

ESB Implementation Options from IBM

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Topics

- Introduce the concepts of a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)
- Introduce the Enterprise Service Bus architectural pattern



- Evaluate the appropriate application of several ESB implementations
- Review a methodology for designing an SOA using an ESB
- Introduce the concepts of SOA governance and the role of a service registry and repository



Topic Agenda

- Product selection criteria
- Product selection
- Selecting multiple products -- Federated ESB scenarios



Product Selection Criteria



Features which are Common Across all (or almost all) ESBs are not key decision criteria

- Communication Protocols & Interaction Patterns
 - SOAP, HTTP(S), synchronous, one-way, pub/sub, JMS (for Java ESBs)
- Message Models & Meta-models
 - XML, text, binary, XSD, WSDL
- Mediation Flows and Mediation Patterns
 - XSLT transformation, logging, DB enrichment, protocol transformation
 - Filtering, basic routing, context-based routing, exception handling
- Qualities of Service
 - Basic failover, basic scalability
- Additional Features
 - Graphical tool environment
 - Endpoint lookup in a Registry
 - Ability to be monitored
 - Basic runtime configuration change capability



Top Questions which Guide ESB Product Selection ..But will vary for each situation

- Does the ESB product support for my messaging backbone (e.g. MQ, non-IBM)?
- How can it connect to and how easy is it to integrate my EIS and legacy systems (e.g. Adapter to SAP, CICS)?
- To what degree does the ESB supports my industry schema (e.g. HL7)?
- Does the ESB support WS * standards which are needed immediately? How well does the product roadmap for WS* match feature requirements?
- How many of my mediation requirements are fulfilled by prebuilt mediations?
 - Including custom mediation and extensibility capabilities, can it meet all the functional requirements?
- Can it meet my throughput and latency requirements? In combination with assured delivery?
- Does the ESB meet my transaction and reliability requirements?
- To what degree does it support my security standards and infrastructure?
- Is an SOA Appliance (combined hardware and software) an option?
- What is the software license cost? For development, for initial production, to scale up as demand grows?
- How well does the ESB match the skills of my organization? What is the skill gap?



Key Criteria for ESB selection

- Communication Protocols & Interaction Patterns
 - e.g., MQ, SOAP/HTTP, pub/sub
 - "Associated" standards (e.g., WS-Security, headers)
 - Adapters
- Message Models & Meta-models
 - e.g., XSD, specific XML schema
 - "Associated standards" (e.g., SOAP headers, attachments)
 - "Optimizing capabilities" (e.g., Weak-typing, validation)
 - Adapters
- Mediation Flows and Mediation Patterns
 - Metadata driven
 - · Determines level of dynamic behavior at run time
 - Registry access



Key Criteria for ESB selection (con'd)

- Mediation Flows and Mediation Patterns (con'd)
 - Service virtualization
 - Conversion (protocols, interaction patterns)
 - Transformation (use of message meta-models, enrichment, filtering)
 - Routing (simple, customization capabilities)
 - Aspect oriented connectivity
 - Logging, monitoring, auditing integration
 - Database, CEI, file, ...
 - Management integration
 - Security integration
 - Breadth of pre-built mediation primitives
 - Custom mediation capability and Programming model
 - Weak-typing
 - Support for pre-built mediation flows (templates)



Key Criteria for ESB selection (con'd)

- Qualities of service
 - Heterogeneous transaction coordination
 - Reliable/assured delivery
 - Performance
 - Message size
 - Throughput
 - Scalability
 - Reliability
 - Availability



Key Criteria for ESB selection (cont.)

- Non-functional
 - Affinity to SOA environment (e.g., WebSphere Process Server)
 - Affinity to IT environment (e.g. JEE application server)
 - Development tooling capabilities and affinity to current tools
 - Configuration and administration tooling capabilities
 - Existing and required skill set (e.g., JEE skills)
 - Product maturity and comfort level with leading edge products
 - Price and total cost of ownership
- Ease of integration with
 - Monitoring and management infrastructure
 - Security infrastructure



Product Selection



ESB offerings from IBM WebSphere

WebSphere delivers the most complete ESB solution



WebSphere ESB

Built on WebSphere Application Server for an integrated SOA platform

ESB Offerings from IBM WebSphere

WebSphere Message Broker

Wiezegge Bloke

Universal connectivity and transformation in heterogeneous IT environments



WebSphere DataPower Integration Appliance

Purpose-built hardware ESB for simplified deployment and hardened security



When to use WebSphere ESB?

- You use WebSphere Application Server
 - Your team has skills with WAS Administration and Java coding
- You are now or planning on developing business process using WebSphere Process Server
 - WebSphere ESB and WPS have common tooling, programming model, and runtime
- You are integrating with ISV business applications hosted on WAS or 3rd party solutions which extend and support WAS
- All connectivity requirements are standards based interactions using XML, SOAP, and WS*
- You want to mediate between Web services and existing systems using JMS and WebSphere JCA Adapters
- Reliability and extensive transactional support are key requirements
- You want to co-host WebSphere services and ESB in one application server



When to use WMB?

- You are currently using WebSphere Message Broker but not as an ESB
 - Migrate to newer version; implement ESB Patterns
 - Leverage existing WMB skills
- You have extensive heterogeneous infrastructures, including both standard and non-standards-based applications, protocols, and data formats
 - You have extensive MQ skills and infrastructure
 - You are using Industry formats such as SWIFT, EDI, HL7
- You are implementing a wide range of messaging and integration patterns
 - Complex event processing, message splitting and aggregation
- You need extensive pre-built mediation support
- You have very complex transformation needs
- Reliability and extensive transactional support are key requirements
- To achieve very high-performance with horizontal and vertical scaling



When to use DataPower XI50?

- Ease of use is a pre-dominant consideration
 - Simple experience of drop-in installation and admin-based configuration with no or minimal development required
- You are transforming between XML-and-XML or XML-and-any other format
- Your interaction patterns are relatively simple
- Your mediation requirements are met by the existing DP mediations and minimal extensibility is needed
- You are using XML-based or WS-Security extensively
- You require use of advanced Web services standards
- You need to minimize message latency when adding an ESB layer
- You are doing extensive XML processing combined with high performance reqs
- Your ESB must be in production very quickly

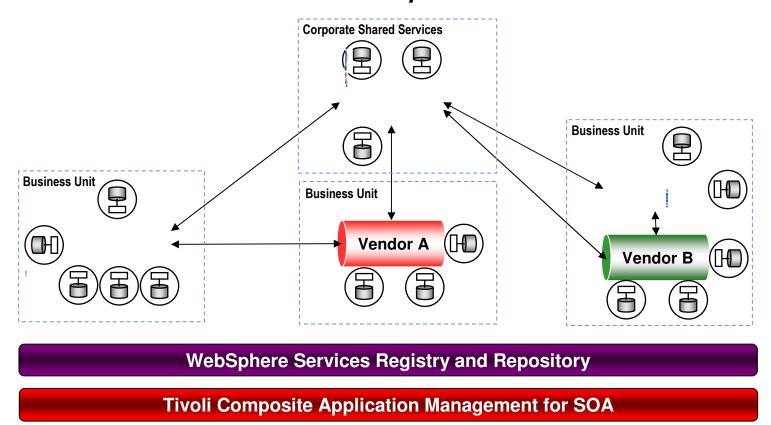


ESB Federation



Managing Multiple ESBs – Federated ESB Topologies

➤ A single enterprise-wide ESB is rarely attainable — most businesses will have multiple ESBs across business units



Federated Security

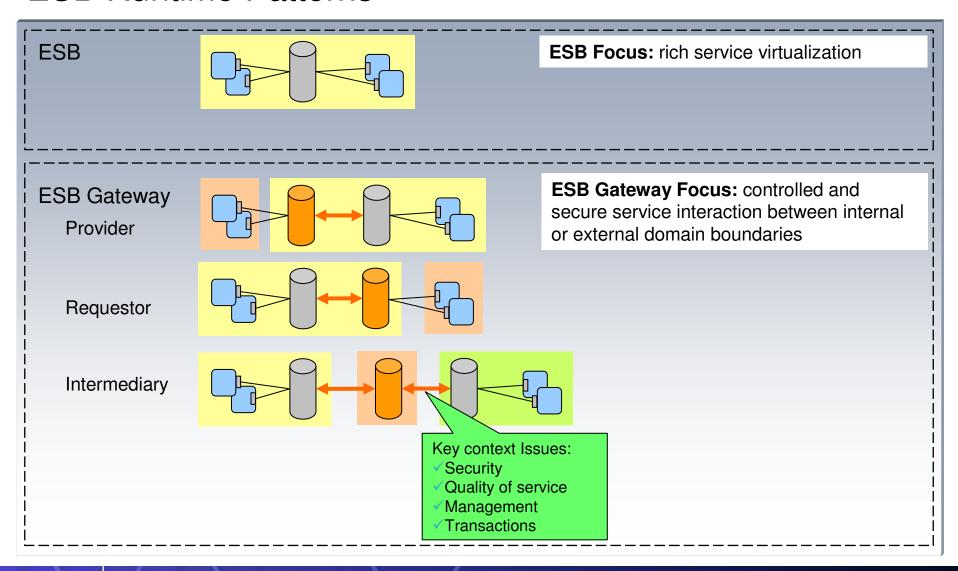


Why Federated?

- Business and Funding Models are Distributed or Federated
 - E.g., by business unit
 - Best Practice Architecture aligned to business model
- Distributed geographical location
- Distributed Governance
- 'Domains' have differing ESB requirements which are best met by different products
- Domain service ESBs need to be decoupled to allow asynchronous development and deployment
 - Best Practice Isolate critical environments
- Backbone ESB is needed for reuse of services and to have Enterprise level services across domains

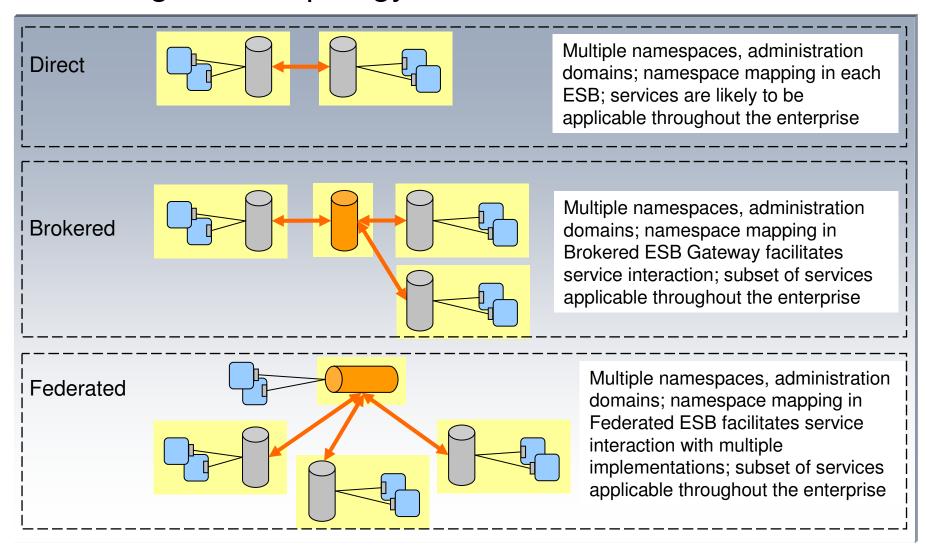


ESB Runtime Patterns





ESB Integration Topology Patterns





(Federated) ESB

- The Enterprise Service Bus consists of all the domain service buses, and the backbone bus if needed
- Service messages flow across more than one bus
- Majority of service requests to providers are within a domain and are mediated by a single domain service bus
- Some shared services may be provided by a domain for use by other domains
- Some consumers in one domain may request services provided by another domain
- All service requests between domains usually routed by a 'backbone bus'
- Enterprise services can be available directly on the backbone bus
- Also federated
 - Service registry
 - Security
 - management



Review

- Product selection criteria
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- Selecting multiple products -- Federated ESB scenarios