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# Web Services Description Language (WSDL)

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- Importing & Authoring style
- Application Design & Tools



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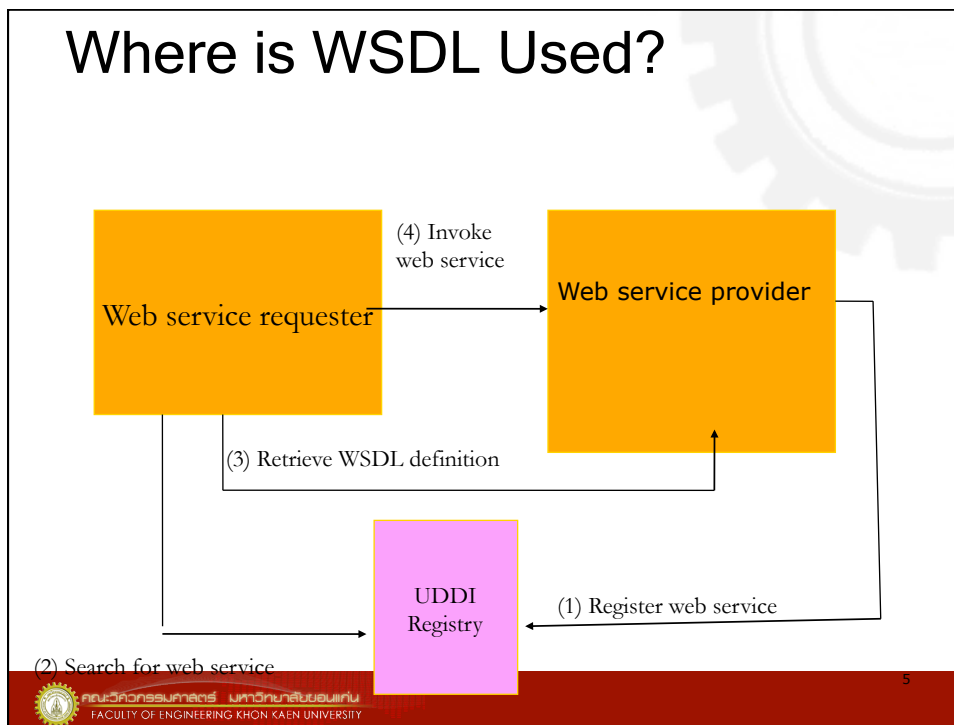
## What is WSDL?

- XML language for **describing web services**
- Web service is described as
  - A set of **communication endpoints (ports)**
- Endpoint is made of two parts
  - **Abstract definitions of operations and messages**
  - **Concrete binding** to networking protocol (and corresponding endpoint address) and message encoding
- Why this separation?
  - Enhance **reusability** (as we will see in UDDI reference to WSDL document)

## What WSDL Describes?

- WSDL describes four critical pieces of data
  - Interface information describing all publicly available functions
  - Data type information for all message requests and message responses
  - Binding information about the transport protocol to be used
  - Address information for locating the specified service

## Where is WSDL Used?



## Why WSDL?

- Enables **automation** of communication details between communicating partners
  - Machines can read WSDL
  - Machines can invoke a service defined in WSDL
- Discoverable through registry
- Arbitration
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party can verify if communication conforms to WSDL

## A WSDL Code Generator

### □ Tools that generate WSDL automatically

- Microsoft .NET
- Apache Axis2
- Apache CXF
- Java EE
- IBM Websphere Studio for Web Services

## WSDL Document Structure

```

<wSDL:definitions xmlns:wSDL="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl"
targetNamespace="your namespace here">
  <wSDL:types>
    <xs:schema targetNamespace="your namespace here (could be another)"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    <!-- Define types and possibly elements here -->
    </xs:schema>
  </wSDL:types>
  <wSDL:message name="some operation input">
    <!-- part(s) here -->
  </wSDL:message>
  <wSDL:message name="some operation output">
    <!-- part(s) here -->
  </wSDL:message>
  <wSDL:portType name="your type name">
    <wSDL:operation name="operation name">...
  </wSDL:operation>
  </wSDL:portType>
  <wSDL:binding name="your binding name" type="tns:port type name above">
    <!-- define style and transport in general and use per operation -->
  </wSDL:binding>
  <wSDL:service>
    <!-- define a port using the above binding and a URL -->
  </wSDL:service>
</wSDL:definitions>
  
```

## WSDL Namespaces

- <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl>
- <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap>
- <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema>

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## WSDL Document Example

- ❑ Simple service providing stock quotes
- ❑ A single operation called **GetLastTradePrice**
- ❑ Deployed using **SOAP 1.1 over HTTP**
- ❑ Request takes a ticker symbol of type **string**
- ❑ Response returns price as a **float**

## WSDL Declarations

- ❑ The XML Declaration
    - The XML declaration in the sample WSDL document specified a character encoding of UTF-8
- ```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```
- A WSDL document must use either UTF-8 or UTF-16 encoding
    - ❑ Other encoding systems are not allowed

## WSDL Elements

- definitions
- types
- message
- operation
- portType
- binding
- service

## “definitions” Element

- Definitions element must be the root element of all WSDL documents
- It defines the name of the web service, declares multiple namespaces used throughout the remainder of the document
- It contains all the service elements described

## “definitions” Element Example

```
<definitions name="StockQuote"
targetNamespace="http://example.com/
stockquote.wsdl"
xmlns:tns="http://example.com/stockquote.wsdl"
xmlns:xsd1="http://example.com/
stockquote.xsd"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/
soap/"
xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
```

## “types” Element

- Describe all the data types used between the client and server
- Used to **describe exchanged messages**
- If the services uses only XML Schema built-in simple types, such as strings and integers, the types elements is not required



## “types” Element Example

```

<types>
  <schema targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote.xsd"
    xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema">
    <element name="TradePriceRequest">
      <complexType>
        <all>
          <element name="tickerSymbol" type="string"/>
        </all>
      </complexType>
    </element>
    <element name="TradePrice">
      <complexType>
        <all>
          <element name="price" type="float"/>
        </all>
      </complexType>
    </element>
  </schema>
</types>

```

## WSDL Elements

### □ Messages

- Abstract, typed definitions of data being exchanged

### □ Operations

- Abstract description of an action
- Refers to input/output messages

### □ Port type

- Collection of operations
- Abstract definition of a service

## Example: Messages, Operation, Port Type

```

<message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
  <part name="body" element="xsd1:TradePriceRequest"/>
</message>
<message name="GetLastTradePriceOutput">
  <part name="body" element="xsd1:TradePrice"/>
</message>
<portType name="StockQuotePortType">
  <operation name="GetLastTradePrice">
    <input message="tns:GetLastTradePriceInput"/>
    <output message="tns:GetLastTradePriceOutput"/>
  </operation>
</portType>

```

## WSDL Elements

- Binding
  - Concrete protocol and data format (encoding) for a particular port type
- Port
  - Defines a single communication endpoint
  - Endpoint address for binding
  - URL for HTTP, email address for SMTP
- Service
  - Aggregate set of related ports

## Example: Binding, Port, Service

```

<binding name="StockQuoteSoapBinding" type="tns:StockQuotePortType">
  <soap:binding style="document"
    transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
    <operation name="GetLastTradePrice">
      <soap:operation
        soapAction="http://example.com/GetLastTradePrice"/>
      <input> <soap:body use="literal" /></input>
      <output> <soap:body use="literal" /></output>
    </operation>
</binding>
<service name="StockQuoteService">
  <documentation>My first service</documentation>
  <port name="StockQuotePort"
    binding="tns:StockQuoteSoapBinding">
    <soap:address location="http://example.com/stockquote"/>
  </port>
</service>

```

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## “message” Element

- The message element describes the payload of a message used by a Web service
- Consist of one or more logical parts
- The way to define a message element depends on whether you use RPC-style or document-style messaging



## “message” Element

- Syntax

```
<message name="nmtoken">
  <part name="nmtoken"
    element="qname" type="qname"/>
</message>
```

- “element” attribute refers to an XSD element using a QName
- “type” attribute refers to an XSD simpleType or complexType using a QName



## “message” Element for RPC-Style

```

<types>
  <schema .... >
    <element name="PO" type="tns:POType"/>
    <complexType name="POType">
      ...
    </complexType>
    ...
    <element name="Invoice" type="tns:InvoiceType"/>
    <complexType name="InvoiceType">
      ...
    </complexType>
  </schema>
</types>
<message name="PO">
  <part name="po" element="tns:PO"/>
  <part name="invoice" element="tns:Invoice"/>
</message>

```

## “portType” Element

- A portType element defines the abstract interface of a Web service
- It's a lot like a Java interface because it defines an abstract type and its method, but not an implementation
- In WSDL, the portType is implemented by the binding and service elements

## “portType” and Java Interface

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ portType</li> </ul> <pre>&lt;portType   name="BookQuote"&gt;   &lt;operation     name="GetBookPrice"&gt;     &lt;input name="isbn" .../&gt;     &lt;output name="price" .../&gt;   &lt;/operation&gt; &lt;/portType&gt;</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Java Interface</li> </ul> <pre>public interface   bookQuote {     public float   getBookPrice(Str     ing isbn); }</pre>
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## “operation” Element

- The “methods” of the portType are its operation elements
- A portType may have one or more operation elements, each of which defines an RPC- or document-style Web service method
- Each operation is composed of input , output, and fault elements

## “operation” Element Example

```

<portType name="BookQuote">
  <operation name="getBookPrice">
    <input name="isbn"
message="mh:GetBookPriceRequest"/>
    <output name="price"
message="mh:GetBookPriceResponse"/>
    <fault
name="InvalidArgumentFault"
message="mh:InvalidArgumentFault"/>
  </operation>
</portType>

```

## Parameter Order within an Operation

```

<message name="GetBulkBookPriceRequest">
  <part name="isbn" type="xsd:string"/>
  <part name="quantity" type="xsd:int"/>
</message>
<portType name="GetBulkBookPrice">
  <operation name="getBulkBookPrice"
parameterOrder="isbn quantity">
    <input name="request"
message="GetBulkBookPriceRequest"/>
    ...
  </operation>
</portType>

```

## Types of Operations

- One-way
  - The endpoint receives a message
- Request/response
  - The endpoint receives a message, and sends a correlated message
- Notification
  - The endpoint sends a message
- Solicit/response
  - The endpoint sends a message, and receives a correlated message

## One-way Operation

```
<operation name="submitPurchase">  
  <input message="purchase"/>  
</operation>
```



## Request/Response Operation

```
<operation name="submitPurchase">  
  <input message="purchase"/>  
  <output message="confirmation"/>  
  <!-- optional element -->  
  <fault message="faultMessage"/>  
</operation>
```

## Notification Operation

```
<operation name="deliveryStatus">  
  <output  
  message="trackingInformation"/>  
</operation>
```

## Solicit/Response Operation

```
<operation name="clientQuery">
  <output
message="bandwidthRequest"/>
  <input message="bandwidthInfo"/>
  <fault message="faultMessage"/>
</operation>
```

## Binding Element

- Defines **protocol details** and **message format** for operations and messages defined by a particular *portType*
- Can specify only one protocol out of
  - SOAP (SOAP over HTTP, SOAP over SMTP)
  - HTTP GET/POST
- Provides **extensibility** mechanism
  - Can includes **binding extensibility elements**
  - Binding extensibility elements are used to specify the concrete grammar

## Binding Element Syntax

```

<wsdl:definitions .... >
  <wsdl:binding name="nmtoken" type="qname"> *
  <!-- extensibility element per binding --> *
    <wsdl:operation name="nmtoken"> *
    <!-- extensibility element per operation --> *
      <wsdl:input name="nmtoken"? > ?
      <!-- extensibility element per input -->
      </wsdl:input>
      <wsdl:output name="nmtoken"? > ?
      <!-- extensibility element per output --> *
      </wsdl:output>
      <wsdl:fault name="nmtoken"> *
      <!-- extensibility element per fault --> *
      </wsdl:fault>
    </wsdl:operation>
  </wsdl:binding>
</wsdl:definitions>

```

## SOAP Binding Extension

- WSDL includes binding for SOAP 1.1 endpoints and supports:
  - Indication of binding to SOAP as a protocol
  - Address for SOAP endpoint
  - The URI for SOAPAction HTTP header (applies only for HTTP binding for SOAP)
  - List of definitions for Headers for SOAP envelope
- “soap” namespace
  - xmlns:soap=“http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap”

## SOAP Binding Extension Syntax

```

<binding .... >
  <soap:binding style="rpc|document" transport="uri">
    <operation .... >
      <soap:operation soapAction="uri"?
        style="rpc|document"?>?
      <input>
        ...
      </input>
      <output>
        ...
      </output>
      <fault>*
        ...
      </fault>
    </operation>
  </binding>

```

## “soap:binding”

```

<definitions ...>
  <binding ...>
    <soap:binding transport="uri"?
      style="rpc|document"?>
    </binding>
  </definitions>

```

- style attribute applies to each contained operation (default:document) unless it is overridden by operation specific style attribute
- transport attribute indicates which transport to use
  - <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http>  
(for HTTP)
  - <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/smtp>  
(for SMTP)

## “soap:operation”

```
<binding ..>
  <operation ...>
    <soap:operation soapAction="uri"?
    style="rpc|document"?>?
  </operation>
</binding>
```

- “style” attribute indicates whether the operation is
  - RPC-oriented (messages containing parameters and return values) or
  - document-oriented (message containing document(s))
- “soapAction” attribute specifies the value of the SOAPAction header for this operation

## soap:body

```
<definitions .... >
  <binding .... >
    <operation .... >
      <input>
        <soap:body parts="nmtokens"?
        use="literal|encoded"?
        encodingStyle="uri-list"?
        namespace="uri"?>
      </input>
      <output>
        <soap:body parts="nmtokens"?
        use="literal|encoded"?
        encodingStyle="uri-list"?
        namespace="uri"?>
      </output>
    </operation>
  </binding>
</definitions>
```

## “soap:body”

- Specifies how the message parts appear inside the SOAP Body element
  - Provides information on how to assemble the different message parts inside the Body element
- Used in both RPC-oriented and document-oriented messages
  - Which one to use is determined via *style* attribute of soap:binding or soap:operation elements

## “soap:body” for RPC style


- WSDL document
  - The **operation name** of WSDL document is used to name the wrapper element (immediate child element under <soap:Body> element)
  - Each part is a parameter or a return value and appears **inside a wrapper element** within the body
- SOAP message
  - Content of the Body are formatted as a struct
  - Parts are arranged in the same order as the parameters of the call

## MyHelloServiceRpcLiteral.wsdl

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" xmlns:tns="urn:Foo"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" name="MyHelloService"
  targetNamespace="urn:Foo">
  ...
  <portType name="HelloIF">
    <operation name="sayHello" parameterOrder="String_1 Integer_2">
      <input message="tns:HelloIF_sayHello"/>
      <output message="tns:HelloIF_sayHelloResponse"/>
    </operation>
  </portType>
  <binding name="HelloIFBinding" type="tns:HelloIF">
    <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" style="rpc"/>
    <operation name="sayHello">
      <input><soap:body use="literal" namespace="urn:Foo"/></input>
      <output><soap:body use="literal" namespace="urn:Foo"/></output>
      <soap:operation soapAction=""/></operation>
    </binding>
  ...
</definitions>
  
```

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## SOAP Request Message: RPC, Literal

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soap:Envelope
  xmlns:n="urn:Foo"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-
instance">
  <soap:Body>
    <n:sayHello>
      <String_1>MyRpcLiteralMessage</
String_1>
      <Integer_2>79</Integer_2>
    </n:sayHello>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
  
```

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## Soap:body for Document Style

- WSDL document
  - Each <message> has single <part> element
  - The element attribute of <part> refers to schema definition of XML document fragment, which is defined inside <types>
- SOAP message
  - SOAP Body element contains an XML document fragment (document)
  - There are no wrappers

## MyHelloServiceDocLiteral.wSDL

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" ..>
<types>
  <schema ..">
  ..
  <complexType name="sayHelloType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="String_1" type="string" nillable="true"/>
      <element name="Integer_2" type="int"
nillable="true"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>
  ...
  <schema>
</types>
<message name="HelloIF_sayHello">
  <part name="parameters" element="tns:sayHello"/></message>
<message name="HelloIF_sayHelloResponse">
  <part name="result" element="tns:sayHelloResponse"/></message>

```



## SOAP Request Message: Doc, Literal

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soap:Envelope
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:tns="urn:Foo"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <tns:sayHello>
      <String_1>MyDocLiteralMessage</String_1>
      <Integer_2>78</Integer_2>
    </tns:sayHello>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

<complexType name="sayHelloType">
 <sequence>
 <element name="String\_1" type="string" nillable="true"/>
 <element name="Integer\_2" type="int" nillable="true"/>
 </sequence>
 </complexType>

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## “use” attribute of “soap:body”

- *use="literal|encoded"*
- *literal*
  - parts define the concrete schema of the message
  - XML document fragment can be validated against its XML Schema
- *encoded*
  - Indicates whether the message parts are encoded using some encoding rules

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## use="literal" of soap:body

- Each part references a **concrete schema definition** using either the *element* or *type* attribute
  - *element* attribute
    - Document style: the element referenced by the part will appear directly under the Body element
    - RPC style: the element referenced by the part will appear under an accessor element named after the message part
  - *type* attribute
    - the type referenced by the part becomes the schema type of the enclosing element

## use="encoded" of soap:body

- Each message part references an abstract type using the *type* attribute
- Abstract types are used to produce a concrete message by applying an encoding specified by the *encodingStyle* attribute
- Part names, types and value of the namespace attribute are all inputs to the encoding

## Possible Style/Use Combinations

- style="rpc" and use="encoded"
- style="rpc" and use="literal"
- style="document" and use="encoded"
- style="document" and use="literal"

## MyHelloServiceRpcLiteral.wsdl

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions ...>
  ...
  <portType name="HelloIF">
    <operation name="sayHello" parameterOrder="String_1 Integer_2">
      <input message="tns:HelloIF_sayHello"/>
      <output message="tns:HelloIF_sayHelloResponse"/></operation>
    </portType>
    <binding name="HelloIFBinding" type="tns:HelloIF">
      <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" style="rpc"/>
      <operation name="sayHello">
        <input>
          <soap:body use="literal" namespace="urn:Foo"/></input>
        <output>
          <soap:body use="literal" namespace="urn:Foo"/></output>
        <soap:operation soapAction=""/></operation>
      </binding>
    ...
  </definitions>

```

### SOAP Request Message: RPC, Literal

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soap:Envelope
  xmlns:n="urn:Foo"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-
instance">
  <soap:Body>
    <n:sayHello>
      <String_1>MyRpcLiteralMessage</
String_1>
      <Integer_2>79</Integer_2>
    </n:sayHello>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
    
```

Annotations in the image:

- A box highlights the parameter declarations: `<part name="String_1" type="xs:string"/>` and `<part name="Integer_2" type="xs:int"/>`.
- Arrows point from these boxes to the corresponding elements in the body: `<String_1>` and `<Integer_2>`.
- A box at the bottom highlights the operation name: `<operation name="sayHello" parameterOrder="String_1 Integer_2">`.

### SOAP Response Message: RPC, Literal

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<env:Envelope
  xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-
instance"
  xmlns:enc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  xmlns:ns0="urn:Foo">
  <env:Body>
    <ns0:sayHelloResponse>
      <result>Hello MyRpcLiteralMessage79</result>
    </ns0:sayHelloResponse>
  </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
    
```

Annotations in the image:

- A box highlights the result element: `<result>Hello MyRpcLiteralMessage79</result>`.
- An arrow points from this box to the `<part name="result" type="xsd:string"/>` declaration in the message structure below.
- Another box highlights the message structure: `<part name="result" type="xsd:string"/></message>`.

## MyHelloServiceDocLiteral.wsdl (1/2)

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions ..>
  <types>
    <schema ..>
      ..
      <complexType name="sayHello">
        <sequence>
          <element name="String_1" type="string"
nillable="true"/>
          <element name="Integer_2" type="int"
nillable="true"/>
        </sequence>
      </complexType>
    ..
  </schema>
</types>
<message name="HelloIF_sayHello">
  <part name="parameters" element="tns:sayHello"/>
</message>
...

```

## MyHelloServiceDocLiteral.wsdl (2/2)

```

<portType name="HelloIF">
  <operation name="sayHello">
    <input message="tns:HelloIF_sayHello"/>
    <output
      message="tns:HelloIF_sayHelloResponse"/>
  </operation>
</portType>
<binding name="HelloIFBinding" type="tns:HelloIF">
  <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"
style="document"/>
  <operation name="sayHello">
    <input>
      <soap:body use="literal"/></input>
    <output>
      <soap:body use="literal"/></output>
    <soap:operation soapAction=""></operation>
  </binding>
...
</definitions>

```

## SOAP Request Message: Doc, Literal

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soap:Envelope
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:tns="urn:Foo"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <tns:sayHello>
      <String_1>MyDocLiteralMessage</String_1>
      <Integer_2>78</Integer_2>
    </tns:sayHello>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

```

<complexType name="sayHello">
  <sequence>
    <element name="String_1" type="string" nillable="true"/>
    <element name="Integer_2" type="int" nillable="true"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

```

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## SOAP Response Message: Doc, Literal

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<env:Envelope
  xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:enc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  xmlns:ns0="urn:Foo">
  <env:Body>
    <ns0:sayHelloResponse>
      <result>Hello MyDocLiteralMessage78</result>
    </ns0:sayHelloResponse>
  </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>

```

```

<complexType name="sayHelloResponse">
  <sequence>
    <element name="result" type="string" nillable="true"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

```

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## MyHelloServiceRpcEncoded.wsdl

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions ...">
<types/>
<message name="HelloIF_sayHello">
<part name="String_1" type="xsd:string"/>
<part name="Integer_2" type="ns2:int"/></message>
<message name="HelloIF_sayHelloResponse">
<part name="result" type="xsd:string"/></message>
<portType name="HelloIF">
<operation name="sayHello" parameterOrder="String_1 Integer_2">
<input message="tns:HelloIF_sayHello"/>
<output message="tns:HelloIF_sayHelloResponse"/></operation></portType>
<binding name="HelloIFBinding" type="tns:HelloIF">
<operation name="sayHello">
<input>
    <soap:body encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" use="encoded"
    namespace="urn:Foo"/></input>
<output>
    <soap:body encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" use="encoded"
    namespace="urn:Foo"/></output>
<soap:operation soapAction=""/></operation>
<soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" style="rpc"/></binding>
...
</definitions>

```



## SOAP Request Message: RPC, Encoded

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soap:Envelope
xmlns:n="urn:Foo"
xmlns:ns2="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<soap:Body soap:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/
encoding/">
    <n:sayHello>
        <String_1
xsi:type="xs:string">MyRpcEncodingMessage</String_1>
        <Integer_2 xsi:type="ns2:int">77</Integer_2>
    </n:sayHello>
</soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```



### SOAP Response Message: RPC, Encoded

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:enc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  xmlns:ns0="urn:Foo"
  env:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/">
  <env:Body>
    <ns0:sayHelloResponse>
      <result xsi:type="xsd:string">Hello
yRpcEncodingMessage77</result>
    </ns0:sayHelloResponse>
  </env:Body>
</env:Envelope>
```

### SOAP Message Example2: "document" & "encoded"

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:soapenc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  xmlns:tns="http://tempuri.org/" xmlns:types="http://tempuri.org/encodedTypes"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap:Body soap:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/">
    <types:HelloEncodedWorldResponse
      xsi:type="types:HelloEncodedWorldResponse">
      <HelloEncodedWorldResult href="#id1" />
    </types:HelloEncodedWorldResponse>

    <types:MethodDuration id="id1" xsi:type="types:MethodDuration">
      <start xsi:type="xsd:dateTime">dateTime</start>
      <end xsi:type="xsd:dateTime">dateTime</end>
      <rVal xsi:type="xsd:string">string</rVal>
    </types:MethodDuration>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```



## When to Use Which Model

### □ Use Document style

- When more loosely coupled model is desired
- When validation of document is desired
- When data to be transferred is large and complex

### □ Use RPC style

- When synchronous request/response model is desired



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## “port” and “service” Element

### □ Port

- Defines a single communication endpoint
- Endpoint address for binding
- URL for HTTP, email address for SMTP

### □ Service

- Contains one or more port elements, each of which assigns a URL to a specific binding or represents a different Web service



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## “service” Element Example

```
<service name="BookPriceService">  
  <port name="BookPrice_Port  
binding="mh:BookPrice_Binding">  
    <soapbind:address  
      location=  
http://www.mh.com/jwsbook/  
BookQuote'/>  
  </port>  
</service>
```

## Agenda

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- **Importing & Authoring style**
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## Authoring Style Recommendation

- Reusability and maintainability
- Maintain WSDL document in 3 separate parts
  - Data type definitions
  - Abstract definitions
  - Specific service bindings
- Use “import” element to import necessary part of WSDL document

## Example 1A: XML Schema

□ <http://example.com/stockquote/stockquote.xsd>

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
  <schema targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote/schemas"
    xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema">
    <element name="TradePriceRequest">
      <complexType>
        <all>
          <element name="tickerSymbol" type="string"/>
        </all>
      </complexType>
    </element>
    <element name="TradePrice">
      <complexType>
        <all>
          <element name="price" type="float"/>
        </all>
      </complexType>
    </element>
  </schema>
```

## Example 1B: WSDL

```

□ http://example.com/stockquote/stockquote.wsdl
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<definitions name="StockQuote"
  targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
  xmlns:tns="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
  xmlns:xsd1="http://example.com/stockquote/schemas"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote/"
    <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote/schemas"
      location="http://example.com/stockquote/stockquote.xsd"/>

  <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
    <part name="body" element="xsd1:TradePriceRequest"/>
  </message>
  <message name="GetLastTradePriceOutput">
    <part name="body" element="xsd1:TradePrice"/>
  </message>
  <portType name="StockQuotePortType">
    <operation name="GetLastTradePrice">
      <input message="tns:GetLastTradePriceInput"/>
      <output message="tns:GetLastTradePriceOutput"/>
    </operation>
  </portType>
  ...
</definitions>

```

## Example 1C: Another WSDL

```

http://example.com/stockquote/stockquoteservice.wsdl
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<definitions name="StockQuote" ...>
  <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
    location="http://example.com/stockquote/stockquote.wsdl"/>
  <binding name="StockQuoteSoapBinding" type="tns:StockQuotePortType">
    <soap:binding style="document" transport="http://
schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
    <operation name="GetLastTradePrice">
      <soap:operation soapAction="http://example.com/
GetLastTradePrice"/>
      <input><soap:body use="literal"/> </input>
      <output><soap:body use="literal"/></output>
    </soap:operation>
  </binding>
  <service name="StockQuoteService">
    <documentation>My first service</documentation>
    <port name="StockQuotePort" binding="tns:StockQuoteBinding">
      <soap:address location="http://example.com/
stockquote"/>
    </port>
  </service>
</definitions>

```

## Limitations of WSDL

- Does not support business collaboration
  - ebXML's BPSS does support it
- Does not support partner profile concept
  - ebXML partner profile supports it
- It is **static**
  - WSCI (Web Services Choreography Interface) complements WSDL
- No “native” asynchronous support
- Defines only syntactical aspects
  - No semantic description
  - ebXML Core components and UBL define them

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## IDL

- Interface Description Language
- Describes programming interfaces in a language neutral way
- Used by tools to statically generate or dynamically configure interfaces, proxies, and ties in a specific environment

## XML-based RPC

- Uses Standards based on XML
  - SOAP is the “protocol”
  - WSDL is the IDL
- Any text based protocol can be used as a transport (e.g. HTTP, SMTP, FTP, etc...)

## Application Design

- Web service is defined in WSDL
- Top-down
  - WSDL is created (or found) first before its implementation
- Bottom-up
  - WSDL gets generated from existing J2EE components
- Middle-ground

## Summary

- WSDL provides a precise, structured, and standard format for describing Web services
- Due to precise format of WSDL, vendors can offer tools that automatically generate callable interfaces to a specific Web service
- WSDL has two parts
  - Describes abstract definitions of operations and messages
  - Describes concrete binding to networking protocol and message encoding

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