



RiftSaw JBoss BPEL Server

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Agenda

- Motivation
- WS-BPEL 2.0
- RiftSaw



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Motivation

- Enterprise applications & Information Systems
 - Help to perform business operations
 - Improve businesses through business process automation (BPA)
 - Are required to support the **whole** (if possible) business processes
- Business process
 - Dynamic in nature
 - Requires multiple application functionality
- Problem
 - Process change requires application change
 - Information system gap time



Business Process Automation

- 1)Provide a standard way to expose and access functionality of applications as services
- 2)Provide an enterprise bus infrastructure for communication and management of services
- 3)Provide integration architecture between the various services and newly developed applications used in processes
- 4)Provide a specialized language for composition of exposed functionalities of applications into business processes



Why specialized language?

- WSDL based web-services
 - Simple interactions
 - May be stateless
 - Inadequate to express model, describe complex compositions
- Standard programming languages issues
 - Not portable enough (B2B Java vs. C++)
 - Programming in Large vs. programming in small
 - High level state transition logic
 - Inflexible solutions for traditional languages because of unclear separation between process flow and business logic
 - Very hard to analyze and improve



WS-BPEL (1)

- Industry standard
- Business process orchestration
- Designed to fit naturally into Web service stack
 - Expressed entirely in XML
 - Uses and extends WSDL 1.1
 - Uses XML Schema 1.0 for data model
- Portable across platform and vendor
 - Will run on any BPEL-compliant engine
- Comparable to general purpose programming language



WS-BPEL (2)

- Appetizer
 - Describe the logic of business processes through composition of Web services
 - Compose larger business processes out of smaller processes and services
 - Handle synchronous and asynchronous invocations, callbacks
 - Invoke service operations in sequence or parallel
 - Route incoming messages to the appropriate processes
 - Selectively compensate completed activities in case of failures



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WS-BPEL (3)





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Project RiftSaw

- Open-source
- WS-BPEL 2.0 compliant engine
- Based on Apache ODE
 - JBoss Hot Deployment
 - Admin Console
 - JBoss WS support (both native and CXF)
 - UDDI
 - Clustering
- Eclipse-based tooling via JBoss Tools



RiftSaw Components





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RiftSaw Deployment







WS-BPEL Process Definition

<process>

(<import />)+ <!-- WSDL definitions, XML schemas -->

<extensions> ... <extensions/> <!-- language extensions -->

<partnerLinks> ... </partnerLinks/> <!-- Definition and roles of process participants -->

<variables> ... </variables> <!-- Data/state used within the process -->

<correlationSets> ... </correlationSets> <!-- Properties that enable conversations -->

<faultHandlers> ... </faultHandlers> <!-- Exception handling -->

<compensationHandlers> ... </compensationHandlers> <!-- Error recovery – undo -->

<eventHandlers> ... </eventHandlers> <!-- Concurrent events with process itself -->

<!-- Business process flow -->

(activities)*

</process>



Partner Links

- BPEL process
 - Invokes partners
 - Receives client invocations and client callbacks
- Types
 - Invoked partner link
 - Client partner link
- Purpose
 - Asynchronous invocation support
 - Client filtering



PartnerLinks - Sample

WebService PartnerLinkType in WSDL:

<plnk:partnerLinkType name="WebService">

<plnk:role name="WebServiceProvider" portType="tns:WebServicePort"/>

</plnk:partnerLinkType>

BPEL process:

<bpel:partnerLink name="asyncService"</pre>

partnerLinkType="tns:WebService"

partnerRole="WebServiceProvider"/>



Partner Links – Where do we stand?





Partner Links - PartnerLinkTypes

WebService PartnerLinkType in WSDL:

```
<pInk:partnerLinkType name="WebService">
```

```
<pInk:role name="WebServiceProvider" portType="tns:WebServicePort"/>
```

```
<plnk:role name="WebServiceRequester" portType="tns:WebServiceCallbackPort"/>
```

</plnk:partnerLinkType>

BPEL process:

<bpel:partnerLink name="asyncService"</pre>

partnerLinkType="tns:WebService"

myRole="WebServiceRequester"

partnerRole="WebServiceProvider"/>



Variables

- Hold the state of the process
- Defined as
 - WSDL Message
 - XML Schema elements/types
- Used in receive/reply/assign
- XSL transformation in assign



Variable Properties





Correlation Sets





Basic Activities

- receive
- reply
- assign
- Invoke
- validate
- wait
- empty
- extensionActivity

- throw
- rethrow
- exit
- compensate
- compensateScope



Basic Activities Demo

- Basic assign
- Synchronous web service invocation
- Asynchronous BPEL process invocation



Structured Activities

- flow
 - links
- sequence
- while
- repeatUntil
- forEach
- pick
- If-then-else
- scope



Scopes

- Local declarations
- Local handler
 - Fault handler
 - Termination handler
 - Compensation handler
- Isolation
 - Global variable access



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Structured Activities Demo

- Fault & compensation handler
- Event handler



Deployment Descriptor

- Configures process to use specific services
- Supplies bindings for partner links to WSDL's
- Sample:

```
<deploy xmIns="http://www.apache.org/ode/schemas/dd/2007/03" xmIns:bpl="..." ...>
```

```
<process name="bpl:SimpleInvoke">
```

```
<active>true</active>
```

```
<provide partnerLink="theClientPartnerLink">
```

```
<service name="intf:SimpleInvokeService" port="SimpleInvokePort" />
</provide>
```

```
<invoke partnerLink="theExternalServicePartnerLink">
```

```
<service name="intf2:HelloWorldService" port="HelloWorldPort"/> </invoke>
```

</process>

</deploy>





RiftSaw Adds

- Via ODE
 - Implicit correlations
 - Activity failure/recovery
 - XPath extensions
 - External variables
 - Headers handling
 - Flexible assigns
 - Process context



RiftSaw Lacks

- Future
 - BPEL4People based in WS-HT





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