

Web Service Policy - Concepts & Value to SOA

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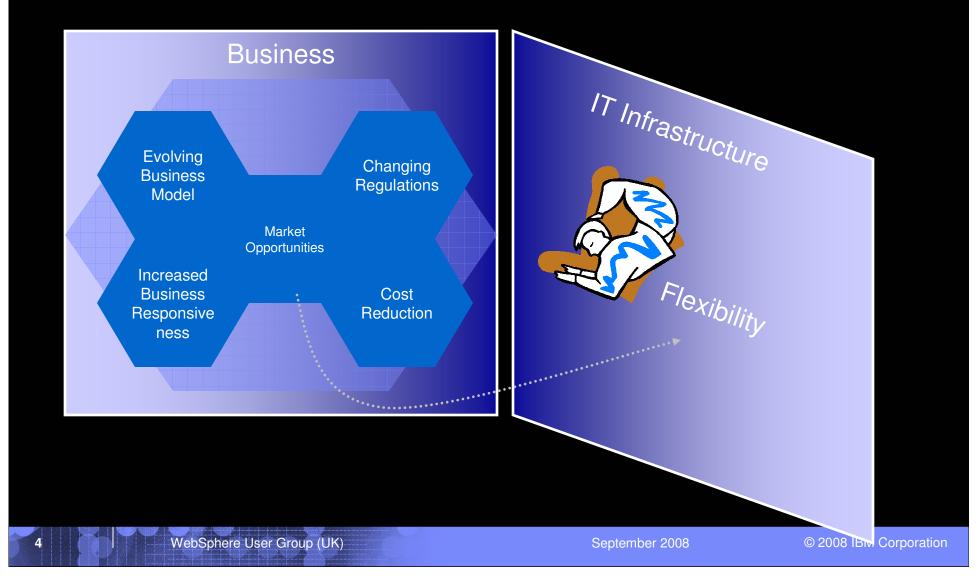
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SOA for Enabling Business Growth – Alignment of IT with Business





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Business Policy

- Artifacts and related infrastructure to represent policies as business people would describe them
- E.g. HIPAA, high-level policy such as expense reporting regulations

Business Level Policies

Business Services Policy

- Describe use-specific (i.e. application-specific) context for the desired characteristics and behavior of IT components
- E.g. Composite Business Application, SCA policies

Service Lifecycle Policy

- Active policies driving lifecycle transitions of services with associated governance validations and enforcement
- E.g. Lifecycle states, WS-I compliance, versioning



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Operational Level Policies

Security Configuration Policy

- Technical policy associated with configuring IT infrastructure
- E.g. Security policies for access control

Service-level Policy

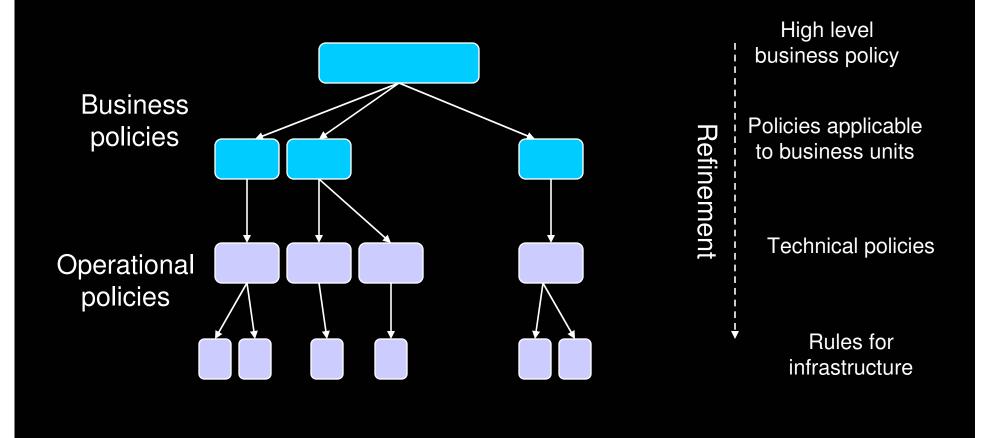
- Describes specific behaviors of the system in terms of performance, throughput, response time, workload etc.
- E.g. service-level policy (often called service level objective)

IT Governance Policy

- Describes best practices, standards, guidelines, patterns, rules etc. associated with IT
- Superset of SOA Governance policies
- E.g. ITIL processes



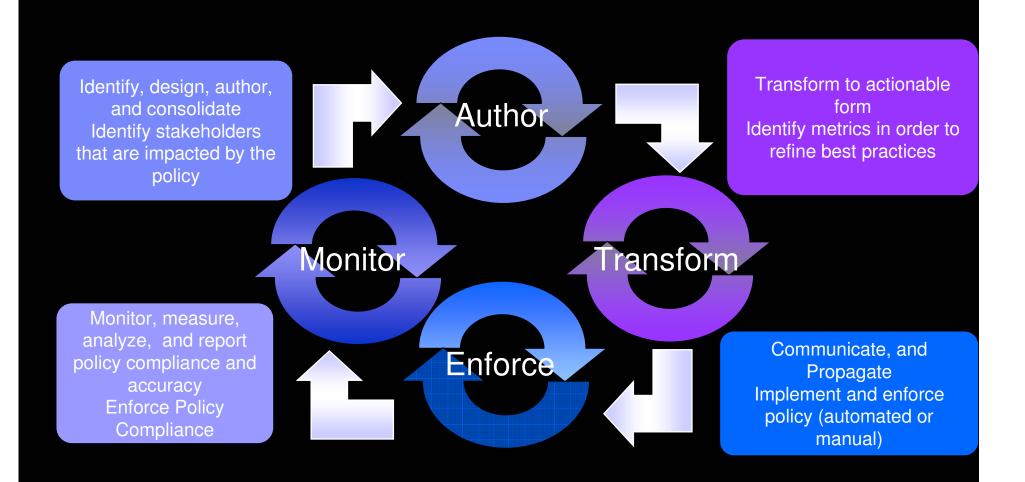
Policy Hierarchy – An Example







Policy Lifecycle and Governance in SOA

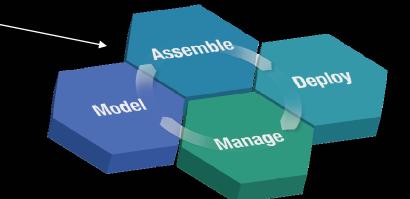


A Good SOA Policy Solution will provide ...

- Provide re-usable Best Practices, Standards and Requirements
- Provide Governance Enforcement and monitoring of Policies across large scale infrastructures
- Span complete SOA lifecycle
- Provide interoperability
- Be easily extensible

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Automatable where possible



Flexible, manageable IT infrastructure that responds to business requirements

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Policy for Web service Configuration in WebSphere Application Server

- Web service Policy Sets:
 - Ease complex Quality of Service (QOS) configurations of JAX-WS applications
 - Configurations are re-usable
 - Aids standards (WS-I) compliance
 - Introduced in WAS 6.1 FP
 - Enhanced and extended to WS-Policy in WAS 7

flexible, re-usable configurations



Policy for Web service Configuration in WebSphere Application Server

Policy Set

- Reusable configuration
- Named collection of policies (pre-canned or user defined)
- Administratively attached to JAX-WS Web services
- E.g. WS-SecureConversation, WS-Security Default, WS-I Reliable RSP

Policy Type

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- A Single, cohesive type of Quality of Service (QoS)
- Defined by an XML schema
- E.g. WS-Security, WS-Addressing, WS-Reliable Messaging, HTTPS, WS-Transactions

Policy Sets can be attached to JAX-WS application, service, endpoint or operation

- As administrative task (WAS admin console/command line)
- During development/deploy via RAD (un-managed client)



Web Service Policies - WAS 6.1 FP Policy Sets an Bindings



EchoService client

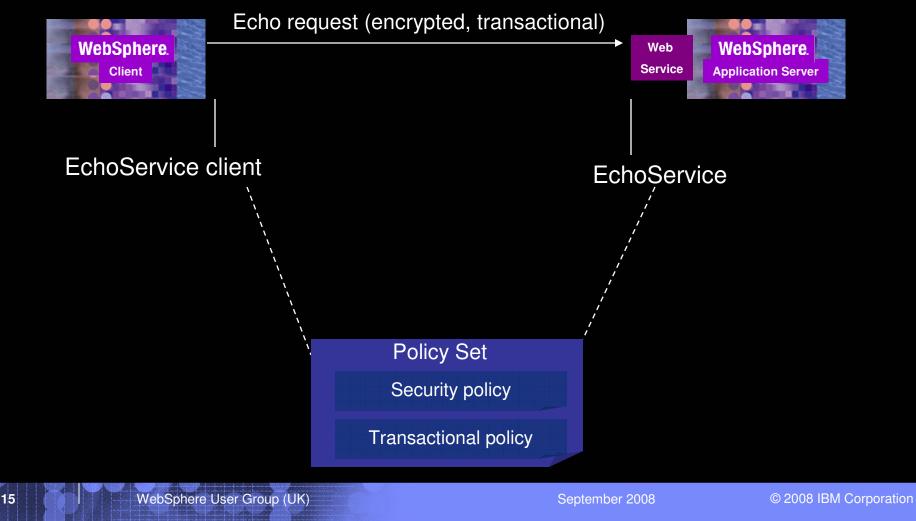
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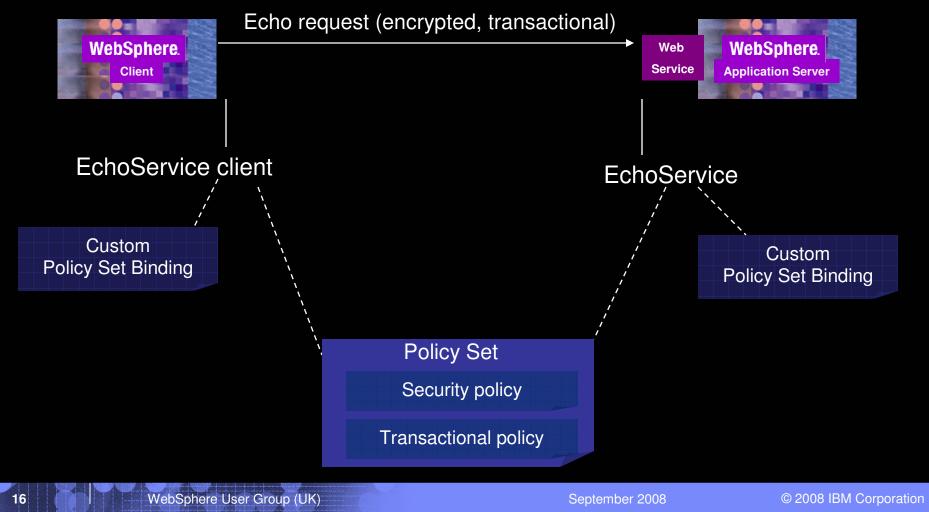
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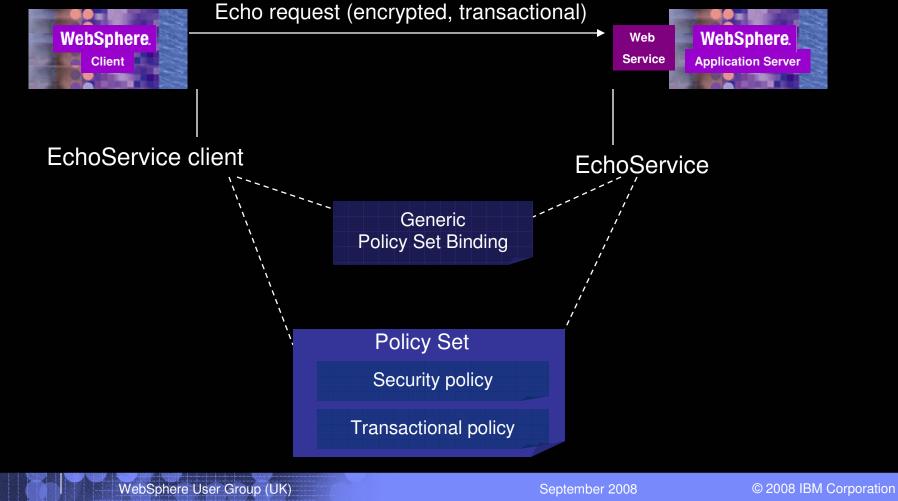


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Service providers

<u>Service providers</u> > EchoService

Use this page to manage policy sets and bindings or to access additional information for this service provider.

Configuration

General Properties

Service provider

{http://com/ibm/was/wssample/sei/echo /}EchoService

Additional Properties

- WSDL document
- Application: <u>JaxWSServicesSamples</u>
- Module: <u>SampleServicesSei.war</u>

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WS-Policy Standard http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy/

- Interoperable Standard XML format for policy
 - (machine-readable)
- Language for combining policies to find an acceptable policy for all parties (intersection)
- Framework for many policy domains:
 - Standard policy semantics that can be re-used across many policy domains

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Importance of WS-Policy for SOA

Standard policy representation enables:

- Policy Governance
 - Single representation of policy across the enterprise simplifies governance
- Interoperability
 - No proprietary formats
- Loose coupling
 - Deployed assets may be dynamically configured
 - Flexible configuration model (assets may advertise a choice of policies)
 - Dynamic configuration (clients automatically reconfigure as provider policy changes)



WS-Policy Nitty-Gritty

- WS-Policy 1.5 (W3C Recommended) Specification is here:
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WS-Policy Nitty-Gritty (Syntax)

WS-Policy Language:

- Policy Nesting
- Policies may be referenced (either via external URI or relative identifier)
- 2 operators: ExactlyOne = OR All=AND
- 'Optional' assertion in order to allow more policies to be expressed more compactly



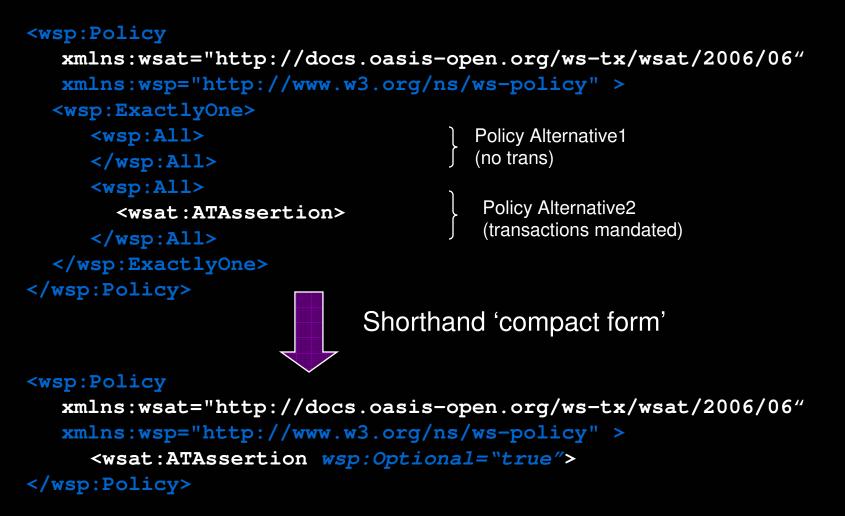
WS-Policy Nitty-Gritty – Indicating that Web service invocations should be either secured or encrypted

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<wsp:Policy
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xmlns:sp="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-sx/ws-
securitypolicy/200702"
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     <sp:SignedParts>
        <sp:Body/>
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     </sp:SignedParts>
   </wsp:All>
   <wsp:All>
     <sp:EncryptedParts>
        <sp:Body/>
                                  Policy Alternative2
     </sp:EncryptedParts>
   </wsp:All>
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</wsp:Policy>

WS-Policy Nitty-Gritty – Indicating that AtomicTransactions are supported but not mandated by service





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WSDL Policy Attachments – Embedding policy within WSDL

```
<wsdl:binding name="EchoSOAP" type="tns:EchoServicePortType">
    <soap:binding style="document"
    transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
    <wsp:Policy
    xmlns:sp="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-sx/ws-
    securitypolicy/200702"
    xmlns:wsp="http://www.w3.org/ns/ws-policy" >
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</wsp:Policy>
</wsdl:binding>
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WS-Policy in WSRR 6.2: Extending Service Metadata Management and Governance Capabilities

WSRR 6.2 provides:

- Mechanism for authoring/attaching policies in WS-Policy format
- Policy Management activities
- Policy Libraries for best practice and interoperability

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Still need a standard way to exchange WS-Policy...

For example:

Policy Enforcement Point acquires its policy from central repository or other

Policy can be exchanged via:

- HTTP GET to acquire WSDL
- WS-MetadataExchange (WS-Mex)



Exchanging WS-Policy Metadata - WS-MetadataExchange (WS-Mex)

- Exchange of Metadata in order to bootstrap communication with Web services
 - Endpoints can support operations specifically for retrieval of metadata
 - (Mechanism for embedding Metadata in EndpointReferences)
- Metadata exchange spec deals with other types of Metadata.
 - Focus on exchange of WSDL containing policy
- Initial Specification: http://download.boulder.ibm.com/ibmdl/pub/software/dw/specs/wsmex/metadataexchange.pdf
- Specification is now being standardised (been submitted to W3C)

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Recap – WS-Policy and WS-MetadataExchange

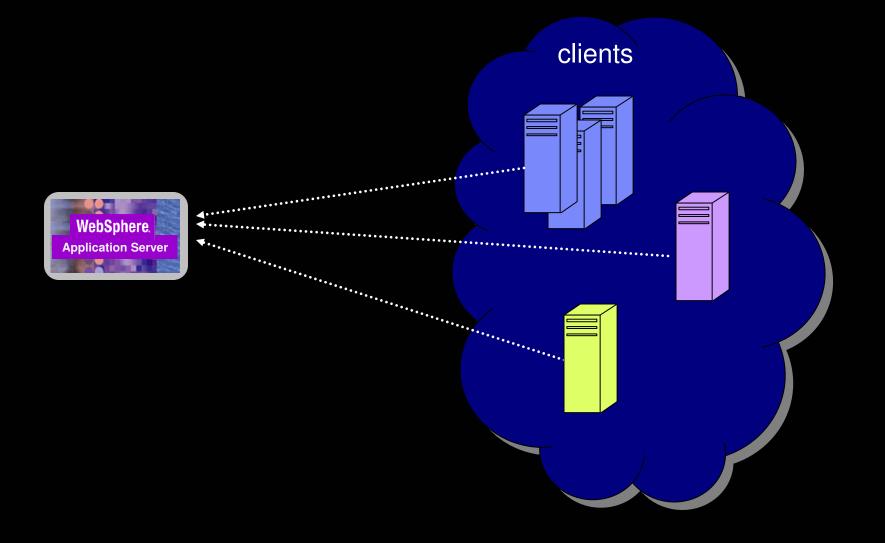
- WS-Policy:
 - W3C Recommendation
 - Interoperable machine-readable format for expressing policy
 - Flexible
 - Extensible
- WS-MetadataExchange
 - Submitted to W3C for standardisation
 - Define standard mechanism for Metadata Exchange (including policy) over SOAP

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How Can a Service Share its Policy Set Configuration in standard format?



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WAS 7.0 JAX-WS Services can be configured to Share their Policy Set Configuration in WS-Policy Format

Administratively

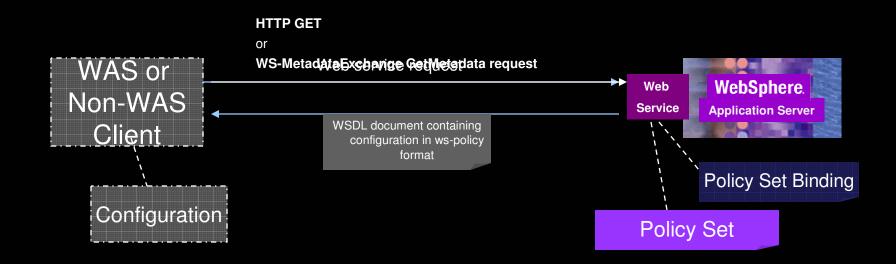
 Using Admin Console or Command Line interfaces

During Development

- Using RAD 7.5 development tools



Interoperability: Sharing Policy Set configuration in WS-Policy Format





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Securing the Policy Exchange

- Authentication and Integrity particularly important for GetMetadata response:
 - Client needs to be sure the provider sending its policy is valid before it sends its message
 - (Should be nothing confidential in the policy exchange)
- WAS provides a default System Policy Set for securing WS-MetadataExhange GetMetadata
- HTTP GET policy acquisitions secured by transport



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WS-I RSP – A *bit* of the (machine readable) WS-Policy associated with the service

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Mapping between administered Policy Sets and Shared Policy Configuration

- Policy Sets are close to ws-policy in format
 - Transformations for spec levels
 - Driven by interop testing
- A single administrative decision may result in more than one possible policy:
 - E.g. transactions



Where appropriate, WAS provider will automatically include choice in its policy for *flexible* configurations...

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◯ Supports - if WS-AT context is available, cl	and the second
Never - clients must not send, and provide	ers must not receive, WS-AT context
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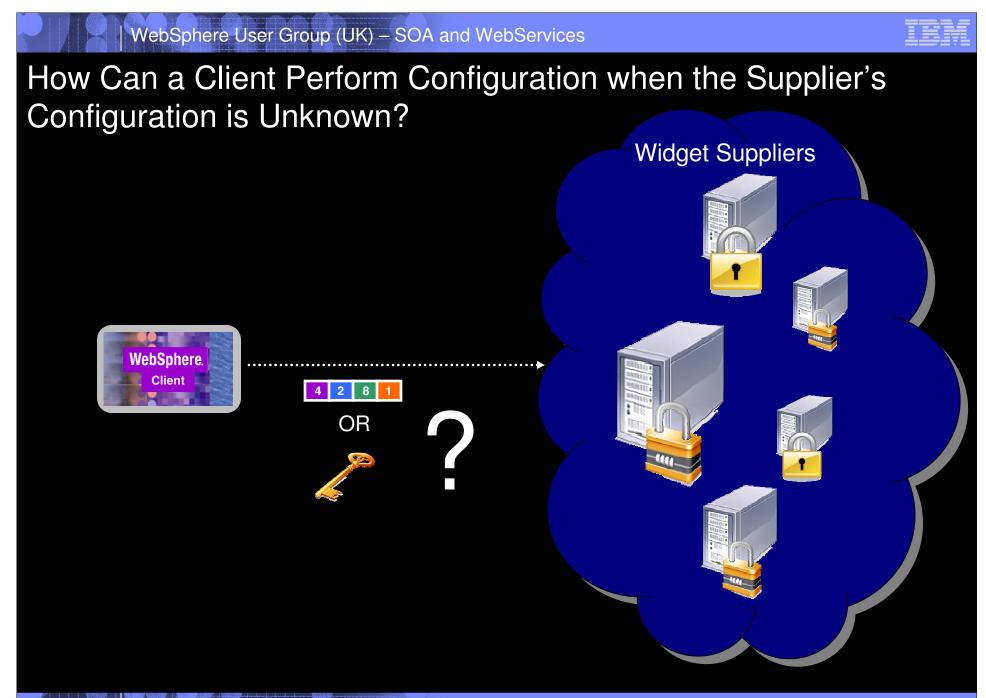
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WAS Client can be configured to dynamically acquire wspolicy

Administratively

 Using Admin Console or Command Line interfaces

During Development

– Using RAD 7.5 development tools

Provider's policy is acquired DYNAMICALLY when required (i.e. policy acquisition is triggered by first Web service request from client)



Specifying Provider-Only Policy

Policy Set Attachments

Define policy and binding configuration for the service reference, endpoints, or operations. Access the Policies Applied link to indicate whether to use and how to acquire policy from the service provider. Complete the attachment by providing system-specific configuration when you assign the appropriate binding.

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Dynamically configure the client at runtime based on the provider's policy

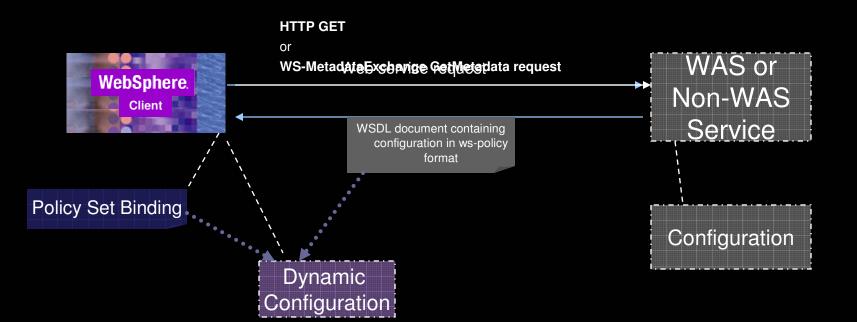
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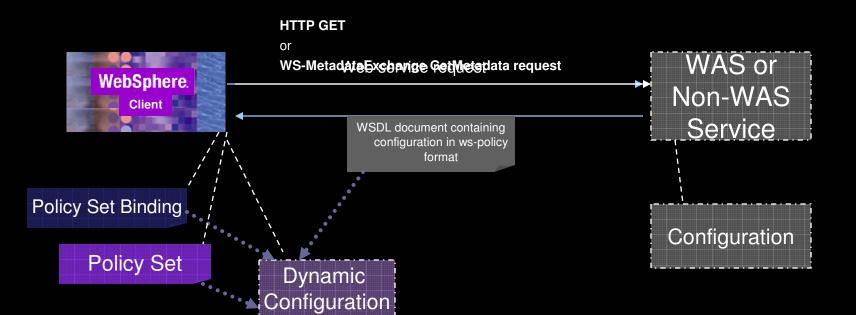
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Dynamically configure the client at runtime based on the provider's policy restricted by the client side (static) policy set

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What if WAS 7Client has choice of policy alternatives?

- WAS client will choose to use policy that it supports
- If client supports >1 option, WAS client may have a preference (in particular: the client has a preference for later spec levels where more than one is supported)

For example, 2 levels of transactions supported by service:



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Policy Acquisition mechanisms

Service clients ? _
<u>Service clients</u> > <u>EchoService</u> > Policies Applied
Use this page to specify which policies to apply to the application or service client. If you choose to use the provider policy, you can also specify the method by which the client should acquire this policy.
Client WS-Policy Control Properties
Apply the following policies: Provider policy only Image: Comparison of the second
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O Specify request target
OWS-MetadataExchange request (secured with the application transport policy if defined)
Attach a system policy set to the WS-MetadataExchange
Policy set: SystemWSSecurityDefault
Binding: Default
Apply OK Reset Cancel



Policy held in a central Repository

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- WS-Policy provides Flexible, Interoperable solution for SOA governance
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 - Standardisation of WS-MetadataExchange
 Specification for interoperable policy exchange
 - -WS-Policy prevalence in Governance scenarios
 - Emergence of policy new domains



