

# 4. Business Process Modeling

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# Business Process Execution Language (BPEL)

- Web Service composition language
- Used for web service orchestration
- BPEL was originally developed by BEA, IBM, and Microsoft. Version 1.1 also includes input from SAP and Siebel.
- The OASIS TC “Web Services Business Process Execution Language” now continues the standardization of BPEL

# BPEL

## ● BPEL4WS 1.0 (7/2002)

- Original proposal from BEA, IBM, Microsoft
- Combined ideas from IBM's WSFL and Microsoft's XLANG

## ● BPEL4WS 1.1 (5/2003)

- Revised proposal submitted to OASIS
- With additional contributions from SAP and Siebel

# BPEL

## ● WS-BPEL 2.0 (6/2007)

- Formalization of 1.1 capabilities
- OASIS formally adopted standard

## ● WS-BPEL 2.0 and beyond (10/2007)

- Additional proposals on the table
- Vendors beginning to ship products conforming to standards

# BPEL

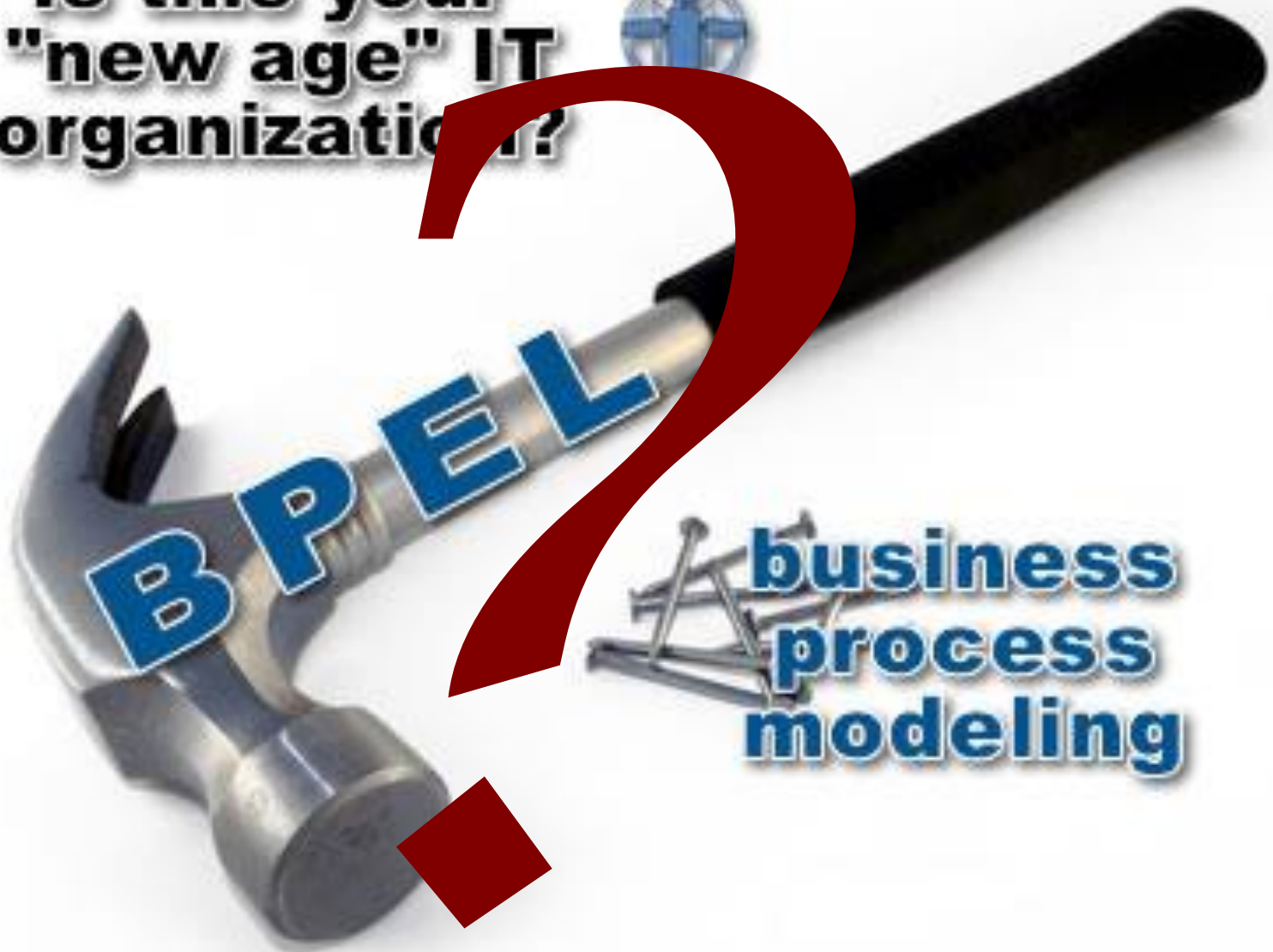
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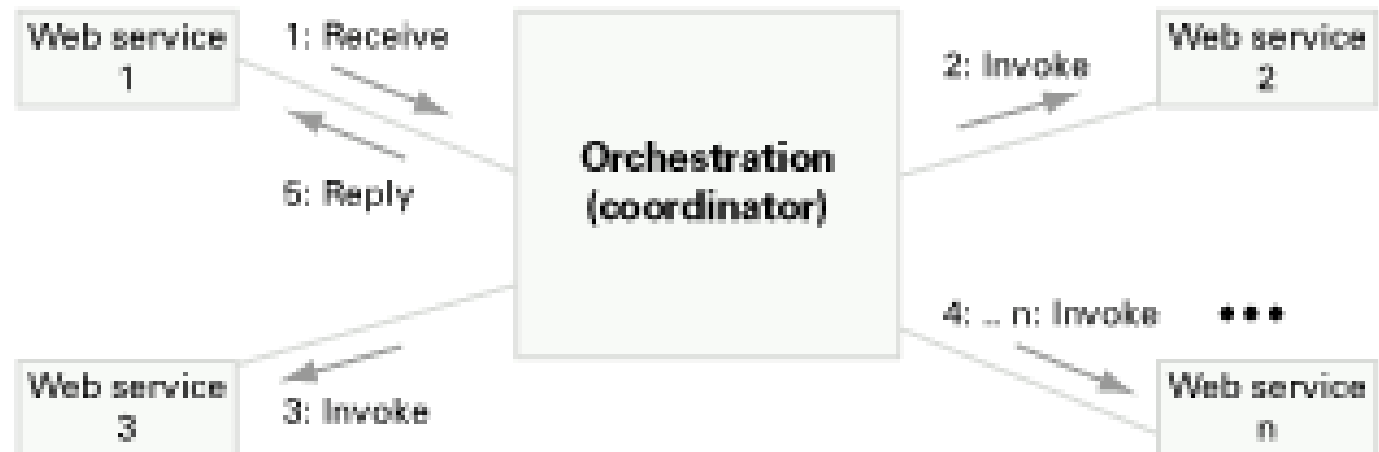
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# BPEL

- Defines business processes that interact with external entities through Web services
- The definitions use XML and are not concerned with the graphical representation of processes
- Defines a set of Web service orchestration concepts

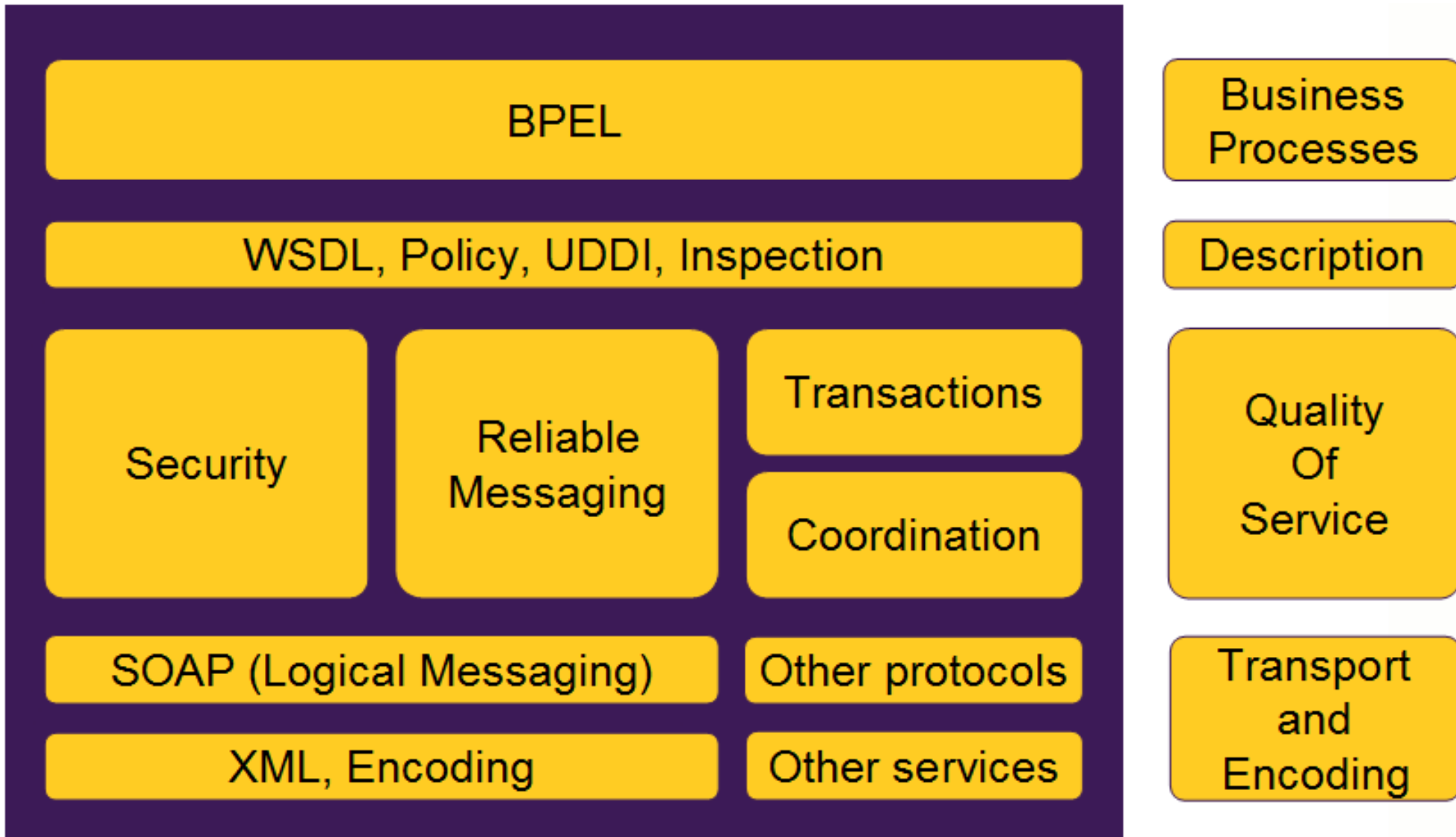


# BPEL

- Supports the implicit creation and termination of process instances as the basic lifecycle mechanism
- Defines a long-running transaction model to support failure recovery
- Uses Web services as the model for process decomposition and assembly
- Builds on compatible Web services standards



# BPEL



# BPEL and WSDL

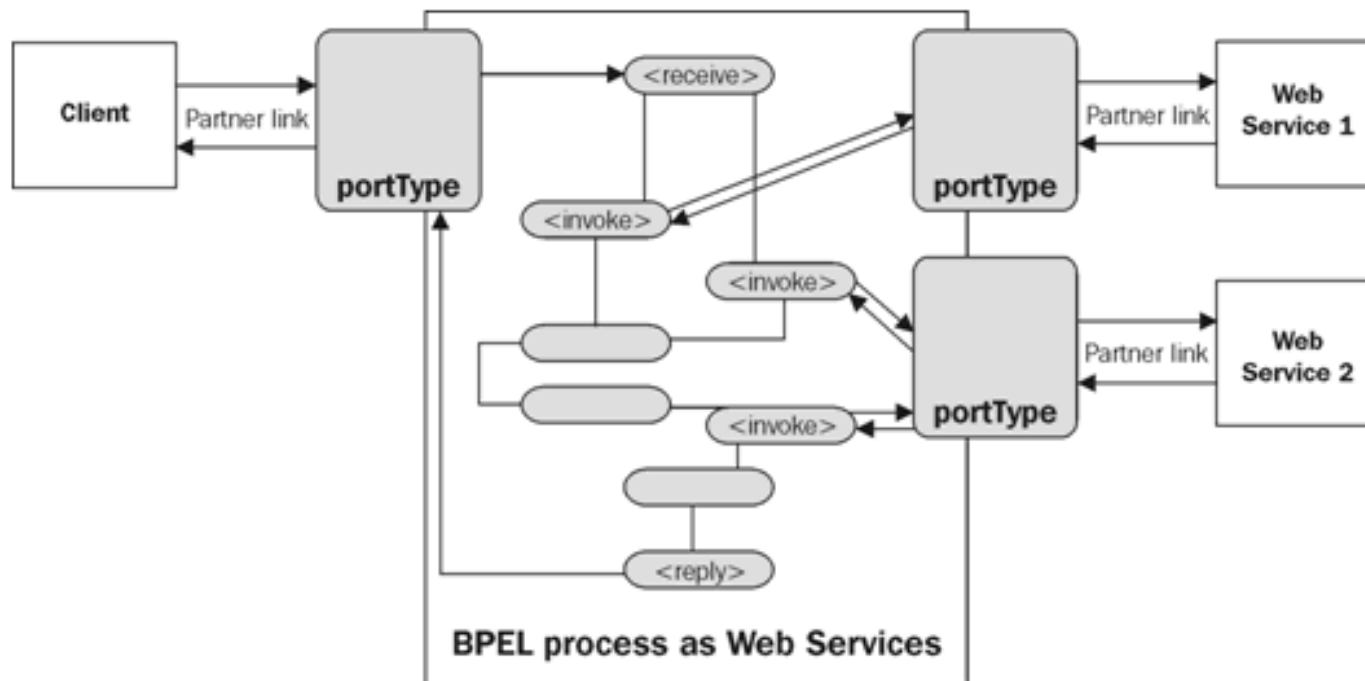
- BPEL processes exposed as WSDL services
- Message exchanges map to WSDL operations
- WSDL can be derived from partner definitions and the role played by the process in interactions with partners
- Interfaces exposed by the BPEL process
- Interfaces consumed by the BPEL process

# BPEL and WSDL

- BPEL uses Web Services (BPEL is orchestrating these services)
- The BPEL process itself is a Web Service (it has interfaces) – when defining a BPEL process, it also is described by a WSDL (its interface)
- WSDL Port Types are named sets of abstract operations
- WSDL extensions are used to identify which port types are used to link services

# BPEL as Process

- Most BPEL applications are executable processes
- Describes the interfaces to external data sources
- Describes the control flow for orchestrating these data sources



# BPEL Partners

- BPEL supports different relationships with partners
  - Partners may invoke the BPEL process
  - BPEL process may invoke partners
  - Partners and the BPEL process play both roles
- BPEL processes will have at least one client (the partner activating the process)

# BPEL as Language

- Business process modeling language that is executable
- Language for specifying business process behavior based on Web Services
- Serialized in XML and aims to enable programming in the large (generally refers to the high-level state transition interactions of a process)
- No standardized graphical notation for BPEL – XML is used as the standardized syntax

# BPEL as Language

- BPEL processes can be executed and thus are programs
- BPEL is a specialized and dedicated programming language
- BPEL combines two tasks
  - Creates a new Web Service which is described by a WSDL interface
  - Implements the Web Service by orchestrating a number of partners

# BPEL as Language

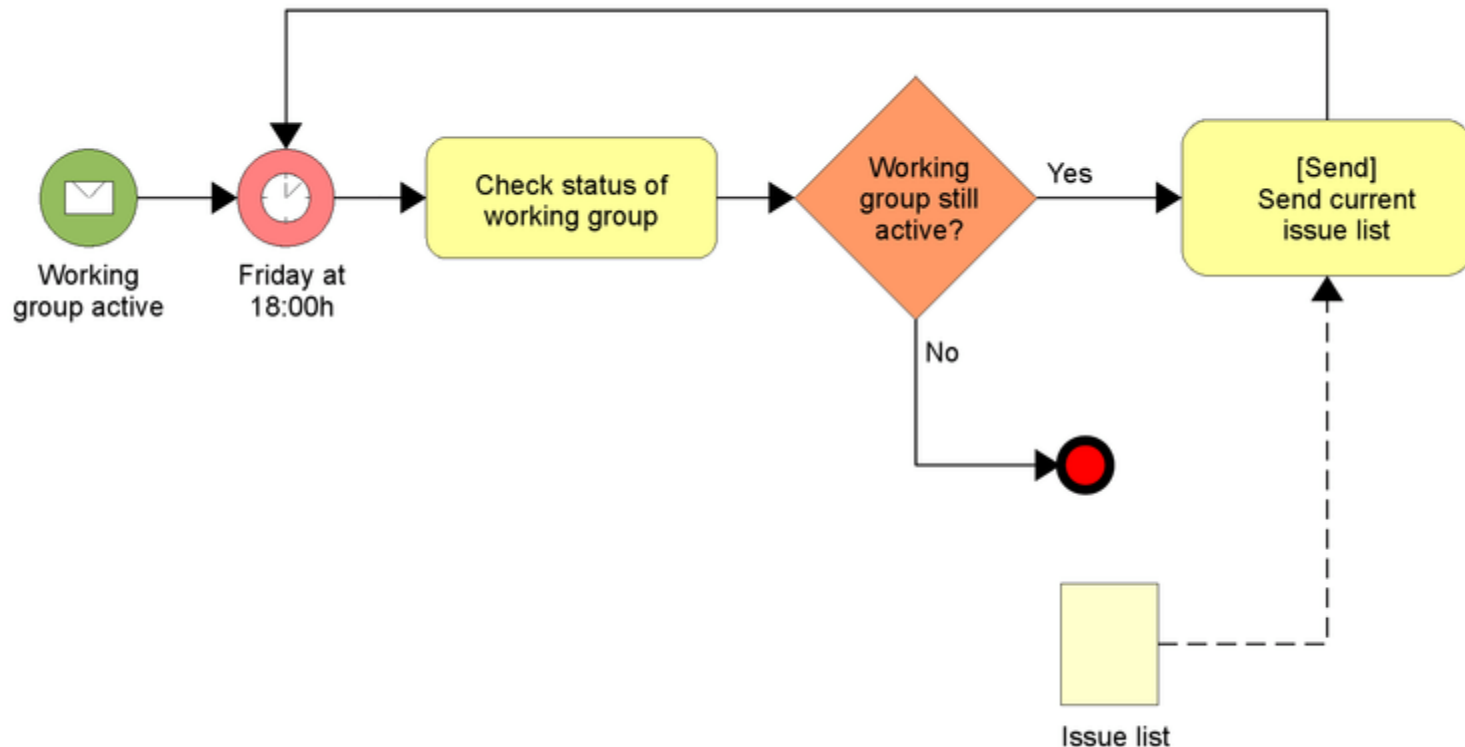
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```



# Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN)

- Graphical representation for specifying business processes in a business process (only) modeling



# BPMN

- Based on a flowcharting technique very similar to activity diagrams from UML
- Intuitive notation to business users yet able to represent complex process semantics
- Provides a mapping between the graphics of the notation to the underlying constructs of execution languages (BPEL)

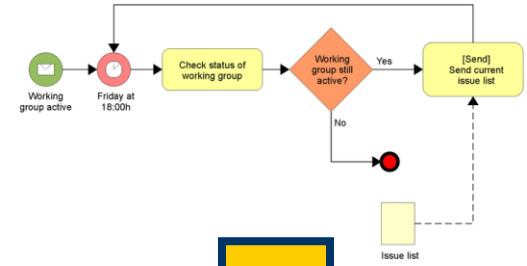
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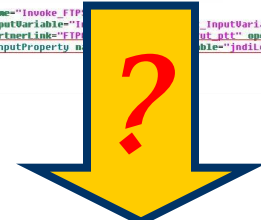
# BPEL



# Application



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        <bpelx:inputProperty name = "jca:jndi" variable = "jndiLocation"/>
      </inputVariables>
    </invoke>
  </sequence>
</process>
```



# BPMN

## ● Examples



<http://diveintobpm.org>

# BPMN

## ● Process example



from A4B33SI tutorials by Michal Čáp