OMG Meeting
Tutorial I: Specification Overview

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Section I: Introduction to OMG’s Specification Suite

• Why Distributed Computing?

• Scope and Applicability of OMG Specifications
Why Distributed Computing?

- Distributed Hardware needs Distributed Software!
There will *not* be consensus on hardware platforms;
There will *not* be consensus on operating systems;
There will *not* be consensus on network protocols;
There will *not* be consensus on application formats.

There *must* be consensus on interoperability.
Today’s Architecture

Internet/Intranet

Phone line

Wireless

Clients

Type-Specific Servers

Content Management

Business Logic

Data Layer

Legacy

OTM
Who’s Using CORBA?

• Wells-Fargo Bank
  – Integrate all legacy systems
  – Home Banking, ATMs

• More Banks & Financial Companies:
BankBoston 1998 ROI Study

- **CORBA Project ROI - Raw Figures:**
  - Quantified Return-on-Investment for EMSTR Analytics was 627%;
  - Payback period was 7.3 months.
- **More payoff than could be quantified:**
  - More timely and more accurate information to the traders
  - New and deeper analytics.
  - Making the bank’s analytics system available to its customers
- **These benefits overwhelm the quantified benefits**
More CORBA Users...

• UK Immigration Department
  – Suspect Index System

• CNN Interactive
  – News feeds from hundreds of sources on multiple machine types and formats are managed with CORBA

• Pratt & Whitney
  – Program Planning and Control for jet engine production

• Matra Datavision
  – integration of EUCLID QUANTUM software for CAD/CAM

• Aircraft Manufacture: Boeing, Airbus
Still more CORBA Users...

- AWACS Systems Integration
  - Also US Air Force and Navy
- Retail: The Gap; Home Depot
- Transportation: DHL, Fedex, Sabre
  CargoManager, German Railway Company,
  Port of Singapore
Who Makes/Sells ORBs?

- There are over 70 ORBs on the Market
- From different types of companies:
  - System Vendors
  - ORB Vendors
  - Integrated Services Vendors (e.g. ORB-based Transaction Systems)
  - Free ORBs from Universities and Independents
- A Thriving Market, Started by OMG
Testing, Certification

- OMG/Open Group Testing/Certification
  - Announced 5/99: CORBA 2.1 now, 2.3 soon
  - 3 Certified ORBs so far:
    - Fujitsu, AT&T OmniORB, MICO
  - Test Suite Partially funded by ESPRIT
- CORBA.net (www.corba.net)
  - Web-based interoperability demo
- DOPG, Japan, tested Interoperability
  - ORBs and Transaction Systems
  - Fourteen ORBs shown to interoperate
  - Four OTS Impl.s shown to interoperate
    - 1-Phase & 2-Phase commit and rollback
### Complete Enterprise Support

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- MOF (Repository)

- Analysis & Design; Warehousing; Metadata
- UML Modeling

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- Standardized, Secure Interoperability and more...
- UML Modeling

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Sophisticated Enterprise and Domain Support

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Section 2: Supporting Analysis & Design

- **UML**: The Unified Modeling Language
- **The MOF**: Meta-Object Facility
- **XMI**: XML Metadata Interchange
Big Software Projects…

• are like Buildings – they have a structure with many interlocking parts
• You wouldn’t contract to build a skyscraper without seeing plans first:
  – Elevations
  – Interior Views
  – Site Plan
  – Blueprints
  – Floor Plans
  – Structural Analyses
• Large Software Projects deserve the same treatment
• Better Time and Cost Estimates; Less Risk
OMG Metadata before MOF

• An Example: Three places to store Metadata about Objects in your System:
  – Naming Service
  – Trader Service
  – Interface Repository

• But no explicit Metadata Architecture

• MOF defines modeling primitives
  – MOF::Class (MetaClass)
  – MOF::Attribute (MetaAttribute)
4-Layer Metamodel

- Describes Modeling Concepts in a Domain
- Arrow denotes “instance-of” dependency

User Objects Layer (M0)

Model Layer (M1)

Metamodel Layer (M2)

Meta-MetaModel Layer (M3)

<PG Shares> 56 3/8 [User Data]

StockShare AskPrice [Domain Model, CBO, …]

UML::Class Attribute, Operation [UML, CWM, …]

MOF::Class MOF::Attribute [MOF]
What is the MOF?

• The MOF defines an abstract model called a meta-metamodel
• The MOF specification defines a standard distributed repository:
  – That is, a set of modeling constructs and IDL interfaces to define and manipulate a set of interoperable metamodels
• With UML and XMI, an integral part of a complete suite of modeling tools
What is this good for?

• Every development environment is built on a meta-model:
  – Languages like C++, Java, Smalltalk, etc.
  – Environments like CORBA, COM, CICS, etc.
• You need to consider this when you pick a modeling tool
  – Specialized tools have only limited use
  – Generalized tools may not constrain to models implementable in your development environment
• You may already have, or need, multiple modeling tools
  – Use XMI to transfer models among them, mapping from one meta-model to another
  – Store your models in the standard MOF repository regardless of their tool of origin, or meta-model
• Interfaces for reflective and introspective functions let objects or applications examine their meta-data
  – Take advantage of modeling to design and implement more flexible, powerful applications
UML – a *Graphic* Language for

- **Visualizing**
  - Using the standardized graphic UML displays

- **Specifying**
  - Semantics to define
    - static structure
    - dynamic behavior
    - model organization

- **Constructing**
  - Map UML to Programming Environment and Generate some code Automatically

- **Documenting**
  - Every phase of lifecycle from analysis and design through deployment and maintenance
The UML Specification defines

- **UML Semantics**
  - Defined using a metamodel
- **UML Notation Guide**
  - Defines a graphic syntax for UML semantics
- **UML Standard Profiles**
  - Extensions for SW development and business modeling
- **UML CORBAfacility Definition**
  - A standard repository for UML models
  - Supports XMI
- **Object Constraint Language**
  - A standardized constraint language
UML Semantics Metamodel

• Foundation: Structural Diagrams – static structure
  – Class Diagram
  – Object Diagram
  – Component Diagram
  – Deployment Diagram

• Behavior: Behavioral Diagrams – dynamic behavior
  – Use Case Diagram
  – Sequence Diagram
  – Statechart Diagram
  – Activity Diagram
  – Collaboration Diagram

• Model Management Diagrams – organization
  – Packages
  – Subsystems
  – Models
Class Diagram

- Each block denotes a class
- A class has
  - Attributes – characterizing objects of the class
  - Operations – to manipulate the attributes, or perform other actions
- Classes may be associated in various ways:
  - Associations
  - Generalizations
  - Dependencies
  - Refinements

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XMI: XML Metadata Interchange

- XMI Integrates 3 key industry standards:
  - XML
  - MOF
  - UML

- The XMI Specification consists of:
  - Set of XML DTD production rules for transforming MOF-based metamodels into XML DTDs
  - Set of XML document production rules for encoding and decoding MOF-based metadata
  - Design principles for generating XMI-compliant DTDs
  - Design principles for generating XMI-compliant XML documents
  - Concrete XML DTDs for MOF (to exchange metamodels) and UML (to exchange models)
The Metadata Problem

CWM Addresses a Problem Facing Every Enterprise:

- Many Databases
- Many Repositories
- Many Schemas Describing the “Same” Data
- Moving Data Requires Manual Schema Transformation
CWM Integrates your Data

- Integrates Existing Data Models
- Maps to Existing Schemas
- Supports Automated Schema Generation
- Supports Automated Database Loading
- The Basis for Data Mining and OLAP Across the Enterprise
CWM Defines Metamodels for:

- CWM Foundation
- Relational Data
- Record Data
- Multidimensional Data
- XML Data
- Data Transformations
- OLAP
- Data Mining
- Info Visualization
- Business Nomenclature
- Warehouse Process
- Warehouse Operation
# The CWM Metamodel

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UML 1.3 (Core, Common Behavior, Model Management)
Section 3: Object Basics

- Introduction to Objects
- OMG Interface Definition

Language (IDL)
Object Technology

- OMG’s membership believes that an approach based on object technology simplifies the problem:
  - Offers a single view of a distributed, heterogeneous system.
  - Four keys to object orientation help integration of distributed systems: Encapsulation, Polymorphism, Inheritance and Instantiation.
What is an Object?

• An Object - -
  – Combines Functionality and Data
  – Typically represents a real-world object
  – Has a well-defined interface
  – and an “object reference” or address
  – Follows basic OO principles:
    • Encapsulation           Inheritance
    • Polymorphism           Instantiation
CORBA Features

- **Transparencies:**
  - Programming language
  - Platform/vendor
  - Operating System
  - Location
  - Network HW/SW

- **Dynamic binding and typing**

- **Object Orientation**
  - Encapsulation
  - Polymorphism
  - Inheritance
  - Instantiation

- **Extended services**
  - Naming/trader
  - Events/notification
  - Transactions
  - Security, domains

- in an Open Specification with multivendor support
IDL ISOLATES INTERFACE FROM IMPLEMENTATION

Client Side

Object Implementation Side

Object Request Broker
Define the Object's Interface in OMG IDL:

IDL ISOLATES INTERFACE FROM IMPLEMENTATION

Object Request Broker

Operations Parameters, Types Exceptions

This Defines a language-independent API for the Object.
Objects may be written in programming languages -- C, C++, Java, Smalltalk, Ada, COBOL, Visual Basic, or . . .
IDL ISOLATES INTERFACE FROM IMPLEMENTATION

- Client Side
- Object Implementation Side

Object Request Broker

IDL

Other Objects

might be Wrapped Legacy Applications, Tool-Generated Objects, or Objects purchased from Vendors.
IDL ISOLATES INTERFACE FROM IMPLEMENTATION

The same IDL defines the Client Side API.
Just like object implementations, Clients may be programmed by hand, generated by tools, or purchased from vendors.
Role of OMG IDL

Client Side

Object Implementation Side

Standard Protocol
OMG/ISO IDL

OMG IDL (Interface Definition Language) Separates the Interface from the Implementation:

• multiple-inheritance, strongly typed, public interface specification language;

• independent of any particular language/compiler;

• mappings will be provided for many languages/compilers;

• not a programming language.

Enables Interoperability

Supports the Dynamic Request Mechanism
Roles of Infrastructure

• Provides a Local, Well-Known Point of Contact for All Object Invocations a Client may make
• Passes invocation to Local or Remote target Object Implementation
• Understands IDL; Maintains Repository of available Object Interfaces
• Also Maintains Repository of Available Implementations
• Federates this information across System

A WEB OF INTERCONNECTED ORBs
Section 4: CORBA Interoperability Basics

- Interoperability via ORB-to-ORB communication
- IIOP: OMG’s Standard Protocol
- CORBA and non-standard protocols
- CORBA, OLE, and COM/DCOM
- CORBA, Java, and the Web
- Scalable CORBA Servers
ORB to ORB Interoperability
ORB to ORB Interoperability
CORBA Interoperability

CORBA 2.0 Interoperability Comprises:
• An overall architecture for CORBA-CORBA communications;
• An API for adding bridges;
• A general multi-transport message format (General Inter-ORB Protocol or GIOP);
• An API for gateways using ESIOPs -- (Environment-Specific Inter-ORB Protocols)

UNIVERSAL, OUT-OF-THE-BOX INTEROPERABILITY:
• IIOP - that is, GIOP over TCP/IP - is mandatory for compliance, either internally or via a bridge;
• Specialized protocols are optional and well-supported by the specification.
Asynchronous/Messaging Spec

- Four extensions to the Architecture.

CORBA 3 Clients can:
- make requests which do not block;
- make requests which do not complete during the lifetime of the client;
- control QoS associated with a request;
- control ordering of multiple requests.

- For details, come to the CORBA 3 Tutorial
COM/CORBA Interworking

ORB RFP5, in 2 parts, standardized COM/CORBA Interworking during 1996-7
Strategy -- Leveraging Java

WEB Server

Java Orblet

Java Enabled WEB Browser

HTTP
-- HTML
-- GIF, JPEG
-- AV, WAV

WEB Server

IIOP

Sea of Objects (CORBA) IIOP

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Server-Side Scalability

- CORBA is great for huge, heavily loaded applications
  - and, with other specializations, for real-time, embedded, and fault-tolerant systems too
- CORBA Client-Side Model is Simple
- Scalability is implemented on the Server
- Several different Resource and Memory Allocation Models adjust for load
- CORBA Server Mechanisms:
  - Portable Object Adapter (POA, CORBA 2.3)
  - CORBA Component Model (CCM, CORBA 3)
CORBA 3.0 Adds --

• Improved Java and Internet Integration
  – Java-to-IDL (reverse) Mapping
  – Firewall Specification
  – CORBA Object URLs

• Quality of Service Control
  – Asynchronous Invocation/Messaging
  – Invocation QoS Control
  – Realtime, Minimum, Fault Tolerant CORBA

• CORBA Component Model
  – Objects Pass-by-Value
  – Component container
    • Transactional, Persistent, Secure
  – Distribution Format
  – Scripting Language Specification
CORBA Component Model (CCM)

- CORBA is great for building Enterprise and Internet applications
- But, of the thousands of CORBA usage patterns, a few stand out
- CCM packages up these successful patterns, including
  - POA servant management
  - Transactions and Persistence
  - Security
  - Event Handling
  - Configuration
  - Interface Connection and Assembly
- This speeds and simplifies application building, and ensures success
EJB Integration

• An EJB can look like a CCM Component to another CCM Component

• A CCM Component can look like an EJB to another EJB

• This Allows an Application to use a Combination of EJBs and Components
Section 5: What’s an ORB

• Components of an ORB:
  – Client Side
  – Server Side
• Client Stubs and Server Skeletons
• The BOA and the POA
• DII, DSI, and Interface Repository
All objects are defined in IDL by specifying their interfaces.
Object definitions (interfaces) are manifest as objects in the Interface Repository, as client stubs, and as implementation skeletons.
Descriptions of object implementations are maintained as objects in the Implementation Repository.
ORB Components

- Dynamic Invocation
- Client Stubs
- ORB Interface
- Impl Skeletons
- DSI
- POA

ORB Core

- One interface
- One interface per object adaptor
- One interface per object operation

DSI: Dynamic Skeleton Interface
POA: Portable Object Adapter

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Client Side

Clients perform requests using object references.

Clients may issue requests through object interface stubs (static) or dynamic invocation interface.

Clients may access general ORB services:
- Interface Repository.
- Context Management.
- List Management.
- Request Management.
Implementations receive requests through skeletons (without knowledge of client-side invocation approach).

The Portable Object Adapter supports a wide range of implementation schemes in a portable way.

The POA supports both the static and dynamic skeleton interfaces.
What’s a Servant? and Why?

- Sometimes the simple One-Object-Reference for One-Running-Implementation model isn’t enough:
- For example -
  - When we’re getting millions of hits per hour and we need multiple implementations for a single object reference, or
  - When we have 4 million purchase orders but a single running implementation, or just a few, could serve them all.
Enter the **Servant**

- We can change the model on the server side without breaking anything on the client side.
- A **Servant** is a running implementation which provides the functionality for one or more or less Object References.
- Policies specify how Servants map to Object References.
- **Object Ids (OIDs)** identify Servants to the POA.
- The POA includes components to activate, deactivate, and manage Servants.
The POA Supports -

- Object Implementation Portability between ORBs
- Object Instances with Persistent Identities
- Transparent Activation
- Single Servant Implementing Multiple Instances
- Transient Objects with minimal programming
- Fine or Coarse Control of Behavior and Persistence by an Implementation
- Multiple Policies for Key Object Behaviors
- Implementations Inheriting from Static Skeleton Classes
Section 6: Introduction to the OMA

• The CORBA services, CORBA facilities, and CORBA domains
• Using Standard Services in design, implementation, and at runtime
• Key Basics: Naming/Trader; Event Services
• Business necessities: Transaction and Security Services
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Application Objects

Vertical CORBA Facilities

Horizontal CORBA Facilities

Object Request Broker

CORBA Services

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Externalization
Security
Time
Properties
Query
Licensing
Naming, Events/Notification

Two Keys to Coordinating your Distributed CORBA Application

– use Naming Service to pass Object References around your network

– use Events and Notification Services to inform clients and other objects of a change in state or other significant event
Transactions, Security

Two Keys to Running your Business on CORBA -

- Transaction Service: Executing with the reliability and speed of electronic business
- Security: Interoperate with your customers and suppliers while keeping your private business private
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Horizontal CORBA Facilities

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Vertical CORBA Facilities

- Official OMG specifications in vertical market domains:
  - Business Objects
  - Finance/Insurance
  - Electronic Commerce
  - Healthcare
  - Telecommunications
  - Transportation
  - Manufacturing
  - Life Sciences Research
  - Utilities
  - Space
  - Coming: Statistics, Call Center

- Bring benefits of CORBA and OMA to Domains.
More Domain DSIGs

• Distributed Simulation DSIG
  – Supported by US DMSO
  – But not just military simulations

• C4I DSIG
  – Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information
  – Military orientation

• GIS DSIG
  – Geographic Information Systems
  – Liaison with OGC

• ADSS DSIG
  – Autonomous Decentralized Systems
  – Applications to Dist Sim, Mfg, other areas
Domain Liaisons/Support

- Telecomms: TINA-C, DAVIC, NMF, ISO SC21, SC29, ITU-T
- Finance, Insurance: FSTC, ACORD, SIMC
- Workflow: WfMC
- Electronic Commerce: CommerceNet, EPF
- Pharmacy: NCPDP, NACDS
- Healthcare: HISB, HL7, DICOM, MRI
- Transportation: FAA, European ATCs
- Geographic IS: OGC
- Oil E&P: POSC
Domains in the OMA

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CCM, future BOF, CBOs, & Framework

Horizontal CORBAfacilities

CORBA services

Remember - Access to components is object-oriented; NOT hierarchical!
Business Object Progress

• Three Business Objects RFPs
• Issued in PA in April 99 by A&DTF
• To complete mid-2000
  – UML Profile for EDOC
  – UML Mapping to CORBA
  – Textual Notation for UML
• To follow:
  – CORBA Mapping for UML EDOC Profile
• a BOF Architecture all of OMG can support
BODTF Specifications

Business Objects Domain Task Force

• The first set of CBOs: Task, Session
  – Support Computer-based Cooperative Work

• Workflow Specification
  – Supported by Workflow Management Coalition and others
Telecom Specifications

Telecommunications Domain Task Force:

- Control and Management of A/V Streams
- Notification Service
- CORBA/TMN Interworking
- CORBA/IN Interworking
- Telecom Log Service Facility
Manufacturing Specifications

Manufacturing Domain Task Force:

• Product Data Management Enablers Spec
• Distributed Simulation HLA Specification
  – Mfg DTF working with Distributed Simulation SIG
  – A High Level Architecture for Distributed Simulation
  – Supported by US DMSO
Healthcare Specifications

Healthcare Domain Task Force

- Master Patient Identifier Specification
- Lexicon Query Service Specification
- Clinical Observations RFP
- Healthcare Resource Access Control
Finance Specification

Financial Domain Task Force:

- Currency Specification
- Party Management Facility Spec
- General Ledger Spec
Transportation Domain Task Force

• Air Traffic Control Display Manager Interface Specification
  – Support from Air Traffic Control agencies in Europe and the US
  – This technology is running in prototype in Germany now
E-Commerce Specification

Electronic Commerce Domain Task Force:

- Negotiation Framework Specification
  - Part of the E-Commerce Architecture
  - Wide support among OMG members
Life Science Research Spec

Life Sciences Research Domain Task Force

– OMG’s newest Task Force

• Biomolecular Sequence Analysis RFP
  – DNA, RNA, Proteins are all Sequences
  – Interfaces for Representation, Manipulation, Analysis of sequences
  • Does *not* standardize analytical methods!
CORBA/OMA Environment

• Starts with the Basics:
  – IDL Interfaces & Mappings
  – ORB-based Architecture
  – Static & Dynamic Invocation Modes
  – GIOP/IIOP Interoperability
  – Optional Asynch Modes
  – Naming Service
  – Event Service

• Add Services and Facilities:
  – Security Service
  – Transaction Service
  – Object Trader Service
  – COM/CORBA Mapping

• Then add Domain Components...
Section 7: Overview of OMG

• OMG Organization

• Who belongs to OMG?

• Creating a new OMG specification
OMG: Background

- About 800 member companies, world’s largest software consortium.
- Founded April 1989 - Ten Years Old
- Small staff (27 full time); no internal development. Offices in U.S.A., Germany, Japan, U.K, Australia, India.
- Dedicated to creating and popularizing object-oriented standards for application integration based on existing technology.
Worldwide Scope

Alcatel  DMSO  Hitachi  Nippon T&T  SNI
BEA Systems  DNS Techs  Inprise  NIST  Sprint
BellSouth  Economica AS  IBM  Nokia  Sun
Boeing Aircraft  EDS  IONA  Nortel  Telefonica I&D
Bristol-Myers  Ericsson  Lucent  NSA  TIBCO
Compaq  Expersoft  Metaphase  Oracle  Travelers’ Ins
Computer Assocs  Fort Motor  Micro Focus  Rational SW  Unisys
Concept 5  Fujitsu  Mitre  SAP AG  W3C
Daimler-Benz AG  GMD Fokus  NEC  Shell Services  Workflow Mgmt
Deere & Co.  HP  Netscape  Sherpa  Xerox
Meetings, Meetings!

- OMG Specifications are adopted at our meetings
- Held Five times a year, at member companies’ sites around the world
- Lasts a week and attracts over 500 people
- Every subgroup meets; up to 30 simultaneous sessions on some days
- Dates, locations on the web at http://www.omg.org/techprocess/meetings/upcoming.html
- You’re invited to come as an observer! Just let me know (email: info@omg.org)
Adoption Process

- RFI (Request for Information) to establish range of commercially available software.
- RFP (Request for Proposals) to gather explicit descriptions of available software.
- Letters of Intent to establish corporate direction.
- Task Force and End User evaluation & recommendation; simultaneous Business Committee examination.
- Board decision based on TC, End User, and BC recommendations.
Availability

Innovative approach for selection of standard interfaces to adopt:

1. OMG adopts & publishes interface specifications.

2. Interface Implementations must be available commercially from OMG Corporate member.

3. Interface Specifications are freely available to members and non-members alike.

4. Interface Specifications chosen from existing products in competitive selection process.
Review: CORBA Features

- **Transparencies:**
  - Platform/vendor
  - Operating System
  - Network HW/SW
  - Location
  - Programming language

- **Dynamic binding and typing**

- **Object Orientation**
  - Encapsulation
  - Polymorphism
  - Inheritance
  - Instantiation

- **Extended services**
  - Naming/trader
  - Events/notification
  - Security, domains

in an Open Specification with multivendor support