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2The initializePartnerRole attribute specifies ~~if whether~~ the [WS-BPEL](#) processor is  
3required to initialize a partnerLink's partnerRole value. The attribute has no affect on the  
4partnerRole's value after its initialization. The initializePartnerRole attribute MUST NOT  
5be used on a partnerLink that does not have a partner role; this restriction MUST be  
6statically enforced. If the initializePartnerRole attribute is set to "yes" then the [WS-BPEL](#)  
7processor [logic](#) MUST initialize the EPR ~~of the partnerRole offor~~ the specified  
8partnerLink/~~partnerRole combination~~ before that ~~the EPR of the~~ partnerRole is first  
9referenced by the [WS-BPEL](#) process, such as being used in an <invoke> activity. If the  
10initializePartnerRole attribute is set to "no" then the [WS-BPEL](#) processor [logic](#) MUST  
11NOT initialize the EPR ~~for the specifiedof partnerRole of the~~ partnerLink/~~partnerRole~~  
12~~combination~~ before that partnerRole is first referenced by the [WS-BPEL](#) process. If the  
13initializePartnerRole attribute is omitted then its value MUST be treated as "no".

14The [WS-BPEL](#) processor logic that initializes the EPR of a partnerRole refers to  
15infrastructure logic specific to a [WS-BPEL](#) processor. A typical example is process  
16deployment logic. Business logic expressed in the process definition or auto-assignment  
17of EPR logic in an underlying EPR scheme, such as the reply-to feature in [WS-](#)  
18Addressing 1.0, are not constrained by this initializePartnerRole attribute.

19When initializePartnerRole is set to "yes", the EPR value used partnerRole initialization  
20is typically specified as a part of [WS-BPEL](#) process deployment / execution environment  
21configuration. Hence, the initializePartnerRole attribute may be used as a part of process  
22deployment contract.