Services Composition for Ubiquitous Computing





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Services Composition

Classical Service Composition and WS composition Example : language based, BPEL

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Service Composition



- Problem: more than one service might be needed to achieve a given objective
 - All such services need to interact seamlessly to achieve the objective
- Composite Web Services
 - Individual components implemented by different services and located at different locations
 - Execute in different contexts and containers
 - Need to interact to achieve an objective
- Benefits
 - Services can be reused
 - Access to high-level complex services

Services Composition

- Ubiquitous Network
- Web services can be combined in two ways:
 - Orchestration
 - Choreography





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Service Composition



Different Approaches

- Static composition
 - By hand
 - BPEL4WS
- Dynamic composition
 - Model-driven
- Semantic approach (OWL-S, DAML-S)



Example : a language for orchestration, BPEL

BPEL - Overview



- Use Web Services Standard as a base
 - Every BPEL is exposed as a web service using WSDL. And the WSDL describes the public entry and exit points of the process
 - Interacts through WSDL interfaces with external web services
 - WSDL data types are used to describe information flow within the BPEL process

BPEL - Process Overview





BPEL - Activities



- Basic Activities:
 - Interacts with external services
 - <invoke>, <receive>, and <reply>
- Structured Activities:
 - Internal process control flow
 - sequential flow, conditional branching, looping, and etc.



- Containers
 - Data exchanges in the message flow
 - e.g. WSDL messageType
- Partners
 - Any services that the process invokes OR any services that the invokes the process

```
<partners>
        <partner name="buyer" ... myRole="agent"/>
        <partner name="supplier" ... myRole="requestor" partnerRole="supplier"/>
</partners>
        <containers>
            <container name="request" messageType="tns:orderRequest"/>
                 <container name="response" messageType="tns:orderResponse"/>
                </containers>
            </container name="response" messageType="tns:orderResponse"/>
            </containers>
```



proposal

response

BPEL - Others



- Transactions and Exceptions
 - Building on top of WS-Coordination and WS-Transaction specifications
 - Transaction
 - A set of activities can be grouped in a single transaction through the <scope> tag
 - Can specify compensation handlers (rollback) if there is an error
 - Exception Handling
 - Through the use of throw and catch (similar to Java)



BPEL – Example Process

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BPEL Process in JDeveloper



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Component based Services Composition



- Introduction
- LightWeight Component Model
- LCA (Wcomp) Component Model, for ubiquituous computing

What is a Component?



- "A software component is a software element that conforms to a component model, and can be independently deployed and composed without modification according to a composition standard."
- Component Model
 - Interaction Standards
 - Clearly Defined Interface
 - Composition Standards
 - Describe how components can be composed into larger structures
 - Substitutions

CBSE Definition



- Developing new software from pre-built components.
- Attempt to make an association between SE and other engineering disciplines.

Advantages of CBSE

- Management of Complexity
- Reduce Development Time
- Increased Productivity
- Improved Quality

More on Trust

- Components come in several forms
 - Binary
 - Source Code
- Need a Certification Standard
 - Tests
 - Environments
- => Formal Validation and Model Checking is a way to do that (SCADE and synchronous programming)

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A way to dynamicaly compose services

LCA Model

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LCA to compose services for Devices

 Lightweight Component Architecture to create service-based orchestration for a specific task

Service orchestration, application Services from the infrastructure Device Infrastructure Environment

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WComp and Local Composition (LCA)

- Main requirements for ubiquituous computing :
 - Composition must be event based
 - At runtime
- Solution :
 - Event based Local Composition : LCA (Lightweight Component Model) for each application execution node.

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- Goal :
 - Allow to compose Services for Device between them towards a multiple devices ubiquitous application.
- Principles
 - LightWeight Components Approach :
 - Like OpenCom, JavaBeans, PicoContainer
 - On the same execution node
 - For each execution node, a container dynamically manage the assembly of components
 - Event-based interaction between components
 - Blackbox LightWeight Components

BeanWComp .Net template



• Events are based on « delegate » model (in C#)





BeanWComp .Net template

Méthodes



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LCA, connectors

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- Demo
- (Generated source code)





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Build your own orchestration set of operators / beans

Demo



• If you need If, filters, ... feel free ..

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Event source



CNS 3260 C# .NET Software Development

ANNEX DELEGATES AND EVENTS IN C#

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- A delegate declaration defines a new type
- Delegates are similar to function pointers
- Delegate types are derived from System.MulticastDelegate

Simple Delegate Command Pattern



Delegate Host Class (Publisher)		Delegate User Class (Subscriber)
Exposed I	Delegate	Subscribing Method
Knows when the event happens but doesn't know what to do about it		Knows what to do when an event happens but doesn't know when

The Observer Pattern or .NET Event Model

Two reasons to use Delegates

- When you're not sure what should happen when an event occurs
 - GUI events
 - Threading situations
 - Callbacks
 - Command Pattern
- To keep your interface clean
 - Looser coupling

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- three steps:
 - Declaration
 - Instantiation
 - Invocation

Delegate Declaration



- namespace some_namespace
- {
- delegate void MyDelegate(int x, int y);

Delegate Type Name

Delegate Instantiation



delegate void MyDelegate(int x, int y);

```
class MyClass
```

{

private MyDelegate myDelegate = new MyDelegate(SomeFun);



Delegate-Method Compatibility

- A Method is compatible with a Delegate if
 - They have the same parameters
 - They have the same return type

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Delegate Invocation



```
class MyClass
{
    private MyDelegate myDelegate;
    public MyClass(MyDelegate myDelegate)
    {
       this.MyDelegate = myDelegate;
    }
    private void WorkerMethod()
    {
       int x = 500, y = 1450;
       if(myDelegate != null)
       myDelegate(x, y);
    }
}
```

Attempting to invoke a delegate instance whose value is null results in an exception of type *System.NullReferenceException*.

Delegate's "Multicast" Nature



• Delegate is really an array of function pointers

```
mc.MyDelegate += new MyDelegate( mc.Method1 );
mc.MyDelegate += new MyDelegate( mc.Method2 );
mc.MyDelegate = mc.MyDelegate + new MyDelegate( mc.Method3 );
```

- Now when Invoked, mc.MyDelegate will execute all three Methods
- Notice that you don't have to instantiate the delegate before using +=
 - The compiler does it for you when calling +=

The Invocation List

- Methods are executed in the order they are added
- Add methods with + and +=
- Remove methods with and -=
 - Attempting to remove a method that does not exist is not an error
- Return value is whatever the last method returns
- A delegate may be present in the invocation list more than once
 - The delegate is executed as many times as it appears (in the appropriate order)
 - Removing a delegate that is present more than once removes only the last occurrence

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```
mc.MyDelegate = new MyDelegate( mc.Method1 );
mc.MyDelegate += new MyDelegate( mc.Method2 );
mc.MyDelegate = mc.MyDelegate + new MyDelegate( mc.Method3 );
```

```
// The call to:
mc.MyDelegate(0, 0);
// executes:
```

```
// mc.Method1
// mc.Method2
// mc.Method3
```

(See Delegates Demo)



- Events are "safe" delegates
 - But they are delegates
- Restricts use of the delegate (event) to the target of a += or -= operation
 - No assignment
 - No invocation

Events

- No access of delegate members (like GetInvocation List)
- Allow for their own Exposure
 - Event Accessors

Event Accessors



```
public delegate void FireThisEvent();
                  class MyEventWrapper
                  {
                     private event FireThisEvent fireThisEvent;
                     public void OnSomethingHappens()
                      ł
                        if(fireThisEvent != null)
                            fireThisEvent();
                      }
                     public event FireThisEvent FireThisEvent
                        add { fireThisEvent += value; }
add and remove
                        remove { fireThisEvent -= value; }
keywords
                  }
                                  (See Event Demo)
```

Library Delegates



- ThreadStart
- TimerCallback
- ASyncCallback
- EventHandler
- KeyPressEventHandler
- KeyEventHandler
- etc.





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