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Model-based Development of Web Services

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Application Scenario: Online Shopping with Max



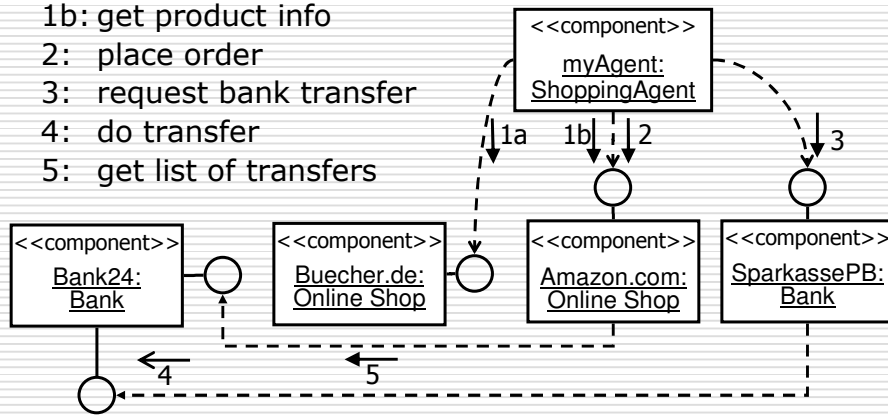
Max, seeking
*"Harry Potter, The Order of the
Phoenix"*, employs *Shopping Agent* to

- look for the book
- obtain further product info
(price, availability, ...)
- choose the best offer
- order and pay (via bank transfer)

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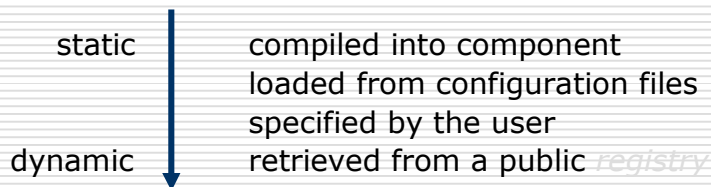
Scenario as UML Diagram

- 1a: get product info
- 1b: get product info
- 2: place order
- 3: request bank transfer
- 4: do transfer
- 5: get list of transfers



But, ...

- ❑ How do SparkassePB and Amazon.com know Bank24?
- ❑ How does myAgent know Buecher.de and Amazon.com?

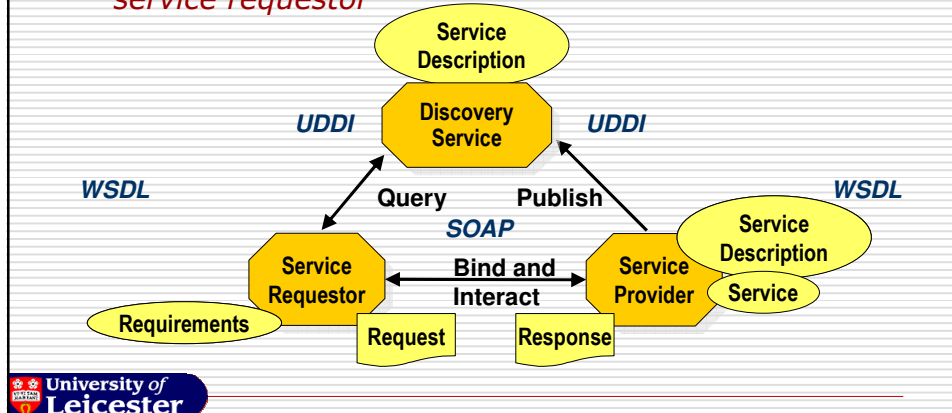


→ *service-oriented architecture*



Service-Oriented Architectures (SoA) and Web Services

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Problems

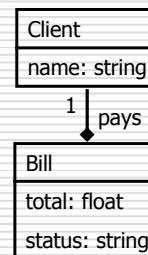
- ❑ **presentation:** people can't read and write XML very well
 - *developers are likely to make mistakes*
 - ❑ **standards evolution:** different frameworks/libraries may use different versions
 - *no interoperability*
- Idea:** generate XML docs describing service
- ❑ from programs implementing service
 - PL binding
 - ❑ from models specifying requirements towards service
 - model-based development

Class Diagrams → XML Schema

```

<xs:schema ...>
  <xs:complexType name="Bill">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="pays" type="ns:Client"/>
      <xs:element name="contains" type="ns:Product"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element name="to" type="ns:AccountInfo"/>
      <xs:element name="Bill.status" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="Bill.total" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:complexType name="Client">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="Client.name"
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```



Model-based Development: UML → Web Service Languages

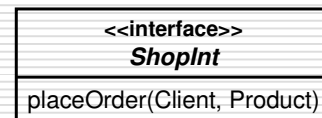
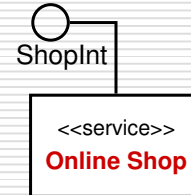
- Data model
 - Class diagrams → XML Schema
- Data Integration
 - Relations between class diagrams → XSLT
- Service Description and Publication
 - Component diagrams → WSDL and UDDI
- Web Service Processes
 - Activity diagrams → BPEL4WS

Component Diagrams + Interfaces → WSDL

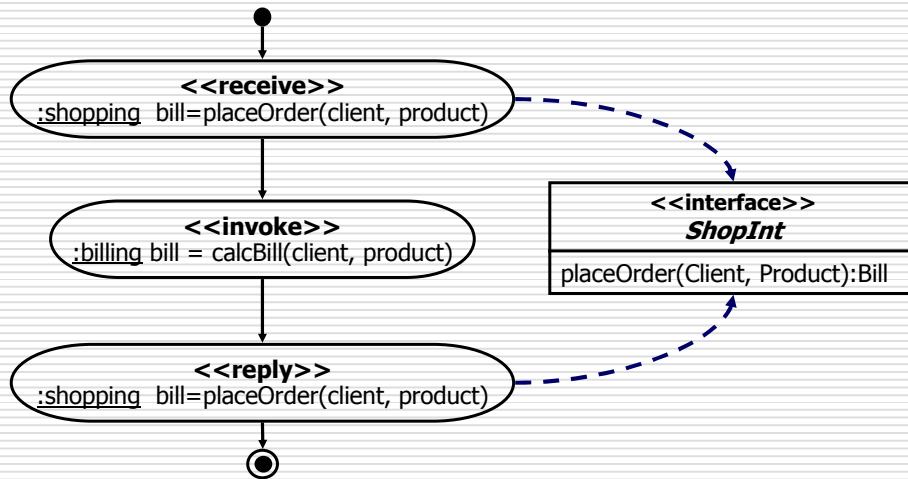
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<portType name="ShopPortType">
  <operation name="placeOrder">
    <input message="ns:placeOrderInput"/>
  </operation>
</portType>
```

...

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<message name="placeOrderInput">
  <part name="client" type="ns:Client"/>
  <part name="product" type="ns:Product"/>
</message>
```



Activity Diagrams + Interfaces → BPEL4WS



Service Specification and Matching based on Graph Transformation

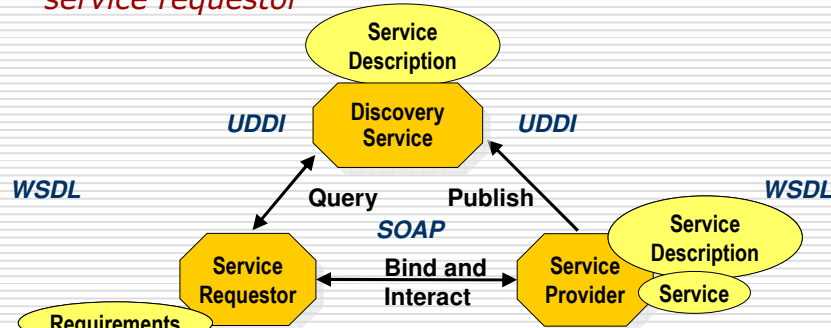
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Matching Service Specifications

<<interface>>
OnlineShopRequired
payBill(a:AccountData, b:Bill)
...

<<interface>>
OnlineShopProvided
payment(a:AccountData, b:Bill): Acknowledgement
...

Matching *provider* and *requestor* specification must ensure compatibility of

- Data types
 - ❑ Does Bill have the same meaning for requestor and provider?
- Operation signatures
 - ❑ Can provider operation be supplied with suitable parameters from a call of requestor operation?
- Behavior
 - ❑ Does provided operation actually carry out what is expected by a requestor?



Data Types and Signatures

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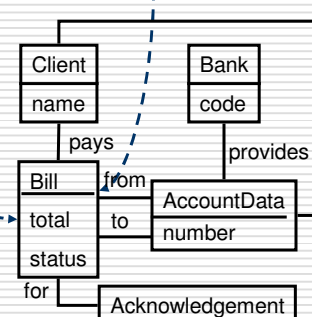
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...

Data types: parties use common domain model (ontology)

Operation signatures:


- ❑ Zaremski and Wing: *Signature matching: a tool for using software libraries*. TOSEM 1995.

→ gen. SIG morphisms

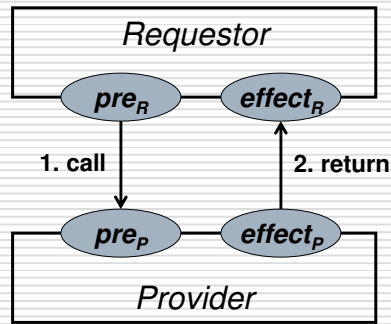


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graph TD
    Client[Client] -- pays --> Bill[Bill]
    Bank[Bank] -- provides --> AccountData[AccountData]
    Bill -- from --> AccountData
    Bill -- to --> AccountData
    Bill -- for --> Acknowledgement[Acknowledgement]
    
```



Behavior: Semantic Idea



1. pre_R implies pre_P
2. $effect_P$ implies $effect_R$

Behaviour: Design by Contract (Meyer, 88)

- component interface = contract: requestor - provider
- both expect **benefits** and accept **obligations**

	Precondition	Effect
Client's requirements for <i>payBill()</i>	I provide account data.	I expect that Bill will change status to „payed“.
Shop's description for <i>payment()</i>	You provide YOUR account data.	I guarantee that Bill will change status to “payed” and you will get an ack.

- Automatic matching requires formal specification
→ graph transformation, logic, ...

