



Revitalizing applications Part I – CICS application development







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Session 2. Abstract

 Breathe new life into existing applications by extending them into new business processes. Service Component Architecture (SCA) can enable you to identify and package applications (be they new or existing) in a more flexible way. Learn how component reuse in many composite applications simplifies the process of rapidly assembling and deploying new business applications. Mature SOA support in CICS includes data mapping and Web services addressing, providing faster and enhanced conversion between XML and language structures for all Web services, and APIs to use these services, independent of Web services.





Agenda

- Spectrum of Service enablement
- Service Component Architecture
- Bundles
- WS-Addressing
- XML Transforms and offload





A Spectrum of Service Enablement







RESTful web services

REST

- REpresentational State Transfer See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_State_Transfer
- How the Web has always worked...
 - HTTP methods POST | GET | PUT | DELETE ... all the verbs you'll ever need
 - Everything else is a *resource* with a representation of its state

"Clean and meaningful URLs"

- For everything!
- e.g. a file, a database, a TSqueue....
 - or a single record within each resource





Service Component Architecture

- What is SCA
- Introduction to SCA support in CICS TS V4.1
- The Portfolio Scenario
- Defining and implementing SCA components using Rational Developer for System z
- Deploying and running SCA components in CICS TS





SCA Terms and Relations to SOA Foundation

SCA is the development, deployment model of the SOA Foundation.

SCA is the open standard model for service assembly.

Assemble = develop interfaces, implementations, composites. **Deploy** = define, install and run contributions







Service Component Architecture

- A concrete manifestation of an SOA way of thinking.
 - Designed for building agile service oriented applications.
- *A framework* for implementing, assembling, composing and deploying services.
 - Supports loose or tight coupling of coarse or fine grained services.
- Extends, exploits and *complements existing technologies* and standards.
 - Language, Application Environment, Framework and Vendor neutral.
- Supports Java and Web Services, and more
- An extensible set of:
 - Protocol bindings (eg. SCA, WS, RMI, ...)
 - Implementation languages (eg. Composite, Java, ...)
 - Interface definitions (eg. WSDL, Java, ...)
 - Pluggable Data bindings (eg. PoJo, JAXB, ...)
 - Policies and Intents (eg. Integrity, Confidentiality).
- "Open SCA" refers to Service Component Architecture as defined by the industry at the OSOA collaboration and OASIS
 - "Classic SCA" refers to Service Component Architecture as defined and built by IBM and supported in a variety of WebSphere Family products starting with V6.





SCA: What it is NOT

- Does not model individual workflows
 - use BPEL or other workflow languages
- Is not solely Web services
 - SCA can use / may use Web services, but can also build solutions with no Web services content
- Is not tied to a specific runtime environment
 - distributed, heterogeneous, large, small
- Does not force use of specific programming languages and technologies
 - aims to encompass many languages, frameworks, technologies
- embrace not replace
 - adaptable to new technology



Key benefits of SCA

- Separation of Concerns Developers in an SOA need only be concerned with what they need to be
- Loose Coupling Components integrate without need to know how others are implemented
- Flexibility Components can easily be replaced by other components
- Services can be easily invoked either synchronously or asynchronously
- Composition of solutions: clearly described
- Productivity Easier to integrate components to form composite application
- Heterogeneity Multiple implementation languages, communication mechanisms
- Declarative application of infrastructure services
- *Simplification* for all developers, integrators and application deployers



SCA v1.0

- OSOA Consortium of industry vendors
 - <u>http://www.osoa.org</u>
- The OASIS Open Composite Services Architecture (CSA) Member Section advances open standards that simplify SOA application development.
 - <u>http://www.oasis-opencsa.org/</u>
 - Open CSA brings together vendors and users from around the world to collaborate on the further development and adoption of the Service Component Architecture (SCA) and Service Data Objects (SDO) families of specifications
 - Apache Tuscany simplifies the task of developing SOA solutions by providing a comprehensive infrastructure for SOA development and management that is based on Service Component Architecture (SCA) standard.



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SCA Key Concepts



Reusability, Connectivity, Flexibility, Extensibility



SCA v1.0 Specifications – Flexible & Extensible

SCA Policy framework

SCA Java implementation\annotations model







CICS TS V4.1 Component Architecture

- Provide capability to easily develop flexible and reusable CICS application components
 - Rapid assembly and deployment of new Services
 - Express existing applications as re-usable components
- Separation of bindings from application code allows flexible infrastructure changes
- Reduce skills and effort required to view and manage business applications





Component Architecture in CICS TS V4.1

- Ability to install and manage business applications as single CICS components
 - Abstract away from programs, transactions, resources
- Ability to describe CICS application as SCA components (using SCDL)
- Application bindings provided by CICS and configured using SCDL
 - Services and References
 - Invocation locally and via web services
 - EXEC CICS INVOKE SERVICE
- RDz provides CICS component tooling to enable component definition, assembly and deployment



SCA v1.0 Specifications – CICS TS V4.1 capabilities

CICS Service provider/consumer model (Channel & Container with WS-Bind data-mapping, EXEC CICS INVOKE SERVICE command)



SCA Policy framework





Service Component Architecture - Scenario



<component name = "MyPortfolioComponent">
 <implementation.CICS program="PORTFOLI"/>
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Service Component Architecture – Scenario



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Service Component Architecture – Programming Model



CICS COBOL Program

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EXEC CICS PUT CONTAINER("SYMBOL")
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EXEC CICS INVOKE SERVICE("MyStockQuoteService") CHANNEL("QUOTESERVICE")





Service Component Architecture – Scenario





Service Component Architecture – Programming Model







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Service Component Architecture – Development Artifacts *CICS TS V4.1 CICS TS V4.1 CICS TS V4.1*







What are Bundles?

- Similar in concept to OSGI bundles for Java / Eclipse / WAS
- Provide a deployment and life cycle grouping for related application artefacts
 - Provides a single point of management and control
 - The artefacts can be from a number of resource spaces
- Allow such a grouping to express and police its dependencies
 - Can express functional or resource related dependencies
- Extensible
 - Provide an extension point for Vendor or User artefacts to be deployed and managed alongside CICS Resources
 - Manifest File describes contents "Imports", "exports", "defines"
 - User extensible via Callback program
- CICS Resources which are "bundle-enabled":
 - Event Binding, XSD Bindfile, SCA Composite





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	IYCWZCGO	Ordering	1	1	✓ ENABLED	/u/moxeyc/OrderingPatterns/	
RESPONSE: NORMAL							
PF 1 HELP 3 END							
M <u>A</u> b							
Connected to remote server/hos							





XML to language structure mapping services

- New API to convert between XML and application data
 - Map between XML and language structure
- EXEC CICS TRANSFORM TRANSFORMTYPE(XMLTODATA : DATATOXML)
- Command options depend on the direction of the transformation
 - XMLTRANSFORM resource provides XML binding and schema used for the transformation
 - Required for DATATOXML, optional for XMLTODATA (depending on whether transforming or querying XML)
 - XMLTRANSFORM resource installed via Bundle support

CICS XML Assistant

- Batch utilities that transform XML into high-level language structures and vice versa
- Generate metadata in XML bind file, stored on z/OS UNIX





WS-Addressing goals

- Defines transport-neutral mechanisms to address Web services and support message transmission through networks
- Improves interoperability with other Web Services implementations such as .NET
- XML elements to identify Endpoints: EndpointReferences (EPRs)
 - More than just a URI
 - Can have Reference Parameters and metadata
 - Allows for Psuedo-Conversational style web service requesters in CICS
- WS-Addressing Message Addressing Properties (MAPs)
 - Standard placeholders in the SOAP header for WS-Addressing information
 - Plus reference parameters in target EPR





Example of a WS-Addressing Resource Access Pattern







WS-Addressing in CICS





WS-Addressing in CICS

- Pipeline configuration
 - Configure Requester pipeline to use WS-Addressing handler giving specification version
 - Configure Provider pipeline to use WS-Addressing handler
- Requester
 - Requester application is not aware requests are WS-Addressed
 - CICS handles the required addressing responses
 - Requester is WS-A aware
 - Uses EXEC CICS API to create an addressing context and set Message Addressing Properties (MAPs)
- Provider
 - Provider application is not aware request/response is WS-Addressed
 - · CICS handles the required addressing responses and routing
 - Provider is WS-A aware
 - Uses EXEC CICS API to interrogate Addressing Context and set MAPs (e.g. Get EPR to extract Reference parameters)
 - ReplyTo or FaultTo EPR used for reply endpoint (default is anonymous address to reply back to the requester)



CICS and z/OS XML System Services Parser (XMLSS)



First parse of message now uses XMLSS

- Locates the SOAP headers
- Handler execution is outside of XMLSS
- XMLSS is zAAP eligible
 - Offloads MIPS for this element of the processing
 - "Shredding" of body into Containers or Commareas is *NOT* XMLSS
 - and so **NOT** zAAP eligible.





Summary

- Revitalize your applications using modern practices
 - Package and deploy applications in standard way with Service Component Architecture
 - Exploit new CICS capabilities with Bundles
 - Improve interoperability with WS-Addressing
 - Reduce licence fees with zAAP offload of XML Transforms

Resources



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