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SCA Java™ annotation and implementation programming – Specification examples



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This presentation will cover the examples from the two specifications for SCA V1.0 programming model – Java annotations and Java implementation.

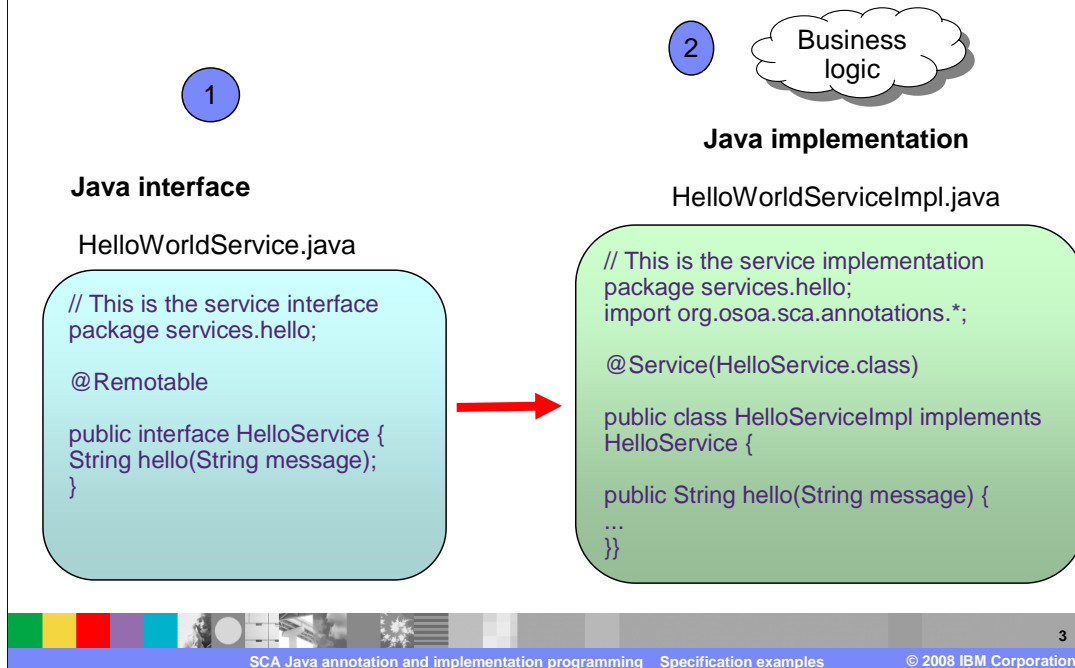
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Java specifications examples



This section will discuss the Java specifications with SCA examples where applicable.

Use case: Java interface



The first one is a simple Java interface use case.

Starting with a Java interface, you would then write Java implementation with its business logic meaning create a POJO implementation/interface relationship as shown.

Note the `@Service` annotation to refer back to Java interface in this case service interface.

Also note the `@Remotable` annotation which will be discussed more in the next slide

Local and remotable services

- A Java service interface may use `@Remotable` to declare that a service can be accessed remotely

```
package services.hello;  
  
@Remotable  
public interface HelloService {  
    String hello(String message);  
}
```

- If `@Remotable` is not used, the service is considered local



A Java service contract defined by an interface or implementation class may use `@Remotable` to declare that the service follows the semantics of remotable services as defined by the SCA Assembly Specification. The above example demonstrates the use of `@Remotable` annotation.

If `@Remotable` is not used, then the service is assumed to be local.

If an implementation class has implemented interfaces that are not decorated with an `@Remotable`

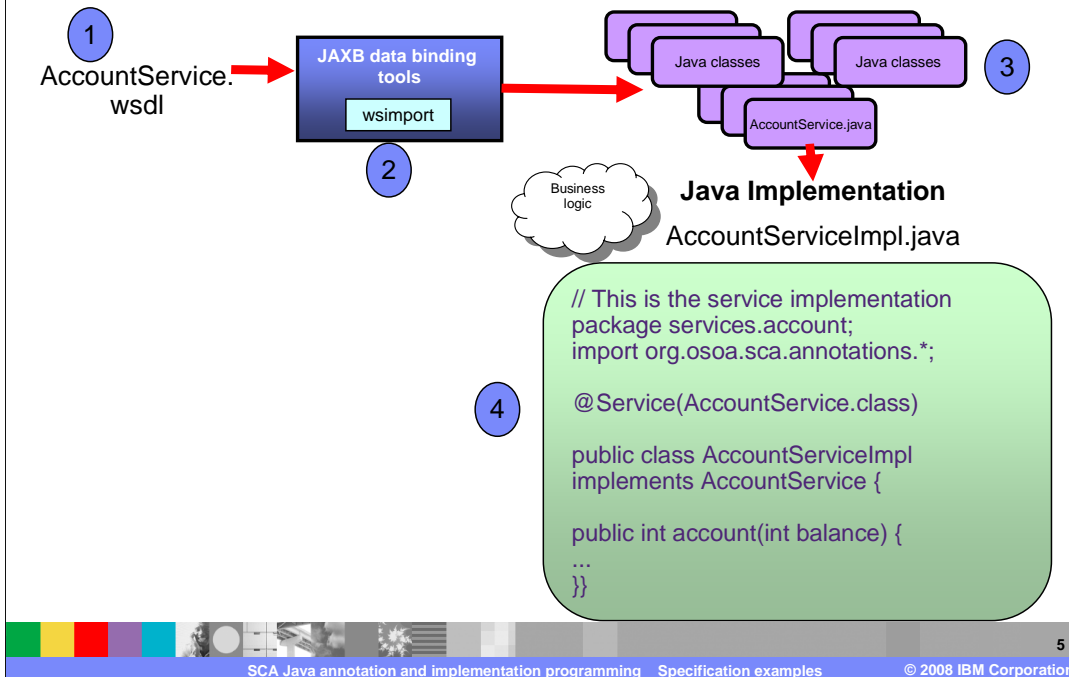
annotation, the class is considered to implement a single local service whose type is defined by the class

Note that the style of local interfaces is typically *fine grained* and intended for *tightly coupled* interactions.

The data exchange semantic for calls to local services is *by-reference*. This means that code must be written with the knowledge that changes made to parameters (other than simple types) by either the client or the provider of the service are visible to the other.

Also note that a remote service could be running in a different process on the same physical computer or on a different computer

Use case: Using WSDL (best practice)



Here is an example of SCA feature pack best practice use case where you start from WSDL interface for either an implementation or client.

In this scenario, you start with WSDL interface (portType) plus XSDs example `AccountService.wsdl`. There after, run codegen (`wsimport`) and generate the Java classes such as `AccountService.java`. Finally write Java implementation (`AccountServiceImpl.java`) with its business logic . The Java implementation implement the generated SEI (this is the one with `@WebService`) in the POJO sense) and add `@Service` to refer back to generated SEI class. Finally you can expose Account Service over Web services bindings.

Annotation scope

- SCA runtime can manage the state of a component as specified by the `@Scope` annotation

```
@Scope("stateless")
public interface ShoppingCartService {
    public void addToCart(int quantity);
}
```

← Added to the interface or the implementation

- Supported scopes are:
 - ▶ `stateless`, `composite`
- Implementations can include life cycle methods
 - ▶ `@Init`
 - ▶ `@Destroy`



Component implementations can either manage their own state or allow the SCA runtime to do so. In the latter case, SCA defines the concept of **implementation scope**, which specifies a visibility and life cycle contract an implementation has with the SCA runtime. Invocations on a service offered by a component will be dispatched by the SCA runtime to an implementation instance according to the semantics of its implementation scope.

Scopes are specified using the `@Scope` annotation on the implementation class

The `@Scope` annotation type is used on either a service's interface definition or on a service implementation class itself.

This annotation can be added to either the interface or implementation class definition. The possible values for the `@Scope` annotation are: **stateless**, **session**, **conversation**, and **composite**. However, SCA feature pack only supports **stateless** and **composite** scopes.

Java-based implementation types can choose to support any of these scopes, and they may define new scopes specific to their type.

An implementation type may allow component implementations to declare **life cycle methods** that are called when an implementation is instantiated or the scope is expired. **@Init** denotes the method to be called upon first use of an instance during the lifetime of the scope. **@Destroy** specifies the method to be called when the scope ends. Note that only public, no argument methods may be annotated as life cycle methods.

Note that scope impacts the threading of the programming model that is stateless=single-threaded composite=multi-threaded.

Supported security annotations

- @DeclareRoles (Servlet 2.5 and EJB 3)
- @RunAs (Servlet 2.5 and EJB 3)
 - ▶ role name used in the RunAs annotation must be defined in the deployment descriptor.
- @DenyAll (EJB 3 only)
- @PermitAll (EJB 3 only)
- @RolesAllowed (EJB 3 only)



In Java EE 5, The security roles and policies can be defined using annotations within the deployment descriptor. During the installation of the application, the security policies and roles defined using annotations are merged with the security policies and roles defined within the deployment descriptor.

The list shown shows the supported security annotations.

Note that the role name used in the RunAs annotation must be defined in the deployment descriptor.

Policy annotations : Overview

- SCA provides policies that influence how implementations, services and references behave at runtime
- Policy annotations include:
 - ▶ General intent annotations : @Requires
 - Example: @Requires({CONFIDENTIALITY_MESSAGE, INTEGRITY_MESSAGE})
 - ▶ Specific intent annotations
 - Example: @Authentication({"message", "transport"})
- Policy annotations implementation example

```
xmlns:qos="http://www.ibm.com/xmlns/prod/websphere/sca/1.0/2007/06"
<binding.ws qos:wsPolicySet="WSHTTPS default"/>
```



SCA provides facilities for the attachment of policy-related metadata to SCA assemblies, which influence how implementations, services and references behave at runtime. The policy facilities include Intents and Policy Sets, where intents express abstract, high-level policy requirements and policy sets express low-level detailed concrete policies.

General intent annotations:

provides the annotation **@Requires** for the attachment of any intent to a Java class, to a Java interface or to elements within classes and interfaces such as methods and fields. The @Requires annotation can attach one or multiple intents in a single statement.

An example of the @Requires annotation with two qualified intents (from the Security domain) follows:

```
@Requires({CONFIDENTIALITY_MESSAGE, INTEGRITY_MESSAGE})
```

This attaches the intents "confidentiality.message" and "integrity.message".

Specific intent annotations - Java annotations that correspond to specific policy intents

The general form of these specific intent annotations is an annotation with a name derived from the name of the intent itself. If the intent is a qualified intent, qualifiers are supplied as an attribute to the annotation in the form of a string or an array of strings.

For example, the SCA confidentiality intent

```
@Requires(CONFIDENTIALITY) intent can also be specified with the specific @Confidentiality intent
annotation. The specific intent annotation for the "integrity" security intent is: @Integrity
```

An example of a qualified specific intent for the "authentication" intent is:

```
@Authentication( {"message", "transport"} )
```

This example shown shows the SCA feature pack specific PolicySet implementation with Web services binding.

Configuration properties

- Properties are used to allow data configuration for a service component definition
- Configuration properties are identified by
 - ▶ @Property annotation
- @Property can be used on
 - ▶ Public and protected data members
 - ▶ Setter methods
 - ▶ Constructor

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The @Property annotation type is used to annotate a Java class field or a setter method that is used to inject an SCA property value.

The type of the property injected, which can be a simple Java type or a complex Java type, is defined by the type of the Java class field or the type of the setter method input argument.

The @Property annotation may be used on protected or public fields and on setter methods or on a constructor method.

Properties may also be injected through public setter methods even when the @Property annotation is not present. However, the @Property annotation must be used in order to inject a property onto a non-public field. In the case where there is no @Property annotation, the name of the property is the same as the name of the field or setter.

Where there is both a setter method and a field for a property, the setter method is used.

The @Property annotation has the **name** and **required** optional attributes:

- **name (optional)** – the name of the property, defaults to the name of the field of the Java class
- **required (optional)** – specifies whether injection is required, defaults to false.

Accessing services

- From an SCA component
 - ▶ Reference Injection - preferred
 - ▶ Component context API
- From a non-SCA component
 - ▶ CompositeContext API – Example next slide

An SCA component may obtain a service reference through injection or programmatically through the

component Context API. Using reference injection is the recommended way to access a service, since it results in code with minimal use of middleware APIs. The ComponentContext API should be used in cases where reference injection is not possible.

For Non-SCA client (e.g the typical JSP of the samples provided) it gets a reference to some component service so it can invoke this service. It does this using the CompositeContext API which returns a reference to a top-level component service deployed to the domain. This reference is a proxy to the service which you can then invoke.

The next slide demonstrates the use of the CompositeContext API by non-SCA code.

Note that for this release, the limitation is that the invocation always happens over default binding. getService is not supported for binding.ws (Web services binding).

Non-SCA client: Example

```
public class HelloServiceClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {

        // Locate the service using SCA APIs
        CompositeContext context = CurrentCompositeContext.getContext();
        HelloService helloService = context.locateService(HelloService.class,
            "HelloComponent");
        ...
        // Invoke the service
        String result = helloService.hello("Hello World");
    }
}
```



This is an example of a non-SCA client for a single-service domain component, **HelloComponent** with service **HelloService**

The SCA API class `CompositeContext` allows a service to be located by name. This is the component name as it appears in the composite file. The result of this location step is a service instance or proxy that implements the service interface. When a method is invoked by the client code (`hello()` in this case), the SCA runtime will dispatch the operation parameters to the correct method. The method reference would be a method in the component implementation according to the definitions in the SCDL file.

Note that: Invocation of located services occurs only over **binding.sca**. It is not supported for `binding.ws`.

Reference injection: Example

```

import org.osoa.sca.annotations.Reference;
import org.osoa.sca.annotations.Service;

@Service(LoginService.class)
public class LoginServiceImpl implements LoginService {

    ...

    private ProfileService profileService;

    @Reference(name="profileService", required=true)
    public void setProfileService(ProfileService profileService) {
        this.profileService = profileService;
    }

    public int login(String userName, String password) {
        ...

        profileService.setLogin(true);
        ...

    }
}

```

@Reference is used to inject a service that resolves a reference

@Reference can be set on

- field
- method
- parameter

Client can invoke service methods

This is an example of a @Reference annotation.

The @Reference annotation type is used to annotate a Java class field or a setter method that is used to have a service reference injected. The interface of the service injected is defined by the type of the Java class field or the type of the setter method input argument.

Accessing a service using reference injection is done by defining a field, a setter method parameter, or a constructor parameter typed by the service interface and annotated with an **@Reference** annotation.

References may also be injected through public setter methods even when the @Reference annotation is not present. However, the @Reference annotation must be used in order to inject a reference onto a non public field. In the case where there is no @Reference annotation, the name of the reference is the same as the name of the field or setter. Where there is both a setter method and a field for a reference, the setter method is used.

```

private HelloService helloService;
@Reference (name="helloService", required=true)
public setHelloService(HelloService service){
    helloService = service;
}

public void clientMethod() {
    String result = helloService.hello("Hello World!");
}

```

Like the Property annotation, The @Reference annotation has these attributes:

- **name (optional)** – the name of the reference, defaults to the name of the field of the Java class
- **required (optional)** – whether injection of service or services is required. Defaults to true.

@Reference annotation

```
private HelloService helloService;  
@Reference (name="helloService", required=true);  
  
public setHelloService(HelloService service){  
    helloService = service;  
}  
public void clientMethod() {  
    String result = helloService.hello("Hello World!");  
}
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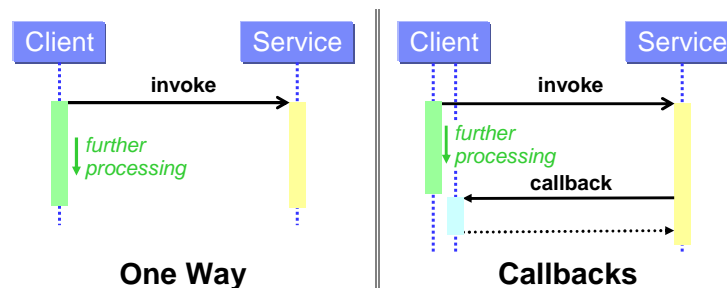
*** Where there is both a setter method and a field for a reference, the setter method is used.

This is another example of reference annotation.

Where there is both a setter method and a field for a reference, the setter method is used.

Asynchronous model

- SCA provides the ability for services to be called synchronously or asynchronously
- Asynchronous support
 - ▶ One way (non-blocking)
 - ▶ Callbacks



Asynchronous programming of a service is where a client invokes a service and carries on executing without waiting for the service to execute. Typically, the invoked service executes at some later time. Output from the invoked service, if any, must be fed back to the client through a separate mechanism, since no output is available at the point where the service is invoked. This is in contrast to the call-and-return style of synchronous programming, where the invoked service executes and returns any output to the client before the client continues. The SCA asynchronous programming model consists of support for non-blocking method calls, and callbacks.

The Java annotations specification includes support for both synchronous and asynchronous invocation styles. The examples shown so far illustrate a synchronous interaction style.

Asynchronous model: One way

- Simplest type of asynchronous invocation
 - ▶ Client invokes a service and continues processing without waiting for the service to complete
- Methods supporting a one way invocation style
 - ▶ Are identified with the `@OneWay` annotation
 - ▶ Must return void
 - ▶ Must not throw any exceptions

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@OneWay

Nonblocking calls represent the simplest form of asynchronous programming, where the client of the service invokes the service and continues processing immediately, without waiting for the service to execute.

Any method that returns "void" and has no declared exceptions may be marked with an `@OneWay` annotation. This means that the method is non-blocking and communication with the service provider may use a binding that buffers the requests and sends it at some later time.

Note that SCA does not currently define a mechanism for making non-blocking calls to methods that return values or are declared to throw exceptions. It is recommended that you define one-way methods as often as possible, in order to give the greatest degree of binding flexibility.

Asynchronous model: Callbacks

- Provides communication from a service provider back to the client through a callback service
 - ▶ Also known as a bi-directional services
- Services have two interfaces
 - ▶ Interface for the provided service
 - ▶ Interface for the callback
- Clients provide an implementation for the callback interface
- The `@Callback` annotation is used to specify a callback interface



The other asynchronous interaction style is the callback style. In this type of interaction style the client invokes a service method, and control is immediately returned to the client while the service processes the request. The client is notified by the service provider by way of the callback interface. The `@Callback` annotation is used to specify the callback interface used for a particular interface.

With this type of asynchronous interaction, the client must implement a specific callback interface that is used by the service provider to handle the response to an asynchronous call.

Limitations

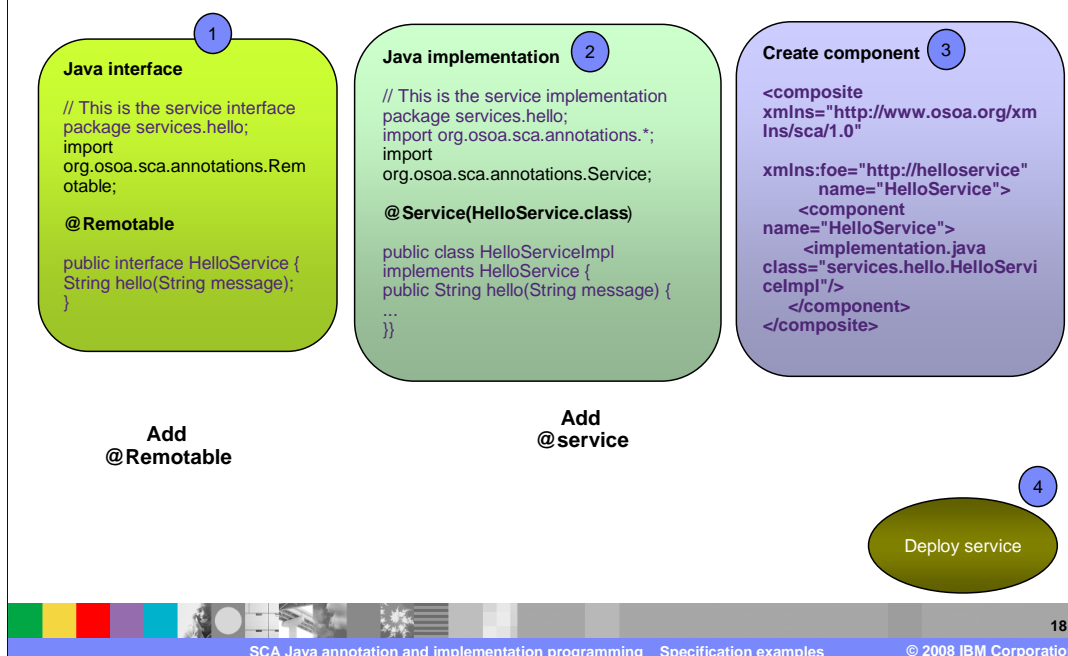
- Only stateless and composite are valid values for the @Scope annotation
- @conversational services are not supported

Here is a list of some limitations on the Java implementation and annotation model as far as this release is concerned:

Only stateless and composite are valid values for the @Scope annotation

@conversational services are not supported.

Example: creating an SCA service (remote)



This example will walk you through quick steps for creating an SCA service in terms of Java implementation/Annotations model.

Start with Java interface example `HelloService`. If you are creating a service with a remotable interface, add the `@Remotable` annotation. Unless you have an existing Java implementation, write a Java implementation of the generated Java interface that reflects your business logic. Be sure to add the `@Service` annotation to the Java implementation. Create a component using the component implementation. You will create a component definition in a SCDL file that references the original Java implementation class, including its Java interface. In SCA, a component is a configured instance of a component implementation. There are other aspects of defining a component that are not shown here such as configuring bindings, configuring property values, defining intents, attaching policy sets, and resolving references. This is a simple general example. After your component is defined as part of a deployable composite, either directly or recursively you are ready to deploy the SCA service by creating an SCA business level application.

Section

Summary and references

Finally a summary.

Summary

- The WebSphere Application Server V7 Feature Pack for SCA provides support for Java component implementation model and Java common annotations
- Specification describes annotations and programming support for key SCA features



The Java experience for SCA programmers should be one that leverages the ease-of-use characteristics of Java 5, which uses annotations and dependency injection. It demonstrates a real, tangible separation of concerns that frees the business logic from configuration and protocol specific APIs that burden applications today. When this Java experience is coupled with the visual composition metaphors that can be realized by tools to edit the SCA assembly. The focus of developing the application aligns directly with the principles of SOA – loosely-coupled, reused, coarse-grained services composed from a broad-array of implementation and implementation technologies. That focus squarely on the Business Service itself, and not burdened with specific implementation.

Reference

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