

## ***9/29 Special BPEL Use Case Subgroup Conf Call***

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### ***Important Note:***

***This call was set up to review the following Action Items from the 9/22 Use Case Conference Call:***

- ***Sid, Sally, and Harvey will submit a “sample use case” to the group by 9/26. The purpose of this “sample use case” is to provide an example of the artifacts that will be produced in a typical use case submission.***

### ***The call started at 4:00 PM ET***

#### **Attendees:**

- Harvey Reed
- Rajesh Pradhan
- Sid Askary
- Rajesh Manglani (departed at 5:00 PM ET)
- Tony Fletcher (departed at 4:36 PM ET)
- Monica Martin

#### **Minutes:**

- Purpose of the call
- Rand Anderson also helped
- Harvey walked us through the documents
  - Explanation:
    - Use case lets the BPEL committee use BPEL by making BPEL
    - Purpose of the files is to provide a valid instance of BPEL and associated WSDL artifacts
  - Powerpoint:
    - Slide 1: What is a Use Case?
      - Purpose of the use case is to run the spec thru its paces. We also need to understand that there is a higher level business process to provide context
      - We need to provide artifacts to describe the areas in green, red and yellow
      - Although we do want all of these areas, we have two options for how to populate the use cases:
        1. Take real-world examples and drive down into technical BPEL use cases

2. People working on BPEL issues should be able to take a “bottom up” approach and connect with a meaningful business context
  - We need a way to manage the process of populating the use cases. Observers must be able to find use cases and determine their statuses and expected outcomes (deliverables).
- Monica clarified that “business context” implies a real-world example.
  - Perhaps the issues subgroup should be asked to include a justification/example of how each resolution might be used in the “real world”. (Monica cited Ron’s alarm issue at the F2F as one such example.)
  - John agreed that this approach would be useful, but expressed concern about it slowing down the Issue subgroup.
  - Monica would like to see someone else raise this request to the Issue subgroup (she expressed concern about raising a lot of other requests in the past and didn’t want to dominate this process).
- Harvey continued with the document review:
  - WSBPEL Use Case Catalogue v100 1.doc:
    1. The table of contents provides an overview of the document itself.
    2. Second section should be business flows (current doc has it out of place)
      - Classify business flows as EAI or B2B
    3. Next section is Entities
    4. Last section within Business Context is Services (human-readable textual descriptions, not WSDL)
- Rajesh pointed out that within CEFACT, a business entity has a different meaning. We can use the word “entity” but we should clarify it up front.
  - John indicated we could have an Assumptions section at the beginning to clarify these issues.
  - Rajesh also volunteered to assist with the Word document (WSBPEL Use Case Catalogue v100 1.doc).
- Monica indicated that we may be better off if we simply use the word “entity” instead of “business entity”.
- Harvey continued with the document review:
  - WSBPEL Use Case Catalogue v100 1.doc:
    1. Technical Context section:

- WSDL will have a table. For every WSDL file, you note the service it links up to (the whole WSDL file would not exist in this document).
- 2. Assumptions section
  - This section was inspired by a document that Sid created. There are many issues/considerations that may be considered to be “global” to all use cases. (This section may be renamed “Global Assumptions”.)
  - Any use cases that diverge from the Global Assumptions will include a notice within the use case itself
- 3. Use Case section
  - This section will contain the templates for the actual use cases.
- 4. Harvey quickly described the contents that would appear within each section of the document, requesting that call participants scroll to the appropriate areas as he described them.
  - Note: The Issues section will be removed
  - The “see file...” text within the template in Section 6 will be replaced with actual URIs.
- CRM-01.wsdl and SFA-01.wsdl
  - 1. Rand created these WSDL documents (still in draft – errors will appear if you try to validate them)
  - 2. These types of documents help resolve all issues or questions
- AddUser.bpel.xml
  - 1. Again, this is a work in progress
  - 2. Early sketch of the flow and sequence are in the document
  - 3. This document will be fleshed out once the WSDL is completed.
- Sid walked us through the management spreadsheet he created (UC-consideration-matrix 1.xls):
  - 1. Sid sent this document out to the mailing list last week
  - 2. Column A-C provide ways to classify use cases

3. Columns will be populated with Use Case numbers, enabling us to see which use cases we have, and where we have gaps.
    - Example: “Broadcast” is not currently allowed in the context of the current spec (hence the “NA” value).
  4. Objective is to identify gaps or quickly locate types of use cases “at a glance”
  5. If we concentrate on the run time behavior we should be able to better understand (and possibly populate) the previous columns
- Harvey indicated that if we accept these documents and assumptions as a starting point we must:
    1. Clean them up in preparation for presentation to the TC on Wednesday, 10/1.
  - Rajesh asked for a clarification
    1. Rajesh is interested in pulling together another example using Simpl-eb. Rajesh is interested in populating a template for Simpl-eb.
    - Rajesh will wait until this document is complete (targeting 10/1), then get started on an entry for Simpl-eb.
  - Editing process
    - John encouraged the group to evolve this process as we go. John proposed a quick process that might be feasible:
      1. Collectively review the use case/template

Rajesh will be submitting Simpl-eb.

- Suggested Rule:
  - Is you take a use case and specialize it, please add a decimal with a sequential number (e.g. UC100.1).

#### Action Items

- Rajesh will write up a description of what we mean when we use the term “entity” and how we should avoid associating it with CEFACT’s definition of the term.

***The call ended at 5:10 PM ET***