Speaking A Common Language: OASIS SOA RM

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Language Allows People to Work Together

A Common Language Permits Common Understanding



SOA Reference Model Provides a Common Vocabulary

Who Needs it?

Everybody

Vendors Managers Architects Stakeholders Market Researchers Executives Developers Business Analysts

What is a Reference Model?

Basic Axioms Key Relationships Unifying Concepts Abstract

What is a Reference Architecture?

Common Domain Problems Common Domain Patterns Multiple Reference Architectures Range of Abstractness

Housing Reference Model

Defines: Eating Areas Sleeping Areas Hygiene Areas Basic Constraints: Zoning Land Use Neighborhoods

Housing Reference Architectures

Apartment Building RA Igloo RA Victorian House RA Western Row House RA Post WW II Track House RA



What is SOA?

Distributed Capabilities Matching Needs With Capabilities Crossing Trust Boundaries

Domain → Needs and Capabilities

Capabilities exist outside SOA

Solution is composed in the domain.

SOA is the organizing principle for: reuse growth interoperability

Why is SOA different?

Ownership boundaries matter.

RM extracts concepts that are vendor, domain and technology independent.

What is a service?

Bring Needs and Capabilities Together

Service creates a real world effect.

SOA Key Concepts: Visibility Interaction Real World Effect

Visibility provides the possibility that needs could match capabilities.



Visibility: Service Description Syntax and Semantics Constraints Policies RM does not dictate how this happens

Interaction describes how the capability is used.



Interaction: Typically message exchange Execution Context Set of business and technical requirements for needs to match capabilities Provides policy decision points

Information Model **Data Structure and Semantics Behavior Model Temporal Actions and Dependencies Action Model Process Model**

Real World Effect is the change to the shared public state of the participants.



Marketplace for exchange of economic value, not a marketplace of technical services.

Service Description



Facilitates Interaction and Visibility

How a service is accessed (Reachability) **Behavior Model** Information Model **Functionality and Real World Effect Contract and Policy** May or may not be in machine format

Service consumer only sees: Service Interface Service Description

Policies and Contracts



Service Policy

Constraints or Conditions on Service Use Policies are assertions (unilateral) Policies have enforcement points **Examples:** Service Level Agreements (SLA) Security Privacy

Service Contract

Agreement between two parties Disputes are resolved, not enforced May or may not be in machine format

Execution Context



Set of necessary conditions for using service

Service Consumer Service Provider Infrastructure Third parties such as government Policies, Technology, Contracts Each service use is a different context Data meaning might vary

Implementation Technologies

WS-Lite XML, SOAP, WSDL WS-Heavy WS-Lite + WS-Security, WS-Addressing, etc. Representational State Transfer (REST) XML over HTTP (POX)

Relationship to BPM



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Who is Using the Reference Model?

NATO Interop Standards and Profiles (NISP) produced by NATO Open Systems Working Group (NOSWG) IC SOA Strategy and IC SOA Reference Model **US Dept of Justice Justice Reference** Architecture

Summary

Using the OASIS Reference Model allows for a common vocabulary for talking about parts of an SOA Abstract, applicable to all domains