



# SOA Roadmap and application integration with z/VSE

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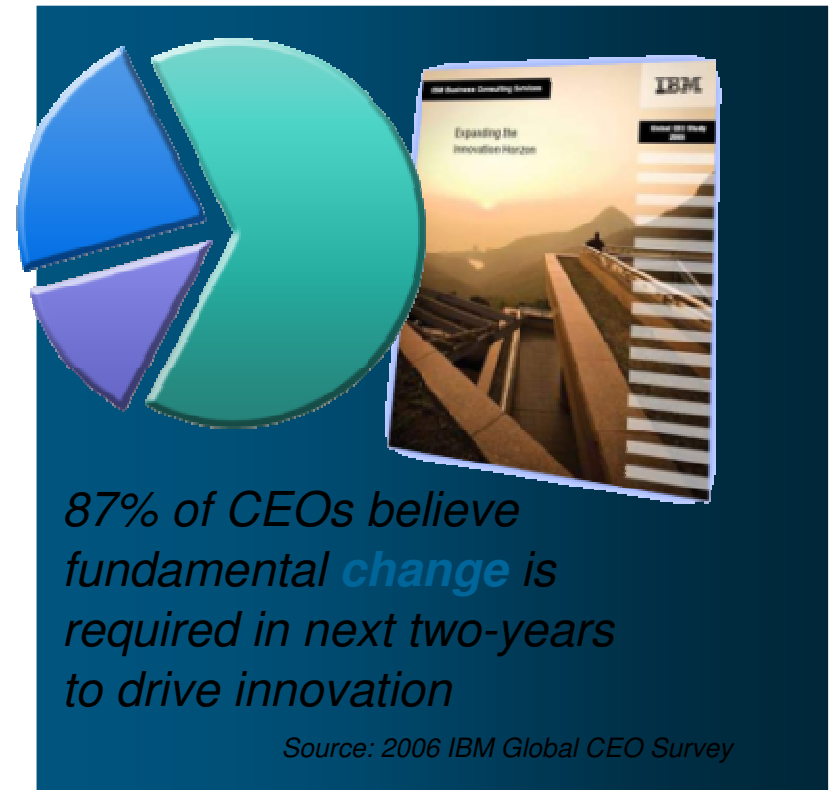
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## Innovation that Matters in Today's IT

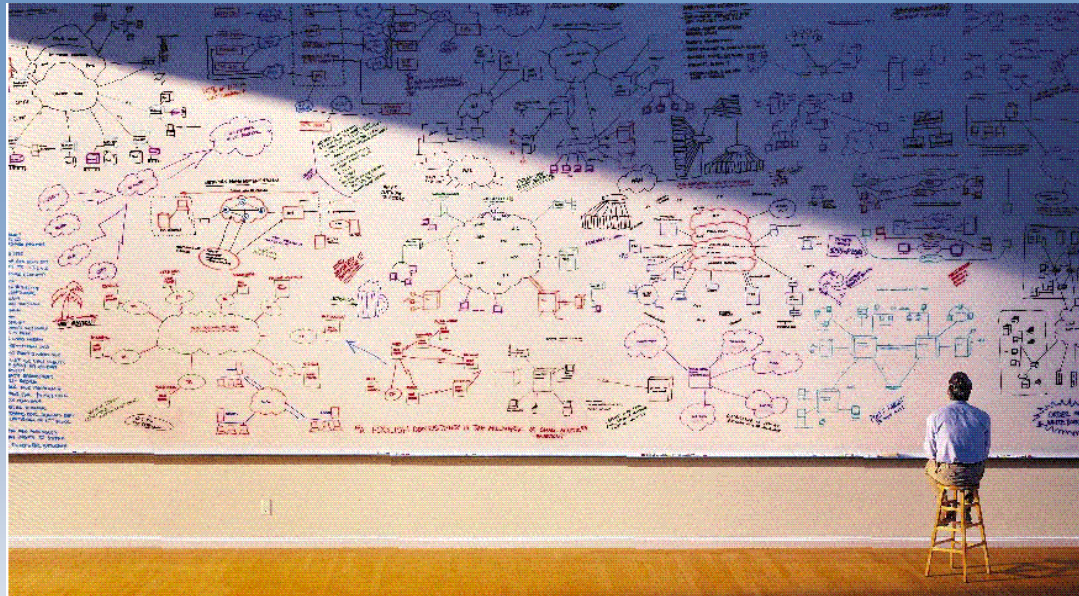
### *Top Innovation Priorities:*

- Extend the ability to collaborate inside & outside
- Innovate business models & processes
- Leverage information for business optimization



*Innovation is all about change.  
SOA makes it easier to change.*

## Why are interfaces so expensive to build and maintain?



- **Application interface logic is intertwined with business logic.**
- **The more tightly integrated the interface the more difficult the application is to change.**
- **The more interfaces that exist within a set of programs, the more complex the application becomes -- interface logic may, in many cases, exceed business logic.**
- **In such circumstances, re-use becomes difficult and impractical.**

# Think different with SOA:

## *With SOA to a Business Process driven IT*

### Traditional Thinking

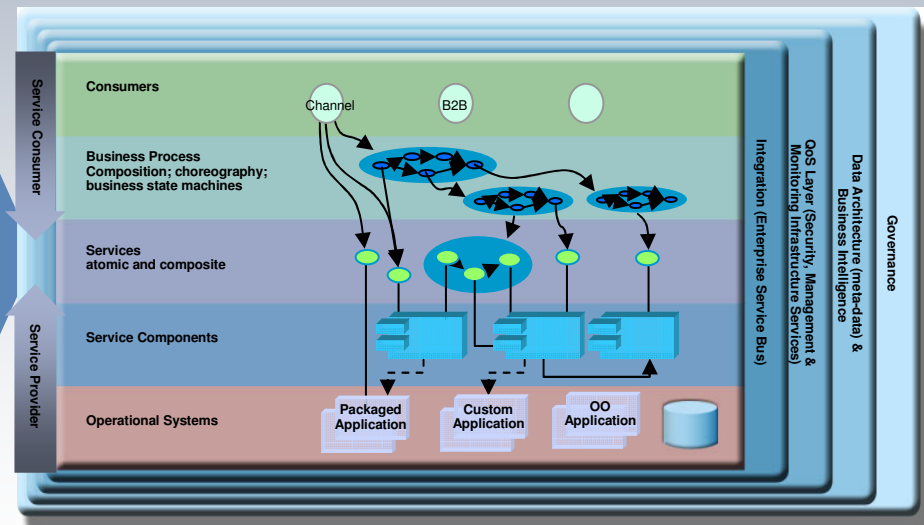
IT manages IT **assets** that support the business



*Silos, static*

### Business Thinking

IT manages **Services** and **Components** which **reflect** the Business processes



*Flexibility, dynamic, virtualised*

## Customers & Analysts Agree:

*SOA Enables Rapid & Incremental Change Leading to Innovation*



### Innovation That Matters \*

*“The IBM and GenXus SOA-based solution has made our product **more innovative**, **expanded our market** and made us **more competitive**. It will let us grow our business significantly in the years to come.”*



*“SOA is the **heart of the next wave of innovation**. The leaders that do this well are able to **rapidly change** ...”*



*“SOA is critical for ... executing the on-demand vision and in preparing ... for the **incremental changes** ... over time. Companies ... make better decisions.”*



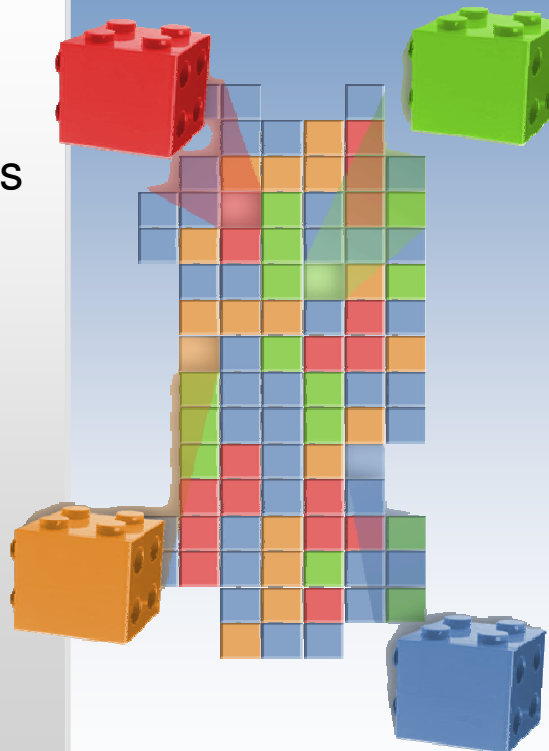
# What is Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA)?

## Business Definition

A SOA is a **framework** that provides:

- **flexibility** to treat elements of business processes and the underlying IT infrastructure as secure, standardized components

- **services**, that can be **reused** and **combined** to address changing business priorities



## Technical Definition

A SOA is an **IT architecture** in which application functions are built as **components and services** – that are **loosely coupled** and **well defined** to support **interoperability**, and to improve **flexibility** and **reuse**

**With a Service oriented Architecture, (SOA) it is very efficient to align the business processes to changed Conditions and Requirements.**

Similar to a Soccer game

Player = Service ●  
Game field = SOA Infrastructure



SOA = flexible composition of the individuals to a team, to win a match dependent of the conditions and requirements.



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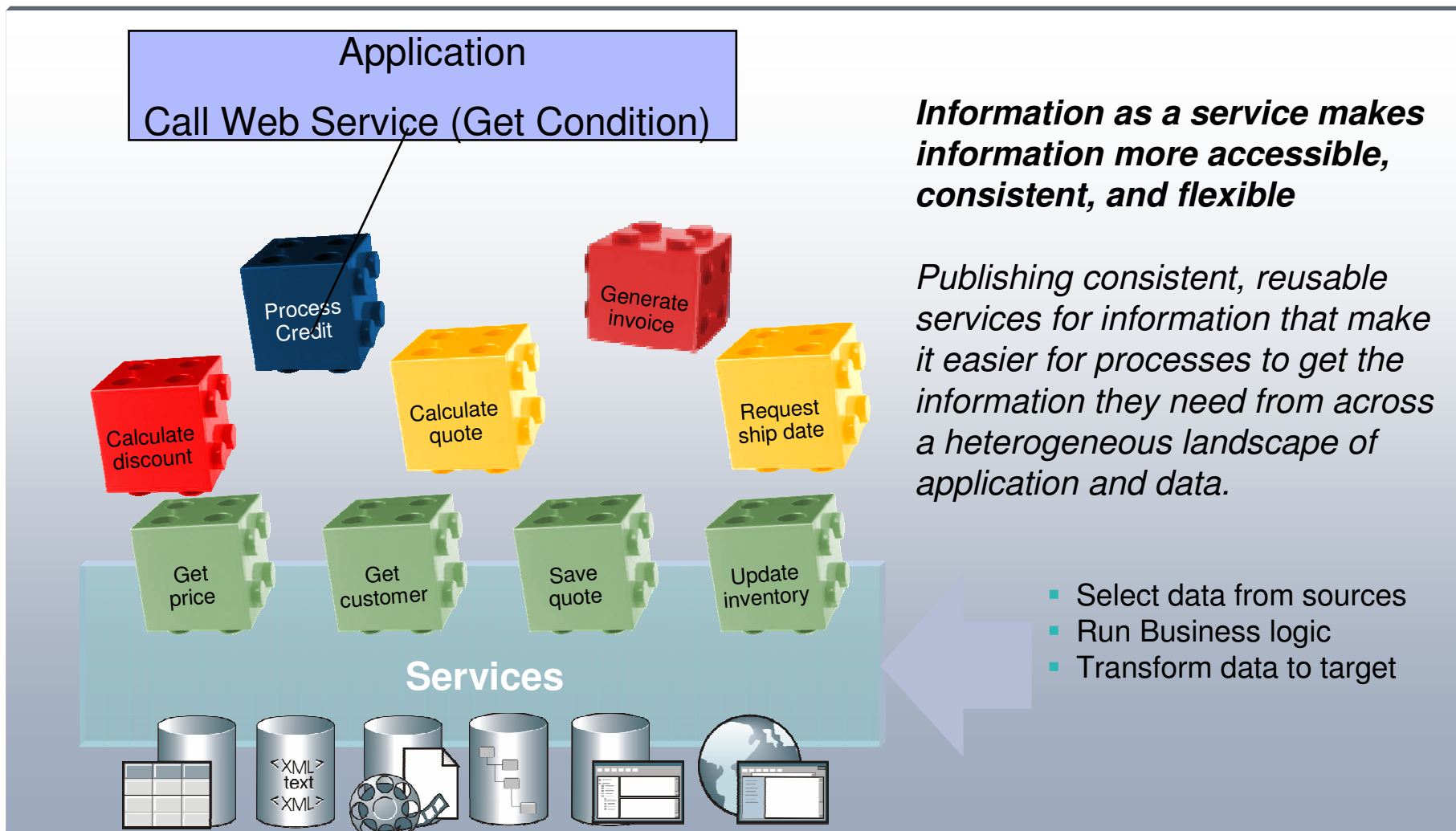
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# Integrating Logic in an SOA



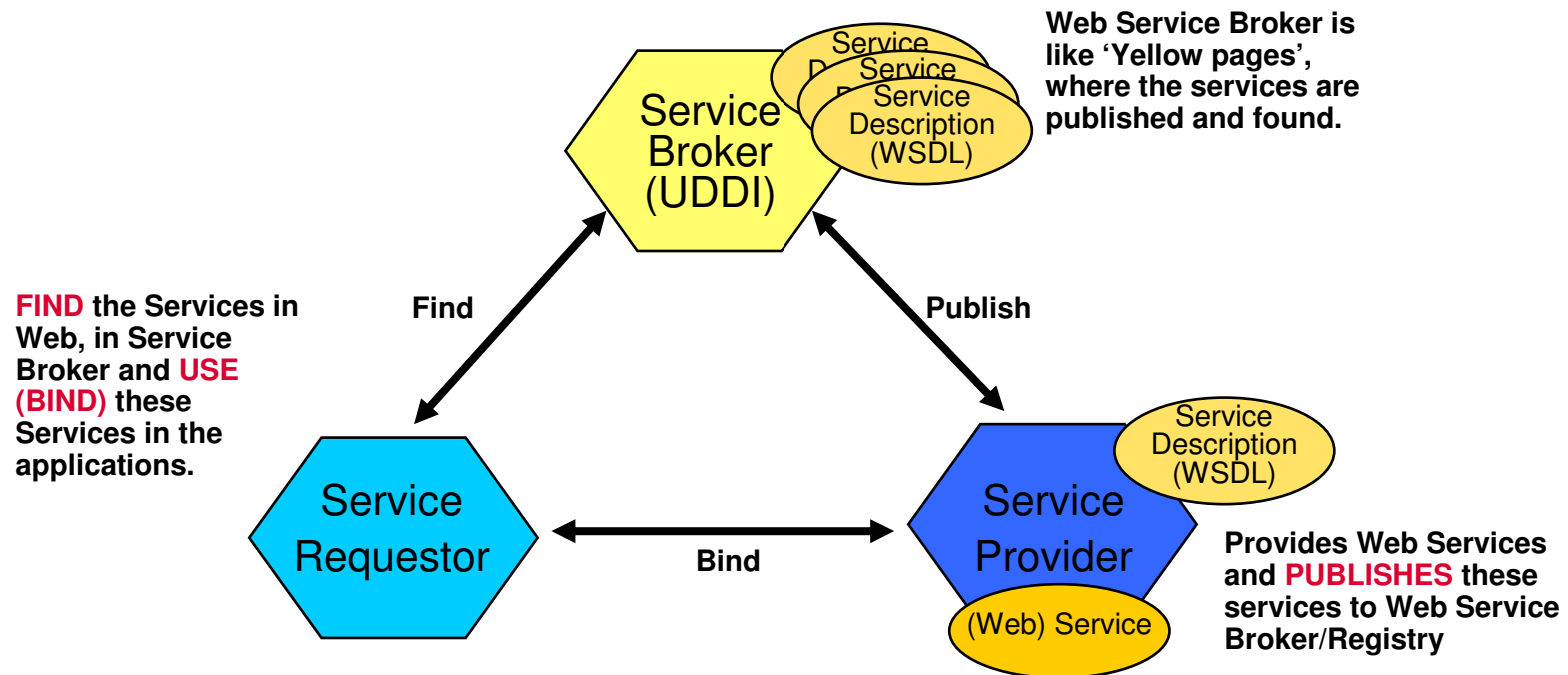
# The SOA Architecture - Standards

- **Web Services**
  - defined Services
  
- **XML** (eXtended Markup Language)
  - platform independent data representation
  
- **SOAP** (Simple Object Access Protokol)
  - protocol for Web Services
  
- **UDDI** (Universal Description Discovery Integration)
  - catalog to register and find Web Services
  
- **WSDL** (Web Services Description Language)
  - language in which the Web Services describes
  
- **Enterprise Service Bus**
  - The Plug for the Services

# What are Web Services ?

„WebServices are self-contained, modular applications that can be described, published, located, and invoked over a network, generally, the World Wide Web.“ **IBM**

“A WebService is programmable application logic, accessible using standard Internet protocols“ **Microsoft**

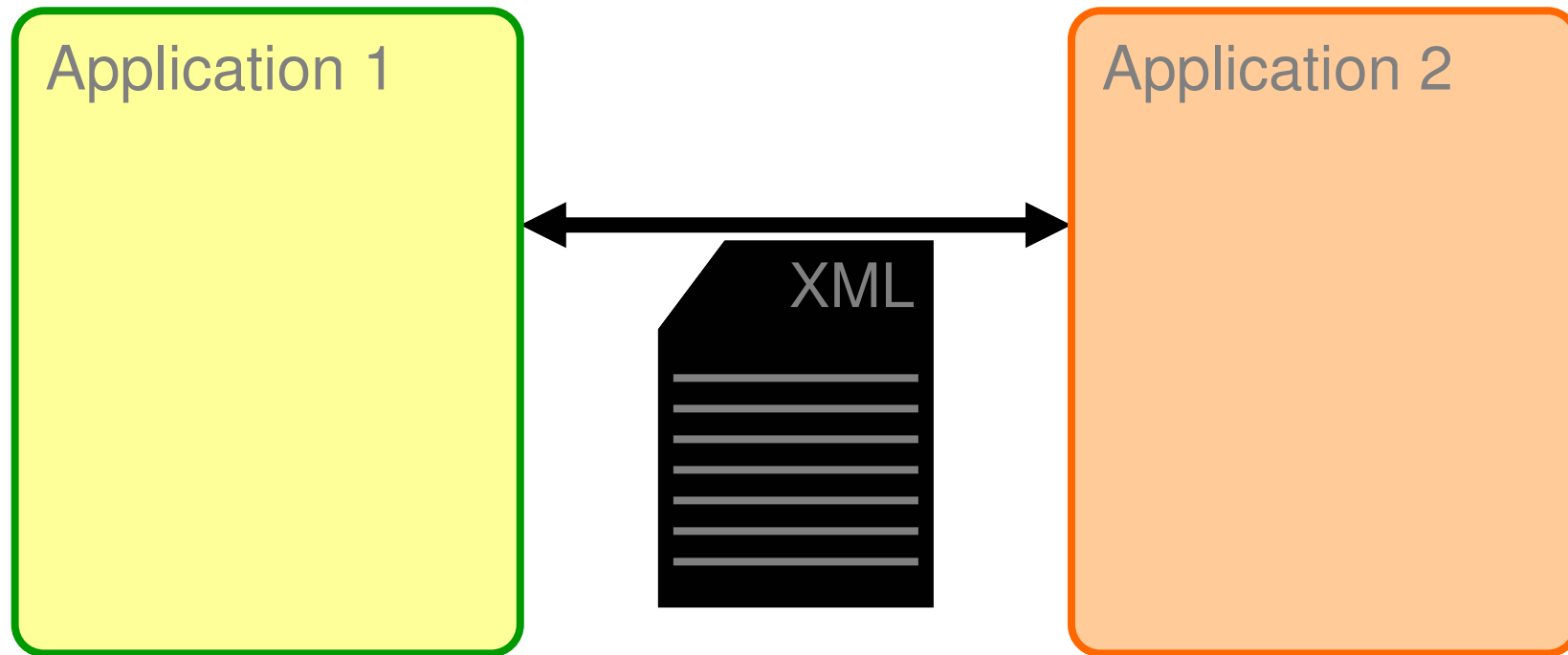


## What are Web Services?

- Identified by a **URI**
- Interfaces defined in a **WSDL** using **XML**
- Can be **discovered** by other systems
- Interact using **XML** based messages conveyed by **Internet protocols**

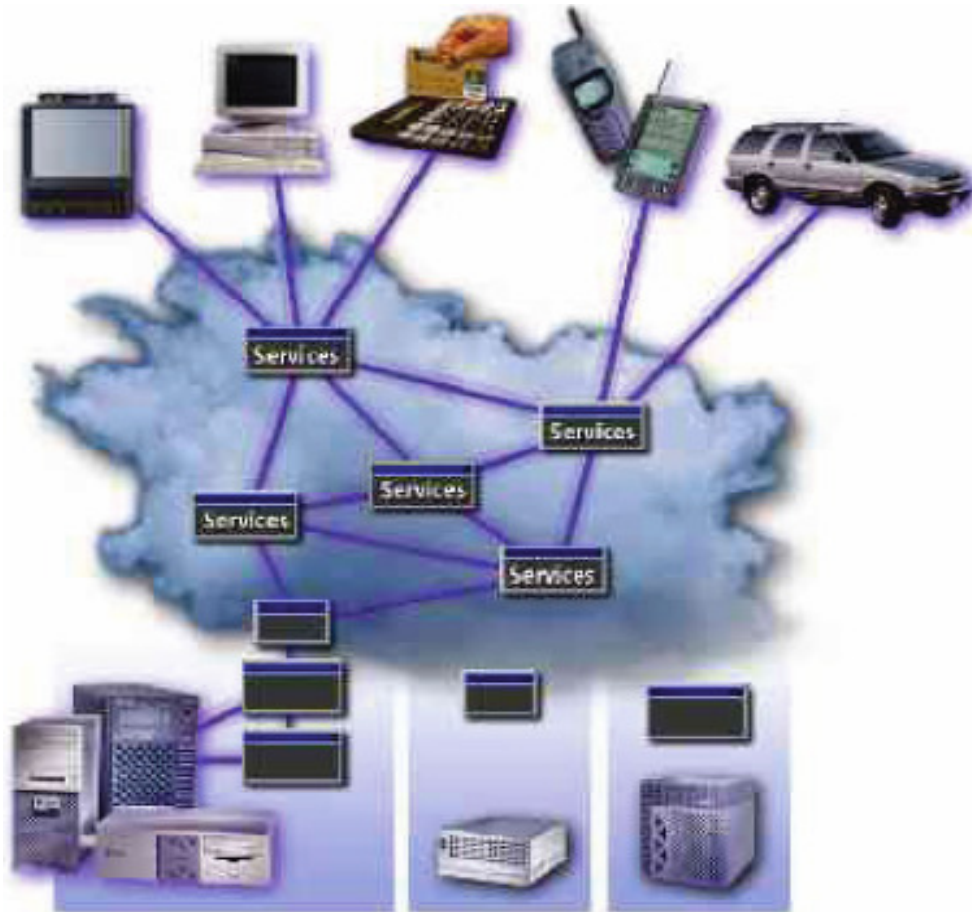
Source: [W3C](#) Web Services Glossary

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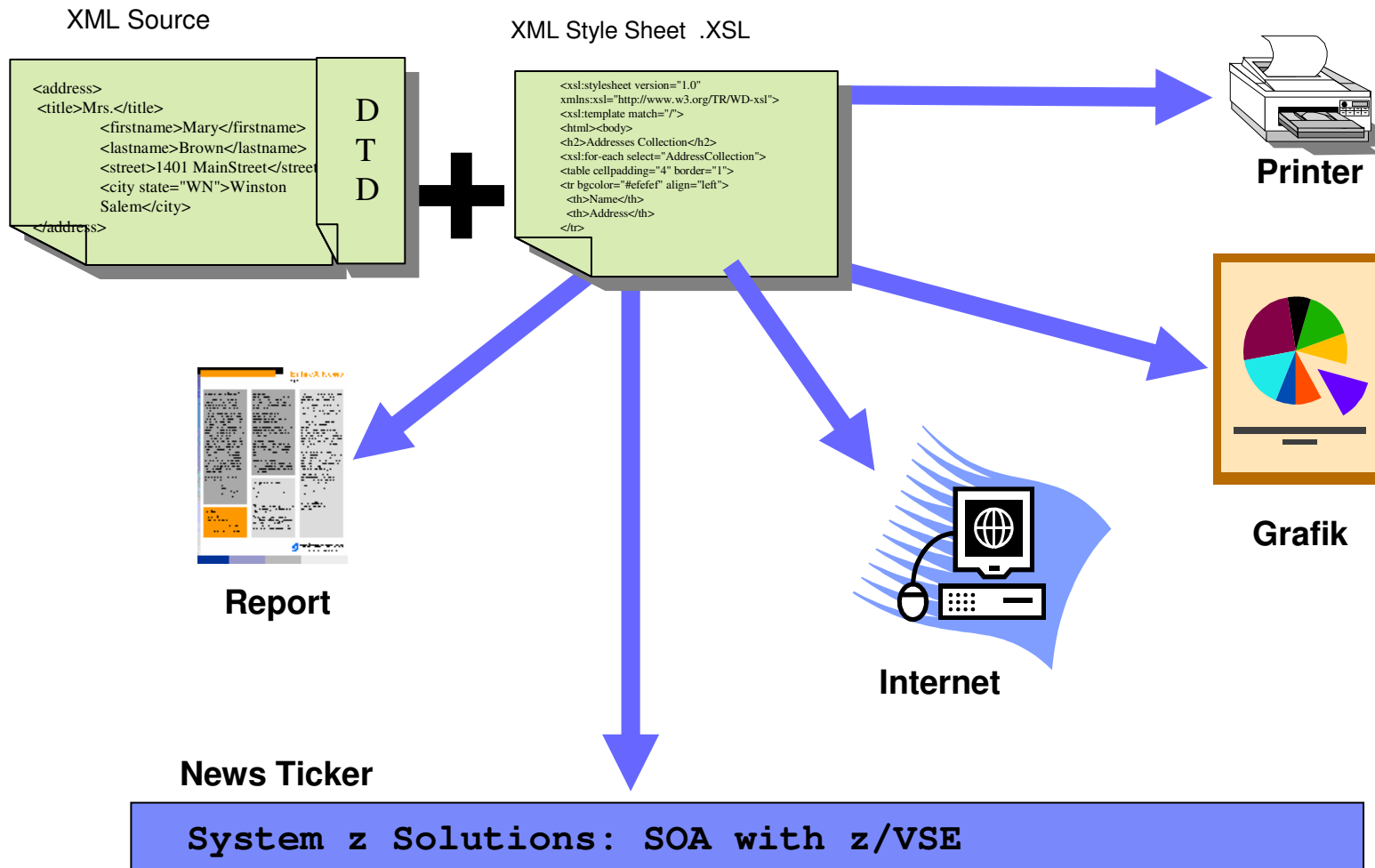
## Why should we choose Web Services ?



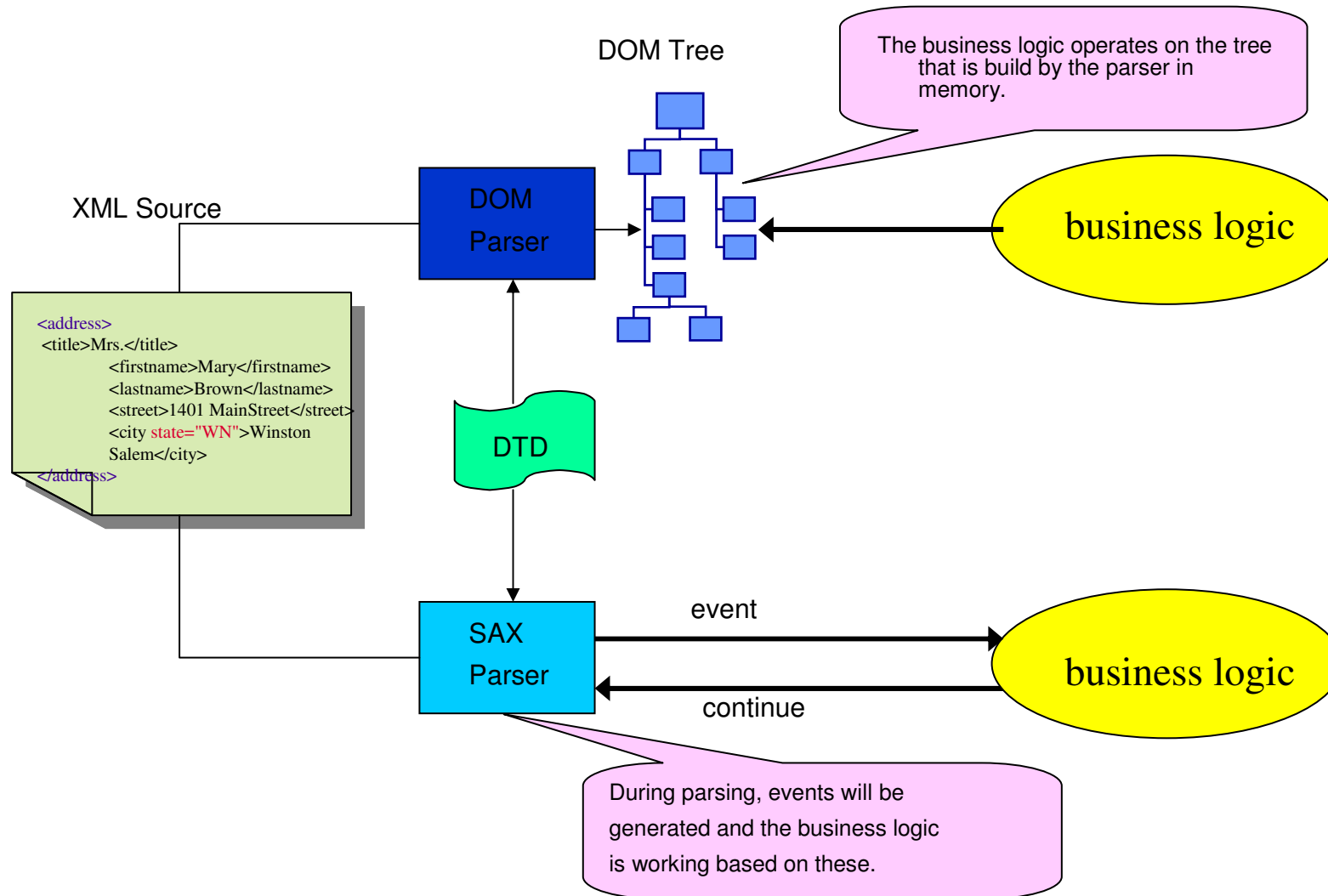
### Web Services:

- Are platform neutral
- Are accessible in a standard way
- Are accessible in an **interoperable** way
- Use simple and ubiquitous plumbing
- Are relatively cheap
- Simplify **enterprise integration**

# What is XML ?

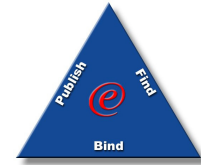



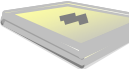
# XML parser Technology (DOM,SAX)



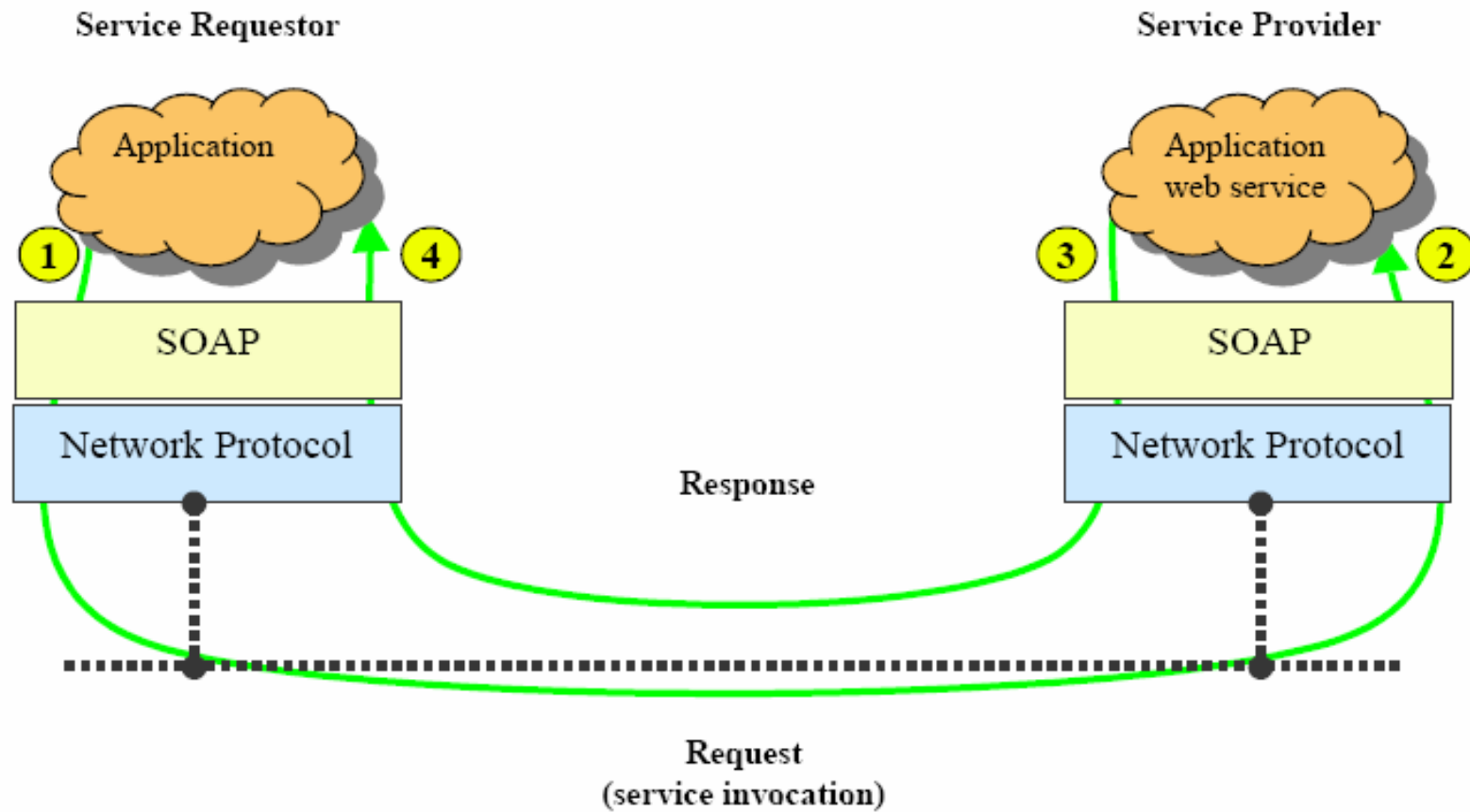


# What is SOAP?

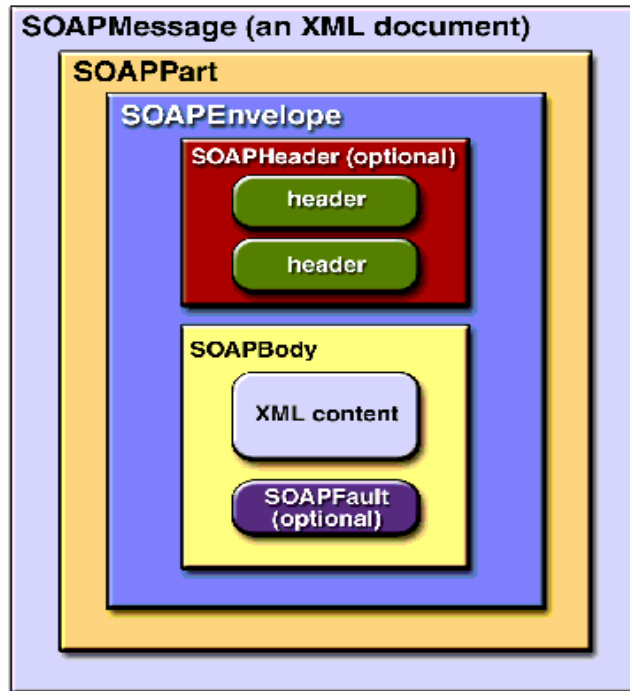


- **Simple Object Access Protocol**
- **SOAP is an **XML** based protocol for communication between two remote applications:**
  - ▶ is based on RPC messaging
  - ▶ is language independent (de-couples interface from implementation)
  - ▶ represents remote procedure calls and responses
- **A SOAP message consists of:**
  - ▶  **envelope**
    - wraps the message itself
    - defines rules for decoding the message
  - ▶  **message**
    - request
      - method to invoke on a remote object and parameters
    - response
      - result of running the method and exceptions

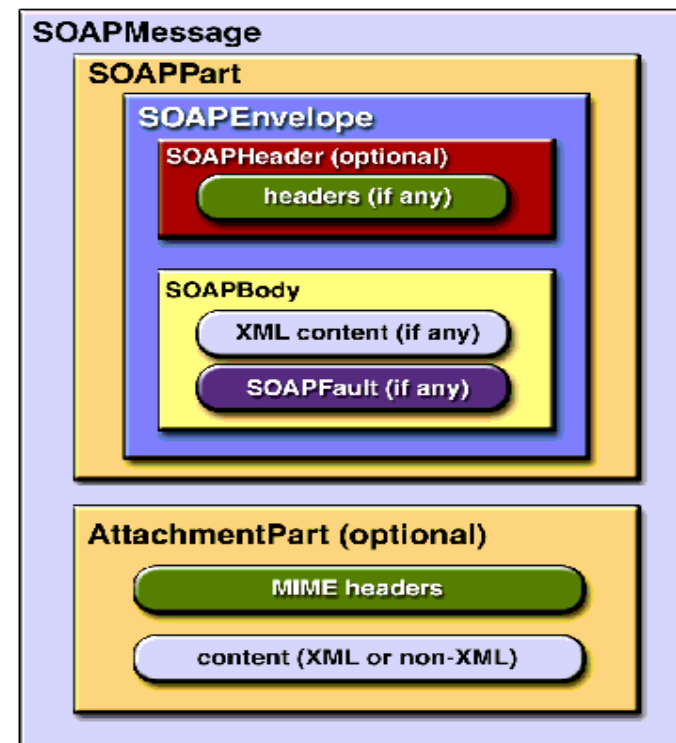
# XML Messaging using SOAP



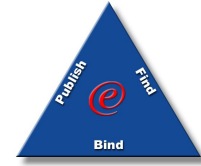
# SOAP without Attachments



# SOAP with Attachments



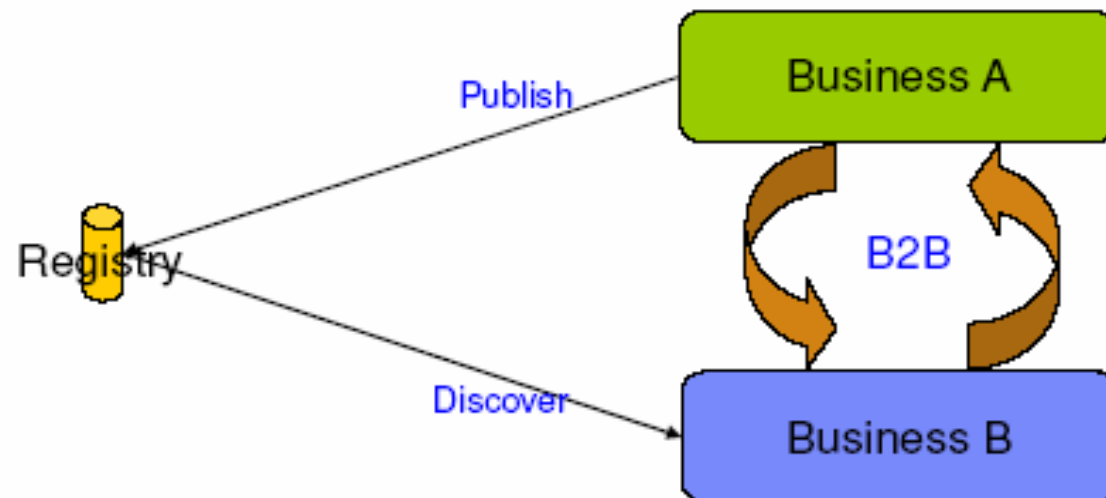
## What is UDDI or Registry ?



- **Universal Description, Discovery and Integration**
- **UDDI is a specification for publishing and discovery of businesses and the services they provide**
- **UDDI specifications define how to construct UDDI Business Registries**
- **UDDI specifications are based on XML and SOAP:**
  - ▶ **API to communicate with a UDDI Registry are SOAP based**
    - UDDI4J (UDDI for Java) - Open Source implementation in Java
    - JAXR (Java API for XML Registries) - Sun
  - ▶ **data structures that define Web Service in UDDI Registry are XML based**

## What is a Registry?

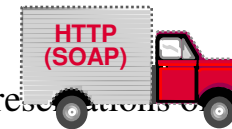
- An infrastructure that enables the publishing and discovery of Web Services
- Facilitates business-to-business (B2B) interactions



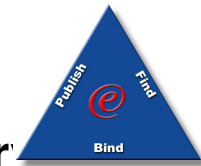
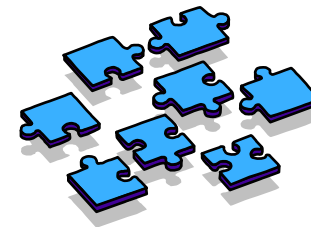
# What is WSDL?

- **Web Services Description Language**
- **WSDL is an XML based vocabulary for defining a Web Service**
  - ▶ interfaces
    - operation types (i.e. one-way, request-response, notification)
    - messages defining a Web Service interface
    - definition of data types (XML Schema)
  - ▶ access protocol (i.e. SOAP over HTTP)
  - ▶ contact endpoints (i.e. Web Service URL and URNs<sup>1</sup>)

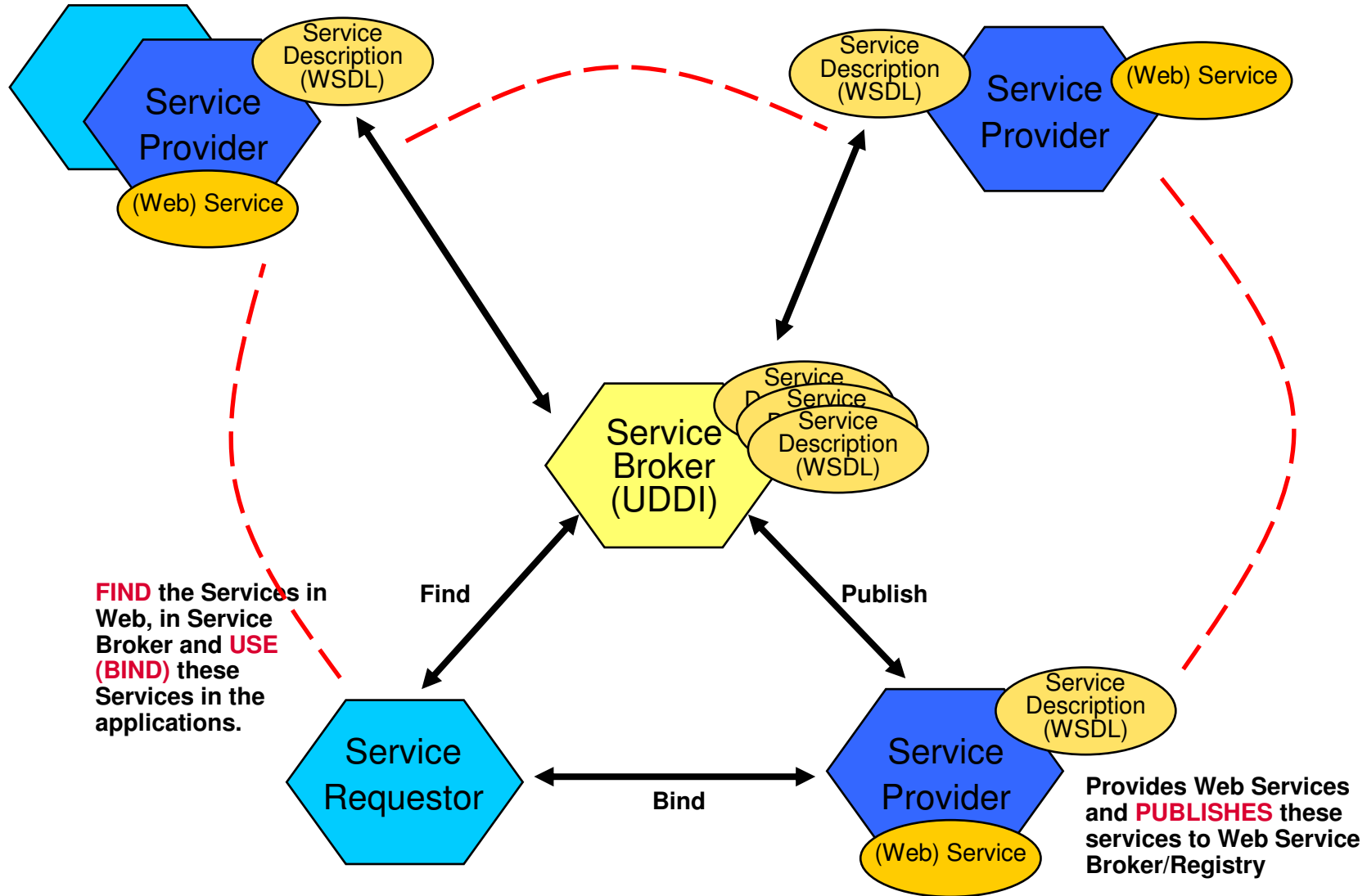
(1URNs are location independent pointers to a file, or to different representations of the same content. In most ways they can be used like URLs)



- **A Web Service URL returning WSDL makes Web Services self-describing**
- **Similar in purpose to IDL (Interface Definition Language)**
  - From a WSDL file, wizards can generate:
    - proxy classes for calling Web Service
    - skeleton classes to implement a Web Service



# What are Web Services ?



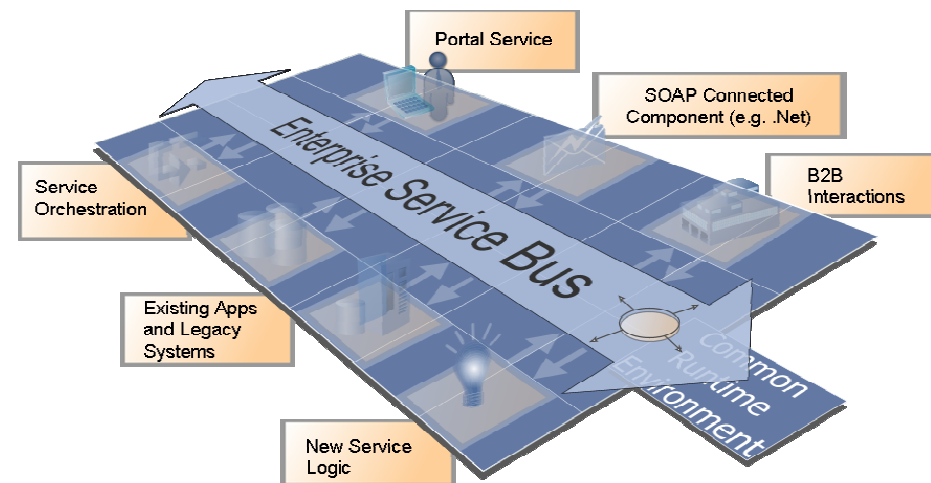
# What is an Enterprise Service Bus?

***An Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) is a flexible Infrastructure for services and application integration***

***An ESB reduces the number, size and complexity of your interfaces in a SOA solution.***

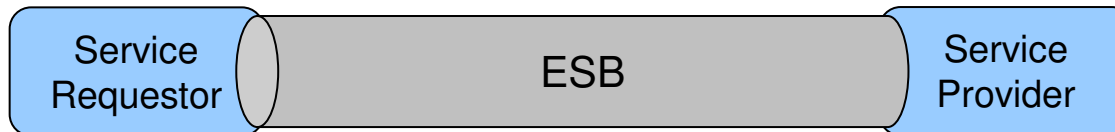
***An ESB realizes following tasks between requestor and service***

- **ROUTING** of messages between Services
- **CONVERTING** the transport protocol between requestor and service
- **TRANSFORMING** message formats between requestor and service
- **HANDLING** of business events between different types of services



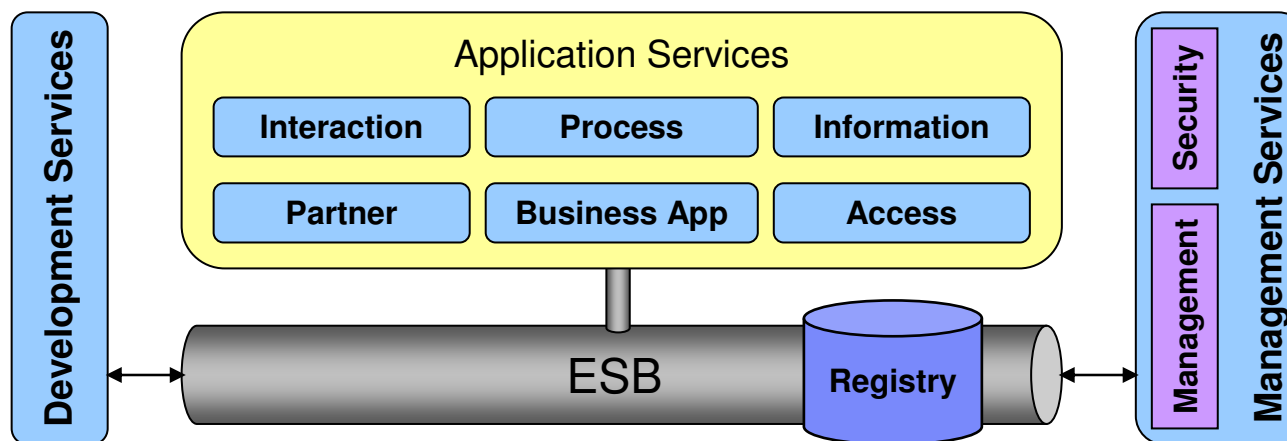


# Core Principles of the ESB Architectural Pattern



- ESB inter-connects requestor and provider
  - Interactions are *decoupled*
  - Supports key SOA principle – *separation of concerns*
- ESB provides **Service Virtualization** of
  - *Identity* via routing
  - *Protocol* via conversion
  - *Interface* via transformation
- ESB also enables **Aspect Oriented Connectivity**
  - Security
  - Management
  - Logging
  - Auditing

# An ESB-centric view of the Logical Model

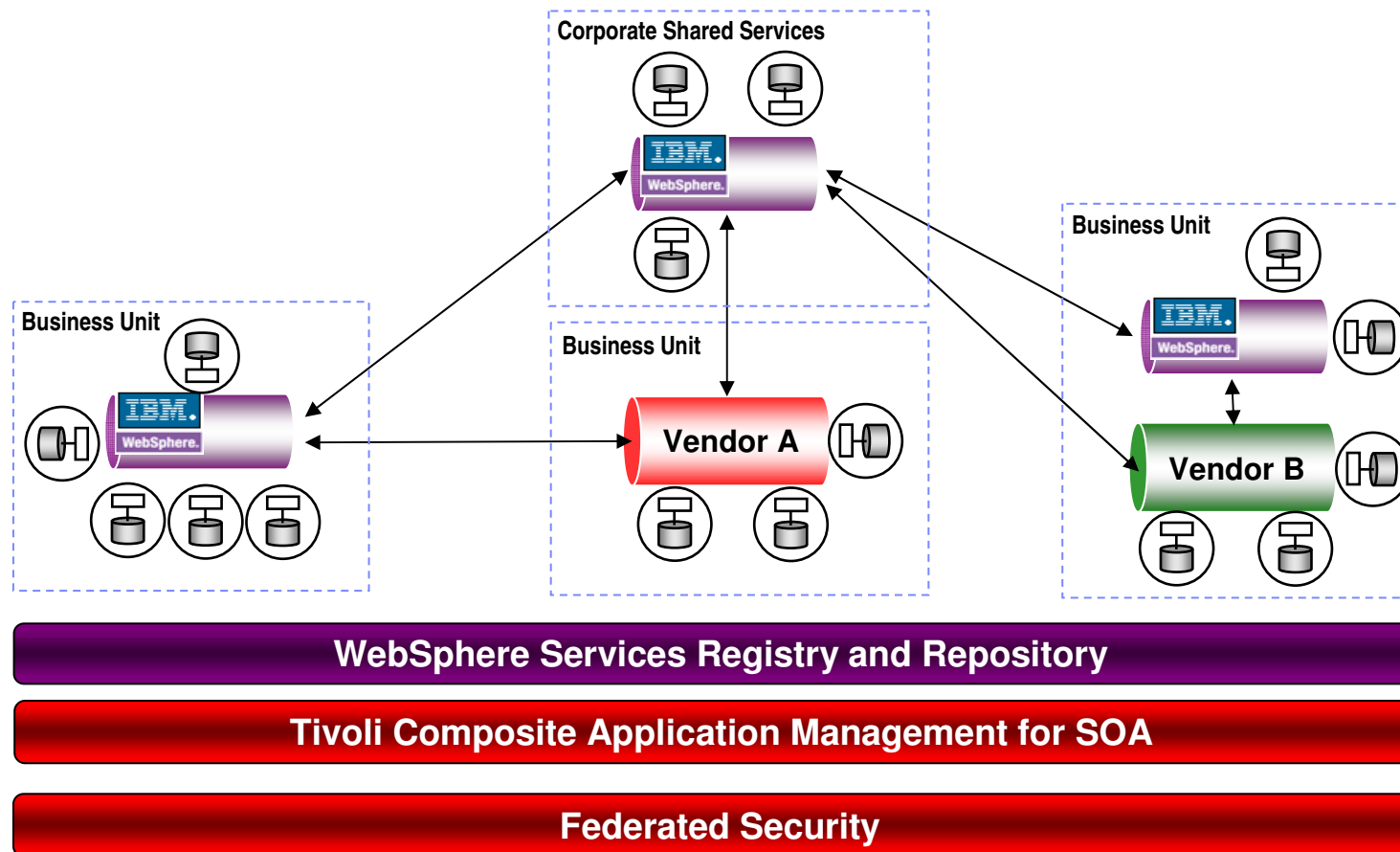


- Outside ESB
  - Business Logic (Application Services)
    - ESB **does** contain integration logic or connectivity logic
    - Criteria: semantics versus syntax; aspects
- Loosely coupled to ESB
  - Security and Management
    - Policy Decision Point outside the ESB
    - ESB can be Policy Enforcement Point
- Tightly coupled to ESB
  - Service Registry
    - Registry a Policy Decision Point for ESB
    - ESB a Policy Enforcement Point for Registry
    - But, Registry has a broader scope in SOA
- Tooling required for ESB
  - Development
  - Administration
  - Configures ESB via Service Registry

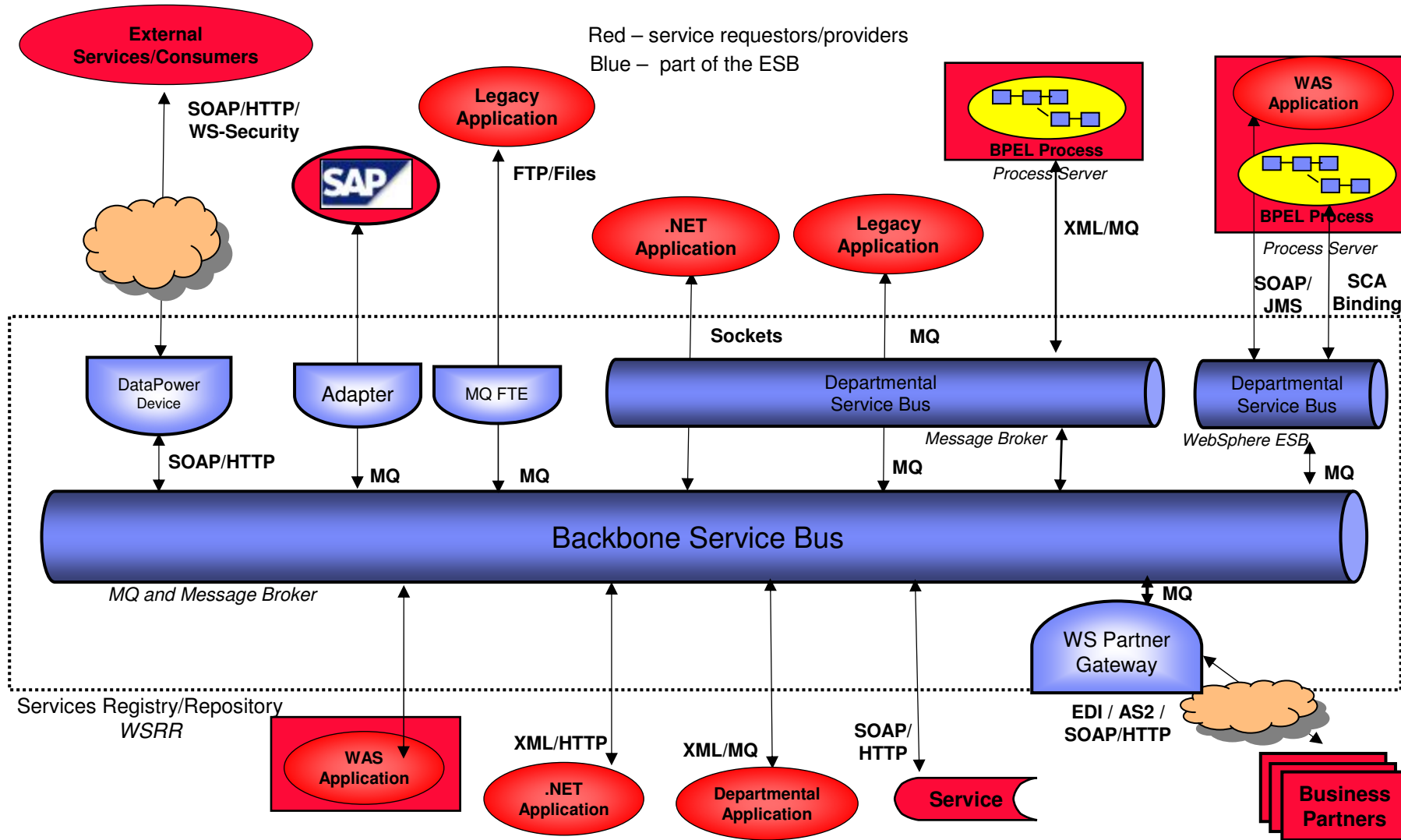
More details at: <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/library/ar-esbpat1/>

# Federated ESB Topology Patterns

***A single enterprise-wide ESB is rarely attainable – most businesses will have multiple ESBs across business units***

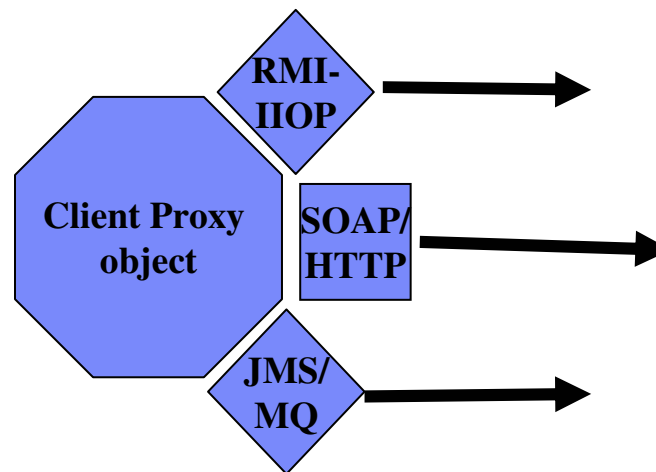


# Example of Federated ESB



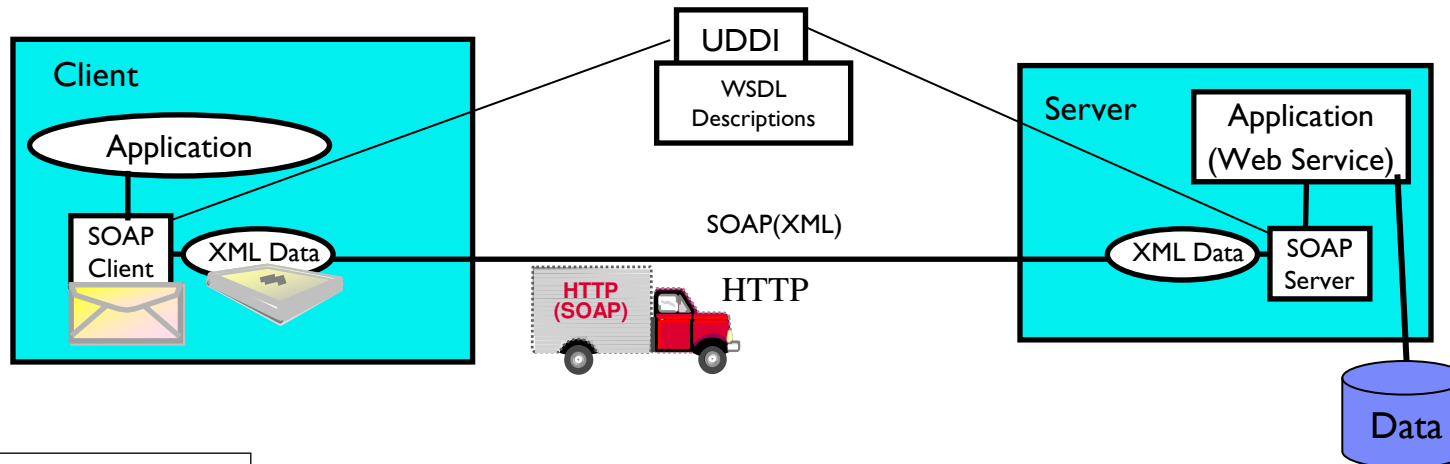
## Client invocation

- Single stub can invoke services over different bindings
  - ▶ Depends only on abstract interface.
- Are independent of binding (but pluggable).
  - ▶ Add new bindings without recompiling/redeploying stub
- Allows optimisations based on the bindings of service.
- Will support extended services models if described In WSDL



# Web Services in action

**XML Document + SOAP Protocol = Web Services**



**XML** -

**SOAP** -

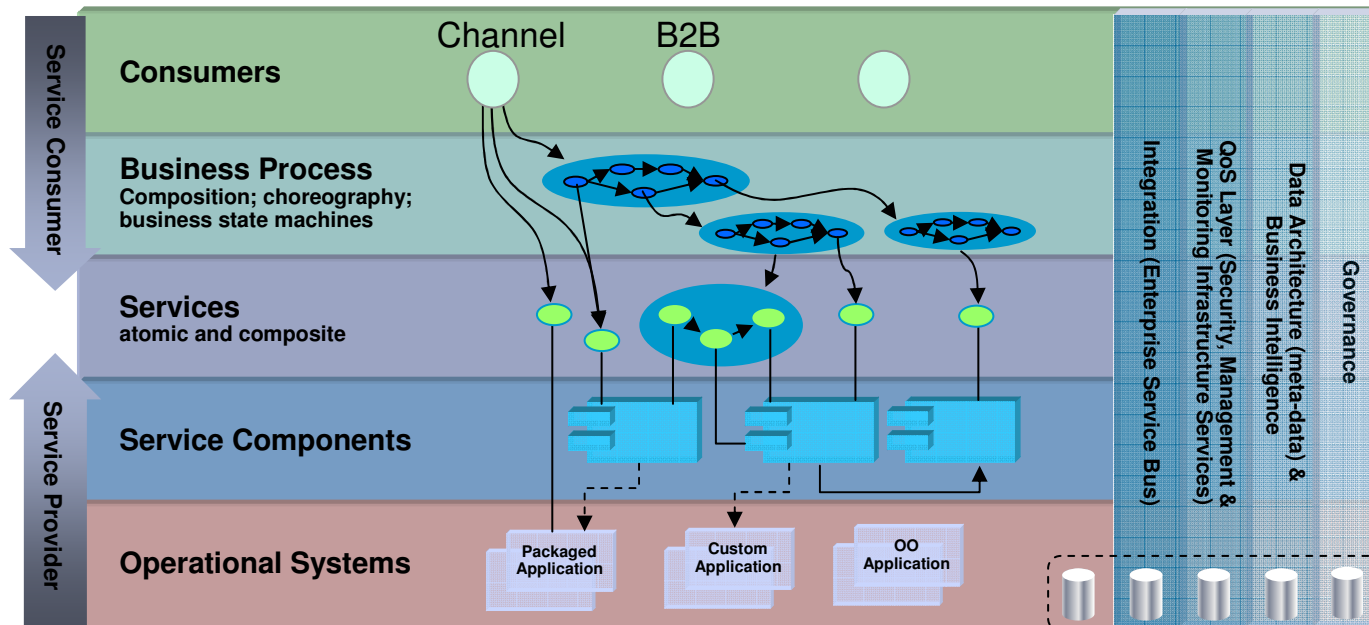
**HTTP** - Carrier

**TCP/IP** - Street

## A *web service*

- ☞ implements a business, application or system functionality
- ☞ is intended for application communication
- ☞ is useable in internet, intranet, extranet
- ☞ is useable for browser-based solutions up to the B2B integration between companies
- ☞ uses only standard internet technologies

# SOA Solution Layers



## Service Consumers

- Portal, B2B, Standalone, .Net

## Business Process Layer

- BPEL Processes

## Service Definition Layer

- WSDL, XML Schema, WS-Policy

## Service Component Layer

- Service Platform based service facades: J2EE, .Net, SCA etc.

## Operational Systems Layer

- ISVs, Middleware, Custom Apps, Platforms, Network

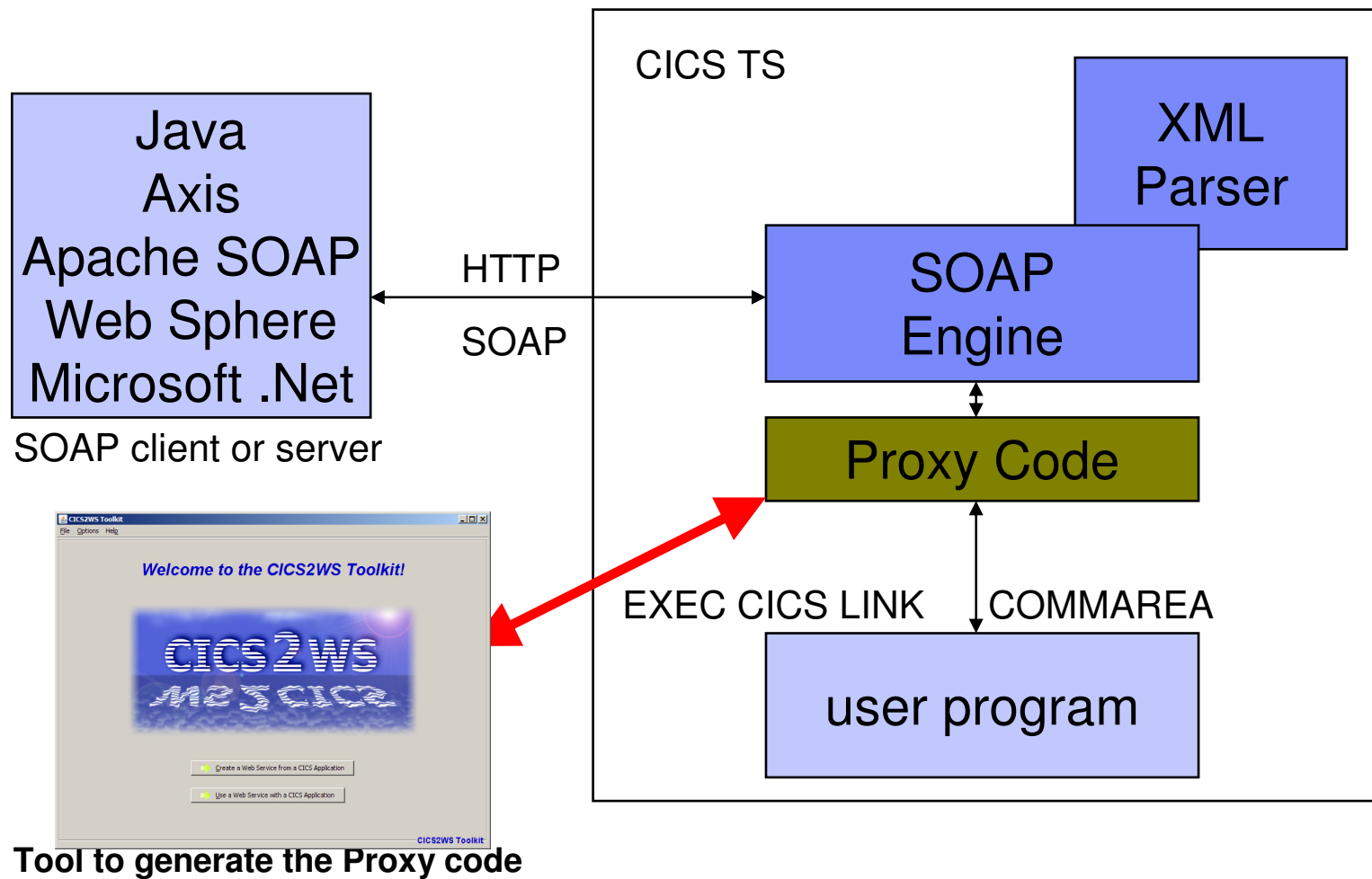


## Why should VSE customers consider SOA?

- **SOA is modern (hype) and strategic**
  - It is mentioned in all IT journals and newspapers
  
- **Easy integration of existing VSE programs and processes**
  - Reducing the interface complexity
  - Reuse of existing application logic as services
  - Use of standard protocols (XML, SOAP, HTTP)
  
- **integration is platform independent**
  - independent of application programming language
  - independent of the data involved
  
- **Integration of VSE into a Microsoft .Net environment**
  - without the use of Java
  - the most incompatible environments can be integrated
  
- **SOA enables the extension of VSE applications**
  - to other platforms and architectures
  - to partners and open world

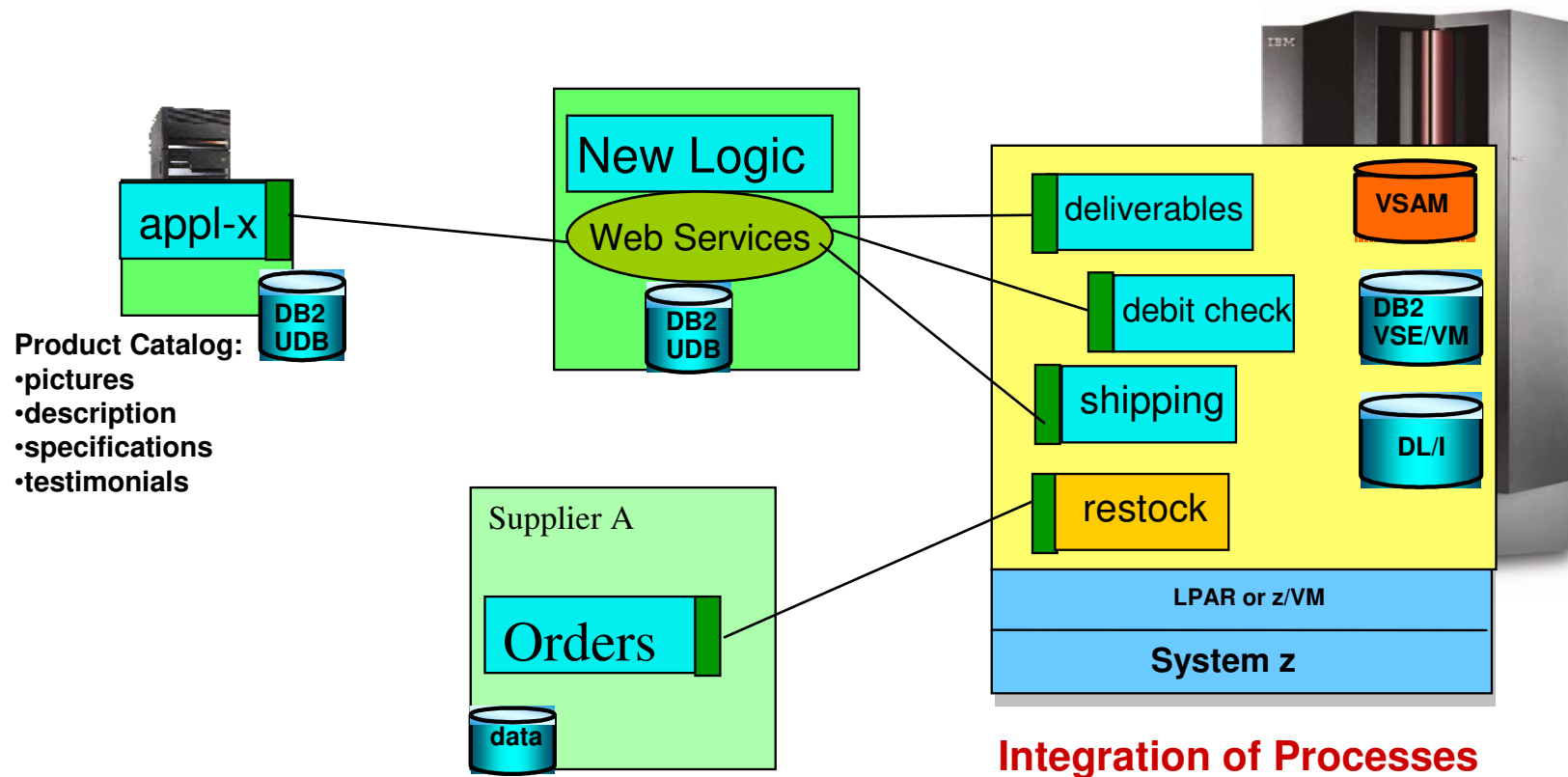


## Web Services in and with VSE



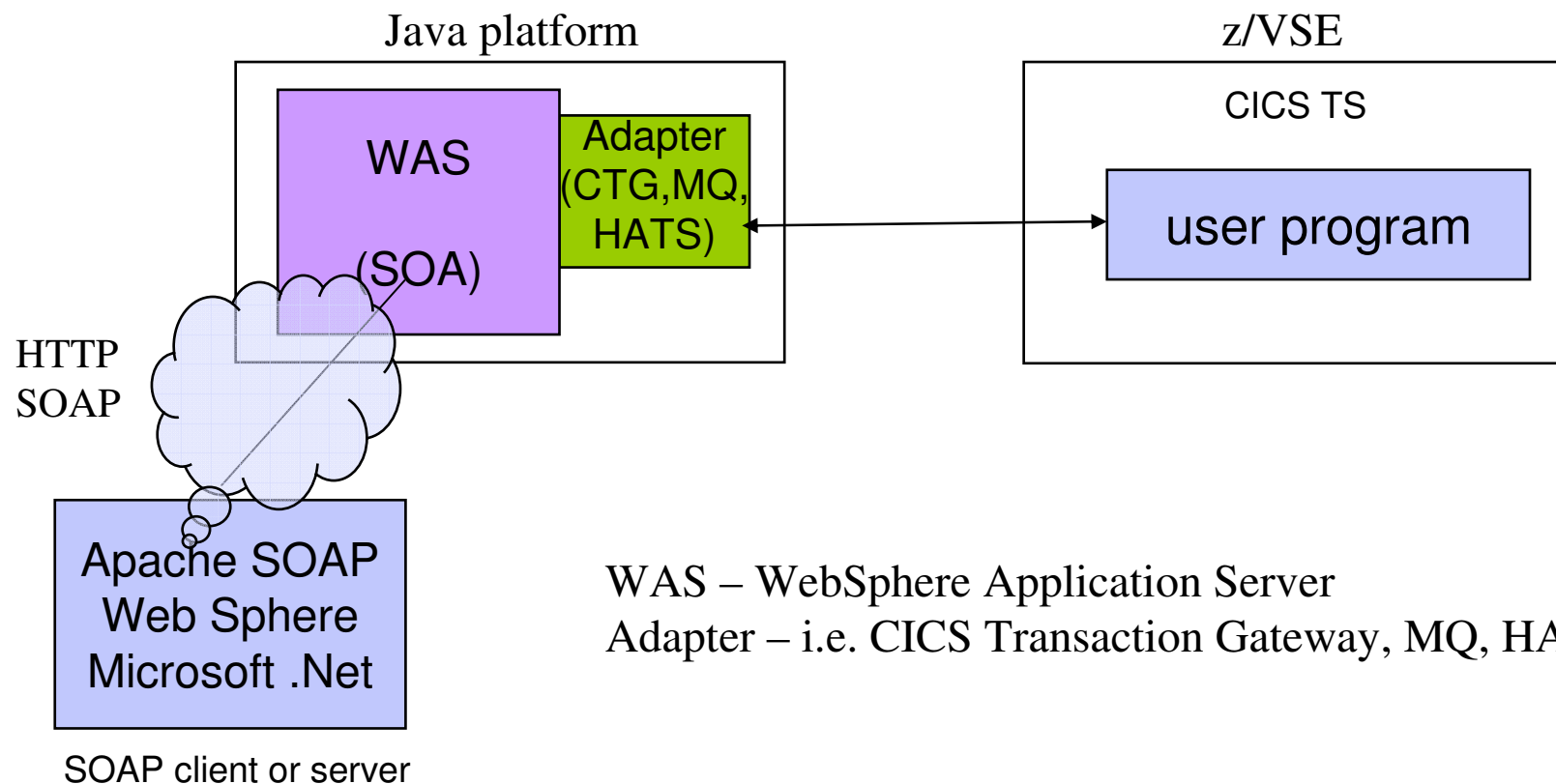
# SOA – the way to New applications and processes

- Applications look the same for all users
  - Core applications can be enhanced (independent of their language, COBOL, ASM, PL/I)
  - New business logic can be built
- Increases business for the Company**

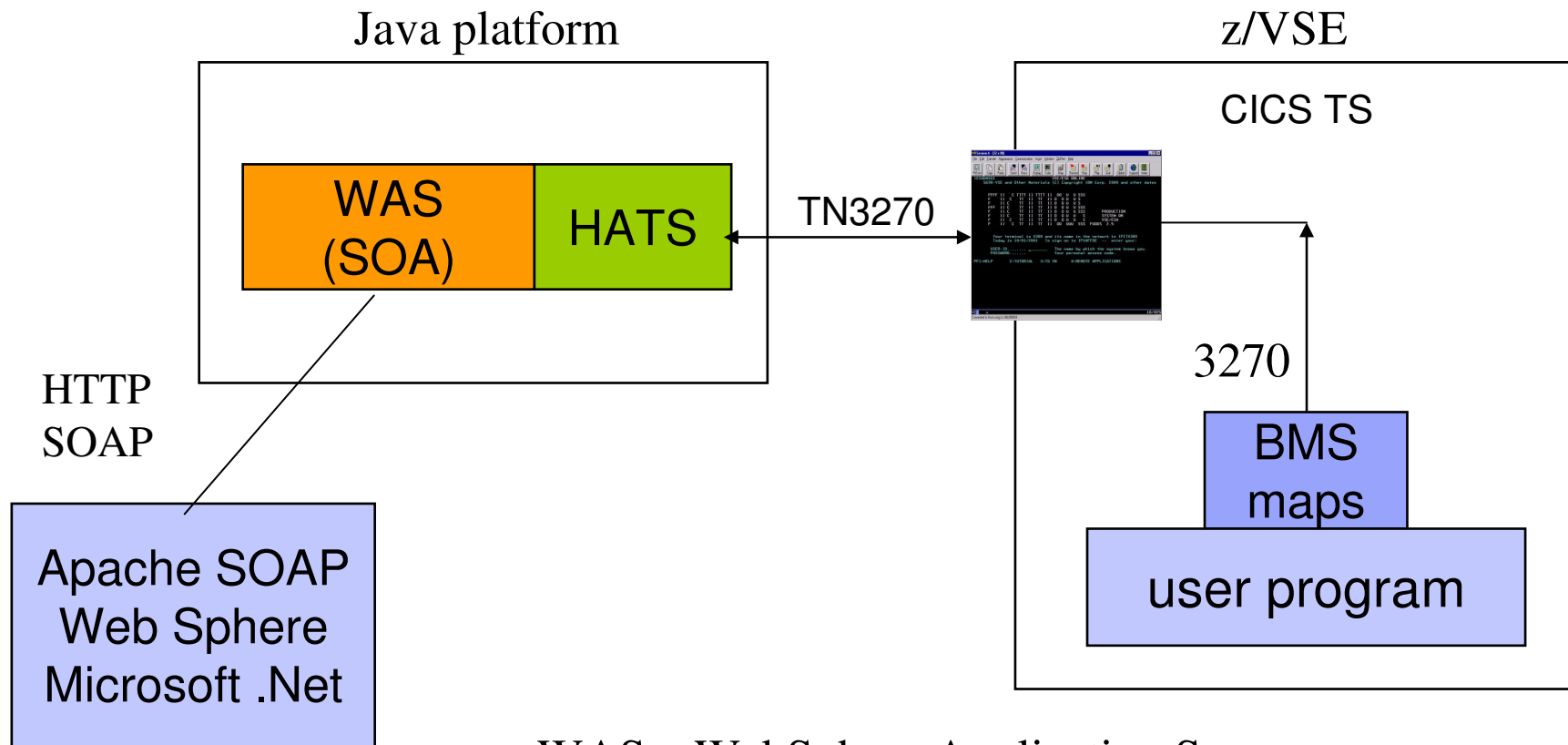


## Web Services with **Middle tier** and z/VSE

The Web Service is implemented on the middle tier – WebSphere Connector technology is used to access VSE logic



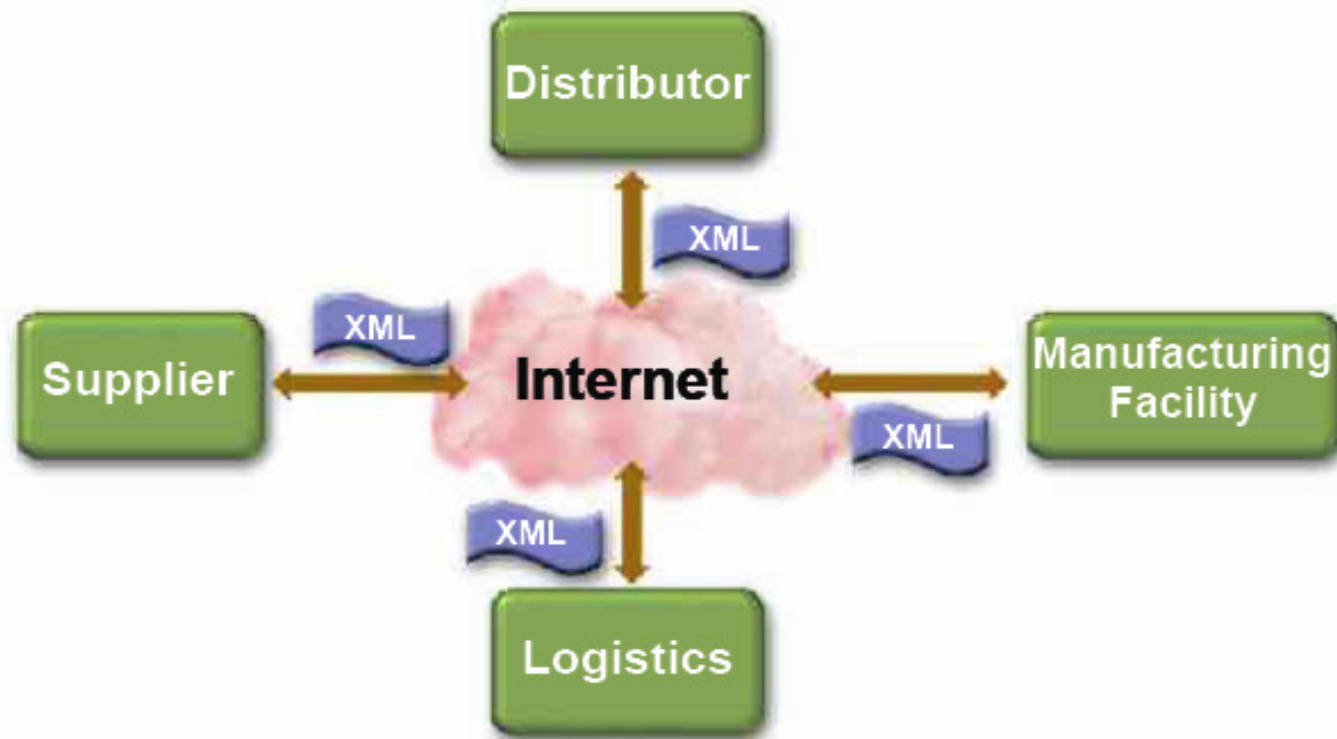
# Web Services with 3270 applications



WAS – WebSphere Application Server

HATS – Host Access Transformation Server

## Web Services Usage

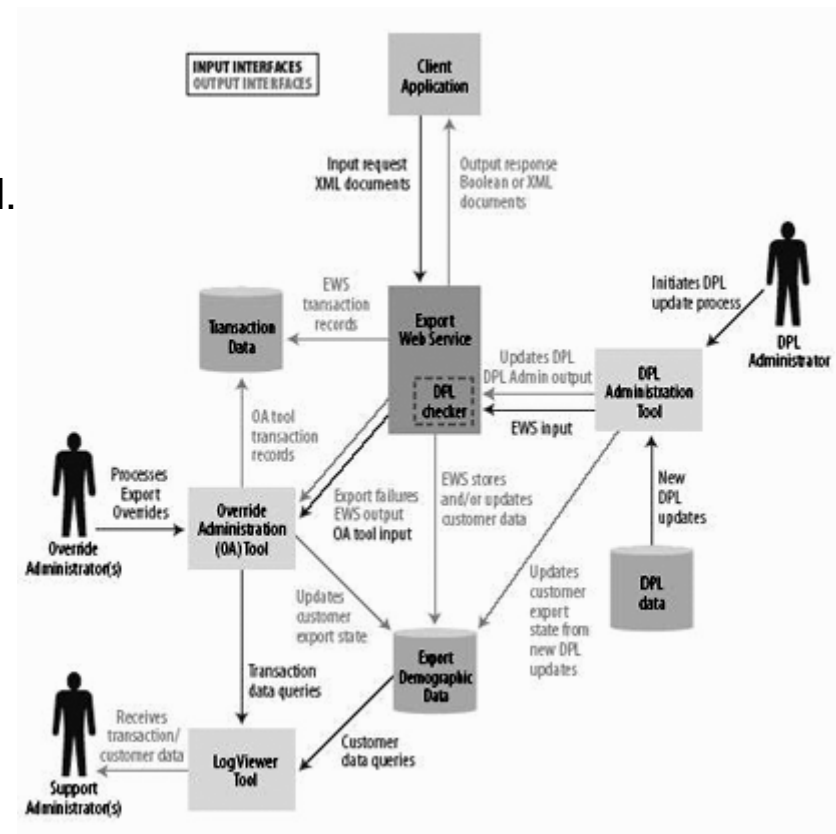


Growing need for a standard infrastructure for application communication independent of platform or programming language.

## SOA Sample: US Export Validation—Regulatory Compliance

### Business need:

- Worldwide access to actual Regula of the US Export Regulations
  - “IBM must comply with U.S. export regulations for product deliveries within the U.S. and abroad. This requirement is met by multiple applications performing export checks on customer demographic data and product purchases and delivery.
  - Each month the U.S. Export Regulations Office publishes a new version of its Denied Parties List.”
- SOA Solution:
  - A unified standard interface was developed for all Systems using a SOA implementation

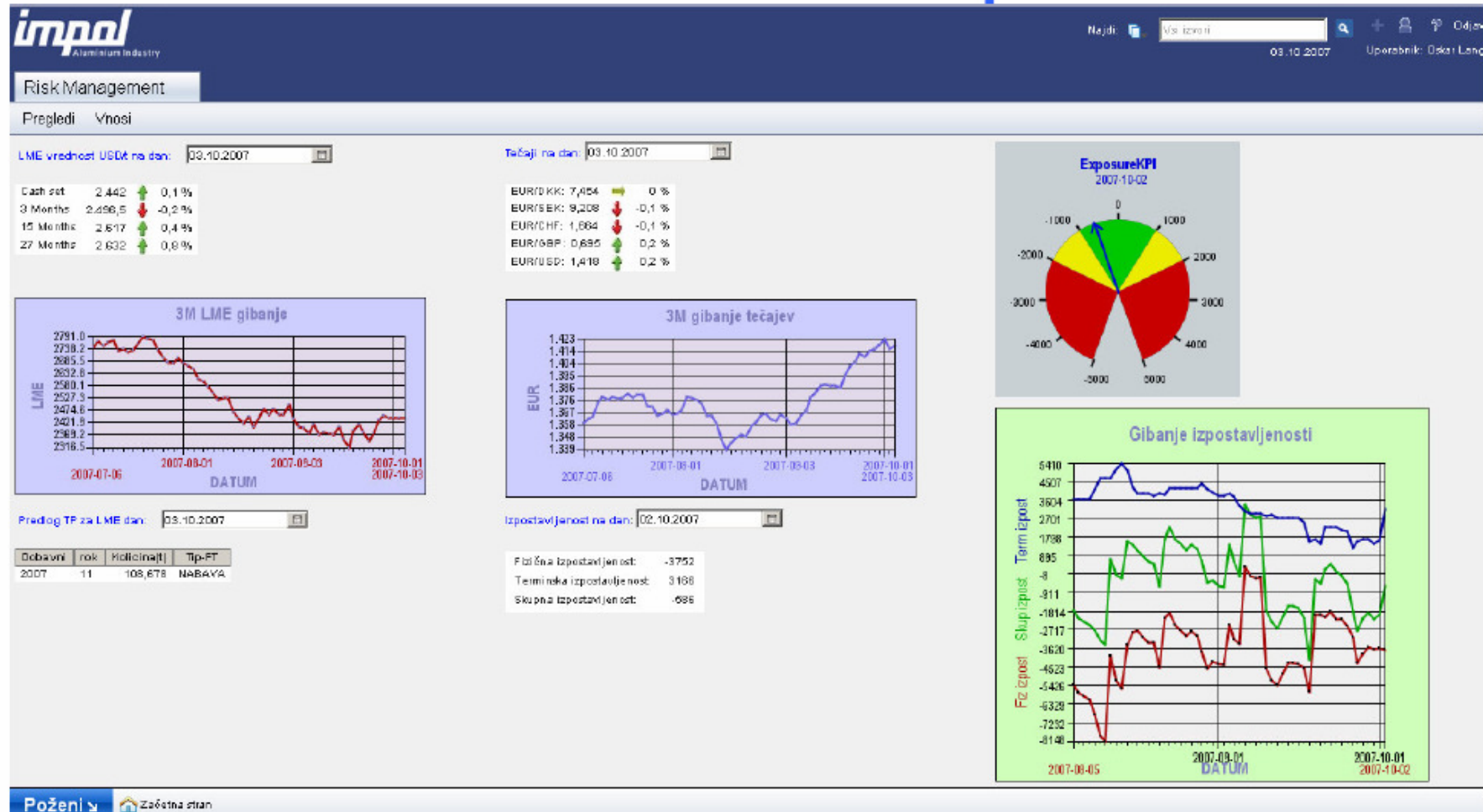


## SOA Sample: Impol produces and sells Aluminum in Slovenia

### Project “Protection of Sales Margin”

- Business Need: Buy and sale based on Stck Rates
  - Business success is depending upon favorable LME price movements and we have to create a business environment which can be controlled and commanded by us. The main risk is the constantly increasing Aluminum price volatility on the London Metal Exchange.
  
- SOA Solution:
  - Each deal is calculated based on actual LME Value – realized with a SOA
    - Alcad and IBM described the process with **WebSphere Business Modeler**. In the course of optimizing and simulating this process we saw the high flexibility of IBM WebSphere and we knew why IBM is market leader.
    - A key tool was also the **WebSphere Integration developer** which enables us to transform many of the existing IT assets into highly efficient, flexible and reuseable services.
    - Having also **WebSphere Process Server** in place, it is very easy to quickly deploy those services enterprise wide!
    - And for the first time we now are able to monitor the process flows in real-time with IBM **WebSphere Business Monitor**, immediately react on process gaps and use this information as input for better strategic decisions and planning.

# Portal RM Impol



SOA with z/VSE, z/VM and Linux on System z

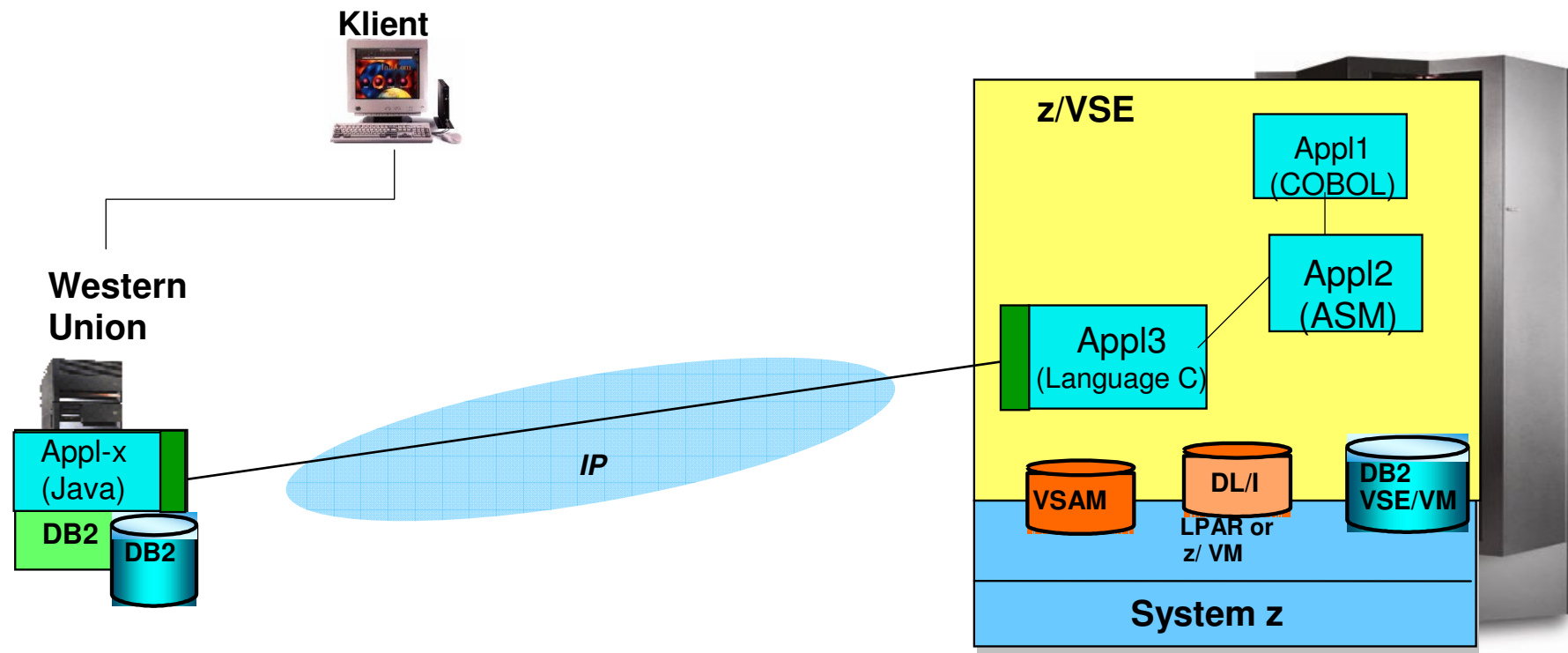


## SOA Sample 2: Alabama All Water Co., USA

### Business Need:

- Last minute check before Water Service is stopped

The company that the Water Co. customers will use for the ePayments is Western Union. There is a requirement to transfer data from the Western Union systems to the Water Co.'s system on a real-time basis. The reason for the real-time requirement is to handle the situation when a delinquent customer makes payment at the last minute to keep service from being turned off.



## SOA Sample 3: Ball State University Indiana, USA „Student Address-System Integration“

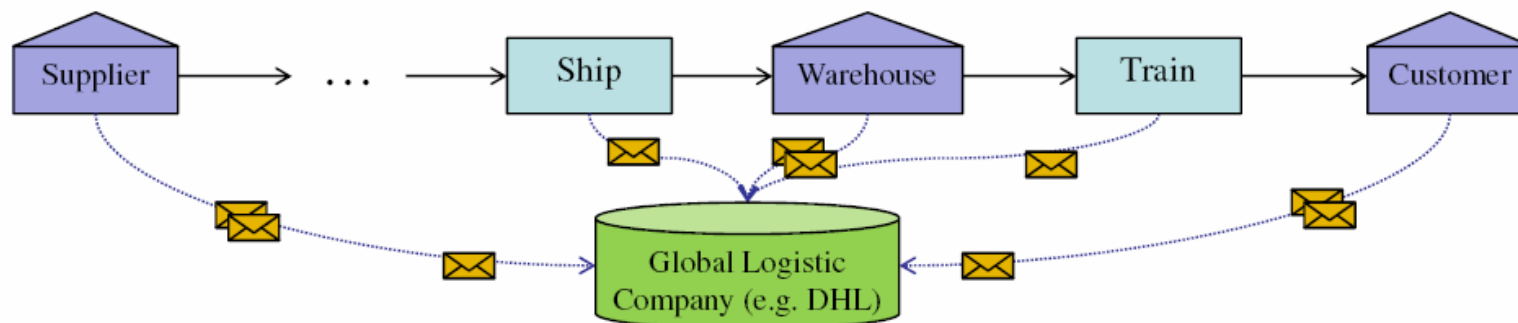
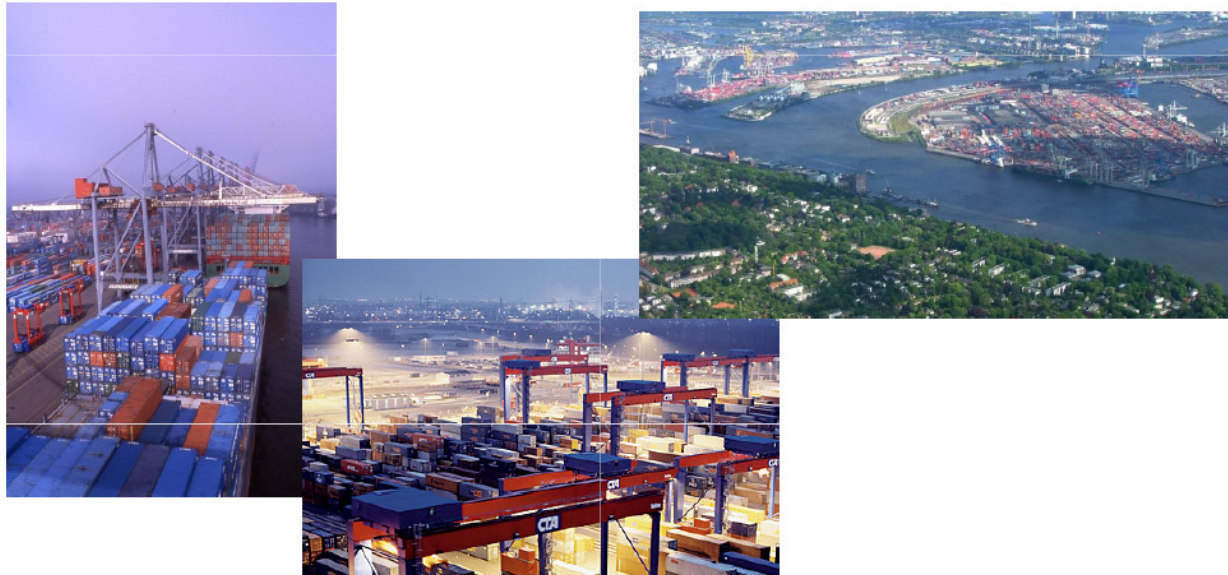
- **Business Need: Reduce Administrative effort**
  - “Coordinate 40 name and address systems to streamline administrative processes and ensure information integrity for users”
  
- **SOA Solution: Building reusable components with SOA**
  - The IBM SOA solution runs in the mainframe environment utilizing **IBM CICS Transaction Server**. This version strengthens the application development capabilities of CICS and extends CICS applications to an SOA. In a scenario in which information is provided as a service and applications are decoupled rather than hard-coded together, CICS makes it possible for transactions to readily connect with multiple interfaces and repositories to provide authoritative data.
  - IBM WebSphere Enterprise Service Bus**, works in conjunction with IBM WebSphere Application Server, to communicate between decoupled back and front ends, choosing the destination for a message and transforming it into the correct format.
  - IBM WebSphere Host Access Transformation Server (HATS)**, Version 7, generates Web Services Definition Language (WSDL) that is callable by BSU’s .NET front end to publish information to the user interface.
  - IBM WebSphere Integration Developer** enables developers to assemble complex applications across the ESB by connecting reusable components.
  - IBM DB2, Version 8**, is the database for the SOA.

***So, the advent of SOA and Web services is not just an evolutionary step, to me it’s a revolutionary step.”***

***–Fred Nay, IT Director, Ball State University***

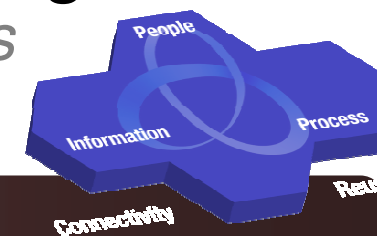
## SOA Sample 4: Logistic at Hamburg Haven

- Daily:
  - >20 Container Ships
  - >25.000 Containers
  - Container stored:
    - >100.000
  - Stay time: 4 days



# Creating & Reusing Services - Greater Value through SOA

*Create Flexible, Service-based Business Applications*

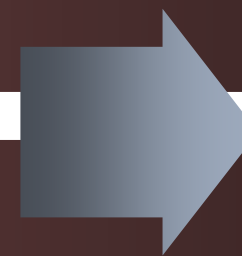


## Value

- Flexibility and elimination of duplication for reduced cycle times
- Expanded access to core applications
- Consultant studies have found it 5X less expensive to re-use existing applications than to write new applications\*

## Start with

- What services are needed to run your business?
- Identify high-value existing IT assets and service-enable them for reuse
- Fill in gaps by creating new services for today's business needs and future reuse
- Registry/repository to facilitate centralized access and control of reusable services



*“With reuse, solving the next business problem can be done more quickly and efficiently.”*

- Amy Wohl

\* Software Productivity Research (SPR)

## Documentation

- **What is SOA?**
  - <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/webservices/newto/>
  - <http://webservices.xml.com/pub/a/ws/2003/09/30/soa.html>
  
- **Web Services**
  - <http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/documentation/ebusiness.html#soap>
  
- ***z/VSE e-business Connectors, User's Guide (SC33-8231)***
  - <http://www-03.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/>
  
- **Web Services in VSE (zJournal.com )**
  - <http://www.zjournal.com/index.cfm?section=article&aid=281>
  - <http://www.zjournal.com/index.cfm?section=article&aid=320>
  - Includes COBOL sample code