

A GUI for invoking Web Services: benefits and how to build it on top of Apache CXF

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**Let's invoke a
Web Service
in Java...**

WSDL reference



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JAX-WS Tools

```
asoldano@localhost /dati/demo-wise/wildfly-11.0.0.Alpha1-SNAPSHOT/bin (master) $ ./wsconsume.sh -k http://localhost:8080/jaxws-samples-retail/OrderMgmtService/OrderMgmtBean?wsdl
Could not find log4j.xml configuration, logging to console.

Loading FrontEnd jaxws ...
Loading DataBinding jaxb ...
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wsdl2java - Apache CXF 3.1.6

asoldano@localhost /dati/demo-wise/wildfly-11.0.0.Alpha1-SNAPSHOT/bin (master) $ ls output/ws/jboss/org/samples/retail/
Customer.class  ObjectFactory.class  OrderItem.class  OrderMgmt.class  OrderState.class  OrderStatus.class  OrderType.class  package-info.class
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Coding in your IDE

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. The title bar reads "Attività Eclipse" and "mar 16.11". The top menu includes File, Edit, Source, Refactor, Navigate, Search, Project, Run, Window, and Help. The toolbar has various icons for file operations like Open, Save, Cut, Copy, Paste, and Find.

The left side features the "Package Explorer" view, which lists the project structure. It shows a workspace with two projects: "wise-project-a" (demo-wise master) and "wise-project-b" (demo-wise master). "wise-project-a" contains packages like "src/main/java" and "src/test/java", with sub-packages such as "org.jboss.wise.demo" containing "WiseProjectATest.java". Other files like "Customer.java", "ObjectFactory.java", etc., are also listed. "wise-project-b" contains "jaxws-samples-retail.jar" and "pom.xml". Libraries include "JRE System Library [JavaSE-1.8]" and "Maven Dependencies".

The right side is the "WiseProjectATest.java" code editor. The code is as follows:

```
1 package org.jboss.wise.demo;
2
3 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
4
5 public class WiseProjectATest {
6
7     @Test
8     public void test() {
9         System.out.println("Creating client...");
10        OrderMgmtService service = new OrderMgmtService();
11        OrderMgmt port = service.getOrderMgmtBeanPort();
12
13        System.out.println("Preparing parameters...");
14        OrderType order = new OrderType();
15        Customer customer = new Customer();
16        customer.setCreditCardDetails("1234-4567-890-333");
17        customer.setFirstName("Mario");
18        customer.setLastName("Rossi");
19        order.setCustomer(customer);
20        OrderItem orderItem = new OrderItem();
21        orderItem.setName("first-order");
22        orderItem.setPrice(10.45);
23        order.getItems().add(orderItem);
24        order.setOrderNum(1234);
25
26        System.out.println("Invoking...");
27        OrderStatus orderStatus = port.prepareOrder(order);
28
29        System.out.println("\nInvocation result:");
30        System.out.println("order number : " + orderStatus.getOrderNum());
31        System.out.println("order status : " + orderStatus.getStatus());
32        System.out.println("order discount : " + orderStatus.getDiscount());
33
34        assertEquals(1234, orderStatus.getOrderNum());
35        assertEquals("Prepared", orderStatus.getStatus());
36    }
37
38}
```

Maven build automation

```
28</build>
29<plugins>
30  <plugin>
31    <groupId>org.jboss.ws.plugins</groupId>
32    <artifactId>maven-jaxws-tools-plugin</artifactId>
33    <version>1.1.1.Final</version>
34    <configuration>
35      <verbose>true</verbose>
36    </configuration>
37    <executions>
38      <execution>
39        <goals>
40          <goal>wsconsume</goal>
41        </goals>
42        <configuration>
43          <wsdl>
44            <wsdl>http://localhost:8080/jaxws-samples-retail/OrderMgmtService/OrderMgmtBean?wsdl</wsdl>
45          </wsdl>
46          <targetPackage>generated.orderMgmtService</targetPackage>
47        </configuration>
48      </execution>
49    </executions>
50  </plugin>
51</plugins>
```

Satisfied?

- User code bound to generated classes
- Good solution for clients of stable endpoints
- Unconvenient for quick testing of multiple/different endpoints



JBoss Wise

- Java library for easily invoking webservices
- JBoss community project



- Built on top of Apache CXF JAX-WS tooling



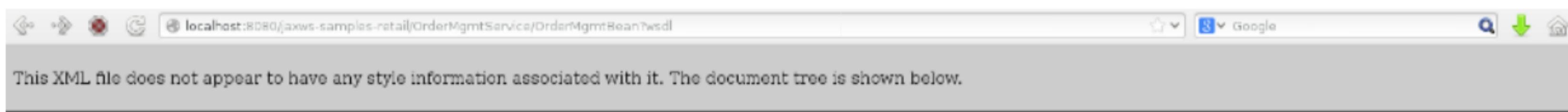


JBoss Wise

- Effective client-server decoupling
- Easy browsing of WSDL models
- (nearly) zero-code invocation of WS operations
- Lowering technical entry level to WS testing

Dynamic client API

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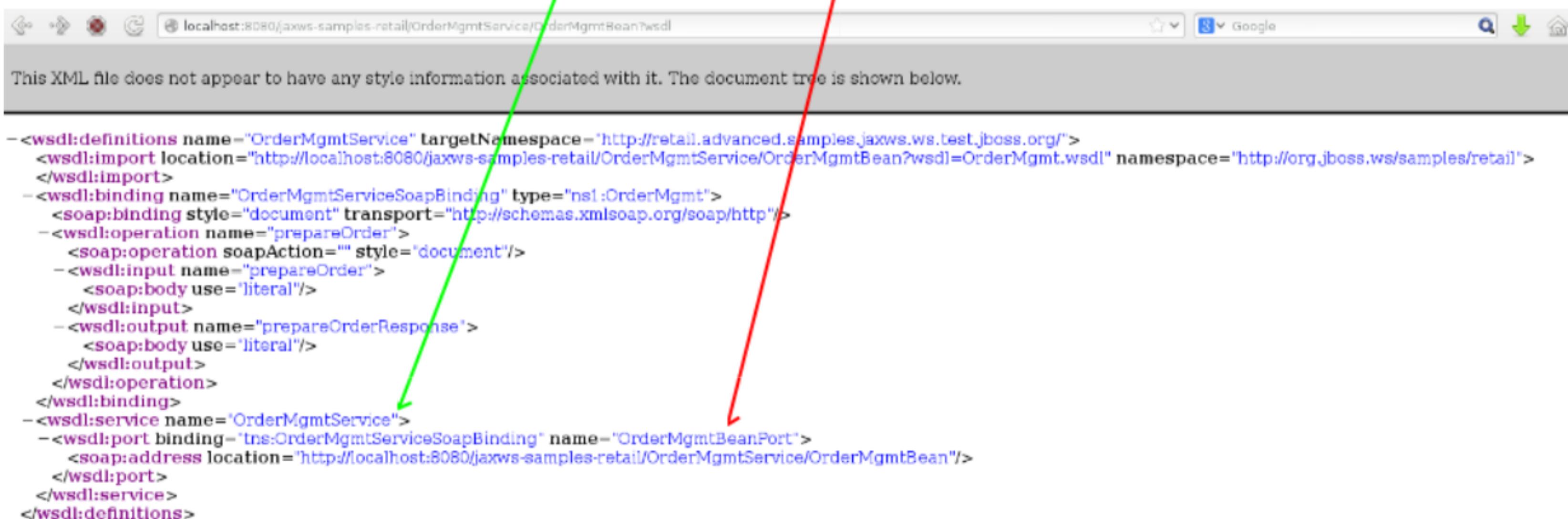


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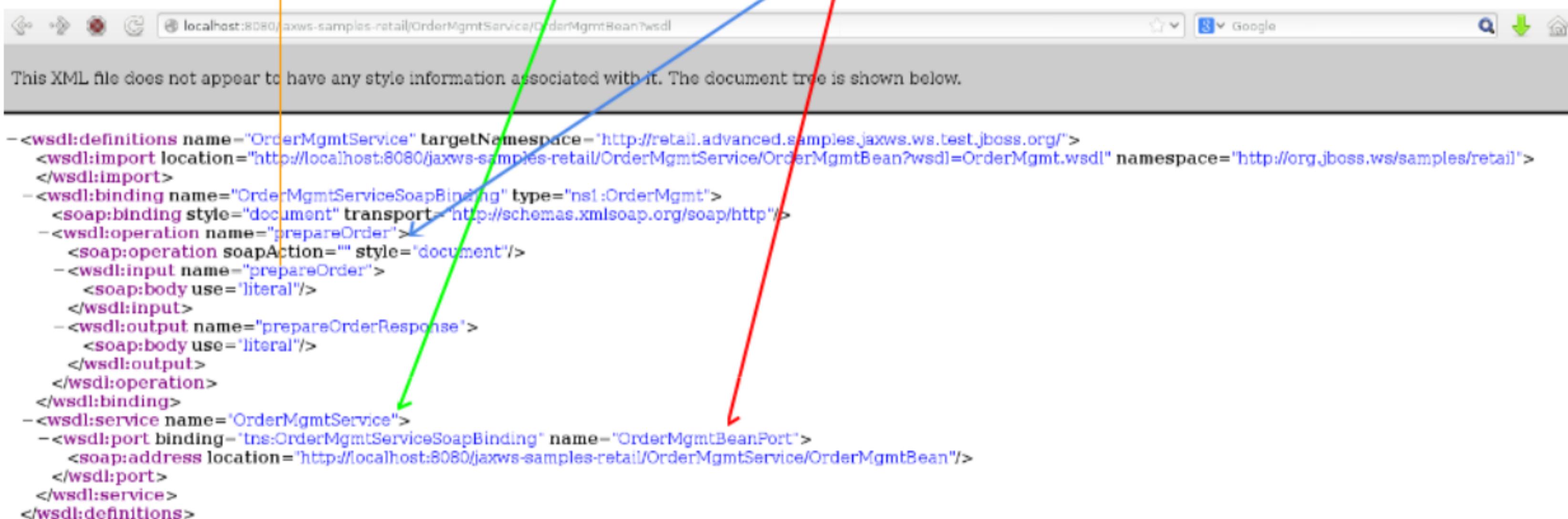
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Model browsing

```
Map<String, WSService> s = client.processServices();
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Map<String, WSMETHOD> m = e.values().iterator().next().getWSMethods();
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OK, what about parameters?

- Structured data for non-trivial endpoints
- invocation map requires Object instances

Parameters

- Get Java type from WebParameter instances
- Use reflection on Wise on-the-fly generated classes to build up desired data

```
WebParameter par = method.getWebParams().get("prepareOrder");
Class<?> orderClass = (Class<?>)par.getType();
Object order = orderClass.newInstance();
orderClass.getMethod("setOrderNum", long.class).invoke(order, 1234);
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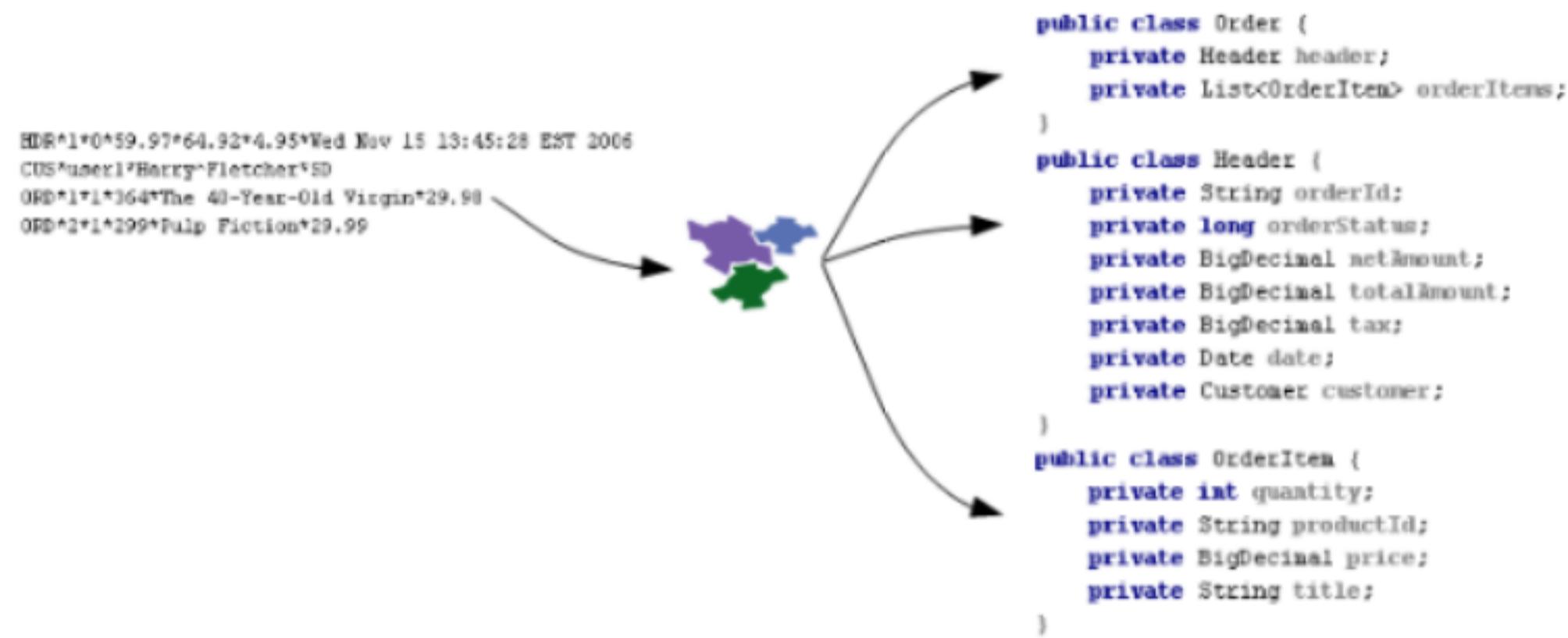
... yes, we can do better :-)

Wise mappers

- Allow users to invoke endpoints using their model
- Map user model to internally generated classes

This turns the problem into **defining the proper transformation** of user data into target endpoint parameters

Smoooks mapper



Invoke WS endpoints given **any** model (xml, csv, Java, ...)

Smooks mapper

E.g. define request and response mappings...



The screenshot shows a code editor window titled "smooks-response.xml". The XML content defines a Smooks resource list with parameters and beans. It includes a parameter for the stream filter type (SAX), a bean for StatoOrdine creation, and three value mappings for properties like numeroOrdine, stato, and sconto.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<smooks-resource-list xmlns="http://www.milyn.org/xsd/smooks-1.1.xsd"
    xmlns:jb="http://www.milyn.org/xsd/smooks/javabean-1.2.xsd">
    <params>
        <param name="stream.filter.type">SAX</param>
    </params>
    <jb:bean beanId="StatoOrdine" class="demo.StatoOrdine" createOnElement="$document">
        <jb:value property="numeroOrdine" data="orderNum" />
        <jb:value property="stato" data="status" />
        <jb:value property="sconto" data="discount" />
    </jb:bean>
</smooks-resource-list>
```

... and invoke providing the user model

```
Ordine ordine = new Ordine();
//...populate custom model
InvocationResult invRes = method.invoke(ordine, new SmooksMapper("smooks-request.xml", client));
StatoOrdine statoOrdine = (StatoOrdine)invRes.getMappedResult(new SmooksMapper("smooks-response.xml", client)).get("StatoOrdine");
```

A generic approach

- Request/response model is the core concept
- We can aim at a simpler and more generic model
- Only String values, maybe?

Tree model

- Tree-like view model
- String only values
- kind of DOM tree built on the valid WS req/res space

```
17 package org.jboss.wise.tree;
18
19 import java.io.Serializable;
20 import java.lang.reflect.Type;
21 import java.util.Iterator;
22
23 public interface Element extends Serializable, Cloneable {
24
25     public boolean isLeaf();
26     public boolean isRemovable();
27     public Type getClassType();
28     public String getName();
29     public boolean isNil();
30     public void setNil(boolean nil);
31     public String getId();
32     public boolean isNillable();
33     public boolean isGroup();
34     public void removeChild(String id);
35     public Element getChild(String id);
36     public Element getChildByName(String name);
37     public Iterator<String> getChildrenIDs();
38     public Iterator<? extends Element> getChildren();
39     public String getValue();
40     public void setValue(String value);
41     public Element getPrototype();
42     public Element incrementChildren();
43     public int getChildrenCount();
44     public boolean isLazy();
45     public boolean isResolved();
46     public Element clone();
47     public Object toObject();
48
49 }
```

Tree model usage

Get the tree view model and populate it..

```
WebParameter par = method.getWebParams().get("prepareOrder");

ElementBuilder builder = ElementBuilderFactory.getElementBuilder().client(client).request(true).useDefaultValuesForNullLeaves(true);
Element order = builder.buildTree(par.getType(), par.getName(), null, true);

order.getChildByName("orderNum").setValue("1234");
order.getChildByName("customer").getChildByName("firstName").setValue("Mario");
//...
Element orderItem = order.getChildByName("items").incrementChildren();
orderItem.getChildByName("name").setValue("first-order");
orderItem.getChildByName("price").setValue("10.45");
//...
```

Invoke the endpoint and convert the result into another tree...

```
Map<String, Object> args = new java.util.HashMap<String, Object>();
args.put(order.getName(), order.toObject());
InvocationResult invRes = method.invoke(args, null);

Class<?> resultClass = (Class<?>)invRes.getResult().get(WSMethod.TYPE_RESULT);
Object result = invRes.getResult().get(WSMethod.RESULT);
Element orderStatus = builder.request(false).useDefaultValuesForNullLeaves(false).buildTree(resultClass, "orderStatus", result, true);

for (Iterator<? extends Element> it = orderStatus.getChildren(); it.hasNext(); ) {
    Element el = it.next();
    System.out.println(el.getName() + " : " + el.getValue());
}
```

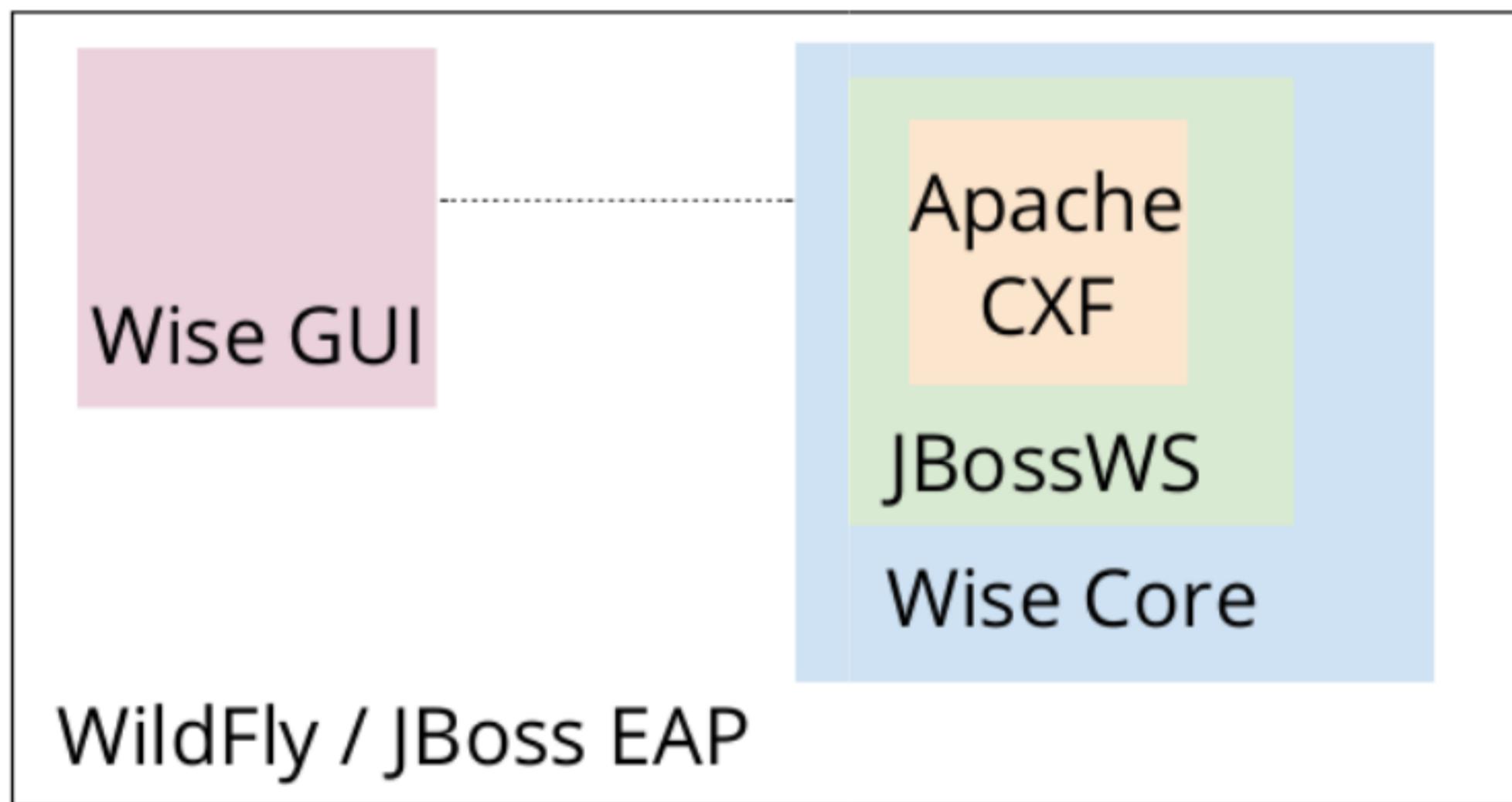
Tree model advantages

- Detyped model... but still compliant with WSDL/schema
- Simple and generic... enough to build a GUI on it !



Wise GUI

- Default scenario



- But we could also have a fat war to run on any Java EE container

Wise GUI

1. Wise Core uses JAX-WS tooling for generating client classes
 2. A tree view is built around the generated client
 3. The GUI lets users populate the tree view
-
- Multiple choices for client side implementation
 - JSF (RichFaces)
 - GWT
 - AngularJS 2 ?

Wise GUI - Benefits

- **Web based**
 - no need for Eclipse / IDE
 - usable everywhere (mobile...?)
- **Focus on the data, not on the technology**
 - No WS, XML or Java knowledge required
 - Fast / agile WS testing
 - Enable business acceptance tests from analysts



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... isn't this easy? :-)

wise.jboss.org
github.com/asoldano/demo

Thank you!