

Semantic SOA - Realization of the Adaptive Services Grid

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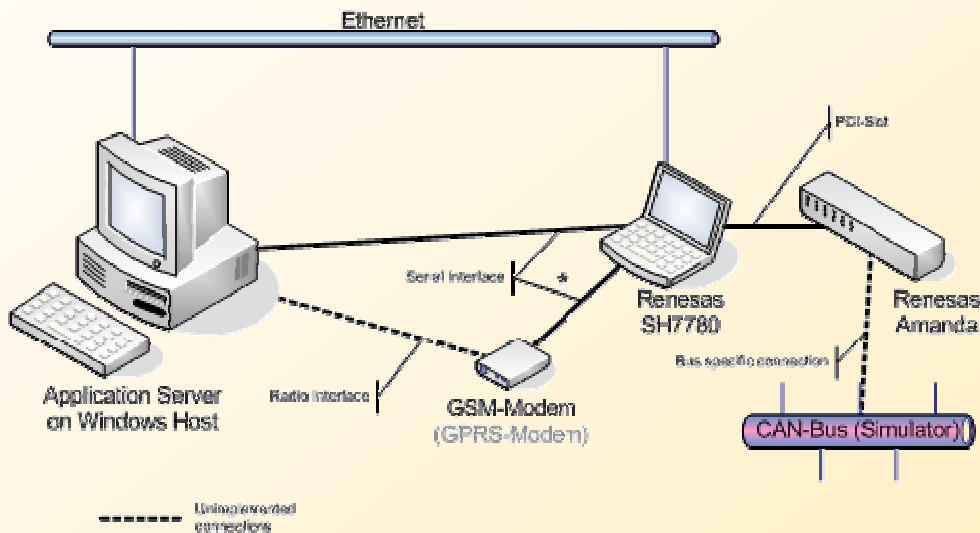
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- review of midterm results
- engineering methodology
- service development
- build-up of ASG software stack
- positioning in overall ASG project

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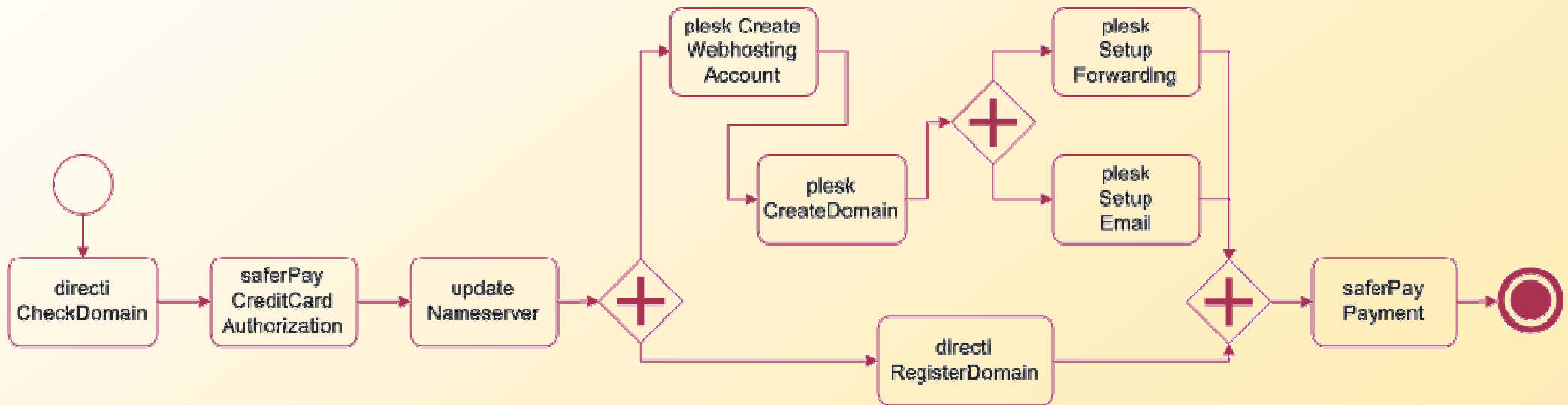
migration of Services Grid Infrastructure (C5)
from JBoss AS / Postgres environment
to an IBM environment (WebSphere AS / DB2)



specification and implementation of a
Mobile Service Provider scenario

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development of a dynamic supply chain scenario with industrial background

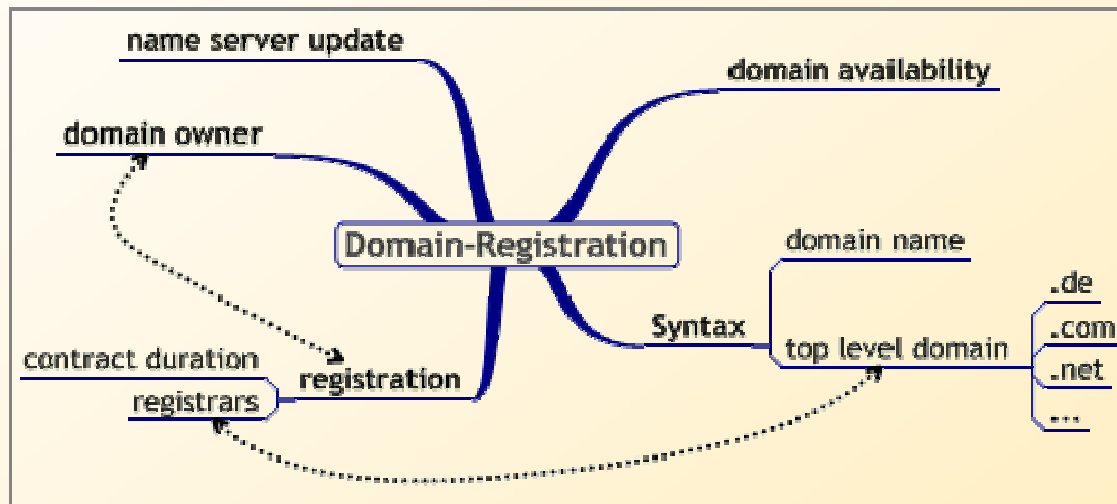


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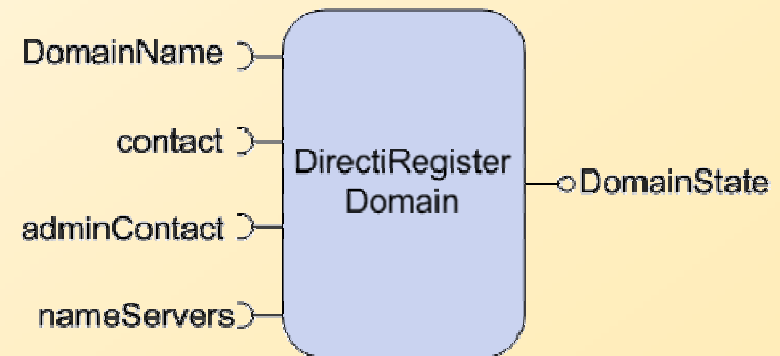
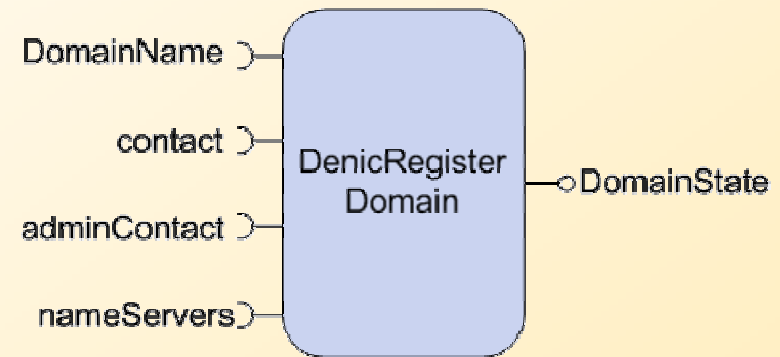
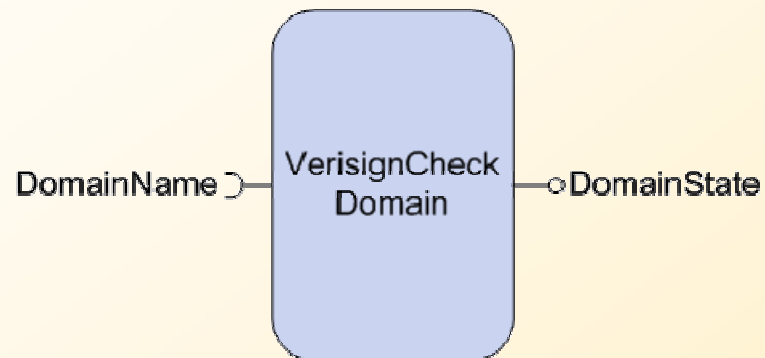
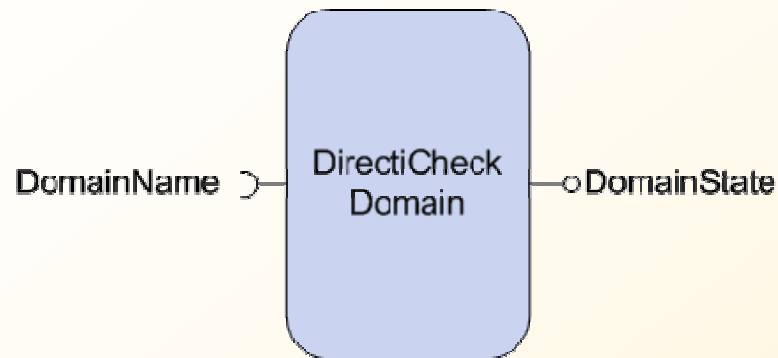
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Define your Business ...

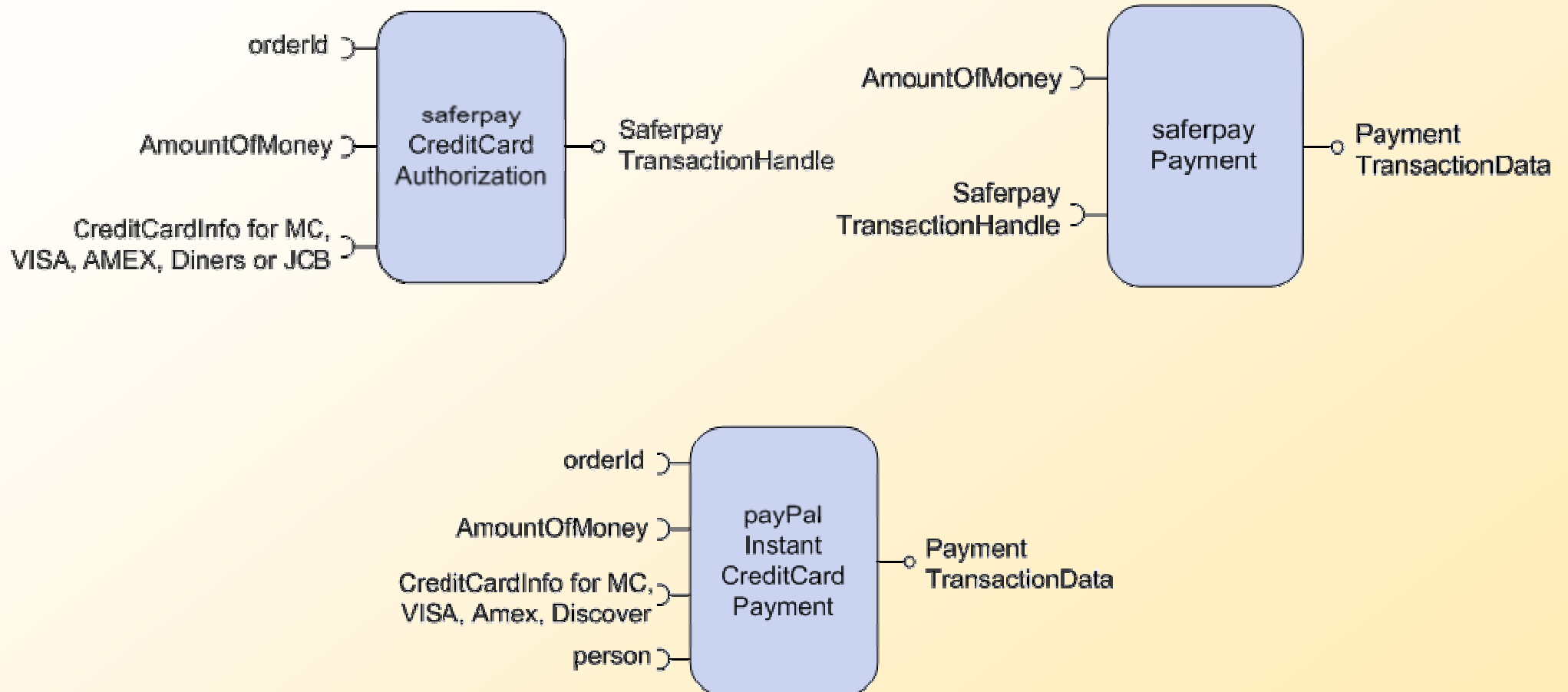
- identify business requirements
- collect and acquire structured domain knowledge
- detect pre-existing internal and external functionality



Service Landscaping - Registration



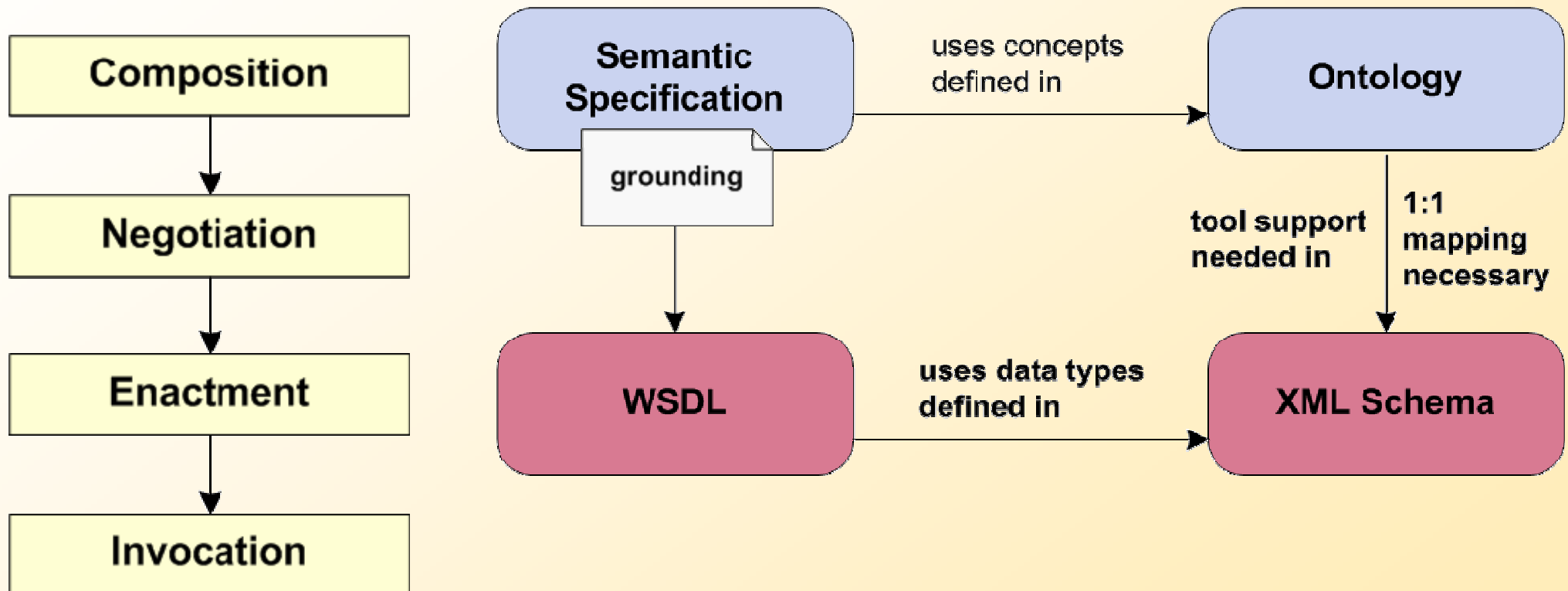
Service Landscaping - Payment



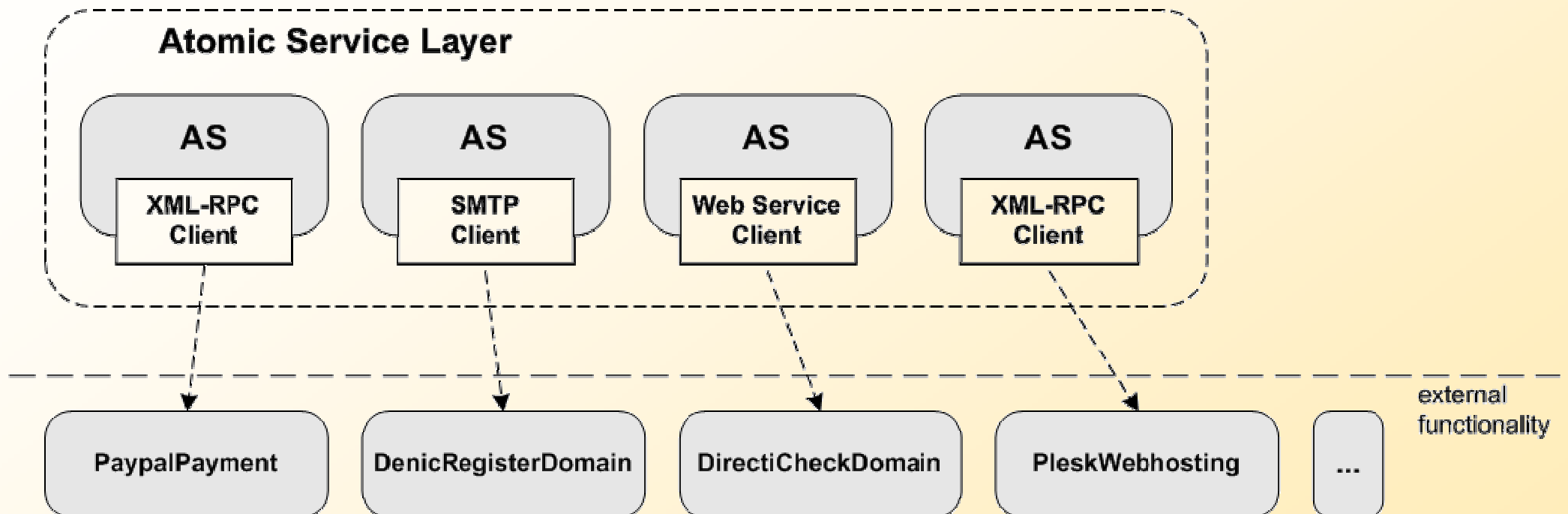
Service Landscaping

- find appropriate granularities;
reuse vs. coarse-grained design (loose coupling / strong cohesion)
- find common concepts and data types
- define service capabilities; input and output
- discover dependencies; preconditions and effects
- derive ASG required artifacts
 - common domain ontology
 - semantic service specifications

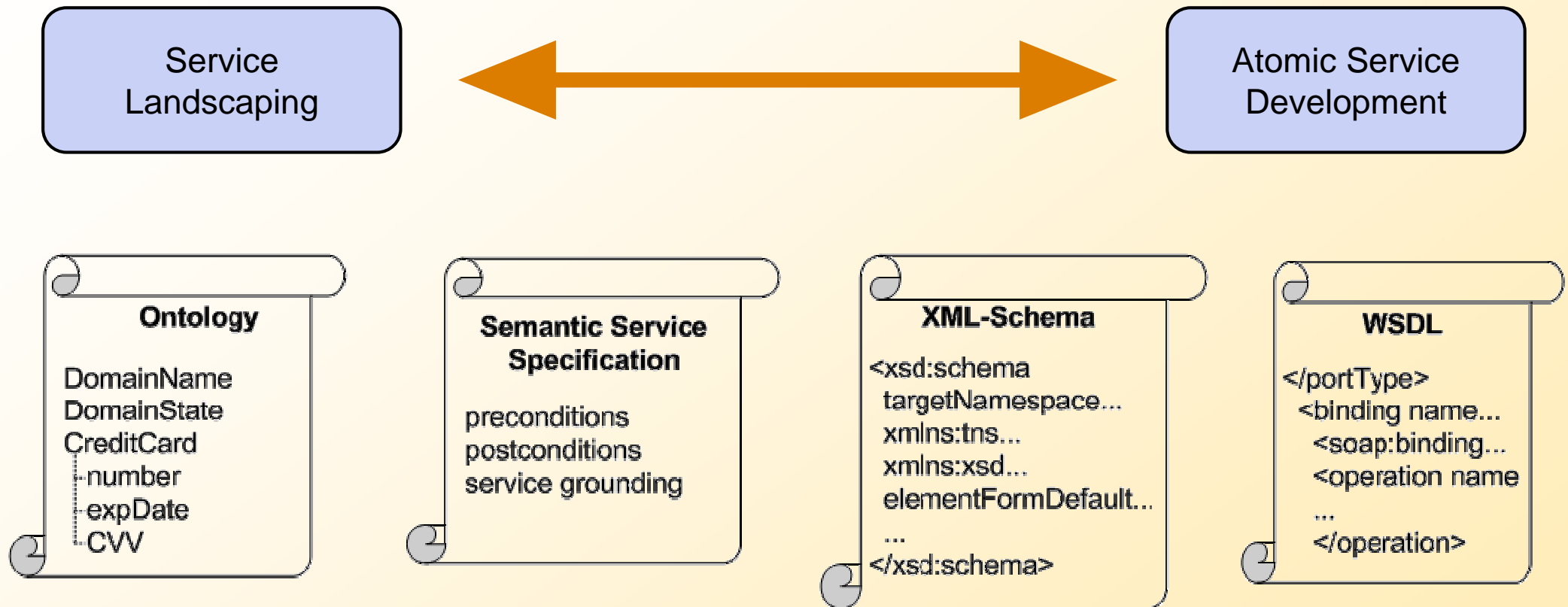
Application Engineering



Service Engineering



Essential Artifacts in ASG Methodology



methodology explained in-depth:
"Adaptive Solutions for Internet Services' Supply Chains"

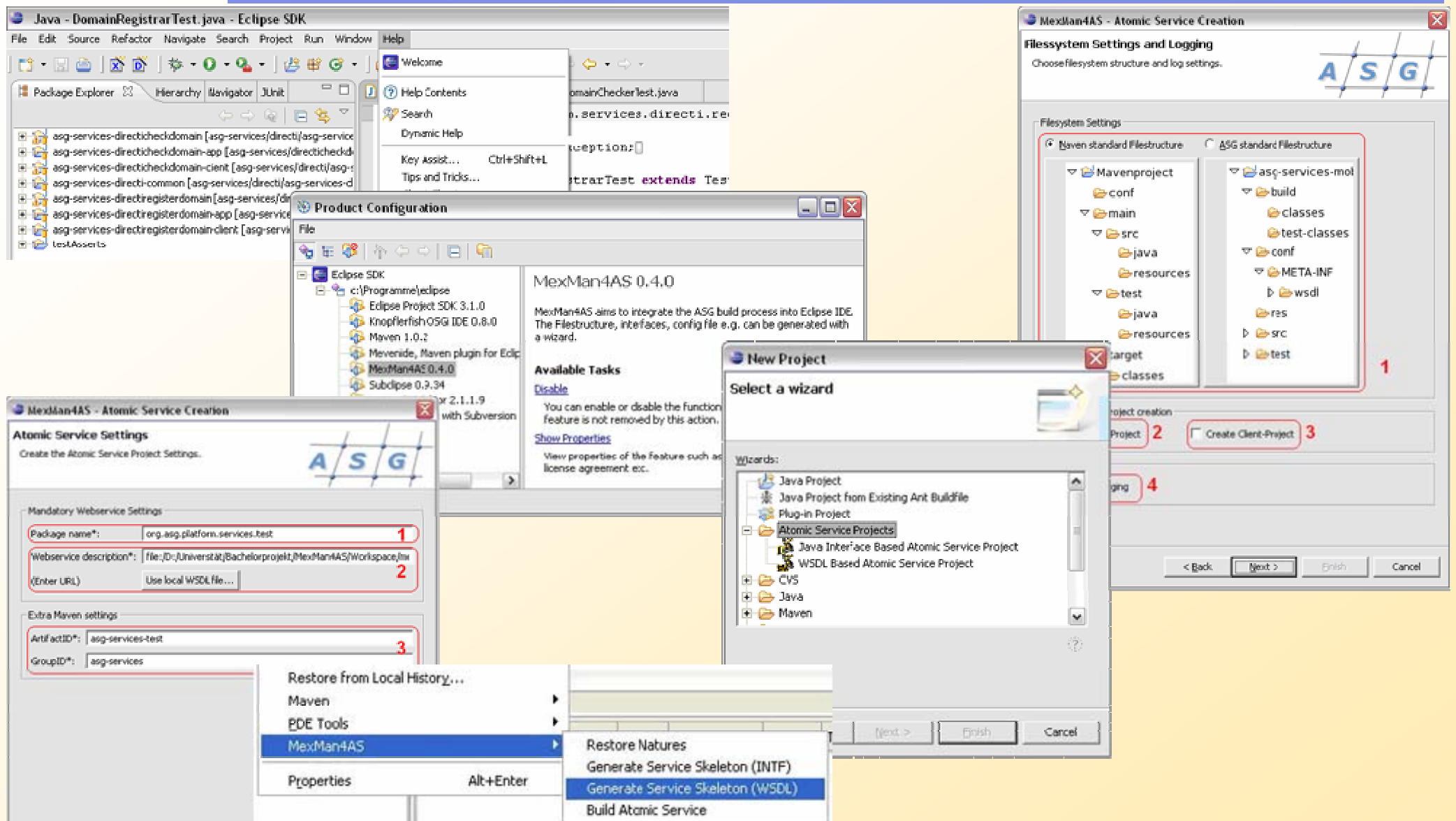
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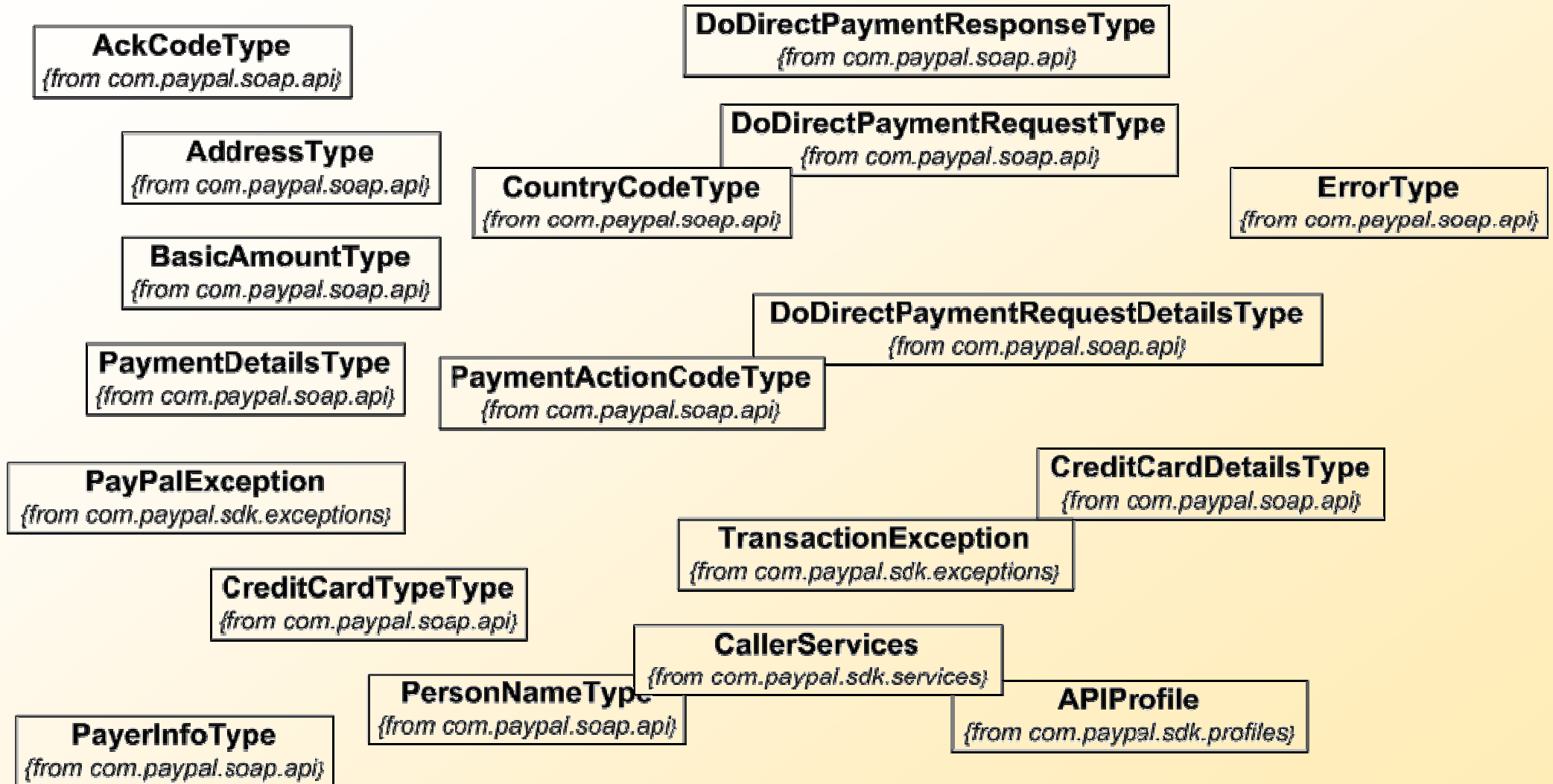
Selected Services

- Payment Services
 - PayPal Payment
 - Saferpay Authorization
 - Saferpay Payment
- Domain Services
 - Directi Check Domain (.com, .net, .org, .biz, .name, .info, ...)
 - Directi Register Domain -"-
 - Verisign Check Domain (.com, .net)
 - Denic Check Domain (.de)
 - Update Local Nameserver

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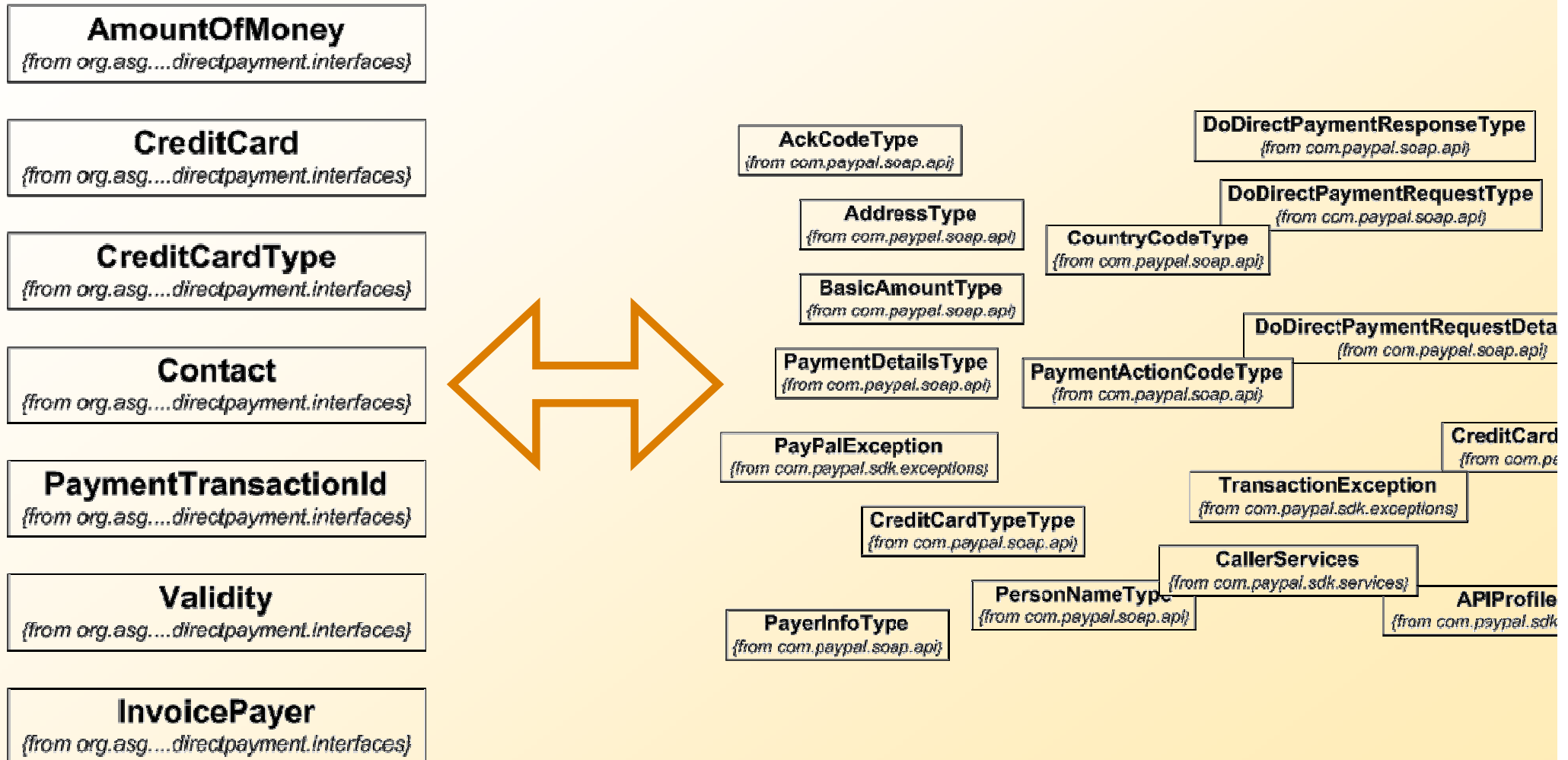
PayPal API



Atomic Service Development

- external service providers offer client libraries (e.g. WS-Clients, XML-RPC clients, SMTP-Clients)
 - gain detail knowledge about provided service's concepts, data-types, and behavior
 - transformation of ASG concepts, names and data-types according the particular service
- ➔ interacting with real world services is non-trivial and time-consuming

PayPal API



Services and Security

- interaction with external services, especially payment, must be secure
- typically realized with standard authentication and encryption mechanisms
 - usage of Java security functionality
 - authentication is based upon certificates

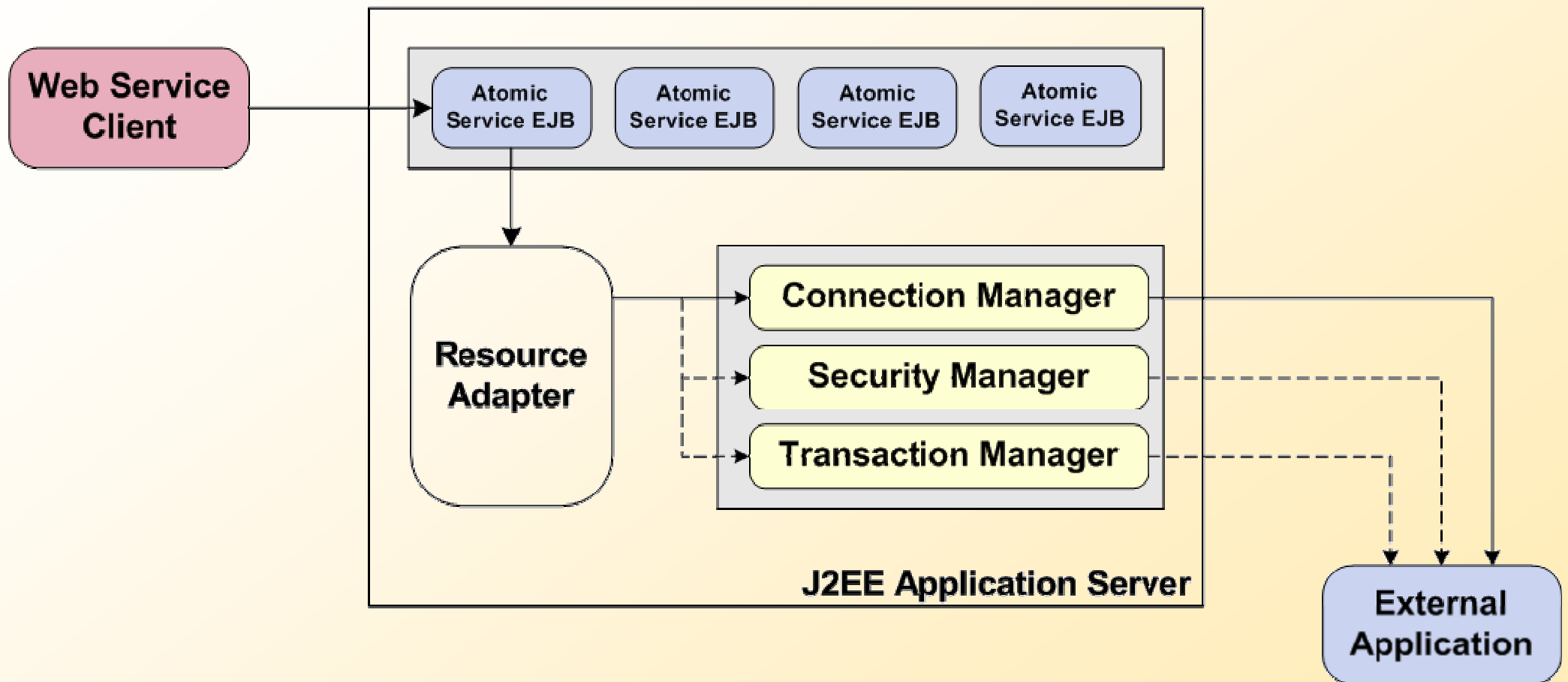
Services and Security (2)

- ***2 major problems***

- client use Sun JDK specific encryption algorithm
but: WebSphere AS runs on top of it's own JDK
- client APIs enforces an input parameter specifying the path to the certificate/key file
 - this means: the client code and thus the EJB does I/O operations
 - but a standard compliant EJB 2.1 must not use I/O

Services and Security (3)

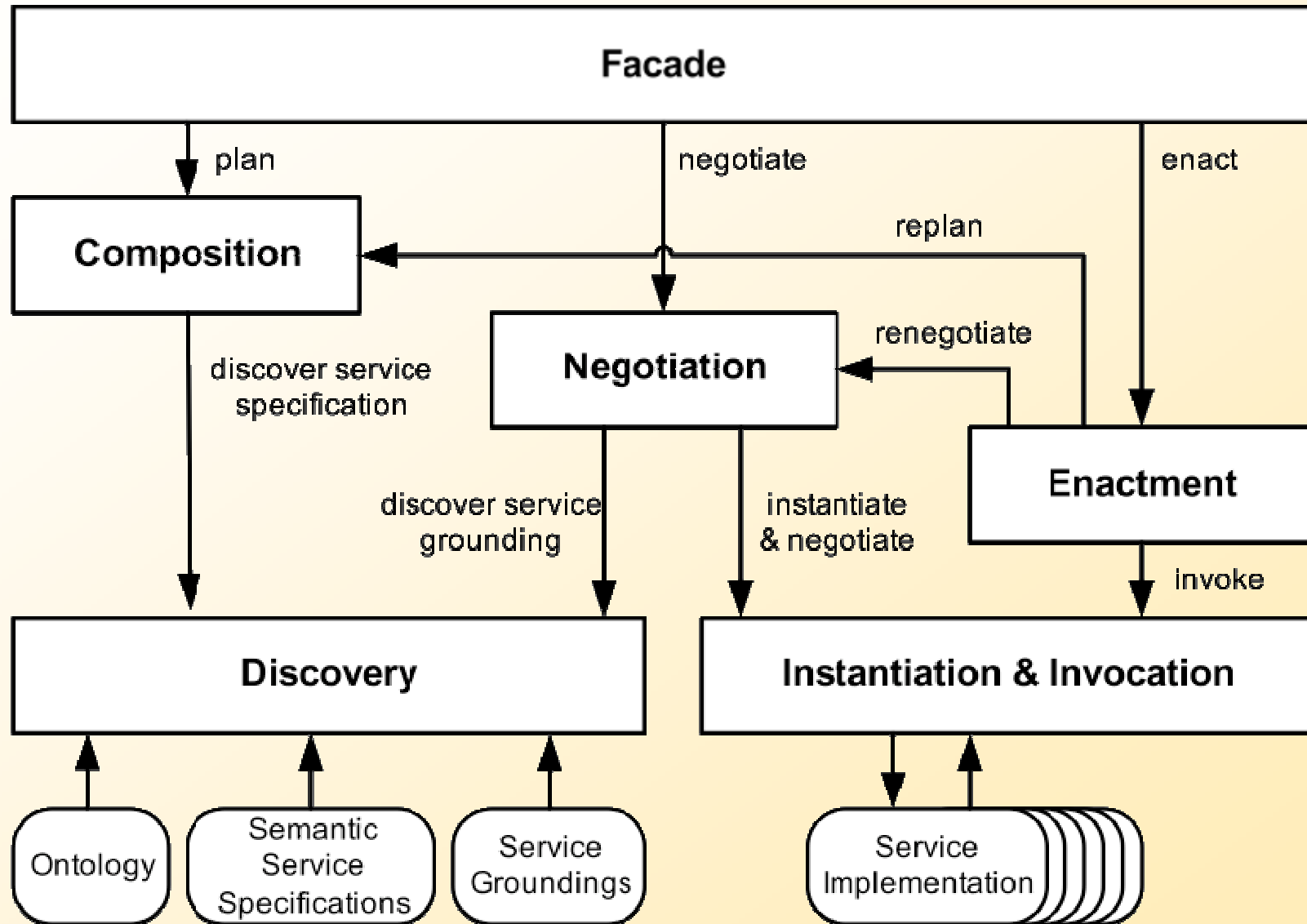
J2EE Connector Architecture (JCA)



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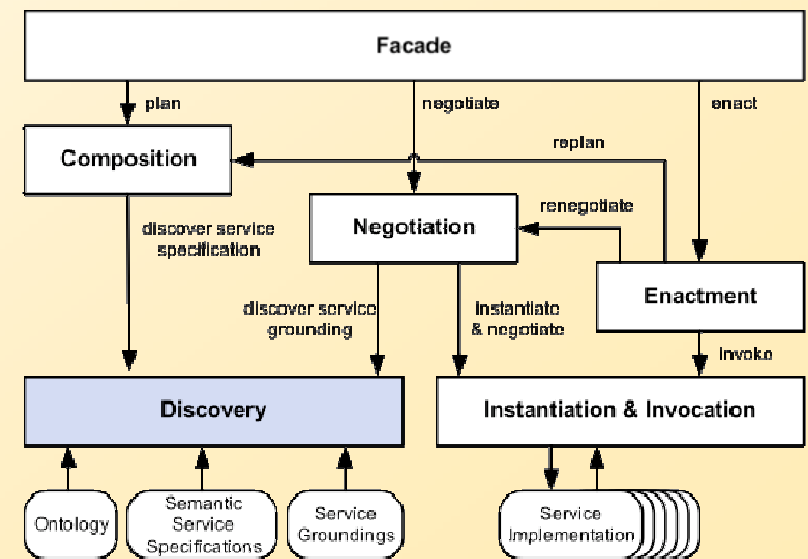
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The overall ASG stacks



Discovery

- execute queries on semantic service specifications
 - requests from composition and negotiation
- encapsulates a reasoner (Flora) that can evaluate requests in logic expression (F-Logic)

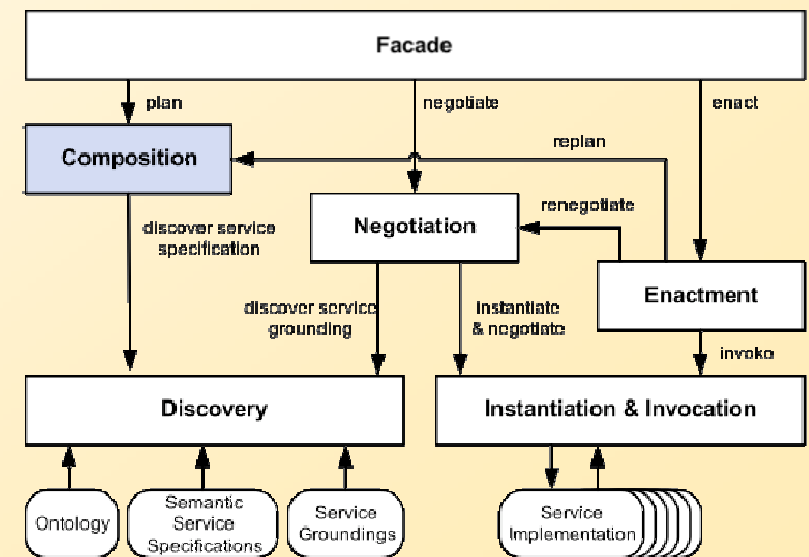


Discovery - Improvements

- replaced mocks with fully functional discovery component
 - run as a singleton/synchronize requests
 - semantic service specifications and underlying ontology are loaded at startup
 - extraction of suitable conditions for a given state
 - extraction of service groundings for negotiation based on preconditions and effects
- using RMI Server for Flora Reasoner
 - in-process usage of reasoner is unstable and leads to faulty behavior
 - reasoner installations show different behavior on different OS

Composition

- compose a process to fulfill the user request containing initial state, goal state and parameter values
- select conditions from semantic service specifications that lead to a semantic process execution plan

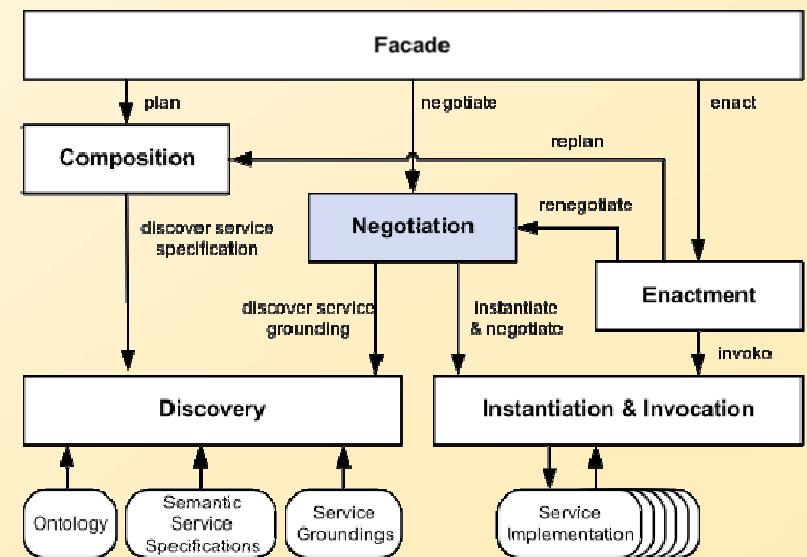


Composition - Improvements

- strong interaction with Harald Meyer; we provided:
 - service specifications and ontology for supply chain scenario
 - sample composer outputs (composed services) as needed by negotiation
 - test cases for composer
- separation of concerns between Composition and Negotiation was mandatory
 - selection of condition sets instead of semantic service specifications necessary for negotiation
- main problem: unstable Flora reasoner
 - development without tool support

Negotiation

- negotiate with service agents QoS parameters
- select concrete services for semantic service invocations based on the negotiation process
- create BPEL compliant execution plan



Negotiation - Improvements

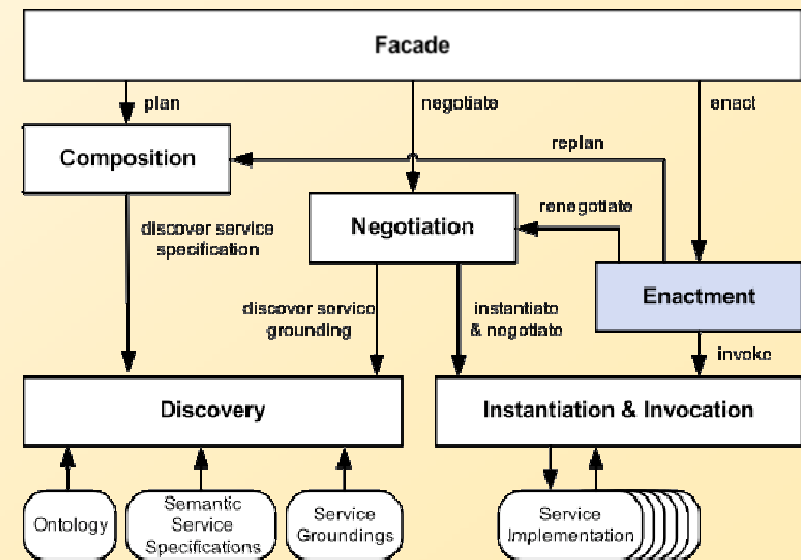
- input: execution sequence with semantic invocations, variables, and assignments
- only conditions (preconditions & effects) are specified instead of concrete service specification
 - fault-tolerance implemented
- tasks:
 - find service groundings for each condition set
 - create service instances and negotiate with them
 - select service fulfilling the requirements (availability)
 - replace semantics with executable invocations and essential variable assignments

the WSDL issue

- negotiation requires interface descriptions (WSDL)
- are now retrieved during instantiation and attached to the composed service, should be used by enactment
- negotiate method

Enactment

- show flexibility of ASG reference architecture
- evaluation of several open-source workflow engines according the following criterias
 - usability
 - standard compliance (BPEL)
 - legal issues, e.g. licenses
 - integration efforts
- engine of choice: Fivesight PXE
- explained in detail:
"Open-source Workflow Engine Integration into ASG platform"



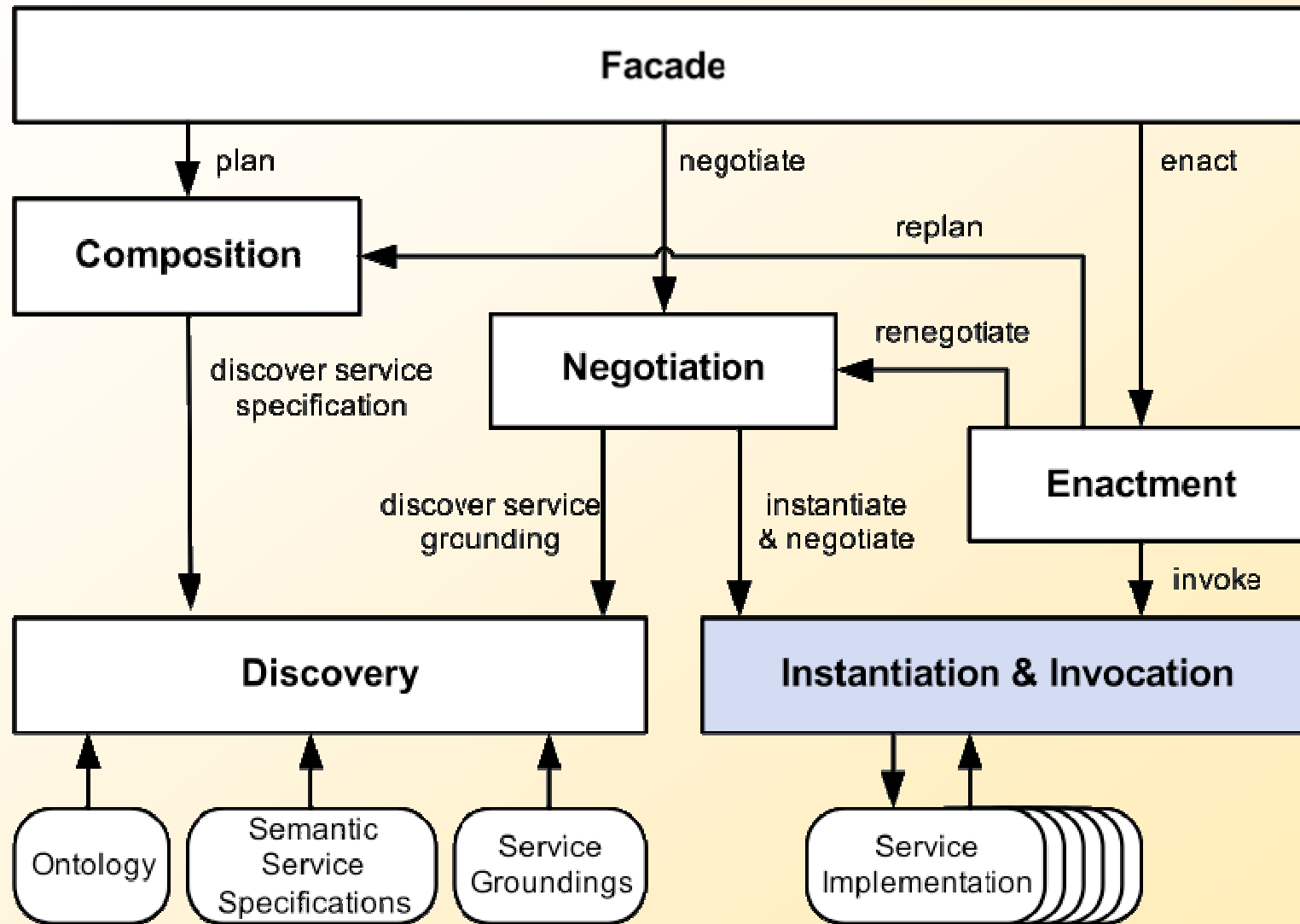
Enactment - Improvements

Integration of PXE

- challenge: adaption to ASG specific needs
 - usage of WS-Addressing for invocation of atomic services (to realize the stateful behavior)
 - automatic generation of PXE deployment descriptor
- transform enactment input (composed service) into a deployable bundle
 - BPEL compliant execution plan
 - interface data (in WSDL) of all services to invoke
 - PXE deployment descriptor



Service Invocation



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What has been done?

- proof of general ASG concepts
- extended implementation of main ASG components
- detection and partial solution of structural pitfalls
 - namespace awareness
 - web service styles - document/literal (wrapped), ...
 - mapping between service groundings and service specification / condition sets
 - mapping between ontology concepts and XML types/elements

ASG Key Features

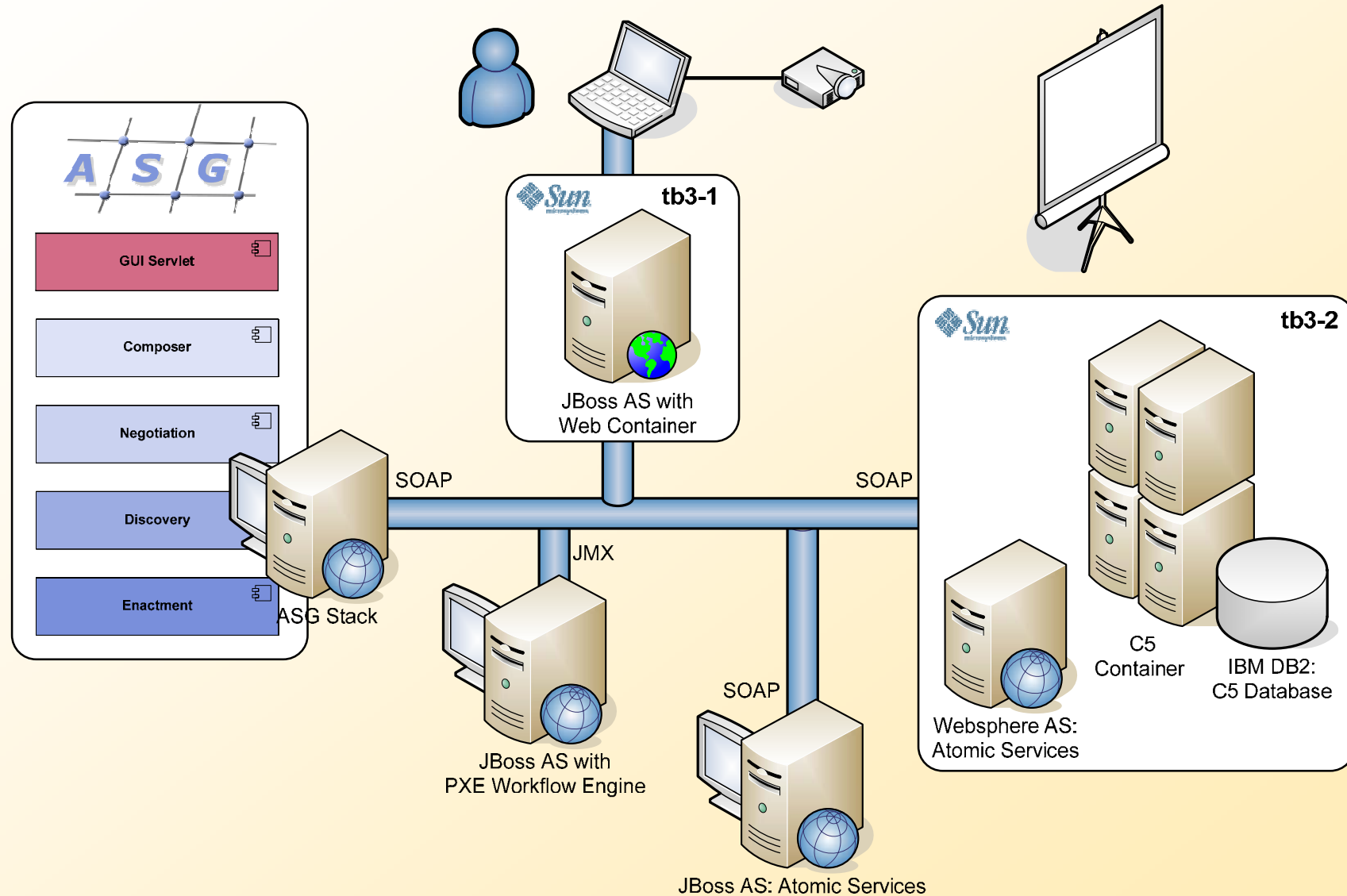
- *Seamless integration of heterogeneous external services*
 - Semantic-annotation of services basing on domain ontology
 - Methodology and tools
 - proof of architecture's flexibility
- *On-demand creation of composed services*
 - Semantic-enabled composition of supply chain processes
- *Reliable service provision with assured end-to-end quality of service*
 - Enactment of composed services
 - Simple negotiation

Restrictions / open issues

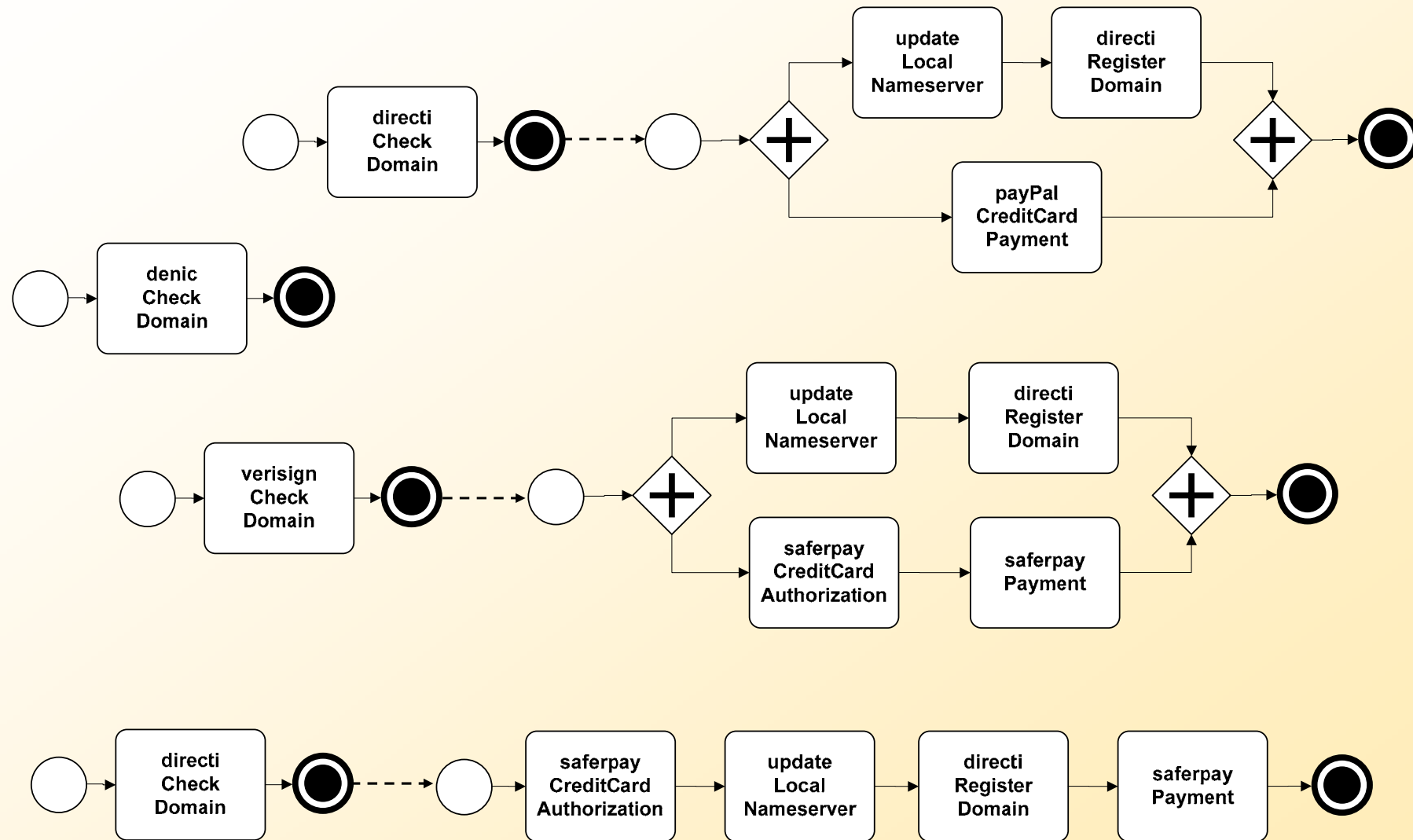
- fault handling, re-planning, re-negotiation
 - retrieve semantic information for XML process data
- intermediate result handling in case of faults
 - PXE monitors on process and activity level (current state, assignments of variables)
- compensation activities
 - credit card refund
 - nameserver entries
 - ...

Demonstration

Demonstration: Infrastructure



Demonstration: Exemplary Compositions



Thanks for your attention.

Any questions?