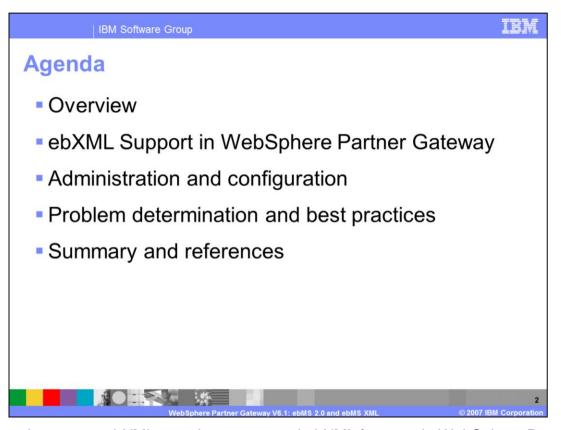
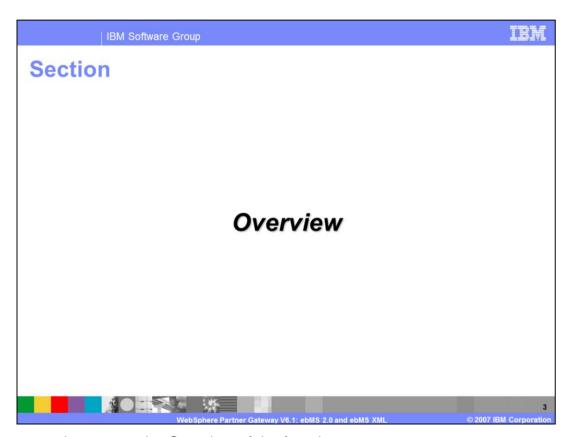


This presentation provides details of the new support of ebMS (Electronic Business Message Service) 2.0 and ebXML in WebSphere® Partner Gateway V6.1.

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This session covers ebXML overview, supported ebXML features in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1, how to configure the ebMS flows in the hub and few ebMS problem determination scenarios.



The next section covers the Overview of the function.



With the advent of electronic commerce in late 1990, the representatives from some of world's most important international corporations launched a global effort to create a framework. A framework within which the consumers and businesses of any size can participate in electronic commerce. The framework became Electronic Business XML or ebXML.

The direct sponsors of ebXML are OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards) and UN/CEFACT (United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business). Lots of standard bodies also have a finger in the pie, including NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) and W3C (World Wide Web Consortium).

ebXML is a set of specifications that together enable a modular electronic business framework. The vision of ebXML is to enable a global electronic marketplace where enterprises of any size and in any geographical location can meet and conduct business with each other through the exchange of XML-based messages.

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## ebXML Components

- Message services (ebMS)
  - Services that allow actual communication of business messages as part of a business transaction
- Collaboration protocol profile (CPP)
  - Specify business processes, interfaces of the business that the business supports
  - Filed with a registry
- Collaboration protocol profile agreements (CPA)
  - Agreement between two partners on how business will be conducted
  - Created from the CPPs of the partners

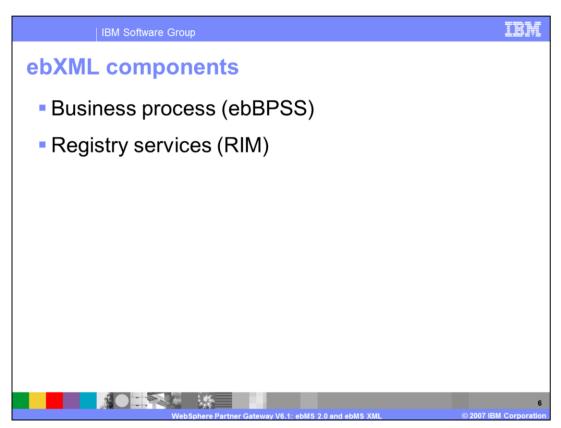


The main components of the ebXML specifications are Messaging services (ebMS), Collaboration Protocol Profile and Agreements, and Business Process and Registry services.

Business Messages are the actual information communicated as part of a business transaction. A message will contain multiple layers. At the outside layer, an actual communication protocol must be used (such as HTTP or SMTP). SOAP is an ebXML recommendation as an envelope for a message "payload." Other layers may deal with encryption or authentication.

Collaboration Protocol Profile or CPP is a profile filed with a Registry by a business wanting to engage in ebXML transactions. The CPP will specify some Business Processes of the business, and some Business Service Interfaces it supports. It defines the capability of a trading partner to conduct electronic commerce.

Collaboration Protocol Agreement or CPA is an XML document shared by two trading partners on how they will conduct business and processes between them. The CPP is consulted before prospective trading partners agree to conduct business with each other. Realistically, the CPP of each trading partner might have opposite profiles. The ebXML consortium anticipated such conflicts and established the collaboration protocol agreement (CPA). It is made from the CPP's list of trading partners.

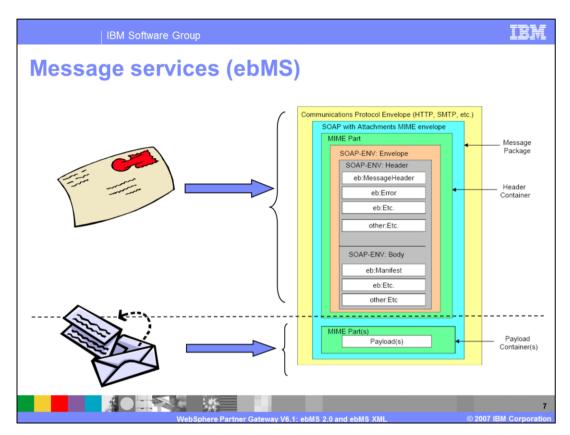


Business Processes are the activities that a business can engage in and for which it would generally want one or more partners. A Business Process is formally described by the Business Process Specification Schema (W3C XML Schema and DTD), but may also be modeled in UML. Essentially it describes the choreography of the business process.

Business Service Interface defines the ways that a business is able to carry out the transactions necessary in its Business Processes. The Business Service Interface also includes the kinds of Business Messages the business supports and the protocols over which these messages might travel.

Registry is a Central server that stores a variety of data necessary to make ebXML work. These data are made available in the form of XML which are Business Process & Information meta models, Collaboration Protocol Profiles. Basically when a business wants to start an ebXML relationship with another business, it queries a Registry in order to locate a suitable partner and to find information about requirements for dealing with that partner.

WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 supports only CPA and ebMS. The next few slides describe the details on ebMS and CPP/CPA. The business process and registry is outside the scope of WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1.

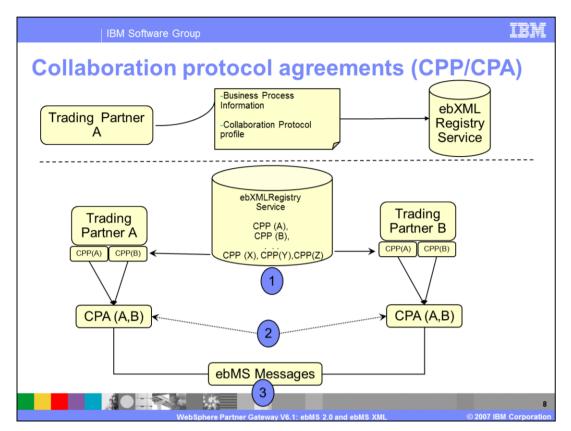


The ebXML Message Service mechanism provides a standard way to exchange business Messages among ebXML Trading Partners. An ebXML Message is a communication protocol independent MIME/Multipart message envelope, structured in compliance with the SOAP messages with attachments specification. An ebXML message has two logical MIME parts

The first MIME part, referred as the 'Header Container' contains the SOAP 1.1 compliant message

Zero or more additional MIME parts referred as 'Payload Container' containing application level payloads.

Like a letter, it is made of two principle parts, the envelope with its address and authorities (called as "headers") and the contents (called as "payload").



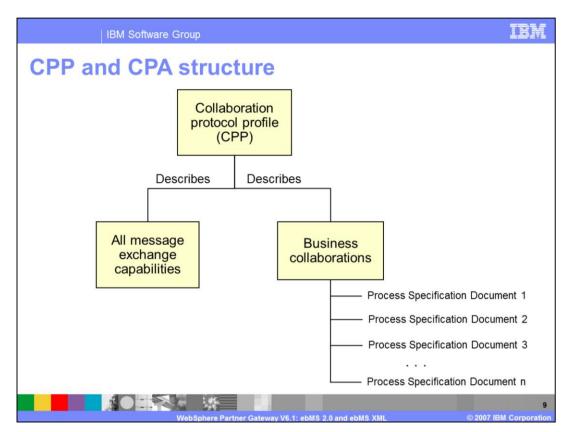
To exchange the business documents between partners requires each partner to know the other partner's supported Business Collaborations, their role in the Business Collaboration and the transport details about how the other partner can receive or send messages. In most of the cases, it is necessary that both partners reach agreement on some of the details.

The way each partner can exchange information, in the context of Business Collaboration is described by a Collaboration Protocol Profile (CPP) and agreement between the partners is expressed as a Collaboration Protocol Agreement (CPA)

In step 1, each trading partner is responsible for obtaining the necessary CPP document for the business partner it would like to engage. In most cases the CPP will be retrieved from an ebXML registry.

In step 2, each partner derives the Collaboration Profile Agreement (CPA), which makes explicit the range of choices offered in the CPP.

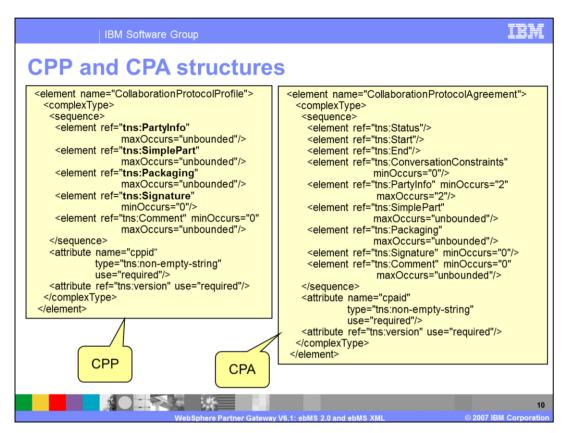
Finally, in step 3, the partners can begin business transactions under the governance of the CPA.



One of the key components of ebXML is Collaboration Protocol Profile (CPP). The CPP contains specific technology implementation details for a particular business process.

Some of the Message exchange details defined by the CPP include specifics such as transport protocol mechanisms, message reliability mechanisms, transport security mechanisms, trust artifacts such as X.509 certificate and message level security policy information.

CPP also refers to the set of Business Collaborations that define the supported Business transactions. Process specification document is described as ebXML Business Process Specific Specification Schema.

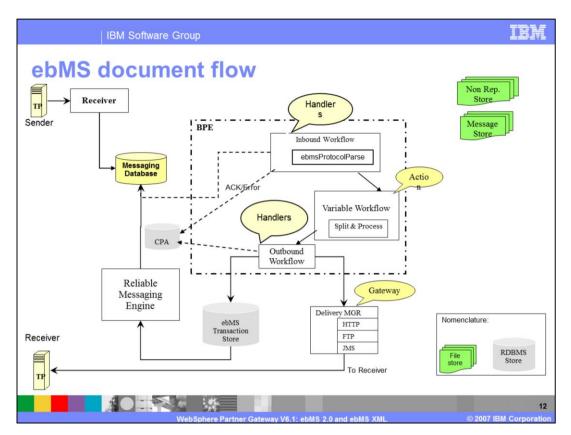


Example of the CPP and CPA structure is shown here.

- The **PartyInfo** element identifies the organization whose capabilities are described in this CPP and includes all the details about this Party. More than one **PartyInfo** element may be provided in a CPP if the organization chooses to represent itself as subdivisions with different characteristics.
- The **Packaging** element provides specific information about how the Message header and payloads are packaged for transmittal over the transport, including what document-level security packaging is used and the way in which security features have been applied.
- The **signature** element enables the CPA to be digitally signed using the technology that confirms the XMLDSIG specification
- The **SimplePart** element has two required attributes 'id' and 'mimetype'. The 'id' attribute provides the value that will be used later to reference the Message part when specifying how the parts are packaged into composite.



The next section covers the list of supported ebXML features in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1.



This slide gives an example for an ebMS document flow in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1.

Receiver receives the ebMS document. After processing it writes the Business Document Object for the document into Messaging Engine Store

Business Processing Engine or BPE picks up the Business Data Object (BDO) and starts executing the workflow.

In the fixed inbound work flow, ebMS unpackaging handler unpackages the document which involves signature verification, uncompress, decryption of the document.

Moreover, in fixed inbound work flow the message validation against CPA is done and if an acknowledgment is required it is generated here.

After the fixed inbound workflow ebMS transaction store is updated with the document details

In the variable workflow there is 2 actions possible. Pass-through or "Split and Process". If "Split & Process" action is configured, it creates the Business Document object for each payload and introduces the document back into flow.

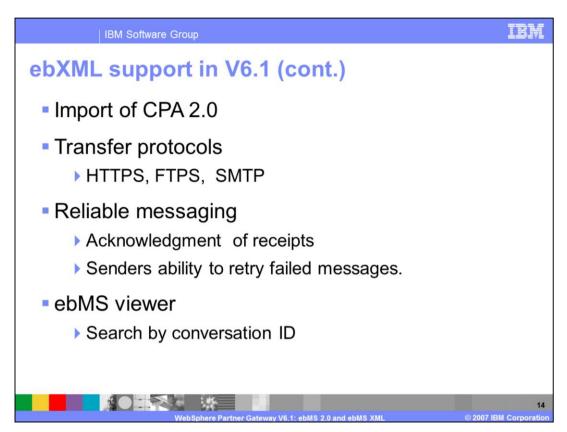
In the outbound workflow the resultant document is packaged with the target packaging and sent to delivery manager destination.

Delivery Manager delivers the document to target location.

## ebXML support in V6.1 - ebMS message packaging/unpackaging - Digital signature - Message encryption - XML based encryption - SMIME based - gZIP based compression - Synchronous and asynchronous messages and acknowledgments - Synchronous and asynchronous messages and errors.

WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 provides support for both inbound and outbound ebXML messages.

- ebXML specification 2.0 recommends use of XML Digital Signature for providing security. The XML digital signature used is enveloped XML signature.
- ebXML 2.0 recommends use of XML Encryption for providing message security. WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 supports both XML Encryption and SMIME Encryption.
- Messages are first compressed, then signed and finally encrypted if all the three options are enabled. No other order is possible in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1. However, all the combinations are supported. For example, compress only, sign only, encrypt only, sign & encrypt, encrypt & compress, sign & compress, sign, compress and encrypt.
- WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 supports synchronous and asynchronous acknowledgments and signed and unsigned acknowledgments.
- WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 supports synchronous and asynchronous errors. An error message will always be sent when a business message fails. Errors can be sent synchronously or asynchronously depending on the type of acknowledgment requested. ebXML error messages are never signed. In cases where error messages cannot be sent a SOAP fault will be generated and sent to the sender.



WebSphere Partner Gateway does not provide functionality for interacting ebMS registry to get the CPP. It expects administrator to create the CPA and then import it into hub console. Once the import is successful, all the required configuration for the partners are done. Enabling the required Business-to-business capabilities, Gateways and the channels are created automatically.

Apart from document viewer, a separate viewer is added specifically for ebXML document. The documents are grouped by conversation ID on this viewer. Logical group of messages can have the same conversation ID set by the backend system.

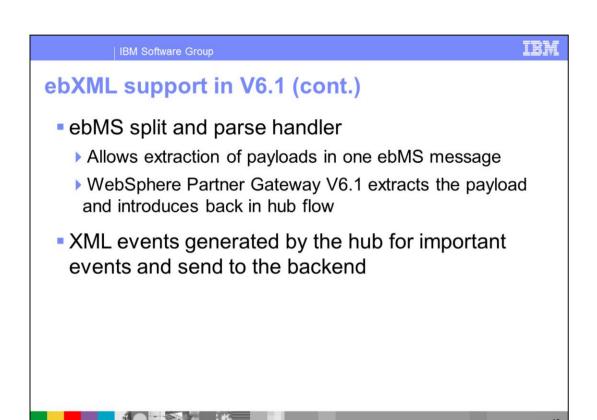
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## ebXML support in V6.1 (cont.)

- Support for ping/pong messages
  - Allows trading partner to know if receiving partner is up and running
- Support for status request / status response messages
  - Allows trading partner to find the status of the message
- Message ordering
  - Allows message to be send in a specific order to the back end
  - Sender inserts the sequence # on each message starting with 0
  - Higher sequence messages wait in the hub for lower sequence numbered messages



- A Ping message is an ebXML message with no payloads. It is used to determine whether or not the receiving partner is up and running. Partners receiving a ping message replies back with a pong message. Successful receipt of a pong message enables sender to conclude that the partner is up and running and ready to receive.
- A status request message is an ebXML message with no payloads. It is used to identify the status of an earlier business message.
- Trading partner on receipt of a status request replies with a status response message containing the status of the message requested in Status Request message. The possible status of a message are Unauthorized, Not Recognized, Received, Processed, Forwarded.
- Ping/Pong, Status Request and Response messages can be signed using XML Digital Signatures.
- Message Order allows messages to be presented to the backend in a particular order. The sender of the message will put a sequence number on each message starting from zero in a conversation. The receiving hub will deliver the message to backend system only when all the messages with lower sequence number has been delivered to backend. Otherwise, the message will wait in hub till the time all the lower sequence numbered messages are delivered. The message can expire while waiting for lower sequence number messages if its time to live is over. In such cases an XML event will be generated and sent to backend.



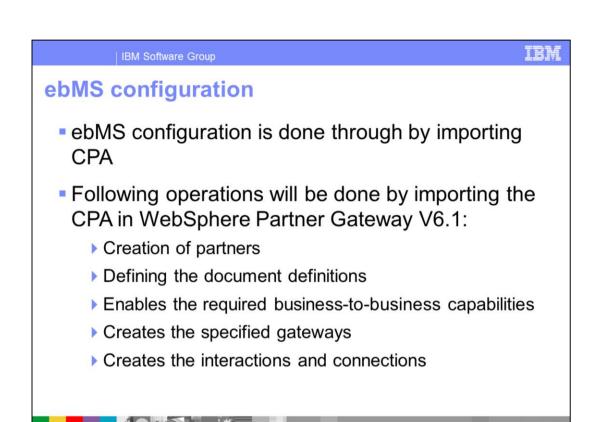
ebMS split and parse handler is applicable for ebXML inbound flows. It can be configured as variable workflow action. If configured, it will extract all the payloads from an ebXML message and introduce them back to hub flow as if they are coming separately from the partners. This handler will also set the partner IDs on each business document corresponding to every payload.

XML events are files which hub generates and sends to backend in case of some important events. XML events will be generated in ebXML flow in following cases.

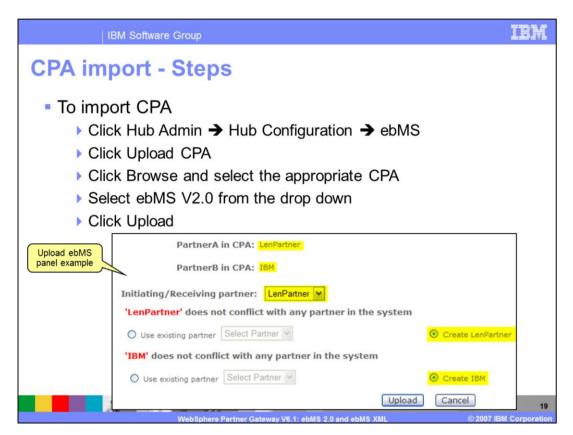
On receiving an acknowledgement, or on receiving an error message or if the message cannot be delivered to the partner or if the message cannot be delivered to partner and all retries are done.



The next section covers the administration or configuration steps needed for this function.



ebMS configuration in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 is done by importing CPAs. From the information in CPA, WebSphere Partner Gateway will create the partners, define the document defintions, enable the Business-to-business capabilities, create the specified gateways, and create the interactions and participant connections.

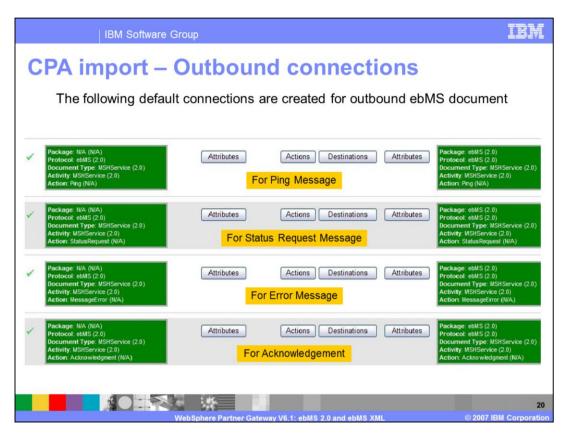


The steps to import CPA is shown here. The hub administrator has the responsibility of uploading the CPA through the hub configuration ebMS options in the hub console. The upload panels will walk through the partner selections.

If there is a conflict between the partners defined in CPA and already existing partners within hub, you will be able to make a choice between the 2 partners.

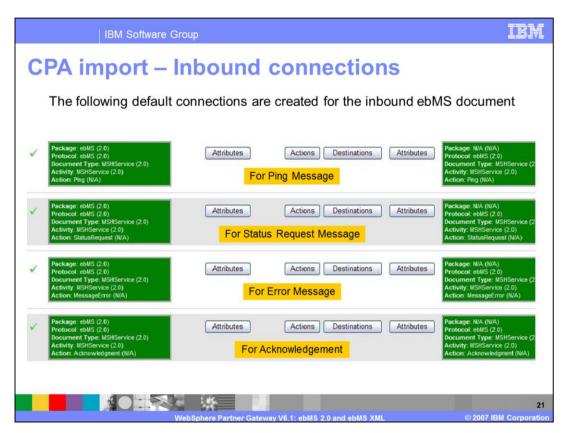
During the CPA upload process, you will be asked to select the initiating or receiving partner from the partners present in the CPA. The initiating partner is treated as the manager in the ebMS flow, and all the targets in ebMS flow for the initiating partner will use backend integration or N/A packaging. However, on console the partner will be shown as external partner only.

In the sample panel shown, the CPA had 2 partners, called LenPartner and IBM. LenPartner is the initiating partner to send the ebMS message and receive the ebMS response. From the panel, you can choose an existing partner or create the new partners.



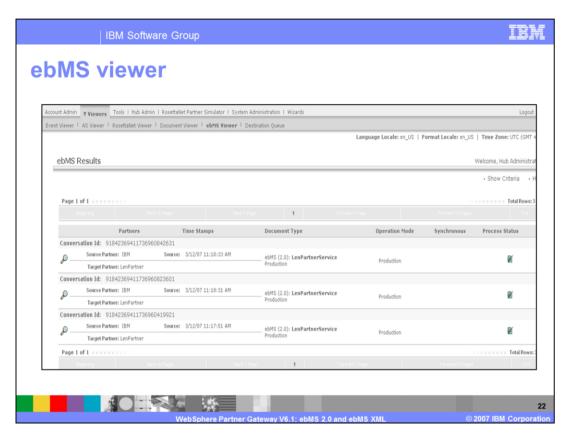
The channels in the picture are used for outbound ebMS document.

The first channel is used for ping message. The second channel is used for Status Request message. The third channel is used for Error message. The fourth channel is used for Acknowledgment.

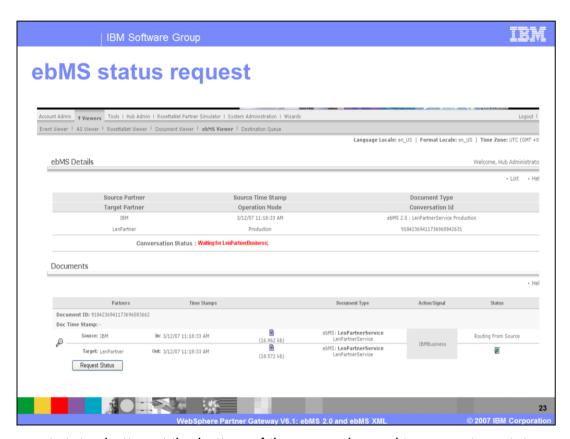


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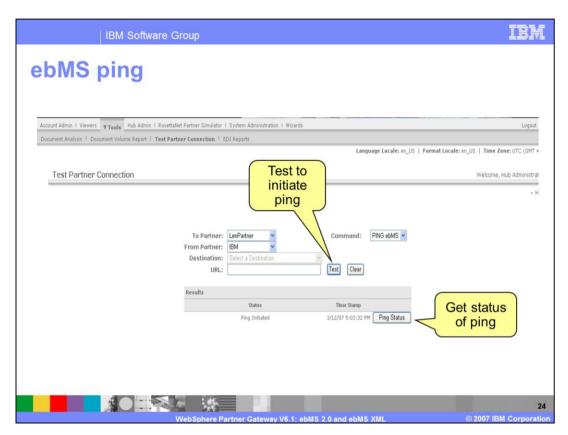
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ebMS Viewer is a new viewer in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 only used to view ebMS documents. The process status reflects the status of the process of that particular ebMS conversation.



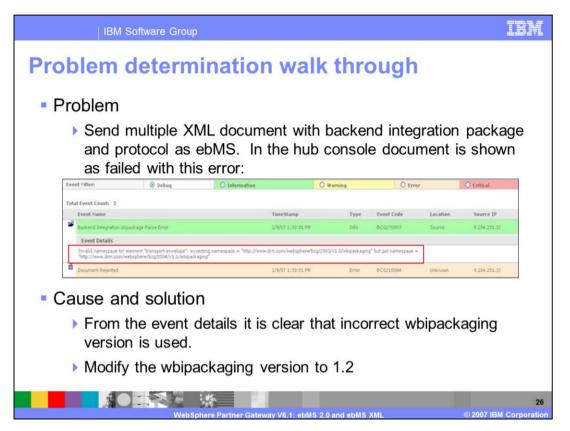
The request status button at the bottom of the screen is used to generate a status request message. The Conversation Status shows the next message expected in the conversation.



The Test button will initiate a ebXML ping message. User can see the status of the ping message by clicking on Ping Status button. The panel does not refresh automatically with the ping status. You will need to click Ping Status button again.



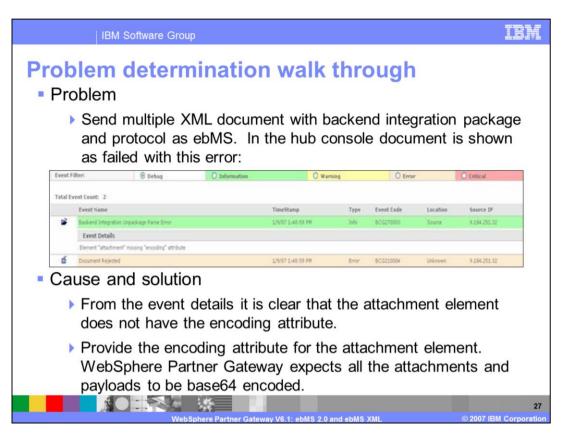
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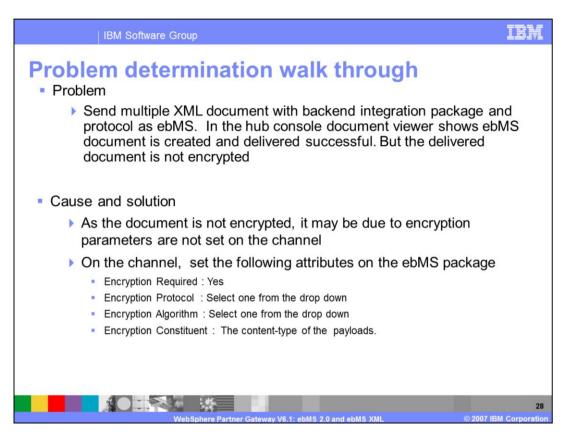
A new wbi packaging 1.2 is introduced in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 for backend to send payloads wrapped in the wbi packaging xml. The new wbi packaging can have zero or one payload. ebXML flow supports only wbi packaging 1.2. The above error has occurred because a different packaging version other then 1.2 is used to wrap the payloads.

Note here that ebXML does not differentiate between payload and attachments present in wbi packaged xml. It will treat everything as attachments and it is called ebMS payloads

The solution is to change the packaging version (namespace) to 1.2.



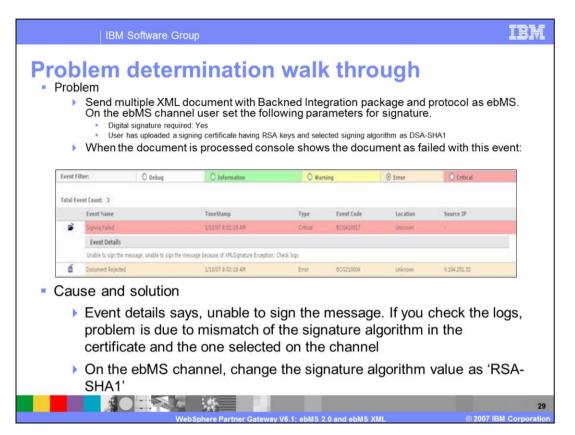
All the attachments wrapped in wbi packaging xml should be base 64 encoded and an attribute encoding = "base64" should be set for all the attachments. The above error has occurred because the attribute encoding = "base 64" is not set on any of the attachments.



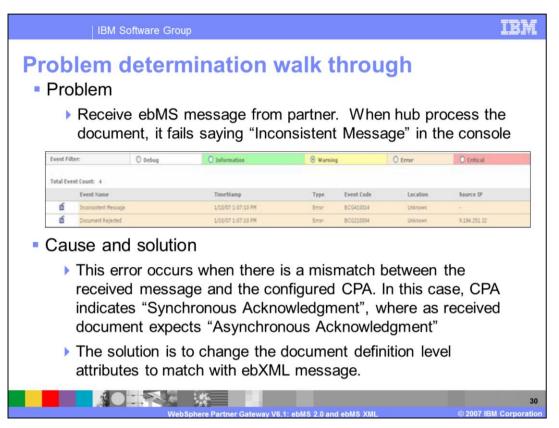
If the payloads are also compressed then content-type will be application/gzip. This is because compression is done before encryption. For example, Application/xml;Application/EDI-X12;Application/gzip.

For multiple payloads, all the content-type should be present and separated by comma. Setting the above attributes will ensure that WebSphere Partner Gateway will attempt to encrypt the payloads. If it fails, it will log proper events.

Wild-Card characters such as '\*' are not supported in WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 for content-type field.



There can be only two reasons for Signature Failed event to be logged. One is signature algorithm mismatch and other is incorrect certificate uploaded. For the signature algorithm mismatch, change the value to be "RSA-SHA1".



There are multiple reasons for Inconsistent message to be logged. The event detail will always contain the explanation for it.

Few of the scenarios where this event can be logged are as follows:

Synchronous Acknowledgment is required by CPA but ebXML message requests Asynchronous Acknowledgment and vice versa.

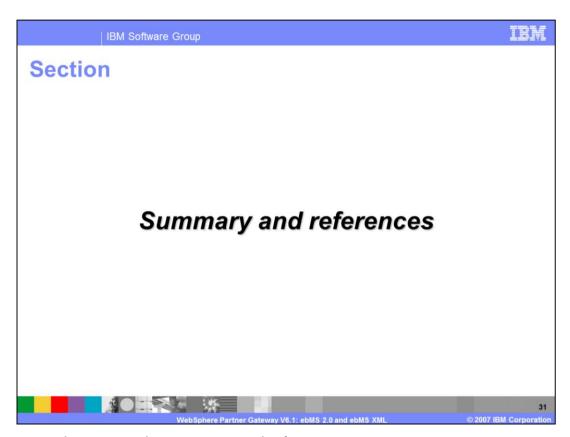
Acknowledgment is required by CPA but ebXML message obtained does not request for acknowledgment.

Encrypted message is required by CPA but ebXML message obtained is unencrypted.

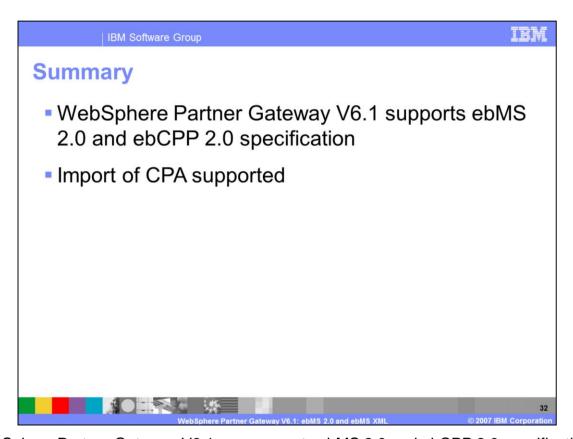
Signed message is required by CPA but ebXML message obtained is unsigned.

Message Order is required by CPA but ebXML message obtained does not request message ordering and vice versa.

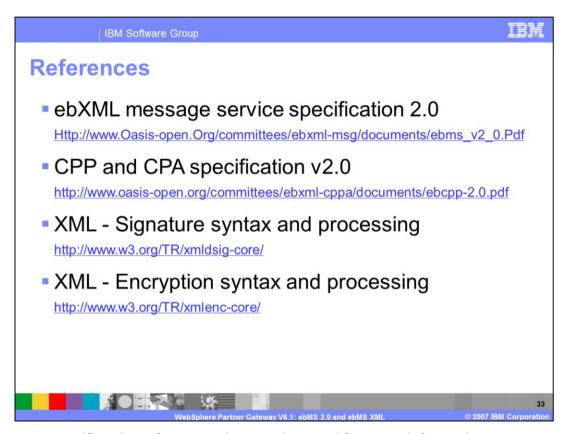
Duplicate Elimination is required by CPA but ebXML message obtained does not request for duplicate elimination and vice versa.



The next section covers the summary and references.



WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 now supports ebMS 2.0 and ebCPP 2.0 specification. Configuration of WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.1 is done by importing CPA.



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