Messages are mapped to SEI method parameters and return value (<wsdl:input> and <wsdl:output>)
- Fault messages are mapped to Java exceptions of SEI methods <wsdl:fault>

- SEI can be defined:
  - Explicitly through Java interface definition
  - Implicitly deriving from web-service implementation class

- SEI (or implementation class) should have one of the following annotations:
  - @WebService RPC oriented web-service
  - @WebServiceProvider Message oriented web-service

- Web-service implementation class should:
  - Not be abstract or final
  - Have public constructor with no parameters
  - Not have finalize methods
  - Have annotation @WebService or @WebServiceProvider

 You can use @PreDestroy and @PostConstruct annotations to manage webservice implementation instance lifecycle public interface HelloService {

package.examples;

```
Explicit SEI definition
```

@WebService(targetNamespace = "http://agerman/ws/examples")

String\_sayHello(String\_name, int\_age)\_throws\_HelloException;

SEI derived from

# JAX WS - bottom-up - wsdl

```
<definitions targetNamespace="http://agerman/ws/examples"</pre>
            xmlns:tns="http://agerman/ws/examples"
             xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
   <types>
...</types>
   <message.name="sayHello">
        <part_name="parameters".element="tns:sayHello"/>
   </message>
   <message.name="sayHelloResponse">
        <part_name="parameters"_element="tns:sayHelloResponse"/>
   </message>
   <message.name="HelloException">
        <part name="fault" element="tns:HelloException"/>
   </message>
   <portType name="HelloService">
        <operation_name="sayHello">
            <input message="tns:sayHello"/>
   ....<output message="tns:sayHelloResponse"/>
            <fault_message="tns:HelloException"_name="HelloException"/>
        </operation>
   </portType>
</definitions>
```

- @WebService: annotation parameters
  - name name of <wsdl:portType>
  - targetNamespace namespace
  - serviceName name of <wsdl:service>
  - portName name of <wsdl:port> inside the <wsdl:service>
  - wsdlLocation URI to WSDL document
  - endpointInterface full name of SEI (package name + interface name)

- SEI methods:
  - Have annotation @WebMethod (optional)
  - Should be public
  - Should not be static or final
- SEI methods parameters:
  - Have annotation @WebParam (optional)
  - Should be JAXB-compatibale
  - Use type Holder for OUT or IN/OUT parameters

- @WebMethod annotation parameters:
  - operationName name of <wsdl:operation>
  - action value of HTTP header SOAPAction
- @WebParam annotation parameters:
  - partName name of <wsdl:part>
  - header flag to map parameter to SOAP header
  - mode parameter direction mode:
    - WebParam.Mode.IN
    - WebParam.Mode.OUT
    - WebParam.Mode.INOUT



```
<definitions targetNamespace="http://examples/"</pre>
      .....xmlns:tns="http://examples/"
           __xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
            xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
   <portType name="HelloService">
       <operation name="sayHelloOperation">
            <input message="tns:sayHelloOperation"/>
            <output message="tns:sayHelloOperationResponse"/>
            <fault_message="tns:HelloException"_name="HelloException"/>
       </operation>
   </portType>
   <binding_name="HelloServiceImplPortBinding"_type="tns:HelloService">
        <soap:binding_transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"_style="document"/>
       <operation_name="sayHelloOperation">
           <soap:operation|soapAction="sayHello"/>
            <input> <soap:body use="literal"/> </input>
            <output> <soap:body use="literal"/> </output>
            <fault_name="HelloException"> .<soap:fault_name="HelloException" use="literal"/> .</fault>
        </operation>
   </binding>
</definitions>
```

```
@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.FIELD)
@XmlType(
       .name = ."sayHelloResponse",
        prop0rder.=.{"_return"})
public.class.SayHelloResponse.{
   .@XmlElement(name = . "return")
    protected String _return;
   .public.String.getReturn().{
....return__return;
    public.void.setReturn(String.value).{
       this._return = value;
```

- JAX-WS supports web-services:
- RPC oriented:
  - SEI has annotation @WebService
  - Operates with domain objects
- Message oriented:
  - SEI has annotation @WebServiceProvider
  - Operates with messages

• javax.xml.ws.Service – acts as factory of objects needed for calling web-service:

• Creates Proxy-objects for communications with RPC-oriented web-services

 Creates Dispatch- objects for communications with Message-oriented webservices

- Created by static factory method:
- Service.create(URL wsdIUrl, QName serviceName)

- javax.xml.ws.Service methods:
- getPort() creates proxy that implements SEI
- createDispatch() creates Dispatch-object
- setHandlerResolver() defines strategy to find handlers ( HandlerResolver)
- setExecutor() defines instance of java.util.concurrent.Executor for calling web-services asynchronously
- Class Service is also super class for all \*Service classes produced by wsimport utility

- Message-oriented client:
- Defined by javax.xml.ws.Dispatch
- Created with createDispatch() of the javax.xml.ws.Service object
- Supports modes:
  - Service.Mode.MESSAGE
  - Service.Mode.PAYLOAD
- Supports sources to get message content:
  - javax.xml.transform.Source
  - javax.xml.soap.SOAPMessage
  - javax.activation.DataSource

```
String_requestPayloadText =
         ."<ns2:sayHello.xmlns:ns2='http://hello.ws/'>".+
                                                             Content of SOAP body
for request message
....."</ns2:sayHello>";
.Source.requestPayload.=.new.SAXSource(
      new InputSource(
            new ByteArrayInputStream(requestPayloadText.getBytes())));
.HelloServiceImplService.helloService.=.new.HelloServiceImplService();
.Dispatch<Source>.dispatch.=.helloService.createDispatch(
      new QName("http://hello.ws/", "HelloServiceImplPort"),
                                                             Create Dispatch object
      Source.class,
                                                             with PAYLOAD mode
      Service.Mode.PAYLOAD);
                                                        Call web-service and
Source responsePayload = dispatch.invoke(requestPayload);
                                                         receive response message
```