

SOAP 1.2 (Simple Object Access Protocol)



Agenda

- What is and is not SOAP?
- SOAP Message Structure
- SOAP Terminology
- SOAP Message Exchange
- Document vs. RPC
- SOAP Encoding
- Quick overview of Java API for SOAP
- Changes from SOAP 1.1 to SOAP 1.2



What is SOAP? What is not SOAP? Where is SOAP?



What is SOAP? W3C Definition

- SOAP is a lightweight protocol intended for exchanging structured information in a decentralized, distributed environment
- SOAP uses XML technologies to define an extensible messaging framework providing a message construct that can be exchanged over a variety of underlying protocols
- The framework has been designed to be independent of any particular programming model and other implementation specific semantics

What is SOAP?

- Simple Object Access Protocol
- Wire protocol similar to
 - IIOP for CORBA
 - JRMP for RMI
- XML is used for data encoding
 - "text" based protocol vs. "binary" protocol
- Supports XML-based RPC (Remote Procedure Call)

Do I Need to know how SOAP works in detail as a Java Developer?

Yes

- Understanding it will help you to build better application
- Ex) Understanding how TCP/IP will help you build better TCP/IP application

No

- You will mostly likely use high-level API (JAX-RPC) to build Web applications
- How SOAP works is hidden from developers

What is SOAP?

- Stateless
- One-way message exchange paradigm
 - Applications can create more complex interaction patterns (e.g., request/response, request/multiple responses, etc.) by combining such one-way exchanges with features provided by an underlying protocol and/or application-specific information
- Silent on the semantics of any application-specific data it conveys

What SOAP is Not

- Not a component model
 - So it will not replace objects and components,
 i.e. EJB[™], JavaBeans[™]
- Not a programming language
 - So it will not replace Java
- Not a solution for all
 - So it will not replace other distributed computing technologies such as RMI

SOAP Design Goals

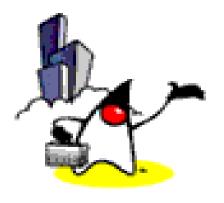
- Simplicity
- Extensibility
 - New standards define new semantics
- Features not supported (by design)
 - Distributed garbage collection
 - Object by reference
 - Activation
 - Message batching

Where is SOAP?

- SOAP 1.2 is W3C recommendation
- SOAP 1.2 Part 1 defines
 - SOAP envelope
 - Protocol binding framework
- SOAP 1.2 Part 2 defines
 - Data model for SOAP
 - Binding to HTTP

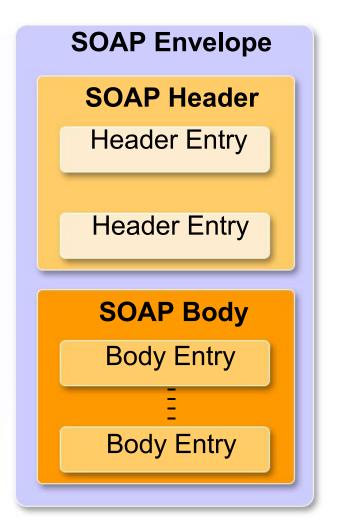


Message Structure



SOAP Message Structure

SOAP Message with Attachments Primary MIME part (text/xml) **Attachment** Attachment Attachment





SOAP Message Envelope

- Embedded Information
 - Namespaces
 - Encoding information
- Header
 - Optional
 - Can be handled by intermediaries
- Body
 - Mandatory
 - Handled only by ultimate receiver

SOAP Header (<env:Header>)

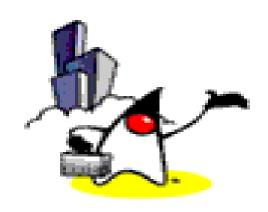
- Used for extension
 - Context
 - Authentication
 - Transaction
 - Management
 - Many other higher level semantics
- Made of Header blocks (Header entries)
- Most Web services standard activities are basically defining standard header entries for a particular domain

SOAP Header Blocks (Entries)

- Child elements of SOAP Header
- Designed in anticipation of various uses for SOAP by SOAP intermediaries
 - Can be individually targeted at SOAP nodes
 - Allows SOAP intermediaries to provide valueadded services
- May be inspected, inserted, deleted or forwarded by SOAP nodes encountered along a SOAP message path

SOAP Body (<env:Body>)

- Made of Body blocks (Body entries)
- Consumed by Ultimate SOAP receiver
- Carry end-to-end information
 - Application data (XML document) (document style)
 - RPC method and parameters (rpc style)
 - SOAP fault



Message Structure Fault Message

SOAP Fault (<env:Fault>)

- Used to carry error and/or status information
- Four sub-elements
 - faultcode
 - faultstring
 - faultactor
 - detail

Pre-defined SOAP faultcode values

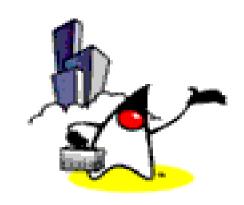
- VersionMismatch
 - Invalid namespace in SOAP envelope
- MustUnderstand
 - Receiver mode cannot handle mustUnderstand
 SOAP header block
- Client
 - Indicates client side error
- Server
 - Indicates server side error

SOAP Fault Example: Cause

```
<env:Envelope
     xmlns:env='http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope'>
     <env:Header>
         <abc:Extension1
               xmlns:abc='http://example.org/2001/06/ext'
               env:mustUnderstand='1' />
         <def:Extension2
              xmlns:def='http://example.com/stuff'
               env:mustUnderstand='1' />
     </env:Header>
     <env:Body>
     </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```

SOAP Fault Example: Result

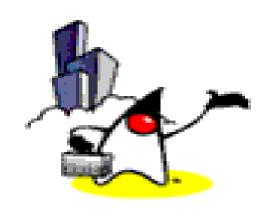
```
<env:Envelope xmlns:env='http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope'</pre>
               xmlns:f='http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-faults' >
     <env:Header>
          <f:Misunderstood qname='abc:Extension1'</pre>
                          xmlns:abc='http://example.org/2001/06/ext'/>
          <f:Misunderstood gname='def:Extension2'
                          xmlns:def='http://example.com/stuff'/>
     </env:Header>
     <env:Body>
          <env:Fault>
              <faultcode>MustUnderstand</faultcode>
              <faultstring>
                   One or more mandatory headers not understood
              </faultstring>
          </env:Fault>
     </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```



Message Structure Where do you put your data, in Header block or Body block?

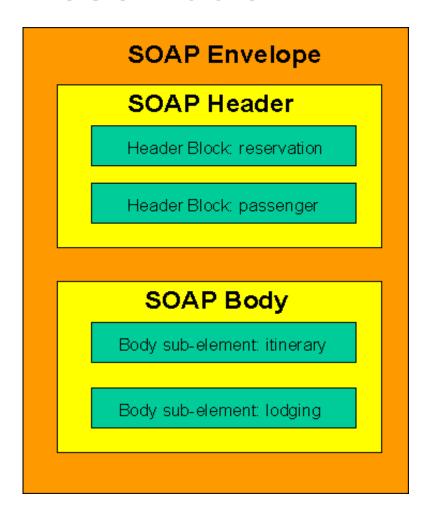
Header Block or Body Block?

- Decisions made at the time of application design
- Header blocks may be targeted at various nodes that might be encountered along a message's path from a sender to the ultimate recipient
 - Intermediate SOAP nodes may provide valueadded services based on data in such headers



Message Structure Example SOAP Messages

SOAP Message Example: Travel Reservation

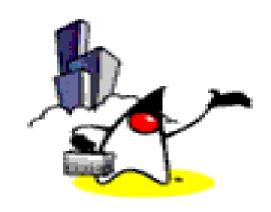


Example1: SOAP Message Travel Reservation (page 1)

```
<?xml version='1.0' ?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
<env:Header>
 <m:reservation xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation"</p>
     env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next"
      env:mustUnderstand="true">
  <m:reference>uuid:093a2da1-q345-739r-ba5d-pqff98fe8j7d</m:reference>
  <m:dateAndTime>2001-11-29T13:20:00.000-05:00</m:dateAndTime>
 </m:reservation>
 <n:passenger xmlns:n="http://mycompany.example.com/employees"</pre>
     env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next"
      env:mustUnderstand="true">
  <n:name>Åke Jógvan Øyvind</n:name>
 </n:passenger>
</env:Header>
```

Example1: SOAP Message Travel Reservation (page 2)

```
<env:Body>
<p:itinerary
  xmlns:p="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation/travel">
 <p:departure>
  <p:departing>New York</p:departing>
  <p:arriving>Los Angeles/p:arriving>
  <p:departureDate>2001-12-14</p:departureDate>
  <p:departureTime>late afternoon/p:departureTime>
  <p:seatPreference>aisle/p:seatPreference>
 </p:departure>
 <p:return>
  <p:departing>Los Angeles/p:departing>
  <p:arriving>New York</p:arriving>
  <p:departureDate>2001-12-20</p:departureDate>
  <p:departureTime>mid-morning</p:departureTime>
  <p:seatPreference/>
 </p:return>
</p:itinerary>
<q:lodging
 xmlns:g="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation/hotels">
 <q:preference>none</q:preference>
</q:lodging>
</env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```



Message Structure Quick Namespace Tutorial

XML Namespaces Tutorial

- Used to avoid name collision
- Facilitates grouping of elements
 - I.e: SOAP application knows which elements belong to which namespace
- Can be used as version control scheme
- Syntax
 - Namespace declaration
 - Elements and attributes

XML Namespaces Declaration

- A prefix is associated with URI
- The association is defined as an attribute within an element
 - xmlns:prefix
- xmlns is Namespaces keyword, prefix is user- defined

SOAP Namespaces Example

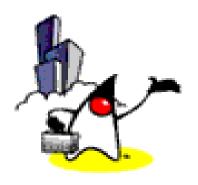
- env namespace is defined in SOAP
- m namespace is custom namespace

SOAP 1.1 Namespaces URI's

- Envelope
 - http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope
 - Used for "version mismatch" check
- Serialization
 - http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-encoding
- mustUnderstand fault
 - http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-faults
- Upgrade
 - http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-upgrade



SOAP Terminology



Protocol Concepts

- SOAP node
- SOAP role
- SOAP binding
- SOAP feature
 - An extension of the SOAP messaging framework: reliability, security, correlation
- SOAP module
 - Realization of SOAP features
- SOAP message exchange pattern
- SOAP application

Data Encapsulation Concepts

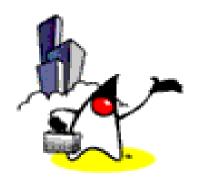
- SOAP message
- SOAP envelope
- SOAP header
- SOAP header block
- SOAP body
- SOAP fault

Message Sender & Receiver Concepts

- SOAP sender
- SOAP receiver
- SOAP message path
- Initial SOAP sender
- SOAP intermediary
- Ultimate SOAP receiver



SOAP Message Exchange

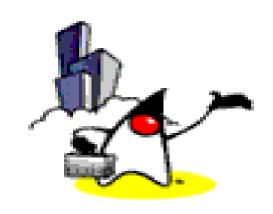


SOAP Exchange Model

- SOAP is a simple messaging framework for transferring information specified in the form of an XML infoset between an initial SOAP sender and an ultimate SOAP receiver
- The more interesting scenarios typically involve multiple message exchanges between these two nodes
 - request and response pattern

Request-Response Pattern

- Conversational message exchange
 - used to exchange XML documents
 - can be multiple message exchange pattern
- RPC (Remote Procedure Call)
 - used when there is a need to model a certain programmatic behavior



SOAP Message Exchange Conversational Message Exchange Exchange

Example2: SOAP Message Response: Travel Reservation (page 1)

```
<?xml version='1.0' ?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
<env:Header>
 <m:reservation xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation"</p>
   env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next"
      env:mustUnderstand="true">
 <m:reference>uuid:093a2da1-q345-739r-ba5d-pqff98fe8j7d</m:reference>
 <m:dateAndTime>2001-11-29T13:35:00.000-05:00</m:dateAndTime>
 </m:reservation>
 <n:passenger xmlns:n="http://mycompany.example.com/employees"</p>
   env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next"
      env:mustUnderstand="true">
 <n:name>Åke Jógvan Øyvind</n:name>
 </n:passenger>
                                            Reference to request
</env:Header>
                                                   message
```

Example2:SOAP Message Response Travel Reservation (page 2) - Choices of Airport

```
<env:Body>
 <p:itineraryClarification
  xmlns:p="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation/travel">
 <p:departure>
   <p:departing>
    <p:airportChoices>
     JFK LGA EWR
    </p:airportChoices>
   </p:departing>
 </p:departure>
 <p:return>
   <p:arriving>
   <p:airportChoices>
     JFK LGA EWR
   </p:airportChoices>
  </p:arriving>
 </p:return>
 </p:itineraryClarification>
</env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```

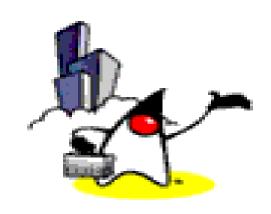
Application defined schema

Example3: SOAP Message Travel Reservation (page 1- to be continued)

```
<?xml version='1.0' ?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
<env:Header>
 <m:reservation
  xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation"
   env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next"
     env:mustUnderstand="true">
  <m:reference>uuid:093a2da1-q345-739r-ba5d-
  pqff98fe8j7d</m:reference>
  <m:dateAndTime>2001-11-29T13:36:50.000-05:00</m:dateAndTime>
 </m:reservation>
 <n:passenger xmlns:n="http://mycompany.example.com/employees"
   env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next"
      env:mustUnderstand="true">
 <n:name>Åke Jógvan Øyvind</n:name>
 </n:passenger>
</env:Header>
```

Example3: SOAP Message Travel Reservation (page 2) - Selection of Airport

```
<env:Body>
  <p:itinerary
  xmIns:p="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation/travel">
    <p:departure>
     <p:departing>LGA</p:departing>
     </p:departure>
     <p:return>
      <p:arriving>EWR</p:arriving>
     </p:return>
     </p:return>
     </p:itinerary>
     </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```



SOAP Message ExchangeRemote Procedure Call

Things Needed for RPC (page 1)

- Address of the target SOAP node
- Procedure or method name
- Identities and values of any arguments and any output parameters and return value
- A clear separation of the arguments used to identify the Web resource which is the actual target for the RPC, as contrasted with those that convey data or control information used for processing the call by the target resource
 - Web resource is specified in the form of URI

Things Needed for RPC (page 2)

- The message exchange pattern which will be employed to convey the RPC, together with an identification of the socalled "Web Method" to be used
- Optionally, data which may be carried as a part of SOAP header blocks

Example4: SOAP RPC Request (page 1)

Example4: SOAP RPC Request (page 2)

```
<env:Body>
 <m:chargeReservation
   env:encodingStyle="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-encoding"
    xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/">
 <m:reservation
  xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation">
  <m:code>FT35ZBQ</m:code>
 </m:reservation>
 <o:creditCard xmlns:o="http://mycompany.example.com/financial">
  <n:name xmlns:n="http://mycompany.example.com/employees">
     Åke Jógvan Øyvind
  </n:name>
  <o:number>123456789099999</o:number>
  <o:expiration>2005-02</o:expiration>
 </o:creditCard>
 </m:chargeReservation>
                                           Method name
</env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```

Example5a: RPC response with two output parameters for the call in Example 4

```
<?xml version='1.0' ?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope" >
<env:Header>
  <t:transaction
    xmlns:t="http://thirdparty.example.org/transaction"
     env:encodingStyle="http://example.com/encoding"
     env:mustUnderstand="true">5</t:transaction>
</env:Header>
<env:Body>
  <m:chargeReservationResponse
    env:encodingStyle="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-encoding"
      xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/">
   <m:code>FT35ZBQ</m:code>
   <m:viewAt>
    http://travelcompany.example.org/reservations?code=FT35ZBQ
   </m:viewAt>
  </m:chargeReservationResponse>
</env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```

Example5b: RPC response with a "return" value and two "out" parameters for the call in Example 4

```
<?xml version='1.0' ?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope" >
<env:Header>
  <t:transaction
   xmlns:t="http://thirdparty.example.org/transaction"
    env:encodingStyle="http://example.com/encoding"
     env:mustUnderstand="true">5</t:transaction>
</env:Header>
<env:Body>
  <m:chargeReservationResponse
   env:encodingStyle="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-encoding"
     xmlns:rpc="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-rpc"
      xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/">
   <rpc:result>m:status/rpc:result>
   <m:status>confirmed</m:status>
   <m:code>FT35ZBQ</m:code>
   <m:viewAt>
    http://travelcompany.example.org/reservations?code=FT35ZBQ
   </m:viewAt>
  </m:chargeReservationResponse>
</env:Body>
```



SOAP with Attachments



SOAP 1.1 With Attachments

- Submitted to W3C for basis of XMLP
 - http://www.w3.org/TR/SOAPattachments
- Uses MIME "multipart/related" as a container for:
 - SOAP envelope
 - Arbitrary "attachments"
- SOAP envelope and payload can reference "attachments" via relative URLs (href) in the SOAP envelope



Changes from SOAP 1.1 to SOAP 1.2



Changes: Document Structure

- Document structure
 - SOAP 1.2 has been rewritten in terms of XML infosets, and not as serializations of the form <?xml....?> required by SOAP 1.1

Changes: Additional or Changed Syntax (page 1)

- In the SOAP 1.2 infoset-based description, the env:mustUnderstand attribute in header elements takes the (logical) value "true" or "false" (instead of 1 or 0)
- SOAP 1.2 provides a new fault code DataEncodingUnknown.
- The various namespaces defined by the two protocols are of course different.
- SOAP 1.2 replaces the attribute env:actor with env:role but with essentially the same semantics.

Changes: Additional or Changed Syntax (page 2)

- SOAP 1.2 defines a new attribute, env:relay, for header blocks to indicate if unprocessed header blocks should be forwarded
- SOAP 1.2 defines two new roles, "none" and "ultimateReceiver", together with a more detailed processing model on how these behave
- SOAP 1.2 replaces "client" and "server" fault codes with "Sender" and "Receiver"

Changes: SOAP HTTP Binding

- In the SOAP 1.2 HTTP binding, the SOAPAction HTTP header defined in SOAP 1.1 has been removed
- In the SOAP 1.2 HTTP binding, the Content-type header should be "application/soap+xml" instead of "text/xml" as in SOAP 1.1
- Support of the HTTP extensions framework has been removed from SOAP 1.2
- SOAP 1.2 provides an additional message exchange pattern which may be used as a part of the HTTP binding that allows the use of HTTP GET for safe and idempotent information retrievals

Changes: RPC

- SOAP 1.2 provides a rpc:result element assessor for RPCs
- SOAP 1.2 provides several additional fault codes in the RPC namespace
- SOAP 1.2 offers guidance on a Webfriendly approach to defining RPCs where the procedure's purpose is purely "safe" informational retrieval

Changes: SOAP Encoding

- An abstract data model based on a directed edge labeled graph has been formulated for SOAP 1.2
 - SOAP 1.2 encodings are dependent on this data model
- The SOAP RPC conventions are dependent on this data model, but have no dependencies on the SOAP encoding
- Support of the SOAP 1.2 encodings and SOAP 1.2 RPC conventions are optional

Version Handling

- SOAP 1.1 node receiving 1.2 message
 - generates SOAP version mismatch SOAP fault
- SOAP 1.2 node receiving 1.1 message
 - may process the message as a SOAP/1.1 message (if supported)
 - generate a version mismatch SOAP fault based on a SOAP/1.1 message construct
 - SOAP fault SHOULD include an Upgrade SOAP header block

Example: SOAP Version 1.2 node generating a SOAP/1.1 version mismatch fault message

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<env:Header>
 <env:Upgrade>
 <env:SupportedEnvelope qname="ns1:Envelope"</pre>
       xmlns:ns1="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"/>
 </env:Upgrade>
 </env:Header>
 <env:Body>
 <env:Fault>
  <faultcode>env:VersionMismatch</faultcode>
  <faultstring>Version Mismatch</faultstring>
 </env:Fault>
</env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```



Passion!

