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# Web Services

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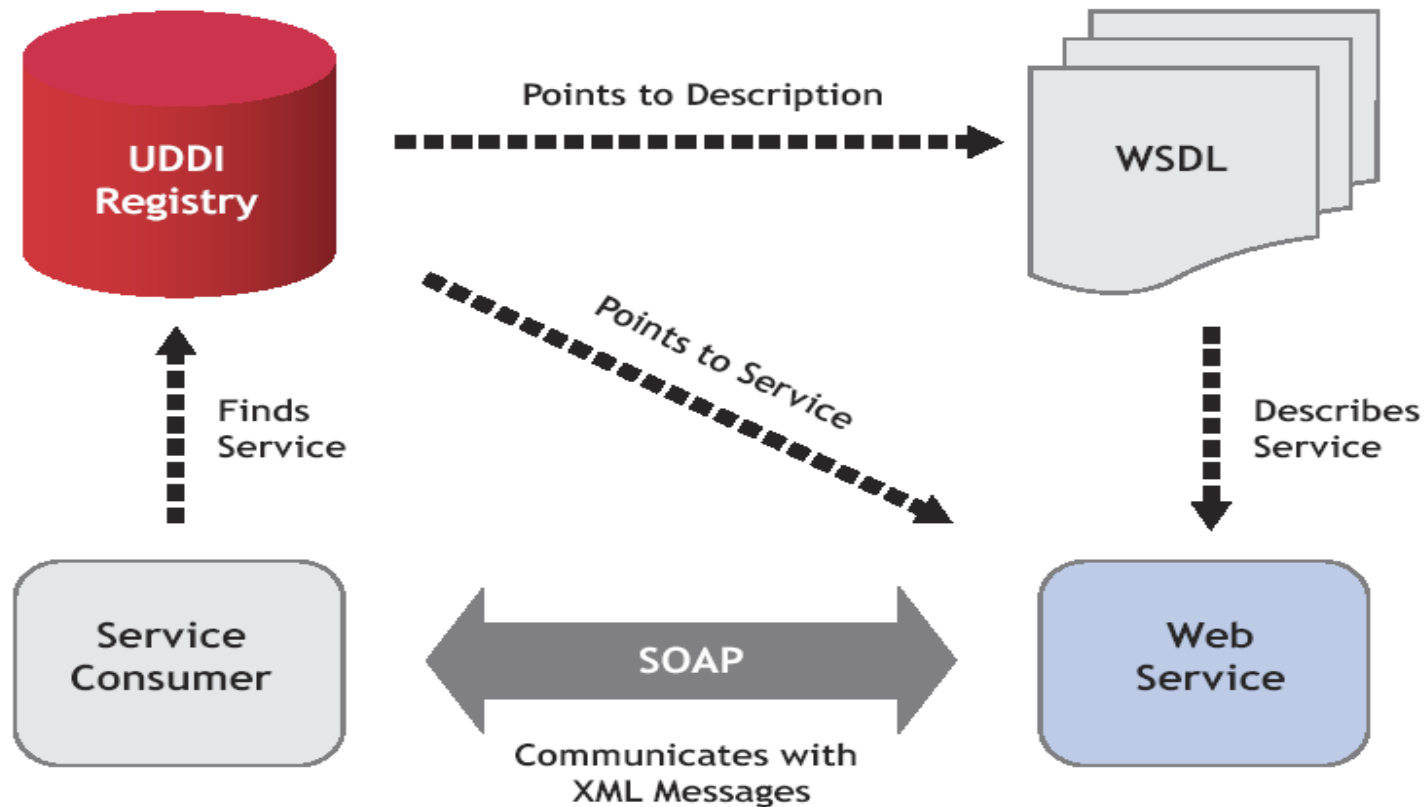
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# What's a Web Service?




- A program programmatically accessible over standard internet protocols
- Loosely coupled, reusable components
- Encapsulate discrete functionality
- Distributed
- Add new level of functionality on top of the current web

# Web Services Framework



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## Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) - Limited Beta

Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) is a web service that provides resizable compute capacity in the cloud. It is designed to make web-scale computing easier for developers.

Just as Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) enables storage in the cloud, Amazon EC2 enables "compute" in the cloud. Amazon EC2's simple web service interface allows you to obtain and configure capacity with minimal friction. It provides you with complete control of your computing resources and lets you run on Amazon's proven computing environment. Amazon EC2 reduces the time required to obtain and boot new server instances to minutes, allowing you to quickly scale capacity, both up and down, as your computing requirements change. Amazon EC2 changes the economics of computing by allowing you to pay only for capacity that you actually use.

### Amazon EC2 Functionality

Amazon EC2 presents a true virtual computing environment, allowing you to use web service interfaces to requisition machines for use, load them with your custom application environment, manage your network's access permissions, and run your image using as many or few systems as you desire.

To use Amazon EC2, you simply:

- Create an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) containing your applications, libraries, data and associated configuration settings. Or use our pre-configured, templated images to get up and running immediately.
- Upload the AMI into Amazon S3. Amazon EC2 provides tools that make storing the AMI simple. Amazon S3 provides a safe, reliable and fast repository to store your images.
- Use Amazon EC2 web service to configure

### Customer Spotlight

#### Jamglue.com

Jamglue, a music mixing site, uses Amazon EC2 to power their backend audio processing. Jamglue built and launched their service using Amazon S3 and Amazon EC2 and has saved considerable time and money.

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### Developer Connection

## Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3)

Amazon S3 is storage for the Internet. It is designed to make web-scale computing easier for developers.

Amazon S3 provides a simple web services interface that can be used to store and retrieve any amount of data, at any time, from anywhere on the web. It gives any developer access to the same highly scalable, reliable, fast, inexpensive data storage infrastructure that Amazon uses to run its own global network of web sites. The service aims to maximize benefits of scale and to pass those benefits on to developers.

### Amazon S3 Functionality

Amazon S3 is intentionally built with a minimal feature set.

- Write, read, and delete objects containing from 1 byte to 5 gigabytes of data each. The number of objects you can store is unlimited.
- Each object is stored and retrieved via a unique, developer-assigned key.
- Authentication mechanisms are provided to ensure that data is kept secure from unauthorized access. Objects can be made private or public, and rights can be granted to specific users.
- Uses standards-based REST and SOAP interfaces designed to work with any Internet-development toolkit.
- Built to be flexible so that protocol or functional layers can easily be added. Default download protocol is HTTP. A BitTorrent(TM) protocol interface is provided to lower costs for high-scale distribution. Additional interfaces will be added in the future.

### Customer Spotlight

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## Amazon Mechanical Turk (Amazon MTurk) - Beta

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Create and test your HIT requests before they go live in the Mechanical Turk Developer Sandbox.

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### Sign Up for Amazon Mechanical Turk

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1. [Create an AWS Account](#)
2. Register as a Requester at [requester.mturk.amazon.com](http://requester.mturk.amazon.com) to begin building with the Amazon Mechanical Turk web service.
3. Before creating a HIT, deposit funds to pay for completed HITs at [requester.mturk.amazon.com](http://requester.mturk.amazon.com).

### See How Work is Completed

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### Developer Connection

Amazon Mechanical Turk is a marketplace for work that requires human intelligence. The Mechanical Turk web service enables companies to programmatically access this marketplace and a diverse, on-demand workforce. Developers can leverage this service to build human intelligence directly into their applications.

While computing technology continues to improve, there are still many things that human beings can do much more effectively than computers, such as identifying objects in a photo or video, performing data de-duplication, transcribing audio recordings or researching data details. Traditionally, tasks like this have been accomplished by hiring a large temporary workforce (which is time consuming, expensive and difficult to scale) or have gone undone.

Mechanical Turk aims to make accessing human intelligence simple, scalable, and cost-effective. Businesses or developers needing tasks done (called Human Intelligence Tasks or "HITS") can use the robust Mechanical Turk APIs to access thousands of high quality, low cost, global, on-demand workers -- and then programmatically integrate the results of that work directly into their business processes and systems. Mechanical Turk enables developers and businesses to achieve their goals more quickly and at a lower cost than was previously possible.

### The Origin of the Name - Mechanical Turk

In 1769, Hungarian nobleman Wolfgang von Kempelen astonished Europe by building a mechanical chess-playing automaton that defeated nearly every opponent it faced. A life-sized wooden mannequin, adorned with a fur-trimmed robe and a turban, was seated on a wooden cabinet and toured Europe confounding such brilliant challengers as Benjamin Franklin and Napoleon Bonaparte. To persuade skeptical audiences, Kempelen would slide

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# Problems with Web Services Today



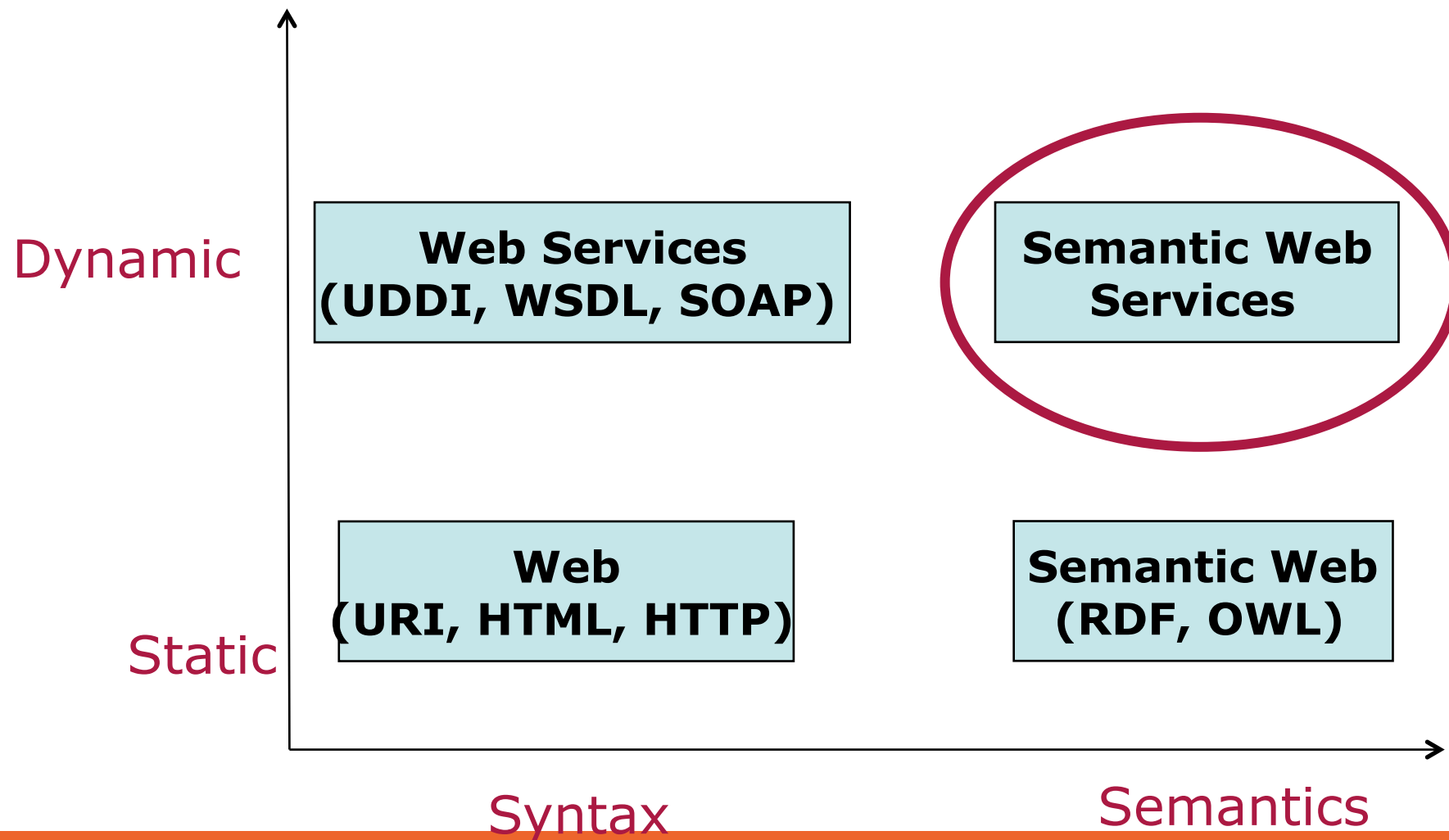
- Descriptions are syntactic
- All tasks associated with web services application development have to be carried out by humans:
  - discovery, composition and invocation
- Problems of scalability

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# SWS Vision



# Semantic Web Services (is)



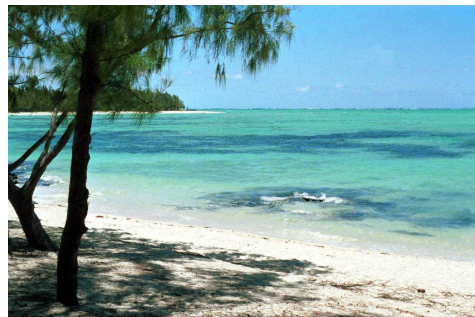
- Semantic Web Technology
  - Machine readable data
  - Ontological basis

Applied to

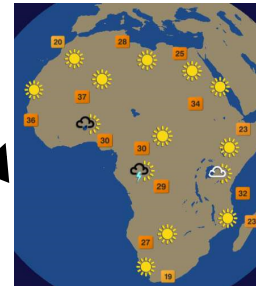
- Web Services Technology
  - Reusable computational resources

To automate all aspects of application development through reuse

# Semantic Web Service Broker



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# What is OWL-S?



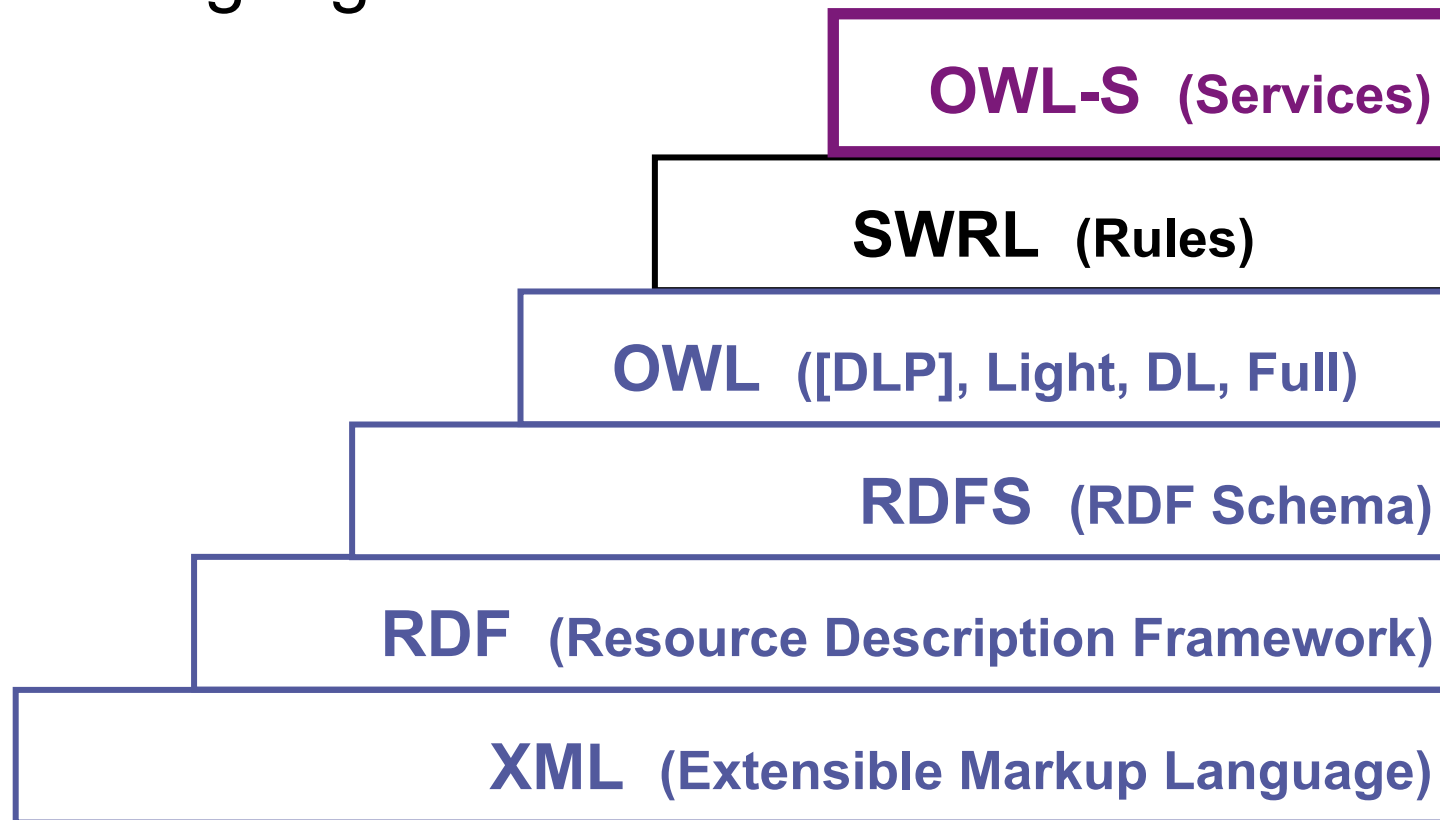
- Ontology Web Language for Services
- An OWL ontology/language for (formally) describing properties and capabilities of Web services
- An approach that draws on many sources
  - Description logic
  - AI planning
  - Workflow
  - Formal process modeling
  - Agents
  - Web services

**<http://www.daml.org/services/owl-s>**

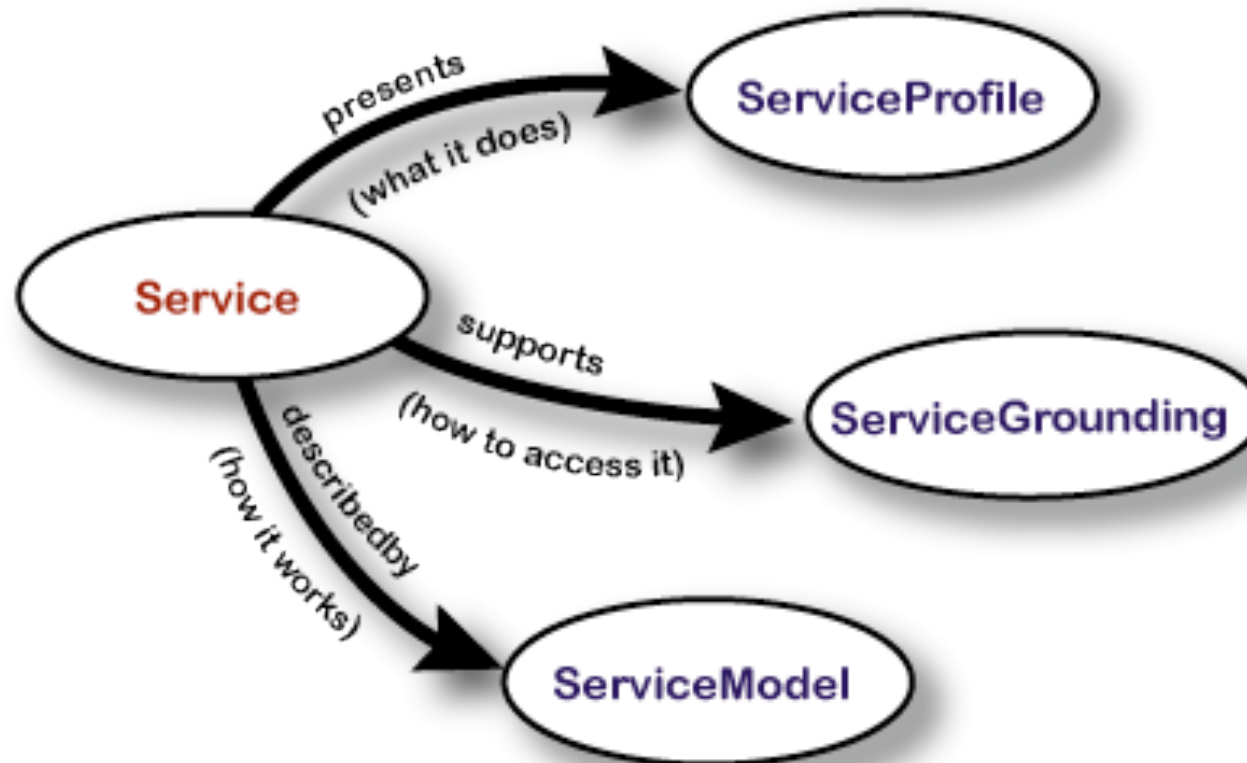
# Layered Approach to Language Development



OWL-S: an ontology expressed in OWL and related languages



# Upper Ontology of Services



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# Service Profile: “What does it do?”



High-level characterization/summary of a service

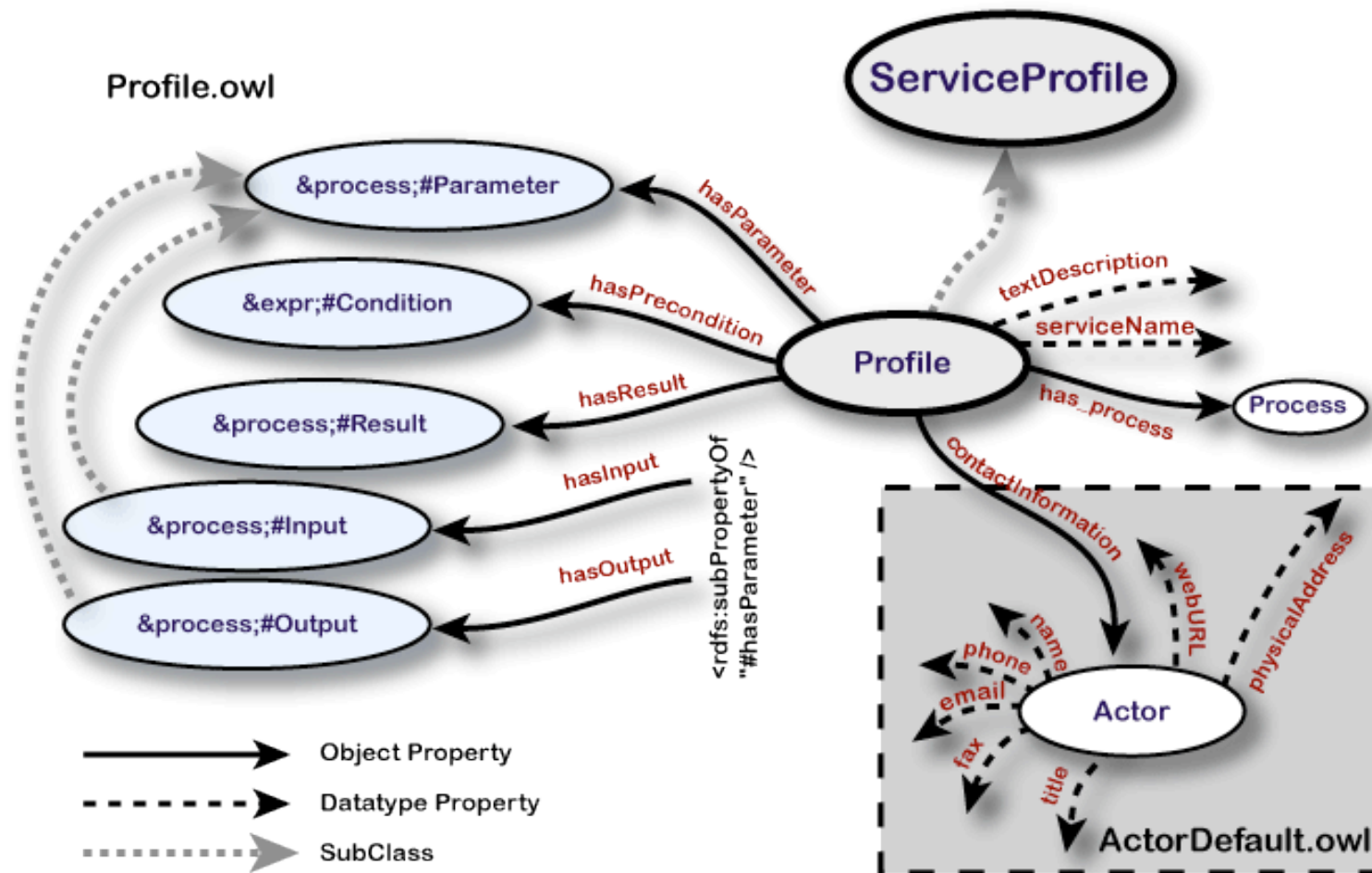
Used for

- Populating service registries
  - A service can have many profiles
- Automated service discovery
- Service selection (matchmaking)

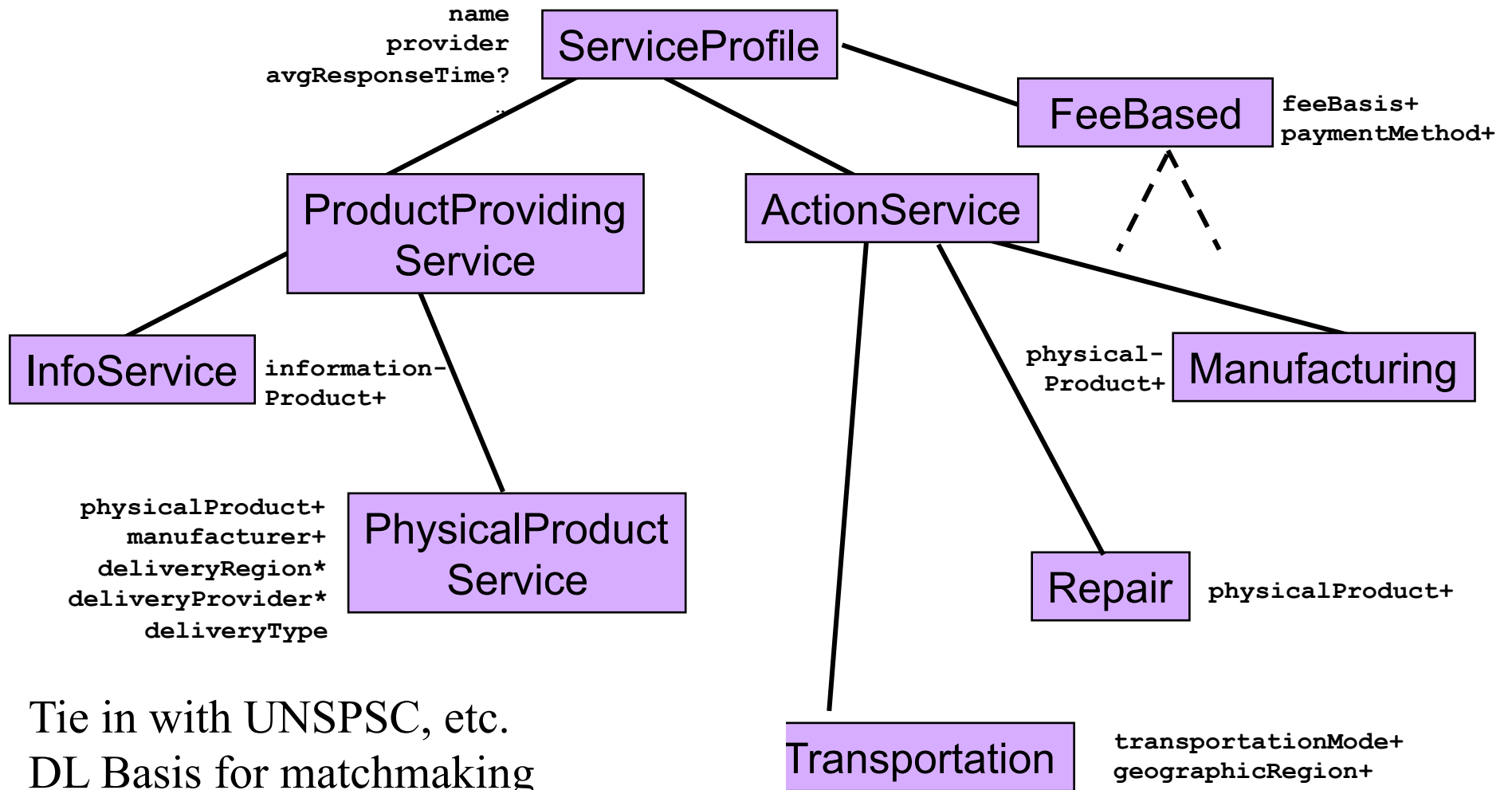
One can derive:

- Service advertisements
- Service requests

# Service Profile (partial)



# Class Hierarchies of Services



Tie in with UNSPSC, etc.

DL Basis for matchmaking

Multiple profiles; multiple hierarchies

# Service Profile: Styles of use



- Class hierarchical yellow pages
  - Implicit capability characterization
  - Arrangement of attributes on class hierarchy
  - Can use multiple inheritance
  - Relies primarily on “non-functional” properties
- Process summaries for planning purposes
  - More explicit
  - Inputs, outputs, preconditions, effects
  - Less reliance on formal hierarchical organization
  - Summarizes process model specs
  - Relies primarily on functional description

# Process Model: “How does it work?”

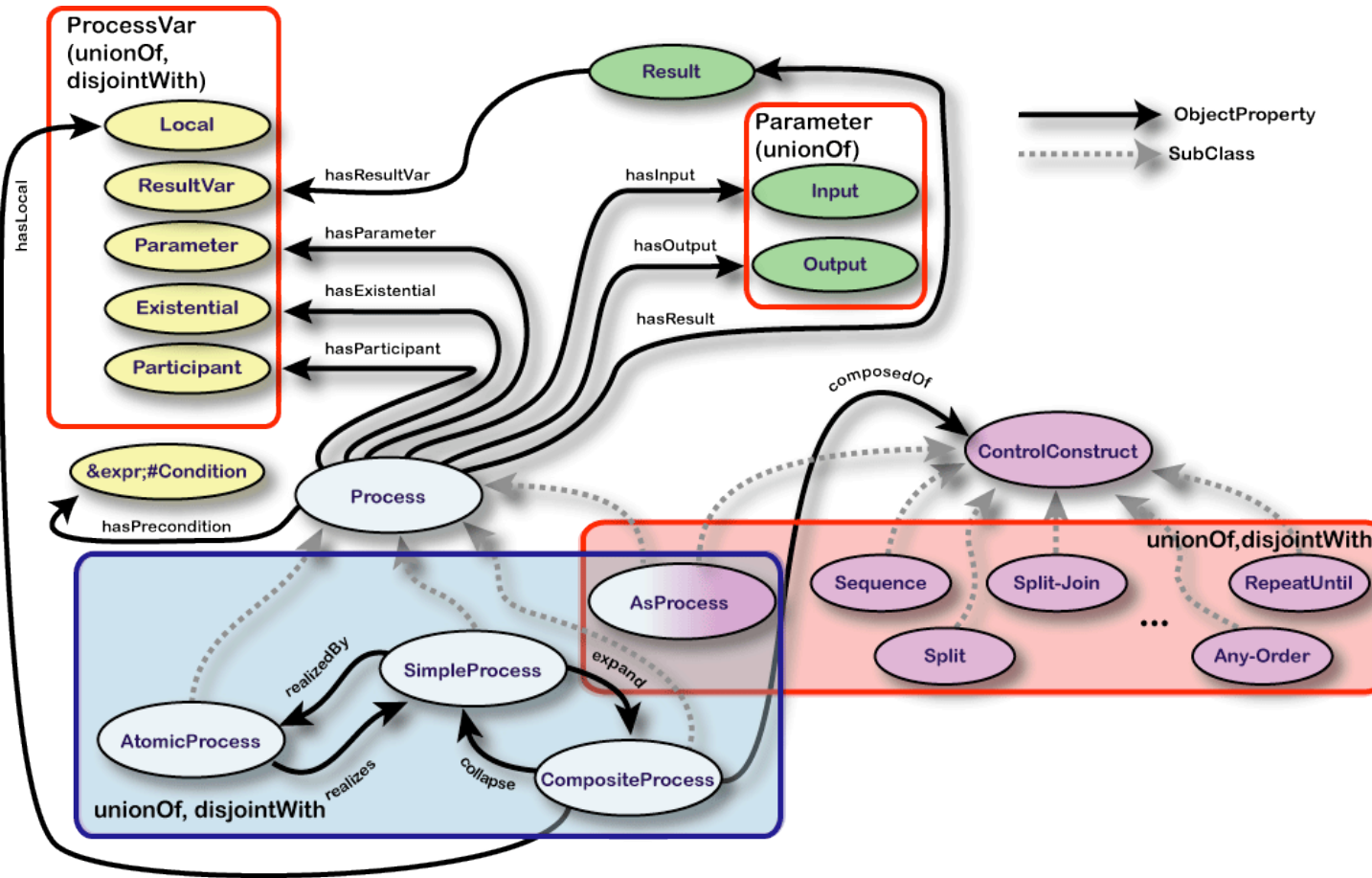


## Process

- Potentially interpretable description of service provider’s behavior
- Tells service user how and when to interact (read/write messages)
- Used for:
  - Service **invocation, planning/composition, interoperation, monitoring**
- All processes have
  - Inputs, outputs, preconditions and effects
- Composite processes
  - Control flow
  - Data flow
- OWL standard serializations; presentation syntax



# Process Model (partial)



# Function/Dataflow Perspective



## Input:

- customer name
- flight number
- credit card
- ...

www.acmeair.com  
book flight service

## Output:

- confirmation no.
- ...

**flight available**  
+  
**valid credit card**

Y

?

N

- failure notification
- ...



# Action/Process Perspective

## Input:

- customer name
- flight number
- credit card
- ...

## Preconditions:

- knowledge of the input
- ...

www.acmeair.com  
book flight service

## Output:

- confirmation no.
- ...

## Effect:

- ticket purchased
- credit card debited
- ...

**flight available**  
+  
**valid credit card**

?

Y

N

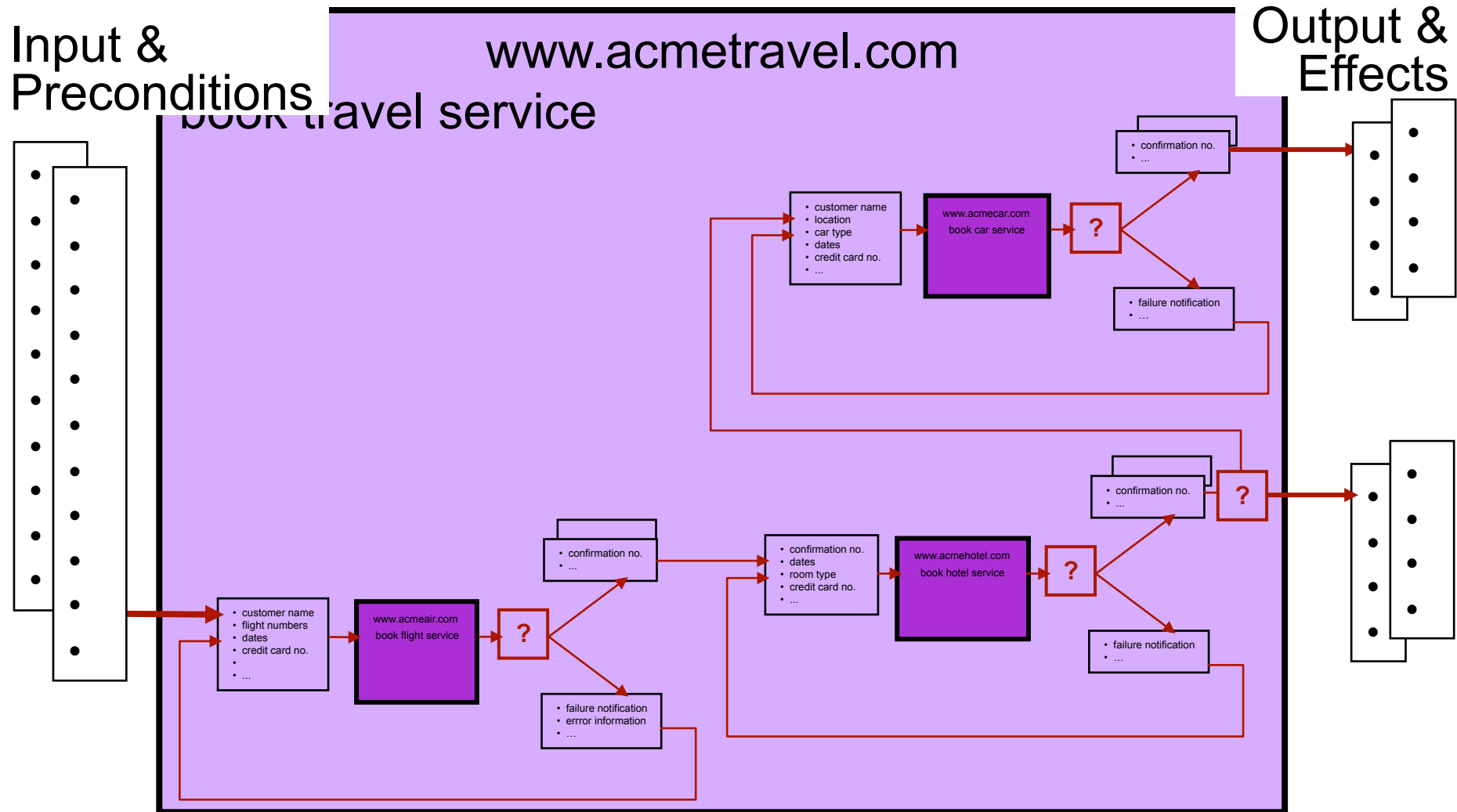
## Output:

- failure notification
- ...

## Effect:

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# Composite Process

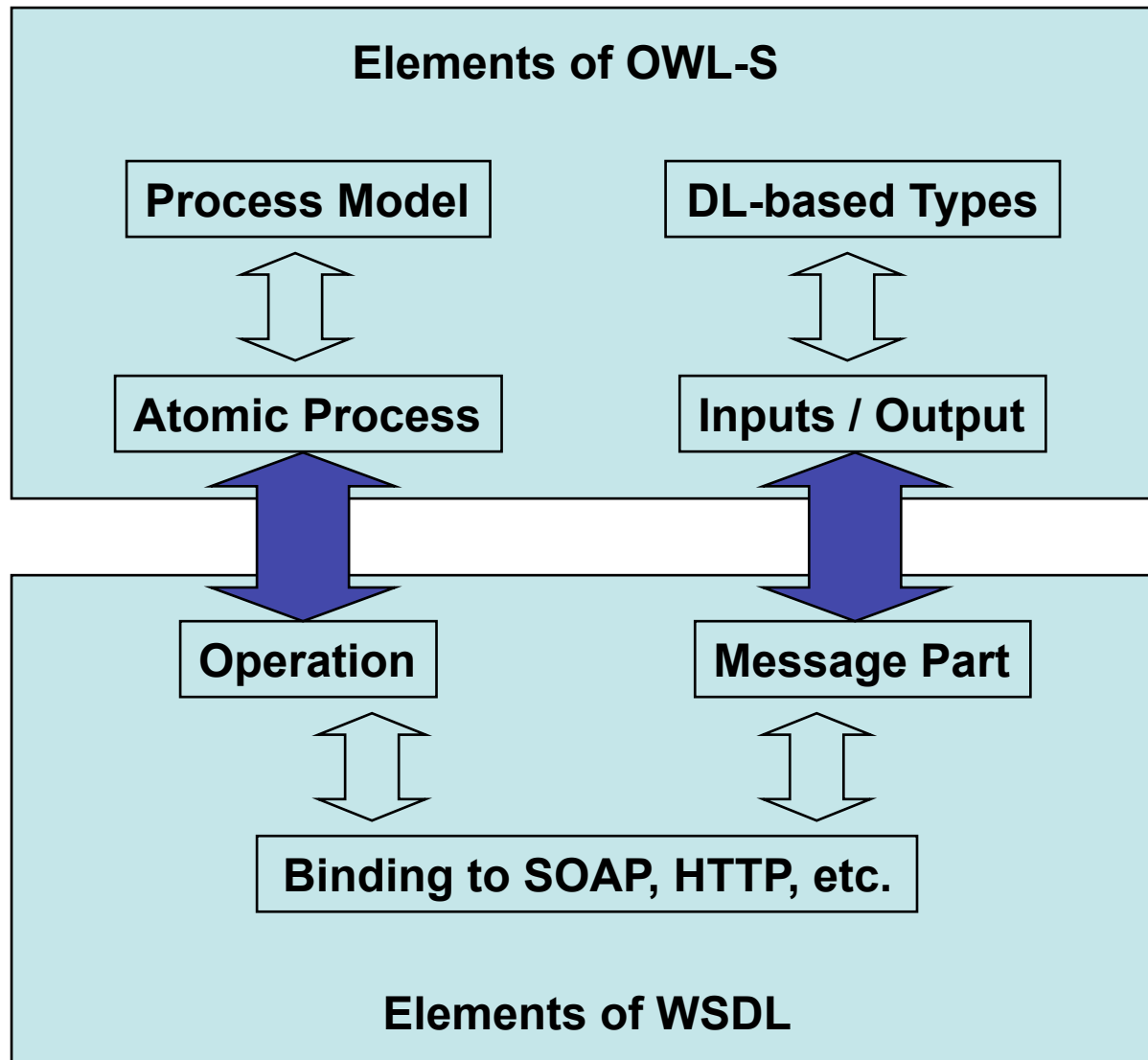


# Service Grounding: “How to access it”



- Implementation specific
- Message formatting, transport mechanisms, protocols, serializations of types
- Service Model + Grounding give everything needed for using the service
- Builds upon WSDL

# OWL-S / WSDL Grounding (pre-SAWSDL)



# OWL-S: Summary & Status



- Describes “what it does”, “how it works”, “how to access it”
  - Profile, Process, Grounding subontologies
- Ties in naturally with WSDL, UDDI
- Additional semantics supports
  - Automation of various Web service tasks
  - Varied applications (later slides)
- W3C member submission
  - <http://www.w3.org/Submission/2004/07/>
  - Corresponds to 1.1 release on daml.org
- 1.2 release completed
- Publications, tools, examples
  - See <http://www.daml.org/services/owl-s/>
  - See <http://www.semwebcentral.org>

# Applications Using OWL-S



- Many examples, including
  - **Task Computing**
  - Software Interoperability
  - e-Science
  - Geospatial Data / Query Integration
  - Autonomous Vehicles



# Application: Task Computing

Technology to enable easy orchestration  
of devices and e-services,  
and support users in executing complex tasks

Fujitsu Laboratories of America, Inc.  
MINDLab of the University of Maryland

<http://www.taskcomputing.org>

*Thanks to  
Ryusuke Masuoka  
for use of this material*

# Goals of Task Computing



- Minimize/facilitate user interaction
  - User interface: mouse clicks and voice
- Focus on **What** (task) instead of **How** (means)
- No preprogramming of devices for tasks

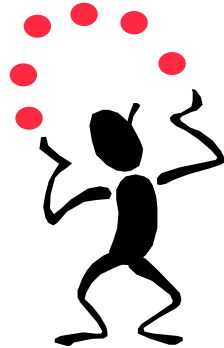
User wants to do “Tasks”



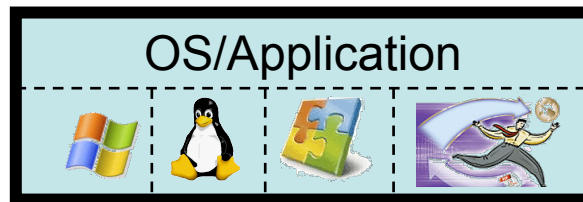
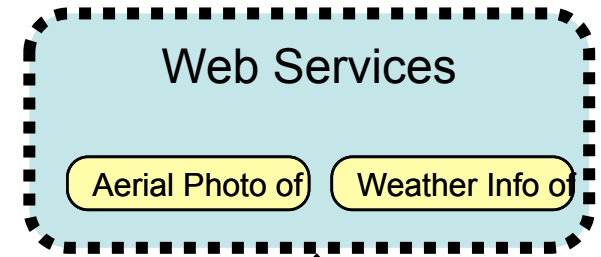
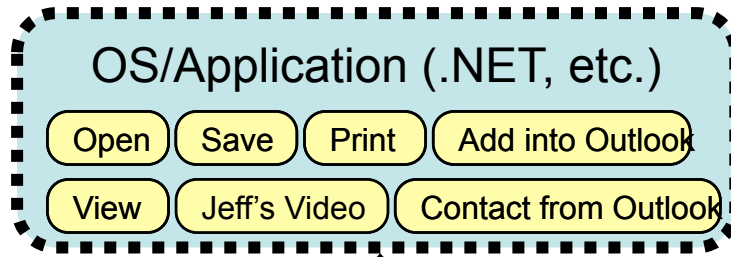
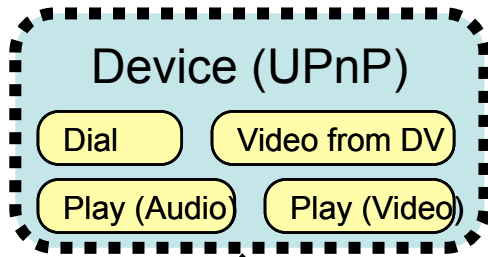
Filling the gap

“Services” offered means  
Web services, UPnP, etc.

# A Giant Leap



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Weather Info of FLA, CP  
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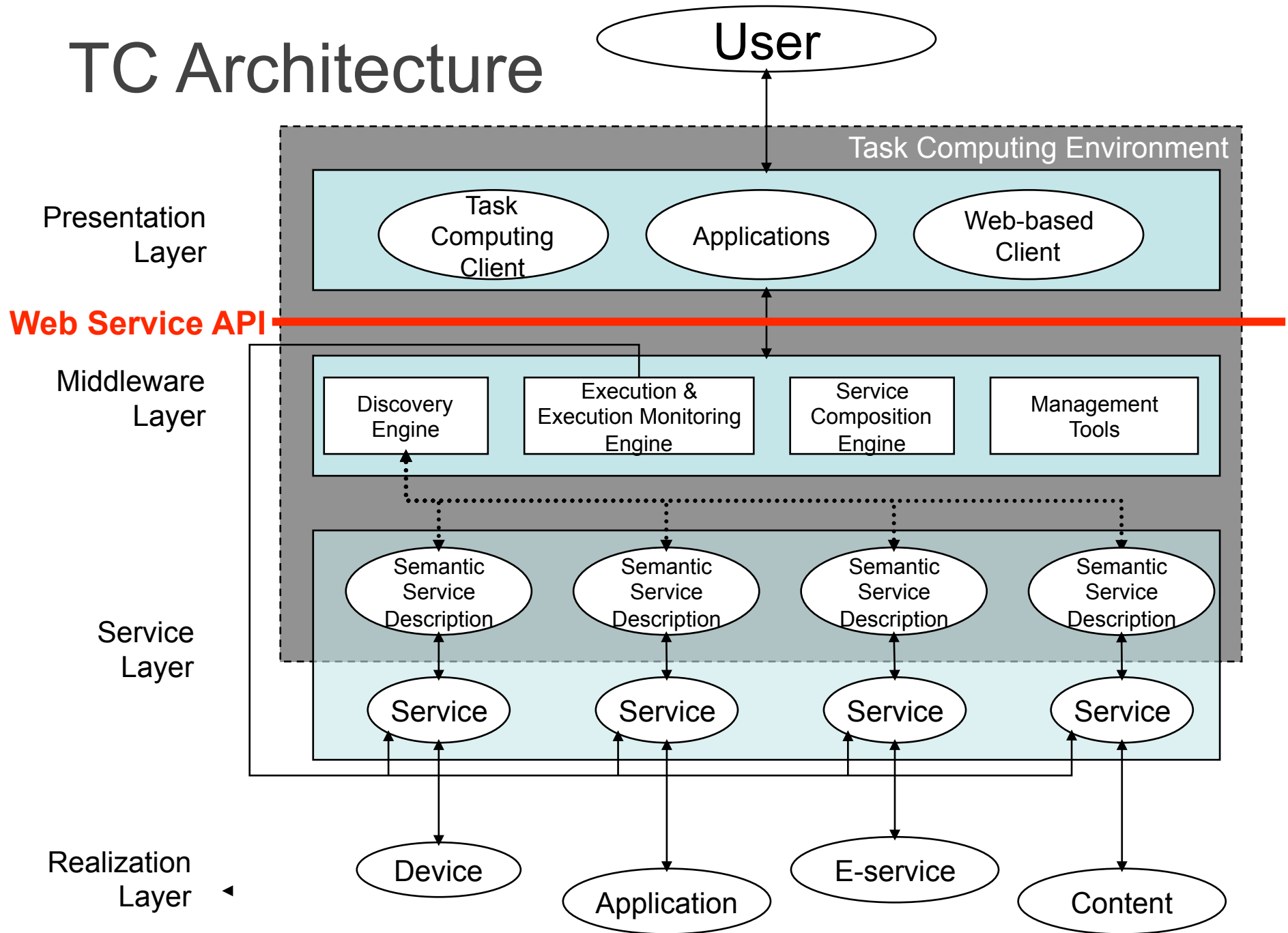


# Fujitsu's Task Computing



- Approach:
  - Integration of Semantic Web and Web Service computing
  - Abstraction of functionality as services: Describe functionality of device or services in OWL-S
  - Use of UPnP for Semantic Service Discovery Mechanism (SSDM) and for service invocation
- More application examples:
  - Display presentation file from mobile computer on the projector in a room you visit for the first time, without connecting a VGA cable
  - Display pictures from a mobile phone on a TV in any room and print it on an available foto printer, without moving memory cards around
- Precondition: Devices are network-ready and equipped with lightweight web server

# TC Architecture



# Web Service Modelling Ontology (WSMO)

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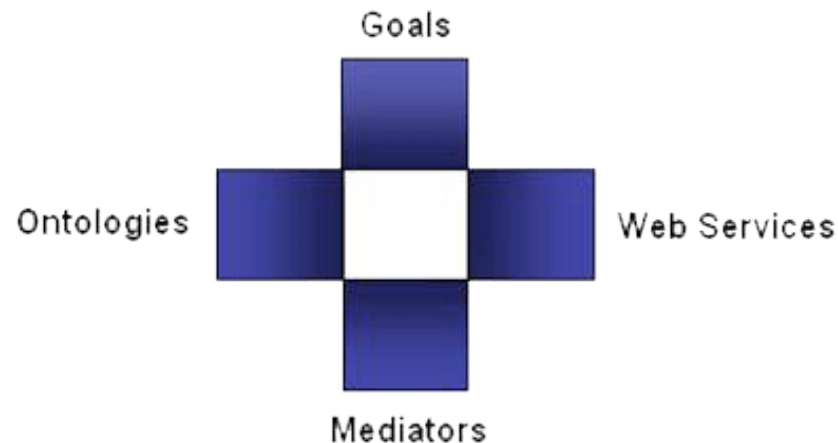
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# WSMO Top Level Notions



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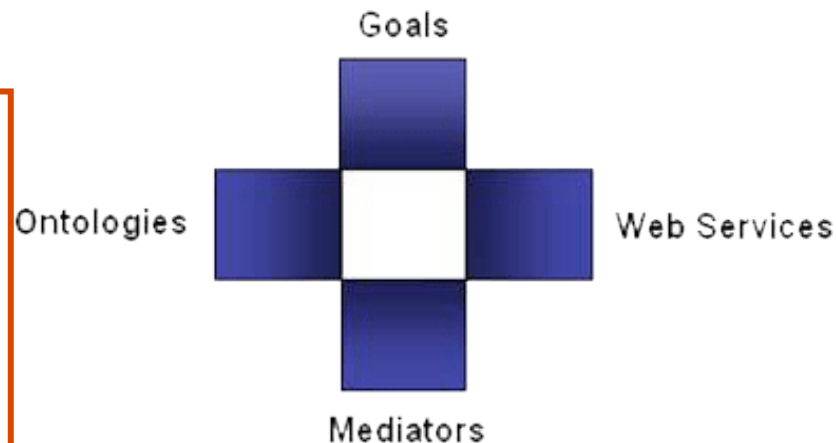
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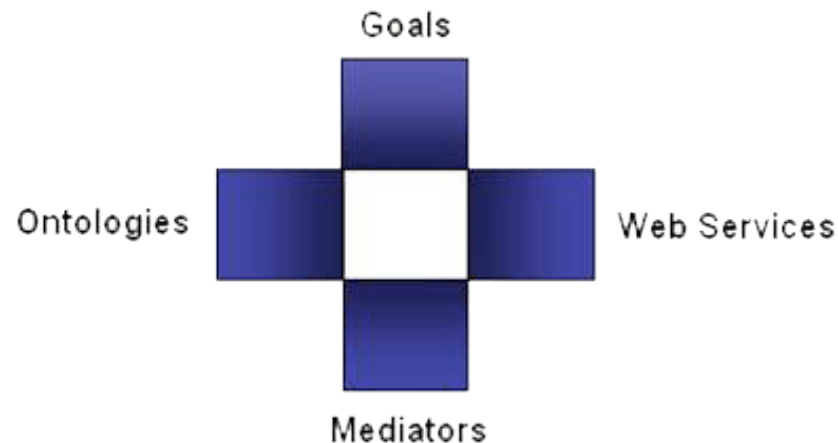


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# Goals



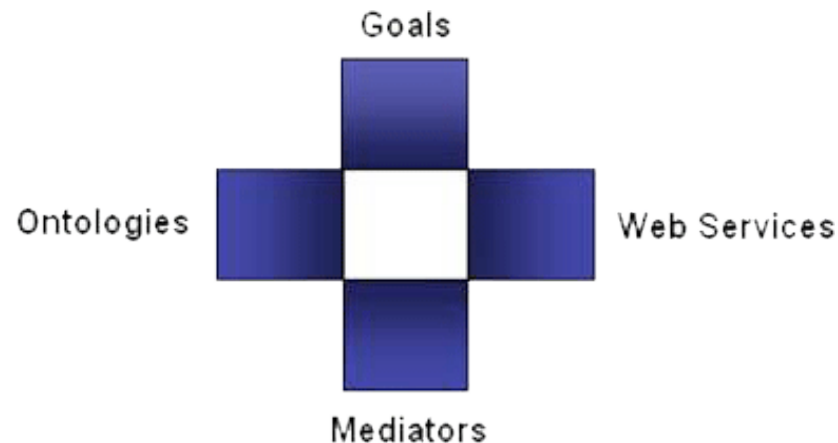
- Ontological De-coupling of Requester and Provider
- Derived from task / problem solving methods/domain model
- Structure and reuse of requests
  - Search
  - Diagnose
  - Classify
  - Personalise
  - Book a holiday
- Requests may in principle not be satisfiable
- Ontological relationships & mediators used to link goals to web services

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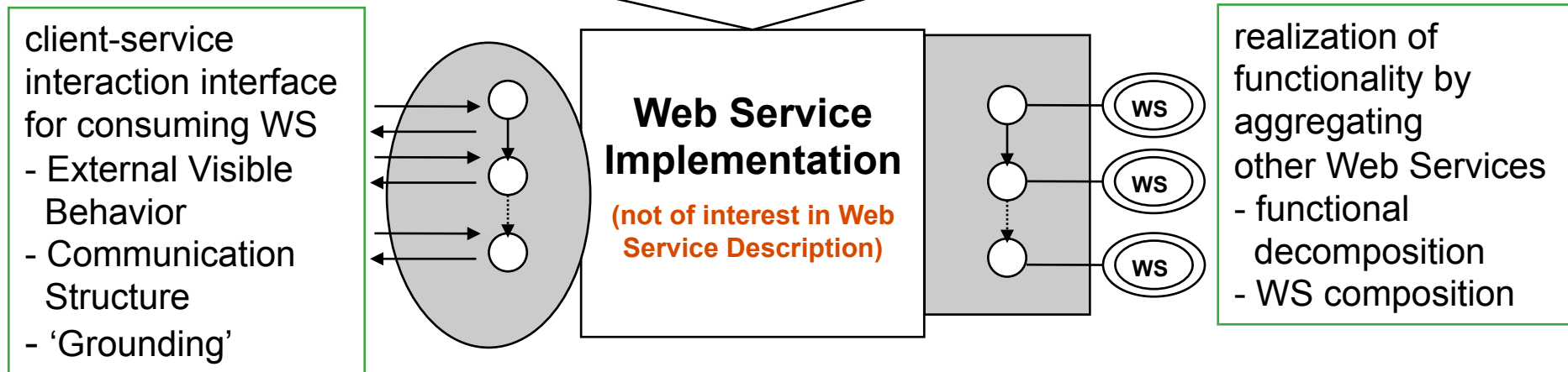
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DC + QoS + Version + financial

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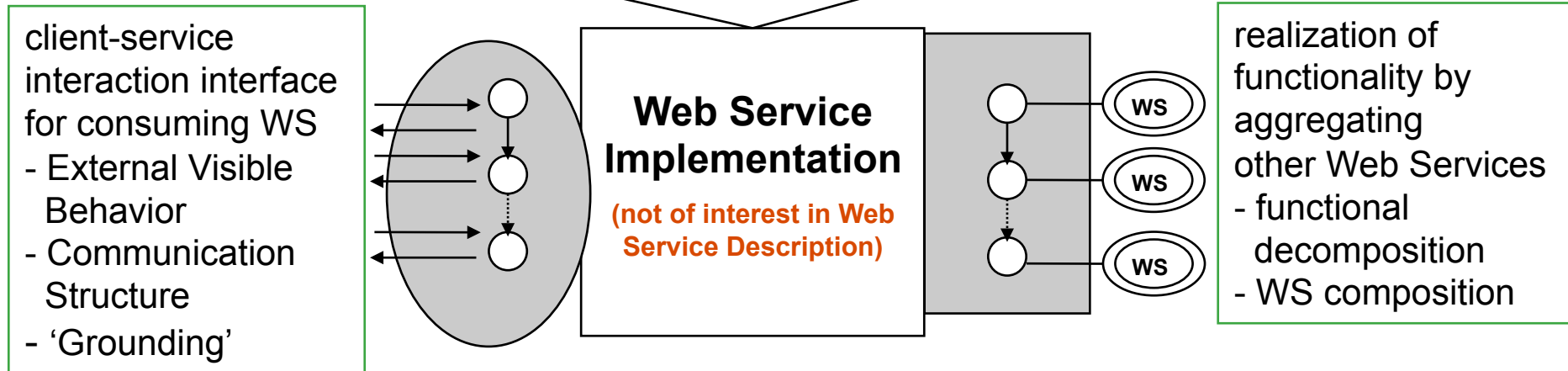
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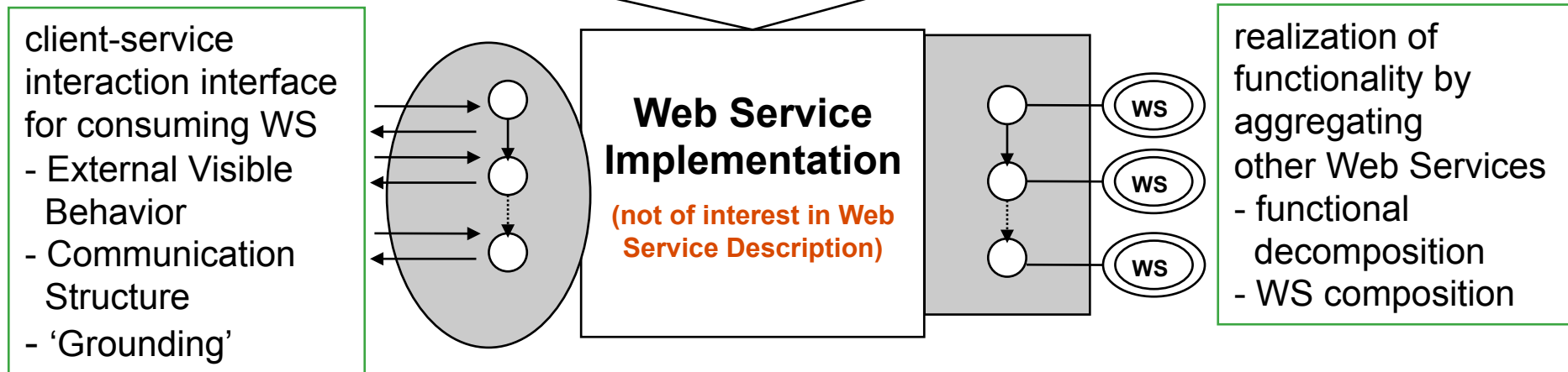
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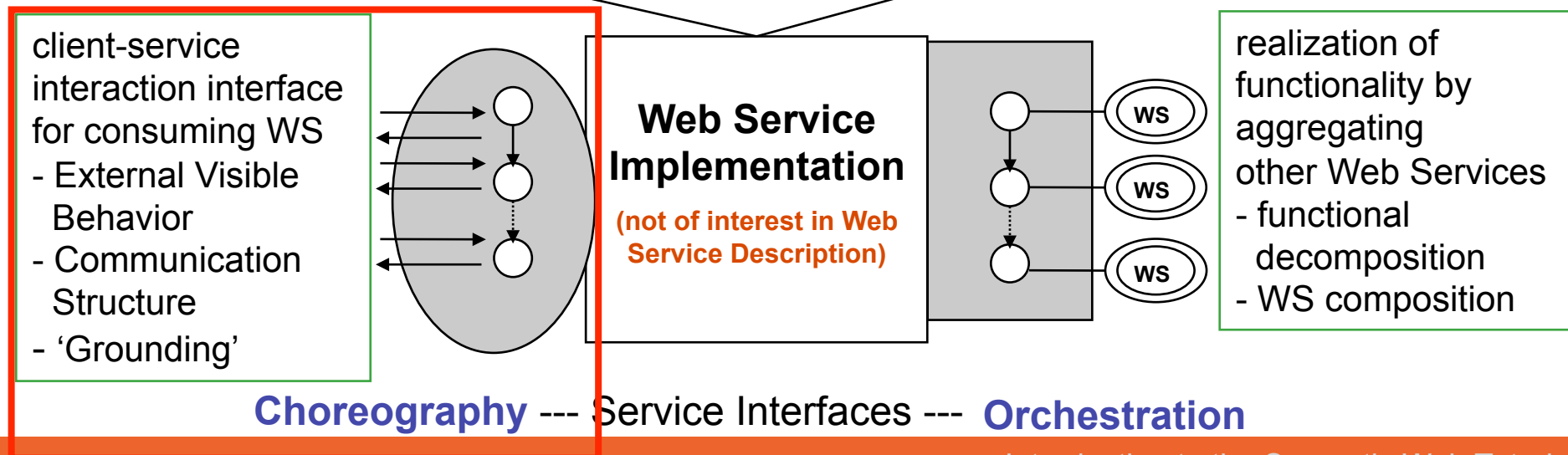
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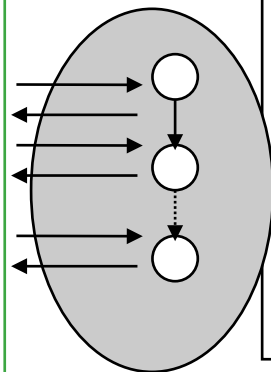
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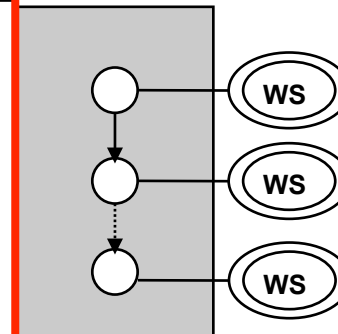
client-service  
interaction interface  
for consuming WS

- External Visible Behavior
- Communication Structure
- 'Grounding'



## Web Service Implementation

(not of interest in Web Service Description)



realization of  
functionality by  
aggregating  
other Web Services

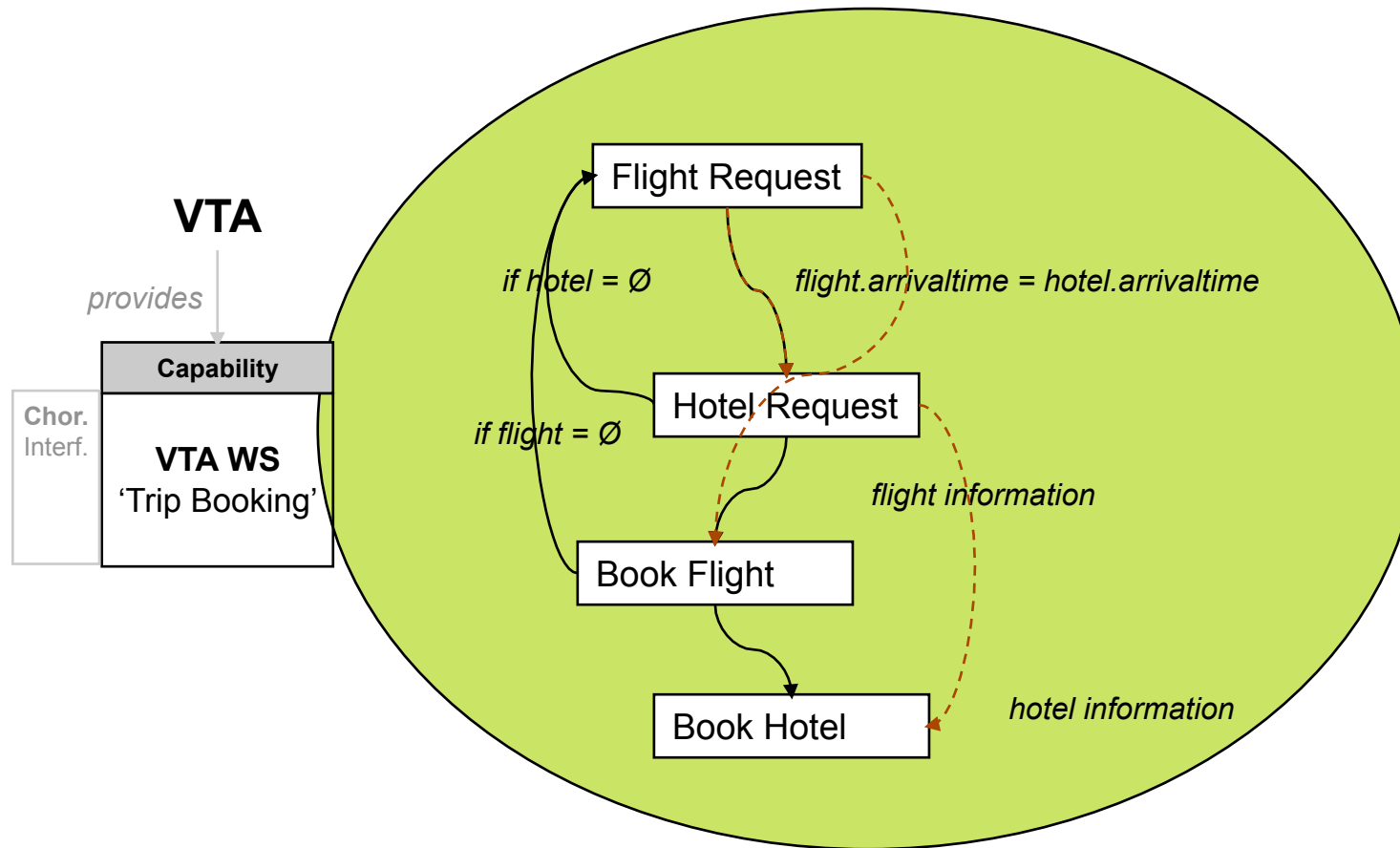
- functional decomposition
- WS composition

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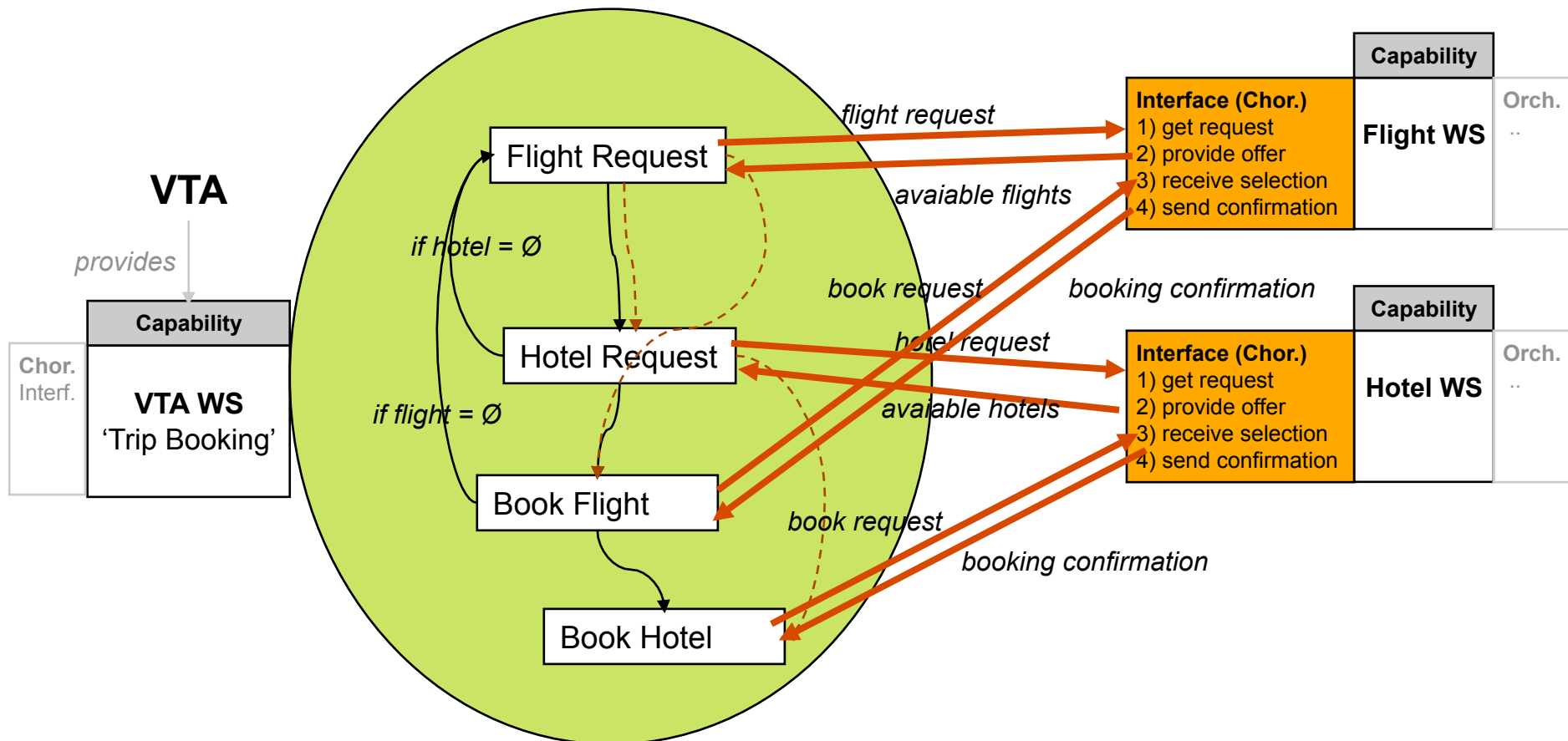


# Orchestration Definition



*process (control + data flow) of goals*

# Runtime Orchestration



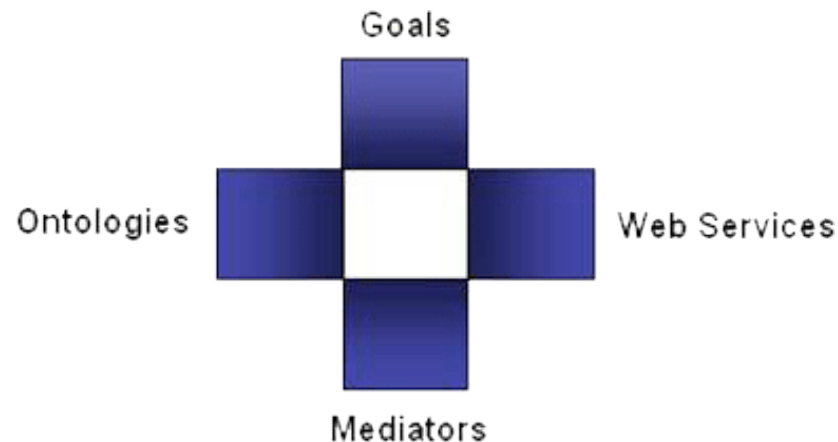
*process (control + data flow) between "states"*  
 + *communication behavior of orchestrating Web Service*

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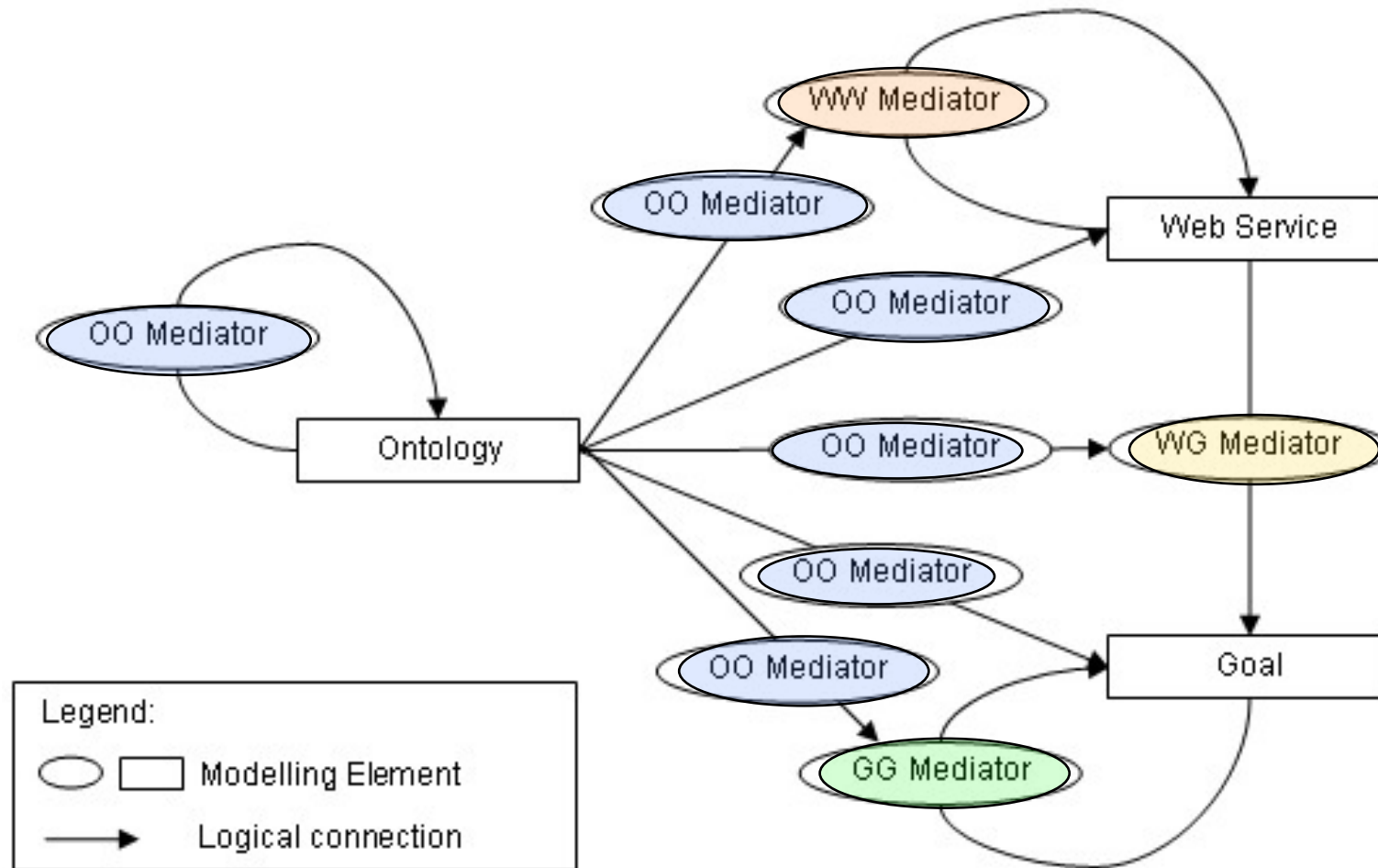
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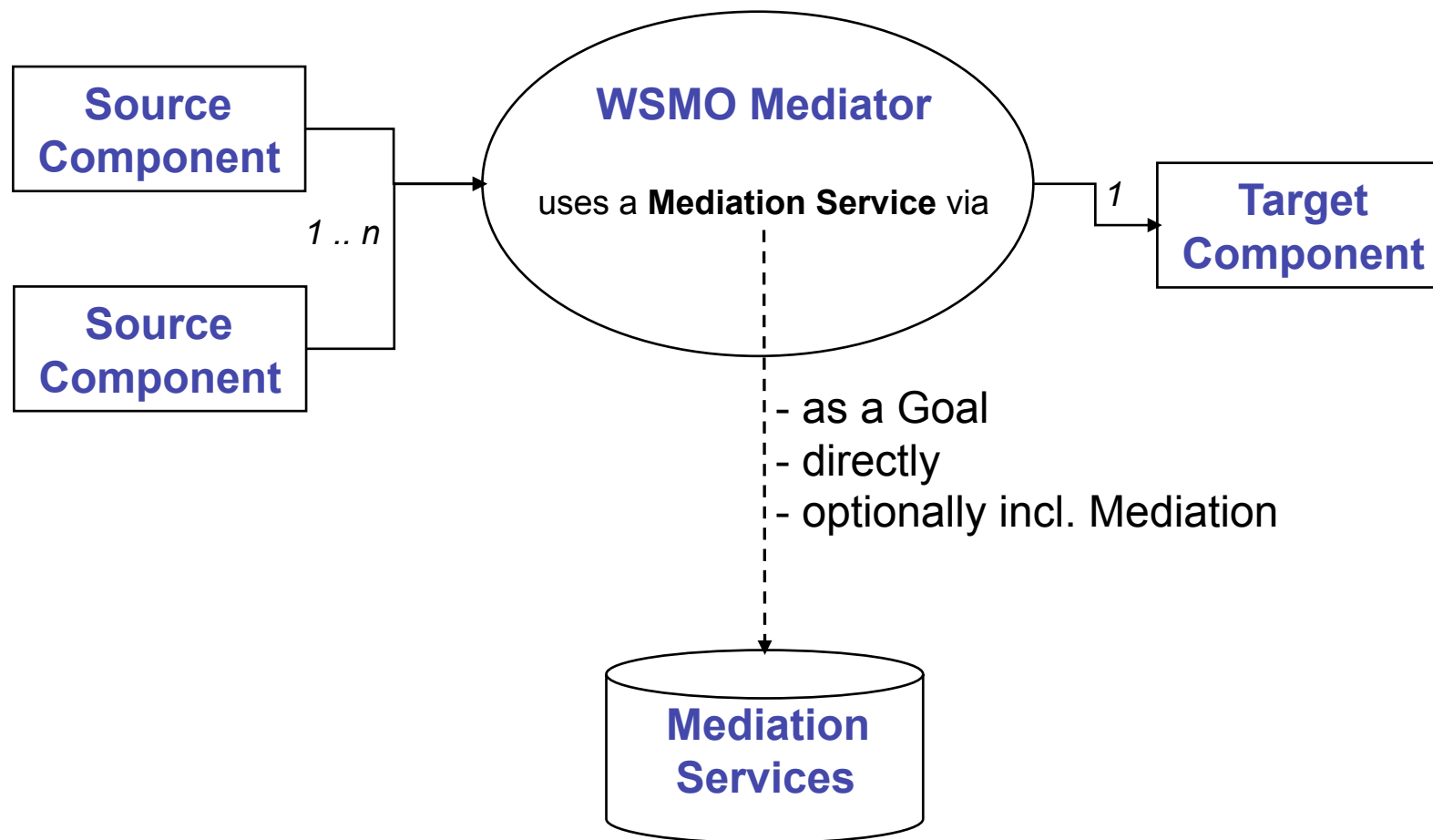


- For 1\$ on programming, \$5 - \$9 on integration © IBM, Nelson Mattos
- Mismatches on structural / semantic / conceptual / level
- Assume (nearly) always necessary
- Description of role

# WSMO Mediators Overview



# Mediator Structure



# WSMO based Application using IRS-III

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Data, Information and Process Integration  
with Semantic Web Services





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Friday, 31 January, 2003, 10:27 GMT

## 'My 20-hour battle through the snow'



Motorists have been stuck in lengthy jams

While motorists across Britain have been struggling in to work along icy roads, few have suffered as much as those stuck on the M11 in Cambridgeshire.

Adam Harley, who pulled on to

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REAL MEDIA

ON THIS STORY

-  [The BBC's Samantha Simmonds](#)  
 "Hundreds of passengers are still stranded at Heathrow and Gatwick airports"
-  [Jonathan Smith, E. Midlands Electricity](#)  
 "We've 30,000 customers without electricity"
-  [Rebecca Rees, AA](#)  
 "People have spent the whole night in their cars"

TALKING POINT

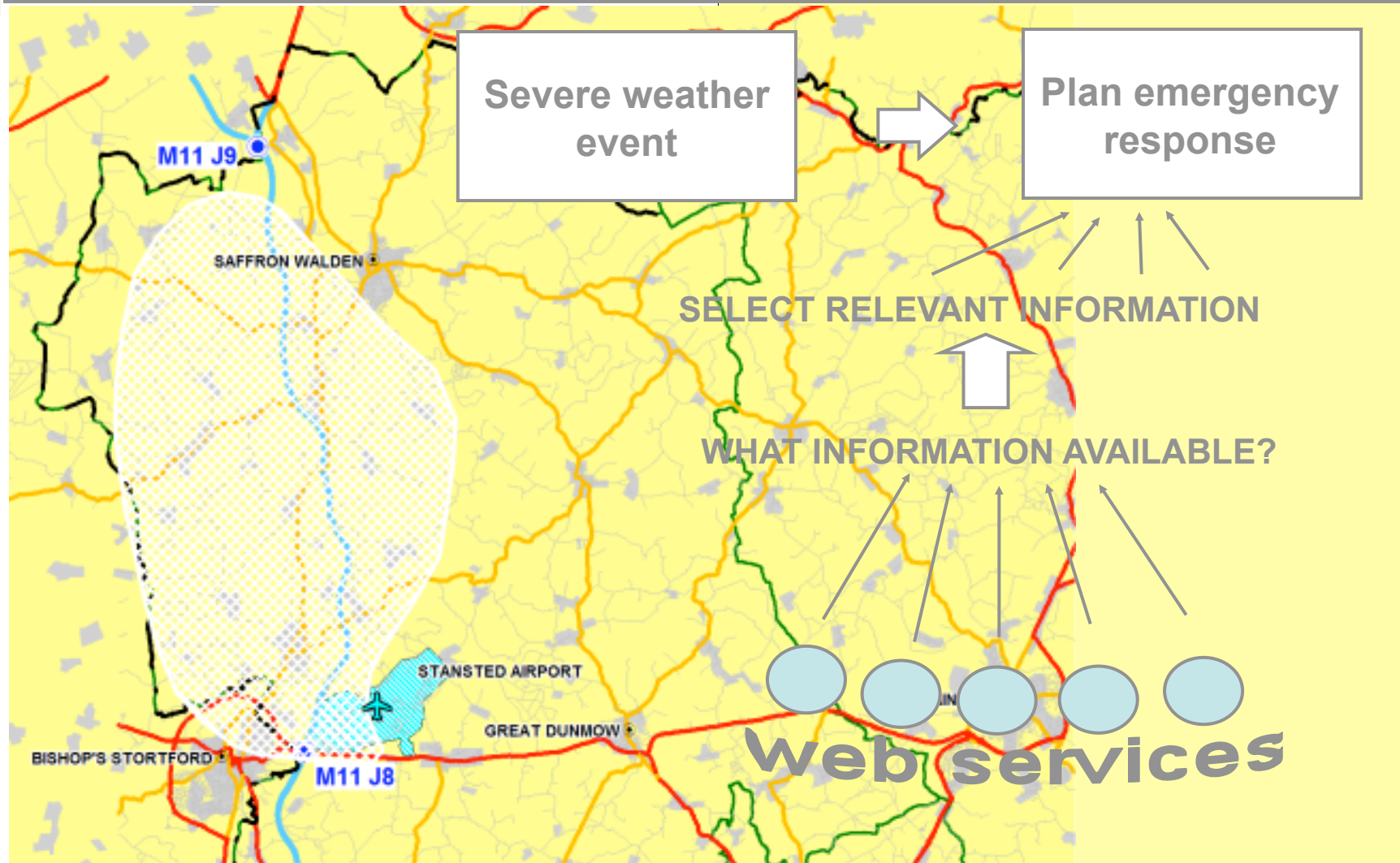
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# Emergency planning scenario



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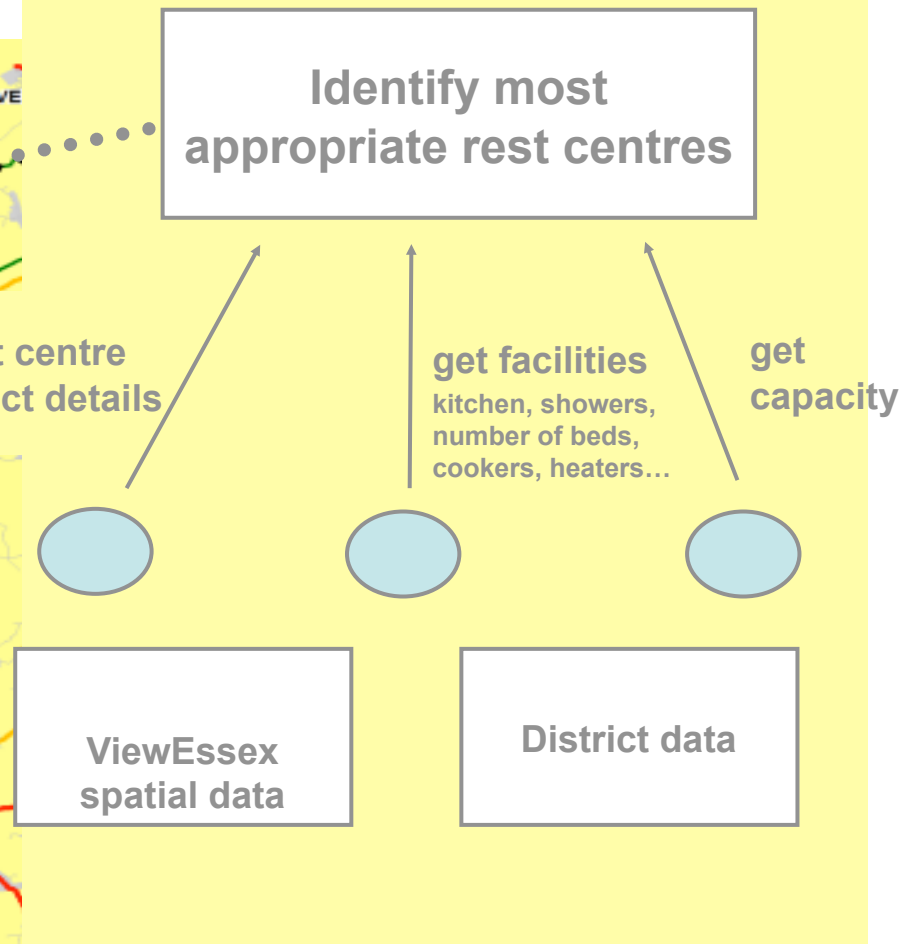
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get event details

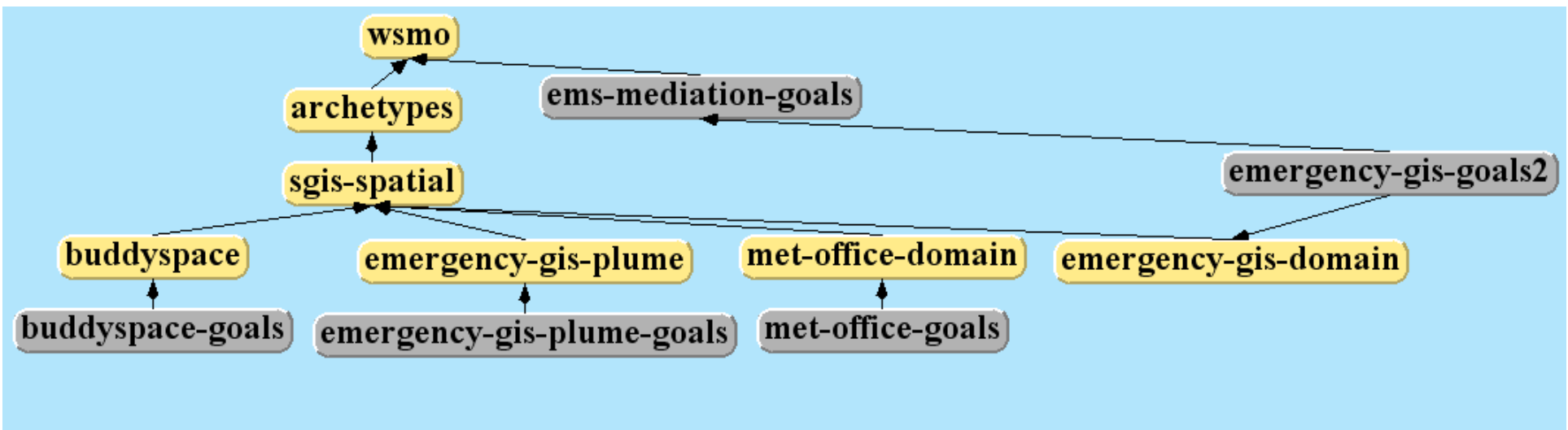


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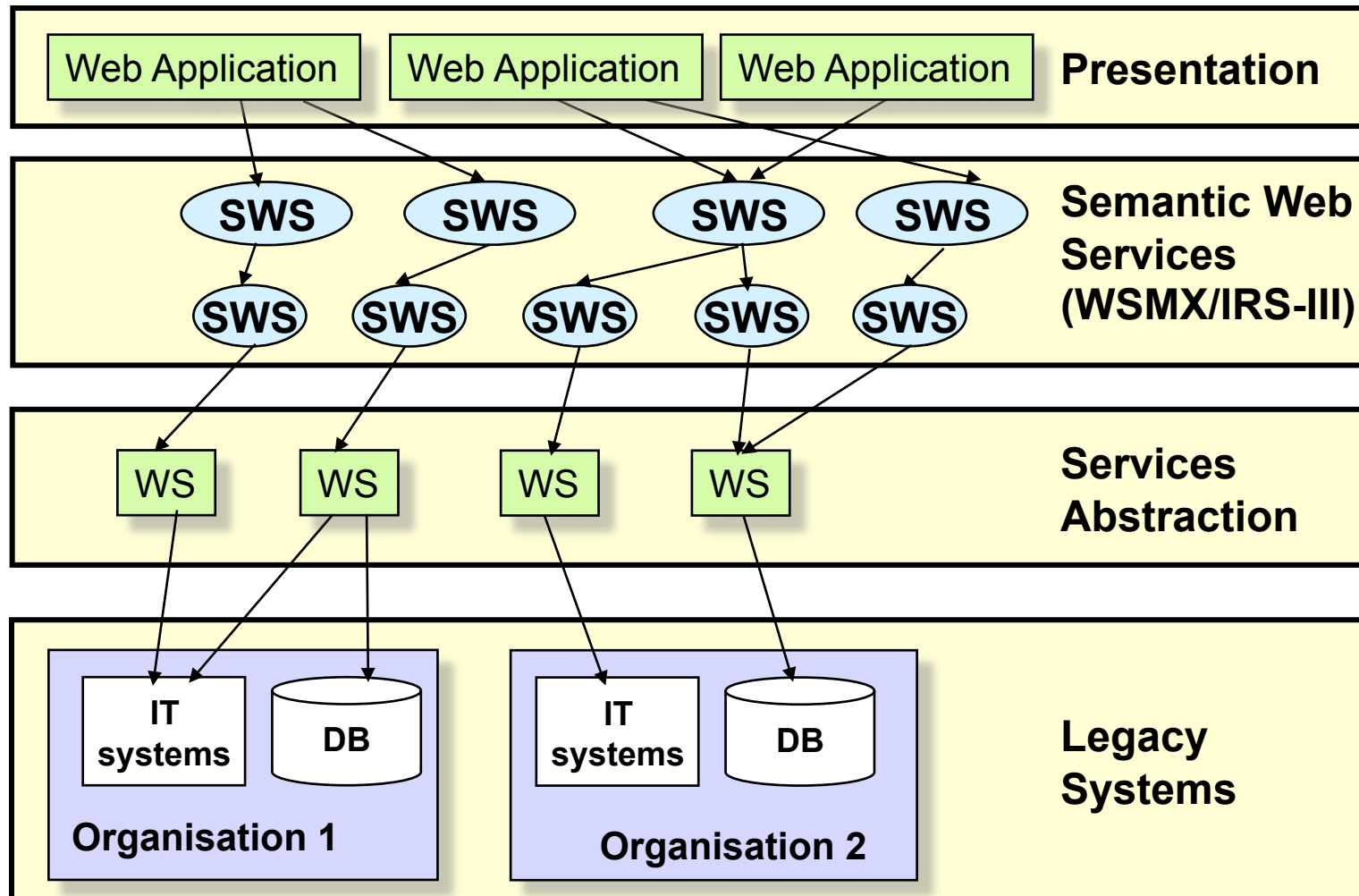
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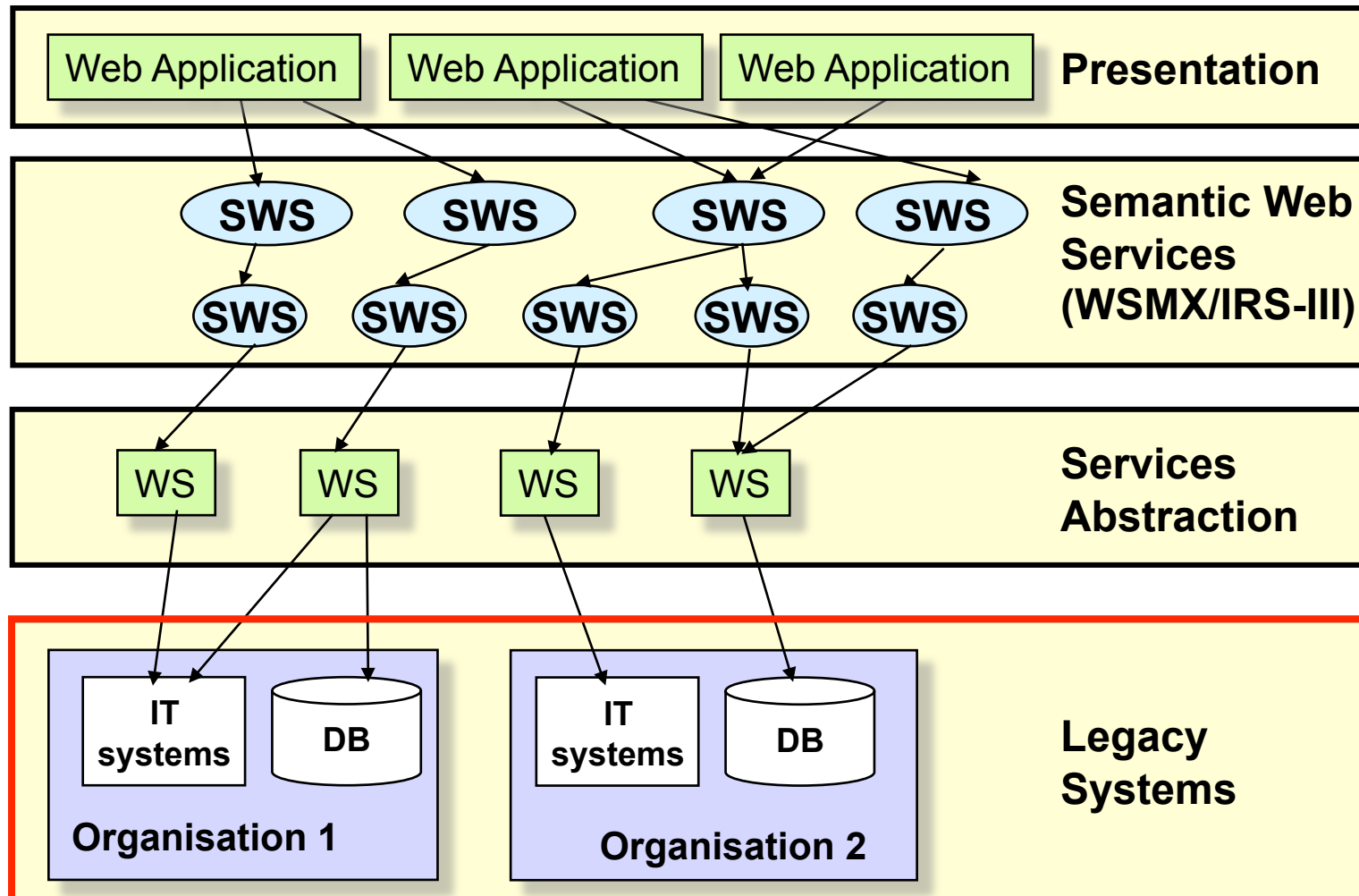
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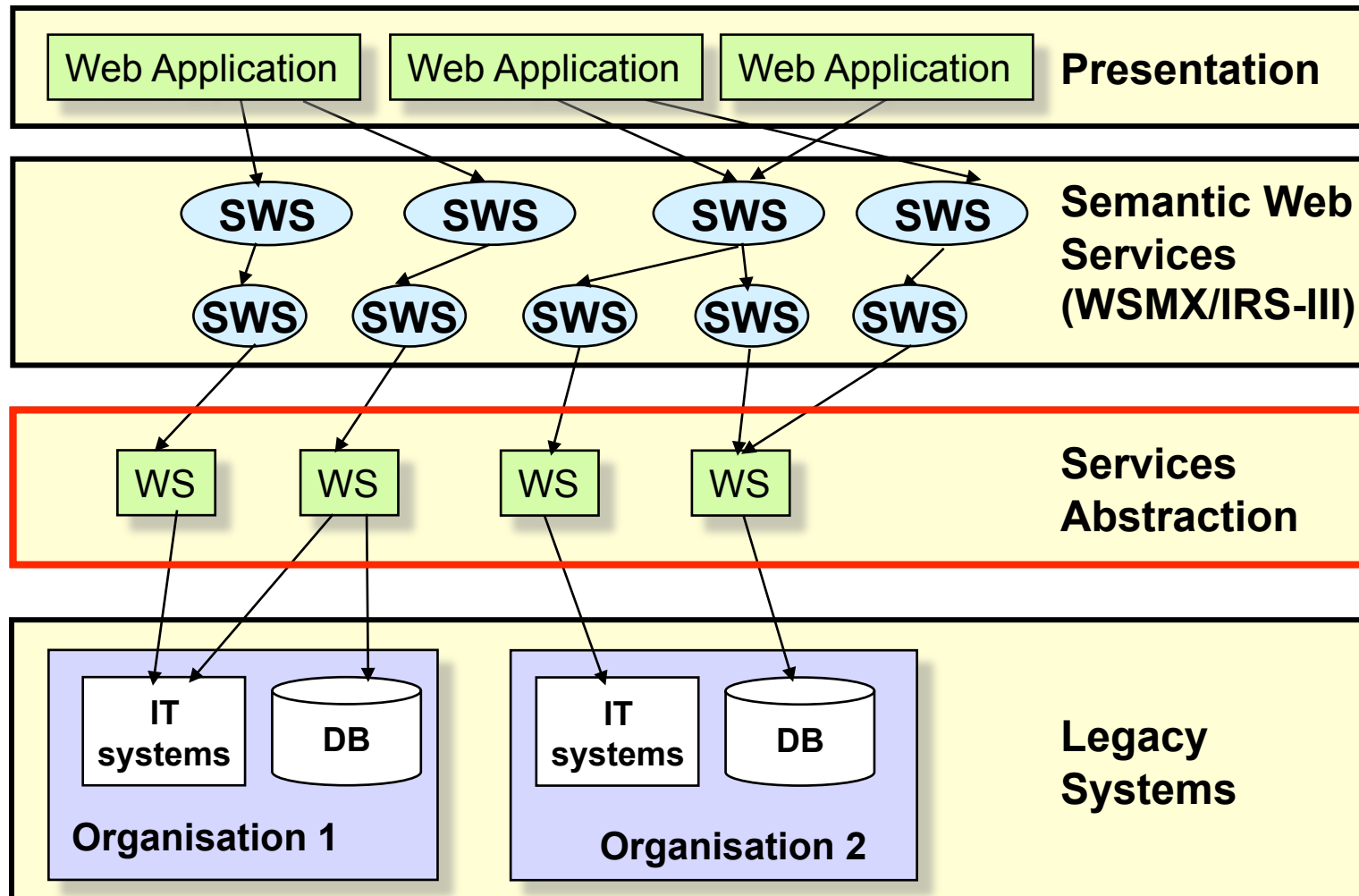


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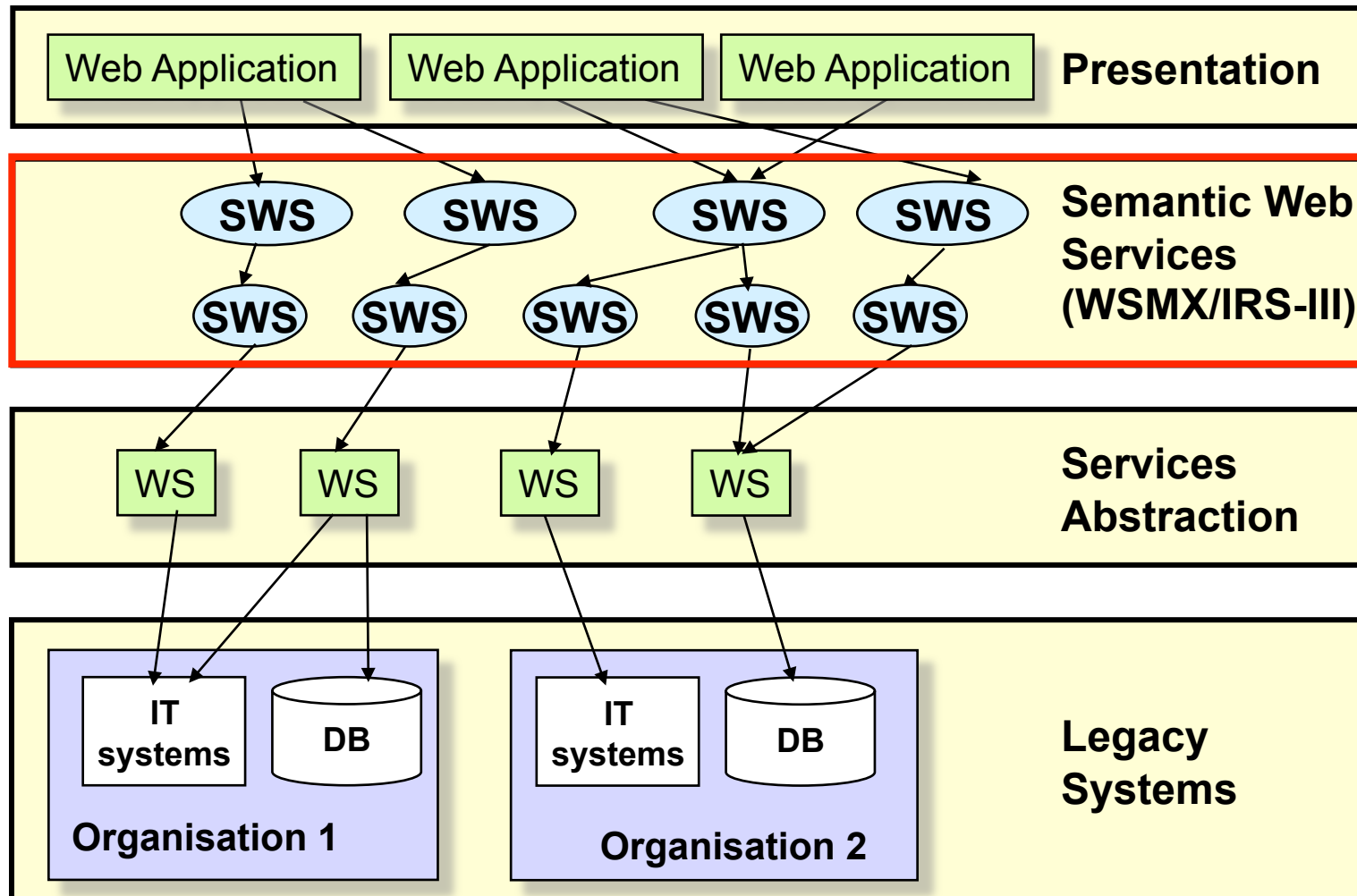




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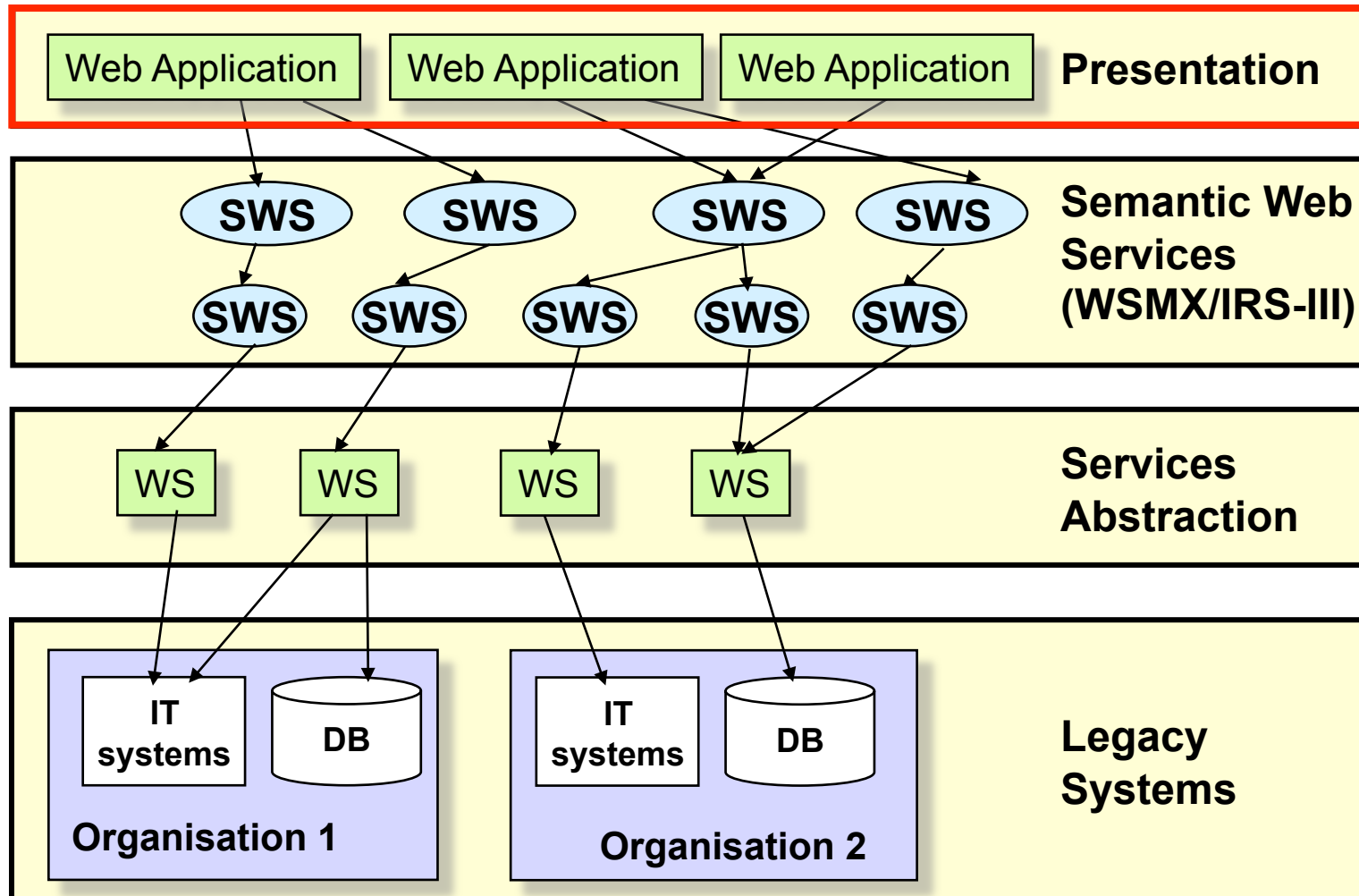


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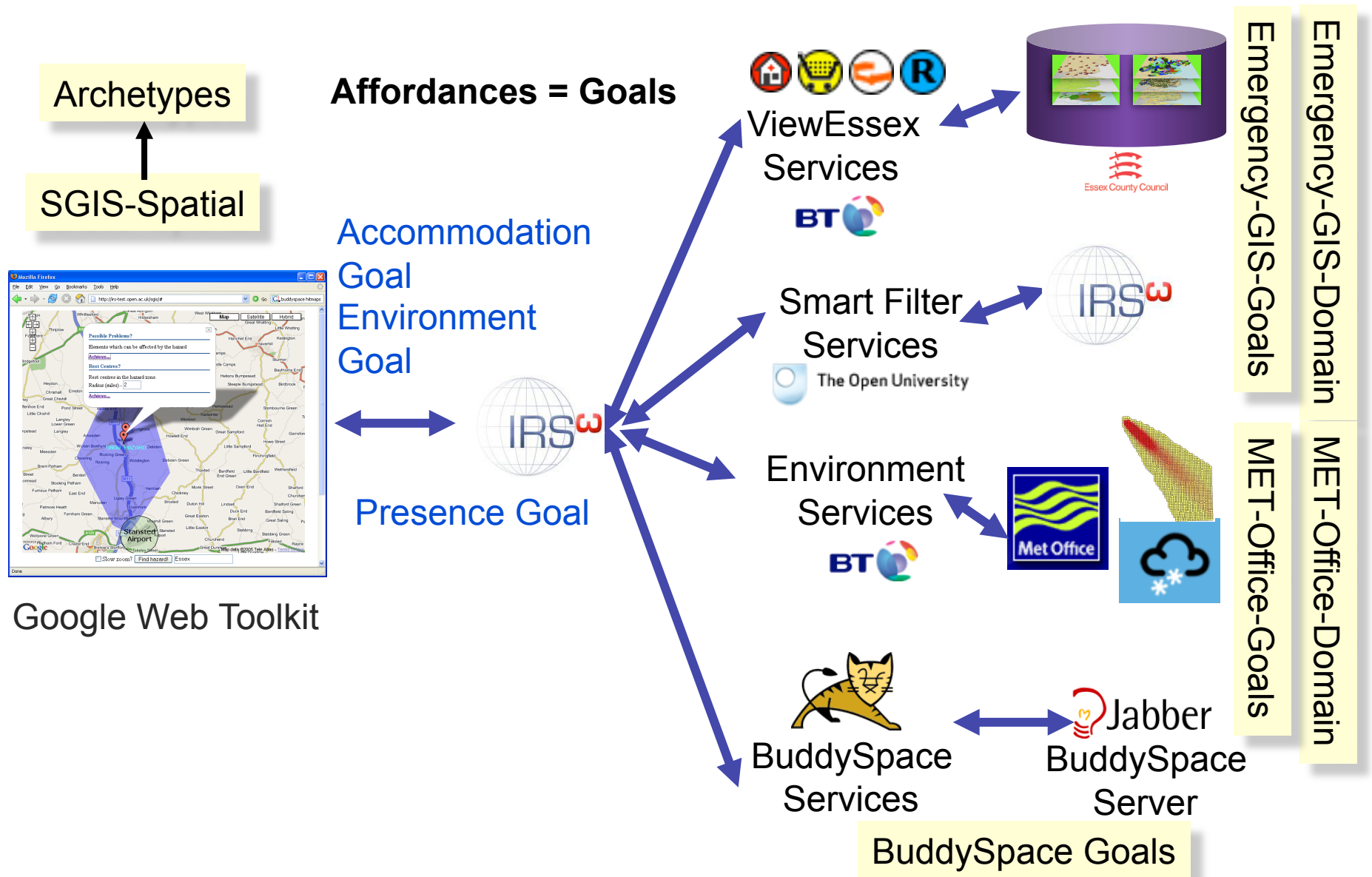


# Video of Emergency Planning (GIS) Prototype V1

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# EMerges Prototype Architecture



SAWSDL

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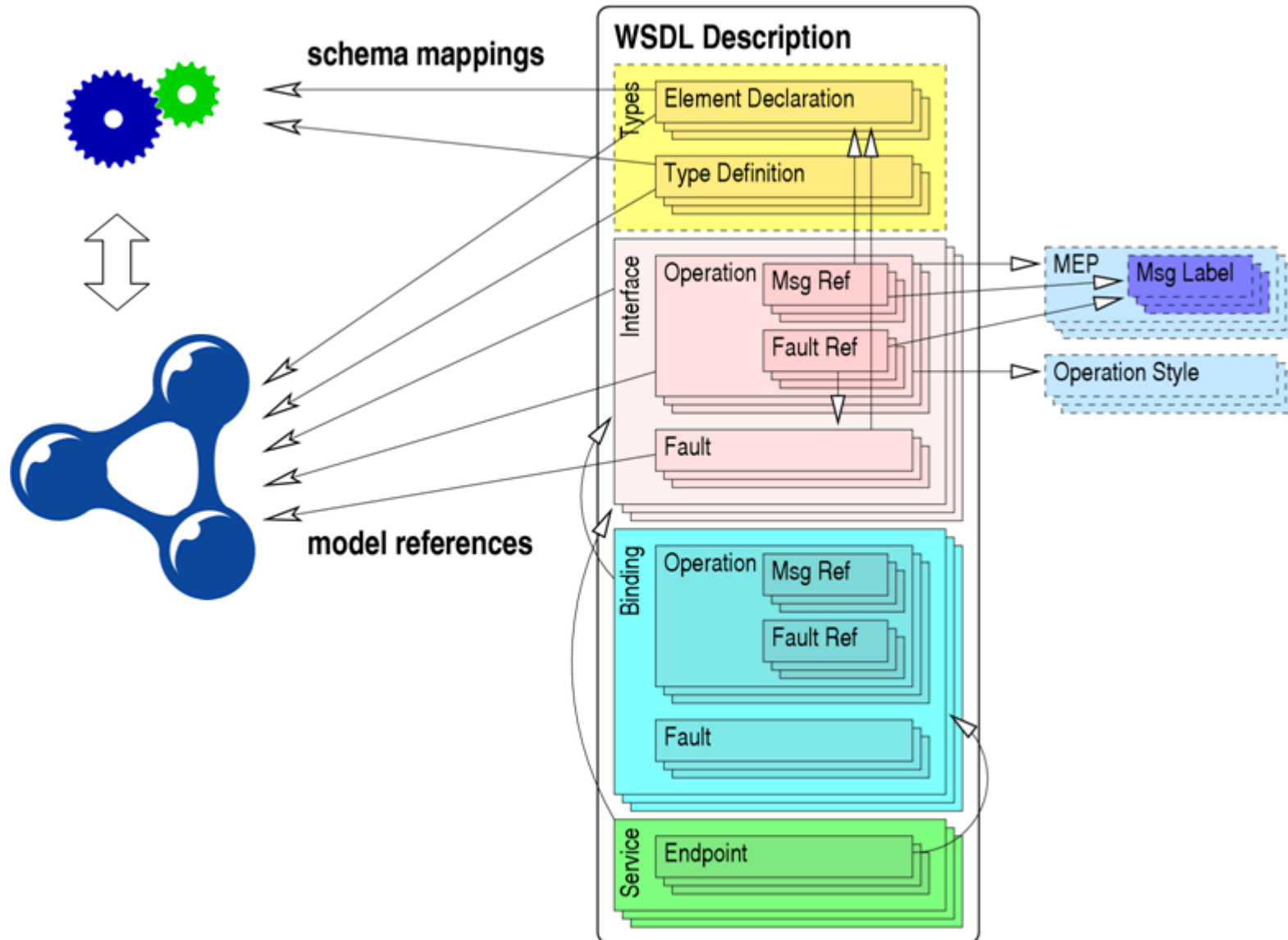
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# SAWSDL



- Semantic Annotations for WSDL and XML Schema
- W3C Recommendation, August, 2007
- Largely based on WSDL-S
  - Some SAWSDL ideas also appeared earlier in OWL-S
- A simple, incremental approach
  - Builds naturally on the WSDL-centric view of Web services

# Technical Overview of SAWSDL (1)



# Technical Overview of SAWSDL (2)



- 3 extensibility elements
  - *modelReference*
  - *liftingSchemaMapping*
  - *loweringSchemaMapping*
- Can be used in both WSDL and XML Schema documents
- Values are lists of URIs
- No Preconditions and Effects

```
<wsdl:description>
  <wsdl:types>
    <xs:schema elementFormDefault="qualified">
      <xs:element name="OrderRequest"
        sawsdl:modelReference="..."
        sawsdl:liftingSchemaMapping="..."
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      </xs:element>
    </xs:schema>
  </wsdl:types>
  <wsdl:interface name="Order"
    sawsdl:modelReference="...">
    <wsdl:operation name="order"
      pattern="..."
      sawsdl:modelReference="...">
      <wsdl:input element="OrderRequest" />
      <wsdl:output element="OrderResponse" />
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# modelReference



- May be used with every element within WSDL
- “However, SAWSDL defines its meaning only for
  - wsdl:interface
  - wsdl:operation
  - wsdl:fault
  - xs:element
  - xs:complexType
  - xs:simpleType
  - xs:attribute.”

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<wsdl:description>
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"http://ontology/po#OrderRequest">
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    </xs:schema>
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  <wsdl:interface name="Order"
    sawsdl:modelReference=
"http://.../products/electronics">
    <wsdl:operation name="order"
      pattern="..."
      sawsdl:modelReference=
"http://ontology/po#RequestPurchaseOrder">
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# Schema Mapping Attributes



- *liftingSchemaMapping*
  - *lift* data from XML to a semantic model
- *loweringSchemaMapping*
  - *lower* data from a semantic model to XML
- Can map to XSLT script

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          "http://.../mapping/Response2Ont.xslt"
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    - ICSOC 2007
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  - WSMO Grounding
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  - WSMO Lite
    - [http://wsmo.org/TR/d11/v0.2/20070622/d11v02\\_20070622.pdf](http://wsmo.org/TR/d11/v0.2/20070622/d11v02_20070622.pdf)

# Conclusion



- The service paradigm is becoming an important and *integral* part of the Web (including *intranets*)
- SWS aims to provide an expressive, comprehensive framework for handling activities on the Web
  - Enabling greater automation of *discovery, selection, invocation, composition, monitoring*, and other service management tasks
  - Should enable use of agents on the Web
    - Simplicity and widespread adoption of WS building blocks are enablers
- Many tools & applications exist today; mostly prototype
- Many challenges remain
  - SWS is a vigorous research area
- Strong interest and many paths to adoption also exist
  - E.g., the standards path
- Stay tuned – it will be interesting to see how far (and how fast) the service/process/agent-oriented Web will evolve!

# Relevant URLs



- DIP
  - <http://dip.semanticweb.org/>
- IRS-III
  - <http://kmi.open.ac.uk/projects/irs/>
- OWL-S, SAWSDL
  - See earlier slide
- WSMO Working Group
  - <http://www.wsmo.org/>
- Conceptual Models of Services WG
  - <http://cms-wg.sti2.org>
- SOA4All
  - <http://www.soa4all.eu/>
- Service Web 3.0
  - <http://www.serviceweb30.eu>