ATTENDEES:
- Sally St. Amand
- John Evdemon
- Yin-Leng Husband
- Monica Martin
- Frank Ryan
- David RR Webber

AGENDA / MINUTES:

The call started at 4:00 PM ET.

0) Decide upon best date/time for the Use Case call
   - After some discussion we decided to keep the current schedule. Use Case conference calls will be held on alternate Tuesdays (during weeks when there is not a TC call) from 4-5 PM ET.

1) Review of action items:
   - John asked for feedback on the new Use Case web page and templates (www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/6074/WSBPEL-Use-Cases-Overview.html). There were no objections to the proposed approach. John still needs to clean up and post the EAI Use Case previously submitted by Monica and Sid.
   - Frank: Write up scenarios from Implementation subgroup
     o Work on this task is ongoing. Frank expects to submit a Use Case based upon the Implementation Subgroup scenario by the end of the week.
   - All: Review and comment on Yin-Leng's and David' Webber's contributions
     o Yin-Leng is following up with various people to get some additional narrative/explanations for the slides she contributed (see http://www.oasis-open.org/archives/wsbpel-uc/200403/msg00009.html).
     o No progress reported on soliciting use cases from other organizations.
     o No additional scenarios contributed at the time this meeting was held.

2) Discussion of current approach
   - There were no objections to the new Use Case web page and templates (www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/6074/WSBPEL-Use-Cases-Overview.html).

3) Discuss Pending Use Cases:
   - Most of the conference call was spent discussing David’s CAM Use Cases (see www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/5995/CAM-001.rtf and www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/5996/CAM-002.rtf). A summary of this discussion appears below:
     o Monica raised concerns about Use Cases claiming to use BPEL for e-business, given that transactional capabilities are outside of the scope of the current spec.
David: The CAM Use Cases provide guidance for binding to external services and providing validation – this should not be an issue for anyone.

Monica: BPEL cannot handle transactional capabilities - it looks outside of BPEL to handle transactional capabilities. Simple send/receive messaging is a not a transaction.

Monica: At last week’s F2F it was discussed that BPEL should not be used to create additional XML documents. BPEL is not in the business of creating XML documents out of other fragments or pieces of documents.

David: This is why we need CAM and the one of the objectives of the CAM use cases.

Monica: There is a minimum level of data manipulation needed for BPEL.- the F2F discussed things like XQuery and XUpdate – BPEL should not define BPEL-specific representations of these initiatives.

David: There is a distinction between what BPEL does and what an external service can provide. The CAM uses cases are designed to illustrate how BPEL can bind to an external service that provides features that BPEL does not.

Monica: What if faults occur in an external service?

David: CAM supports error reporting/etc to provide feedback in a structured way (the WSDL binding will give you this).

Monica: We should discuss this in a larger group. The TC has expressed concerns about what happens across scopes, etc.

David: We need to create simple Use Cases rather than write BPEL illustrating how to write the markup. We need to define the Use Cases and allow the BPEL TC to decide on the actual XML syntax. People are frequently throwing out pieces of XML on the TC list without a context/use case about what it should be. Instead they should START with a use case and think about the markup later.

John: I'll tweak my Data Manipulation Use Case to include a higher level business context. The Use Case is currently a simple tutorial on how to populate, manipulate and work with variables.

Monica: We need to create use cases that illustrate what you can do with BPEL today – not in the future. The Use Cases need to be reasonable about what BPEL can do in the near-term. Doing things that are far more than we can accomplish in the near-term will not serve the User Community.

David: Version 1 Use Cases must be constrained in terms of what you can do with Version 1 BPEL. This will help us better identify what goes into future versions.

Monica: Issues 11, 48, 100, 101, 103 may serve as candidates for developing Use Cases around.

David: Issues 111 and 112 are also worth reviewing. Solving Issue 11 will help decide what the Use Cases are. Once we’ve identified the external binding mechanism (which everyone seems to want to avoid). We need to force the
people that raised Issues 11, 48, 100, 101, 103 to help define associated Use Cases. Getting the binding to external services to a clean, robust state may help clarify these issues.

- John: Issue 90 is also worthwhile and loosely related to my Use Case.
- Monica: Without "useful use cases", these issues are too unclear. We need to help facilitate these examples.
- David and Monica agreed to revise the CAM use cases and send them out to the general TC list to generate discussion on how these types of issues should be resolved.
- David and Monica referenced the IV&I PoC at AIAG. Apparently AIAG is using BPSS in a PoC and has expressed interest in using BPEL and web services. It is not currently known the status of the PoC and their success at using BPSS, BPEL or web services. David indicated that BPEL Use Cases could provide assistance/guidance to initiatives such as the one at AIAG.
- David indicated that the ebXML Registry’s semantic content management (SCM) subteam has developed eleven Use Cases that may provide some guidance to our group.
- Sally expressed interest in clarifying what we mean by the term “Use Case”. John is concerned that this would be unproductive (the Use Case subgroup already spent a lot of time on this discussion in the past). Sally requested that we publish the notes from last week’s F2F since there was some discussion on Use Cases.
- Monica: On Permeable Scopes there was a lot of discussion about the need for Use Cases but no one described how the Use Cases could be developed. Can we develop a Use Case to illustrate permeable/serializable scope?
- John: I contacted several people in the TC about this but have had no feedback.

- Use Case MS-01 ([www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/6045/MS-01.rtf](http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/6045/MS-01.rtf)):
  - John will revise/republish this Use Case, adding business context.

  - This Use Case was originally contributed by Monica and Sid. John needs to finish cleaning up this Use Case and publish it in the new template format.

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  - This is a Use Case based upon the WS-I Supply Chain Scenario. It was suggested by Harvey Reed but no one has volunteered to work on it. We may need to drop it if no one is willing to work on it.

This is a mapping from UN/CEFACT BCF to BPEL. John needs to clean up this Use Case and publish it in the new template format.

5) New business/other
   - Phil Rossomando offered to develop a Use Case to clarify abstract BPEL processes. The status of this work is not currently known.
   - David believed that Monica’s F2F presentation could provide a Use Case to illustrate the use of end point references – possibly offering an alternative to WS-Addressing.
   - People seem to be very busy with little time to work on developing Use Cases. John encouraged people to solicit use cases from others if they did not have time to work on them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM ET.

ACTION ITEMS:

- John Evdemon:
  - Clean up, post the following Use Cases
    - Nuperus-01, Simpl-01, BCF-01.
    - WSI-01 will remain on the “Pending” list until someone either volunteers to work on it or we drop it completely.
    - MS-01: Add more of a business context – the use Case is currently a simple tutorial on BPEL variable manipulation options.

- Yin-Leng:
  - Follow up with various people at HP to get some additional narrative/explanations for the slides she contributed (see http://www.oasis-open.org/archives/wsbpel-uc/200403/msg00009.html).

- Frank:
  - Write up and submit the scenarios (using the template at http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/5997/WSBPEL-UC-Template.rtf) used by the Implementation subgroup and submit to the BPEL Use Case mailing list for discussion.

- David and Monica:
  - Work to revise the description of the CAM-01 and CAM-02 Use Cases. Submit to the revised templates to the Use Case mailing list for discussion.
  - Discuss possibility of creating a Use Case based upon Monica’s F2F presentation. If a Use Case is developed, please post it to the BPEL Use Case mailing list for discussion.

- David:
  - Send out a link to the semantic content management (SCM) subteam’s Use Cases.

- All:
  - Review and comment on Use Cases as they are posted to the BPEL Use Case mailing list
  - Solicit use cases from other organizations
  - Contribute additional Use Cases