

Web Services:

- What are Users Really Expecting?
- What are Real Challenges?

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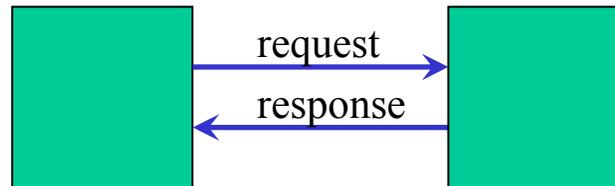
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Agenda

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Simple Request-Response



Query

- Stock query
- Weather, Temperature query
- Earthquake, Environment monitoring
- Daily/weekly sales data query

Update (rare)

- Customer contact daily reporting

Conversion

- Word to PDF

Portal

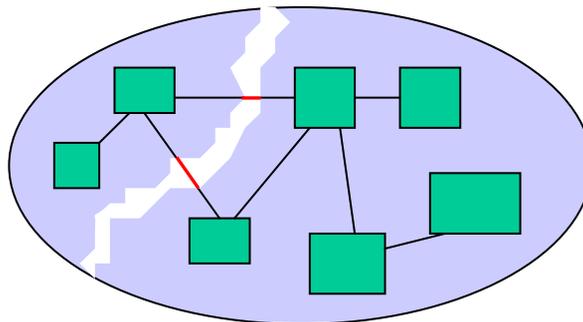
- Web portal
- Mail portal
- Mobile phone portal

Fat client

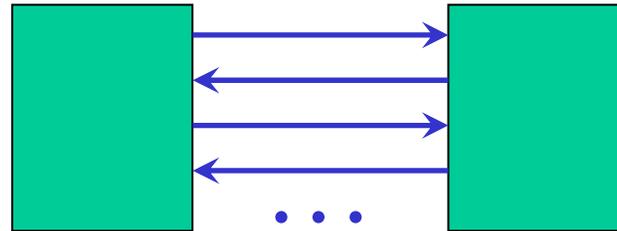
- Windows form applications
- Etc.

Distributed object/component system partially across public internet

- Enterprise internal systems

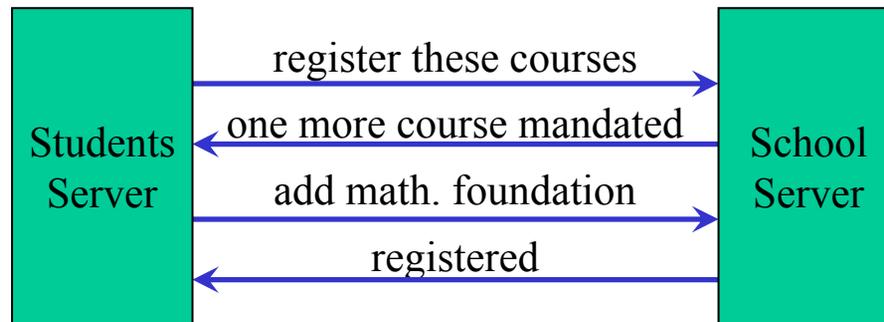


Conversation



Simple conversation

- School course registration



Dynamic conversation

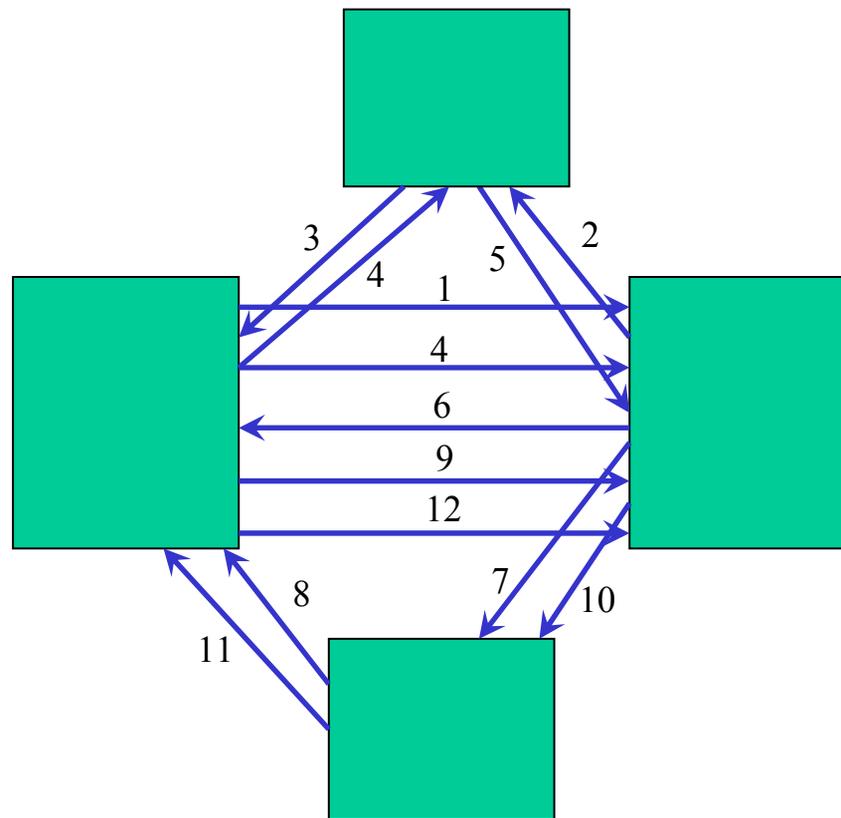
➤ Ordering



Complex Conversation

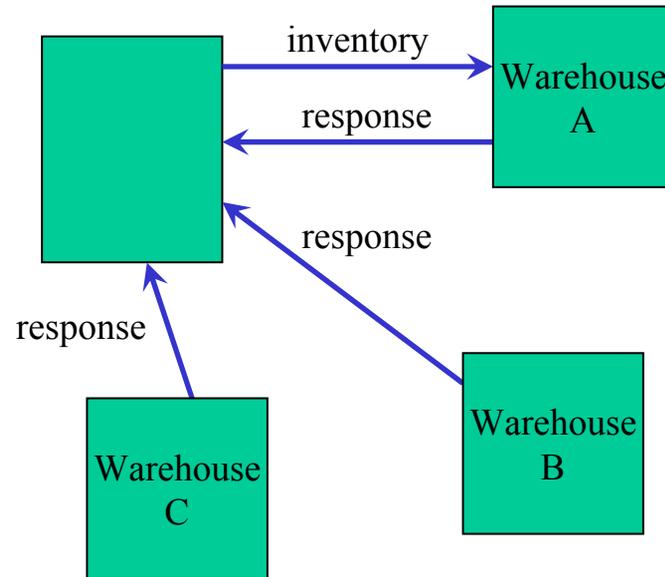
● Conversation among multiple stakeholders

➤ Preparation for transportation



Non-determinism

➤ Inventory of stock



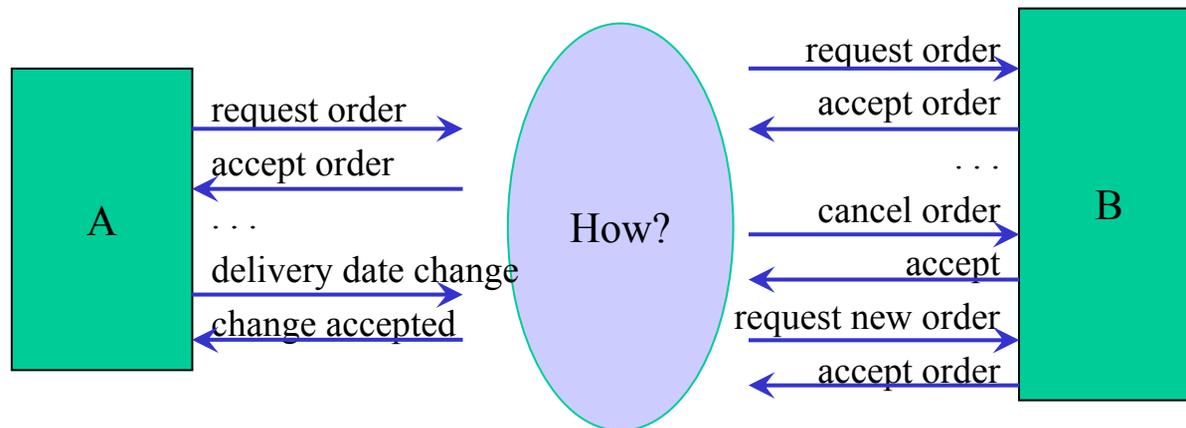
- Which system will respond and continue the conversation is non-deterministic.

Conversation between independently designed systems

🌐 Incompatible choreography

➤ Delivery date change

- A: Delivery date change is designed as an simple request.
- B: Delivery date change is expected to be cancellation and re-ordering with a same order#.



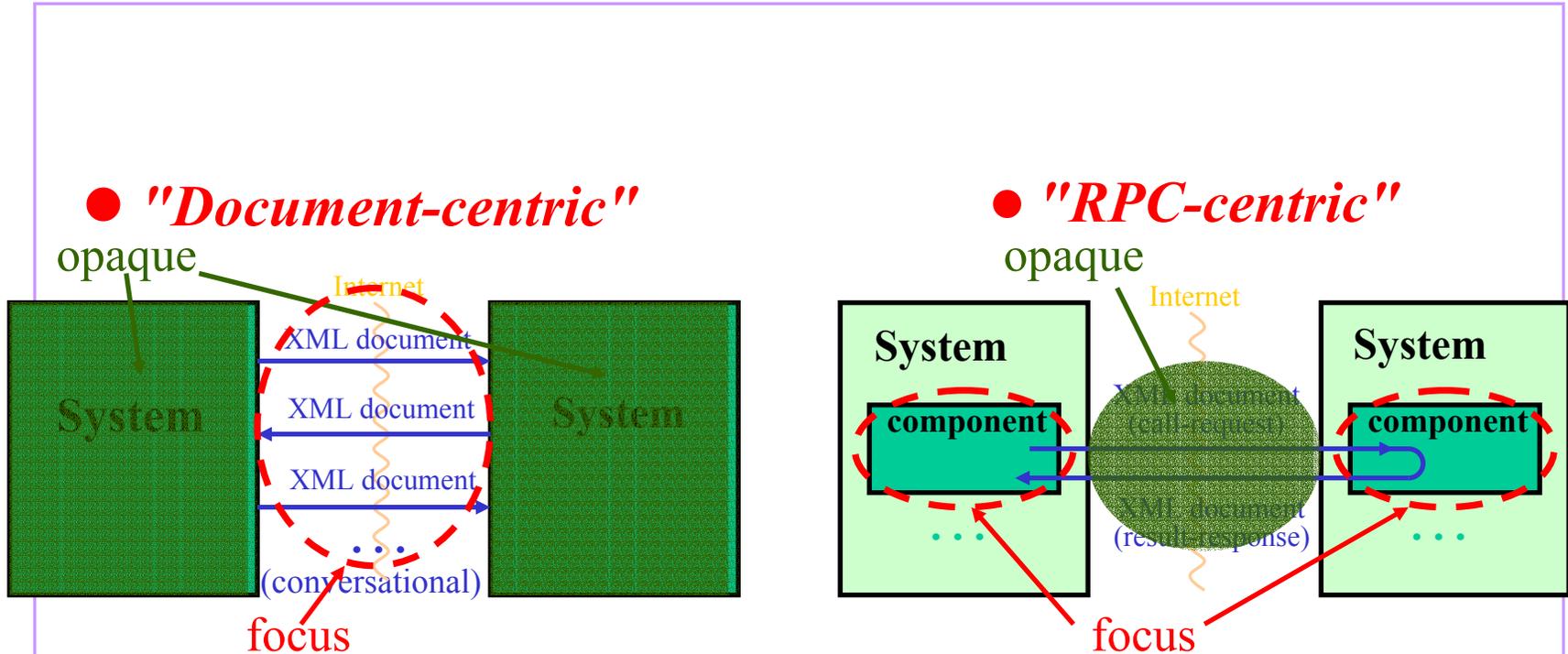
Summary of Use Cases

Simple Request-Response

- Mostly simple query and portals
- Natural extension of intranet to internet
- Limited usage
- Something different from users expectation for "Web" services

RPC-centric vs Document-centric

- Conversational collaboration is expected



- Focus on information flow between information systems.
- Based on document/data interchange model.
- Primary viewpoint is a systems' boundary. Each system inside implementation is opaque.
- Advanced EDI and not "middleware" product based.

- Focus on connection between components across internet.
- Mainly based on programming model.
- Primary viewpoints are components. Systems boundary protocol is rather opaque.
- Natural extension of current "Application server" technology.

Simple conversation

- Messaging
- Conversation token exchanged

Dynamic conversation

- Conversation scenario dynamically changes
- Sometime inconsistent

Complex conversation

- Multiple stakeholders, but not necessarily be workflow
- Conversation scenario is non-deterministic
- Each system is independently develop having different choreography. Autonomously managed as well.

Anticipated Solutions

Core functions

- Basic protocols: SOAP, Messaging
- Dynamic discovery

Loosely managed internet

- G0: Not managed
- G1: Loosely managed
- G2: Tightly managed

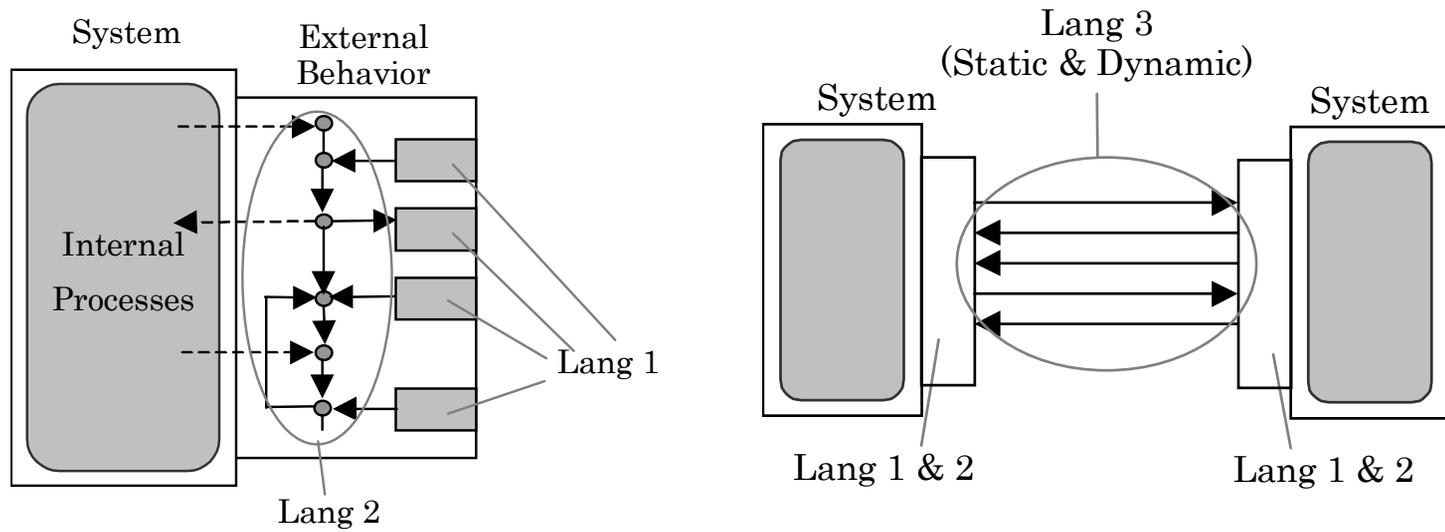
G1 level

- Instantiation and managing mechanism of "internet objects"
- Management functions: Identity management, Accounting, Monitoring, Trace & logging, Policy/SLA management, configuration/resource management

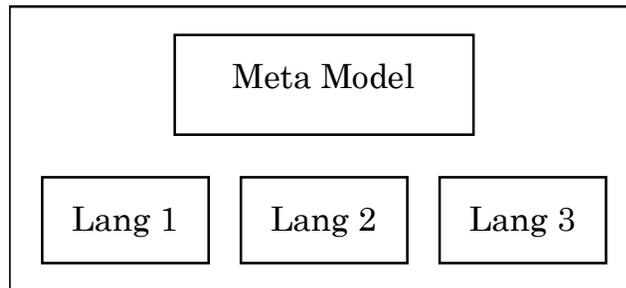
Description Language

- Choreography description
 - Message formats
 - Message exchange patterns
- SLA/Policy description

Choreography Language



Modeling Language for Web services



MDA

Biggest problems

- Choreography definition of each system is independently designed and developed even when same results are aimed.
- Global choreography is applied only in limited cases.

MDA

- Each choreography definition is a PSM (Platform Specific Model).
- Dynamically defined PIM unifies these PSMs.

Conclusion

- RPC (simple request-response) is useful but limited.
- What users are expecting is flexible communication among systems just like "WWW".
- WWW is characterized like this:
 - A mechanism to browse documents on internet.
 - Each server site is individually and autonomously managed and maintained.
 - Each user (i.e. each browser side) is also individually and autonomously managed and maintained.
 - Although all server sites and all client systems are independently managed, they are interoperable each other as if “unseen” threads exist.
 - Suitable means in the free market in free society.

- Flexible conversation among autonomous systems is a key.
 - Core functions
 - Loosely managed internet
 - Choreography languages and modeling language based on meta model technology
 - Dynamic and static scenario
- MDA is essential for the realization.

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