

An introduction to service mapping

Integrating evolving web services in WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5

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Agenda

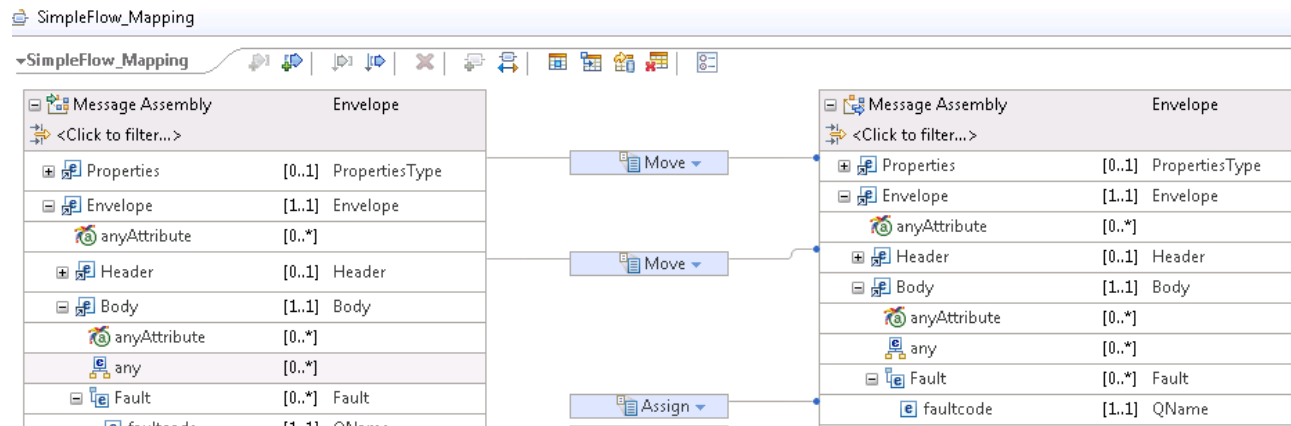
- Introducing Service Mapping
- Service Mapping Concepts
- Developing a Service Map
- Administration: Mapping Services
- Administration: Deployment and administration of Service Maps
- Demonstration

Why Service Mapping?

- Main purpose of service mapping
 - Service Mapping provides a way of insulating an application that consumes a service from the details of that service provider's interface or location
 - This is achieved by providing a simple way of performing content-based routing and message transformation
- Why is this useful?
 - This helps in many scenarios – for example,
 - **Service versions:** When a service is modified to cope with additional requirements, its interface and location are likely to go through modifications that, although small, are likely to break existing service consumers
 - **'Meet in the middle':** When a business unit defines the service interface that it expects to use perform some task, this may well not match the details of an existing 'enterprise service' owned and offered by the IT organisation
 - ...and many more

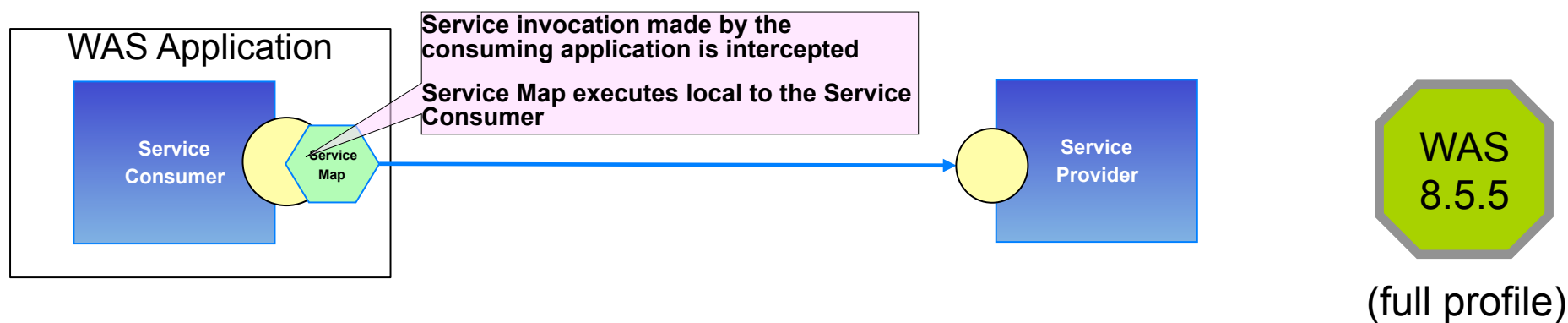
So – what is a service map?

When restructuring a message from one structure to another, is it common for graphical tooling to exploit the idea of a graphical message map which allows the developer to decide how a field in the input **message maps** to a field in the output message



- When a service consumer interacts with a service provider that may change its location, or may have a different interface, there are three additional considerations
 - Which **service location** should we route a message to?
 - Which **operation** on the service provider should be invoked when dealing with a request from a service consumer?
 - For any particular operation, how must each **input** and **output/fault** message be transformed?
- **Service Mapping** extends the idea of mapping to cover each of these additional considerations

WAS and Service Maps topology



Service Mapping Concepts

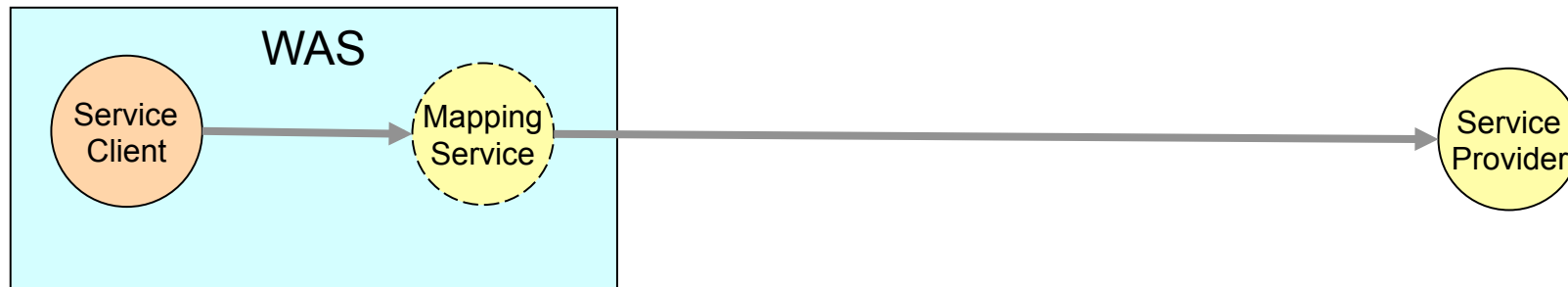
The Service Mapping Conceptual Model: Before we start...

- Starting point
 - Service Clients are configured to interact with a particular Web Service



Service Mapping Conceptual Model: Mapping Services

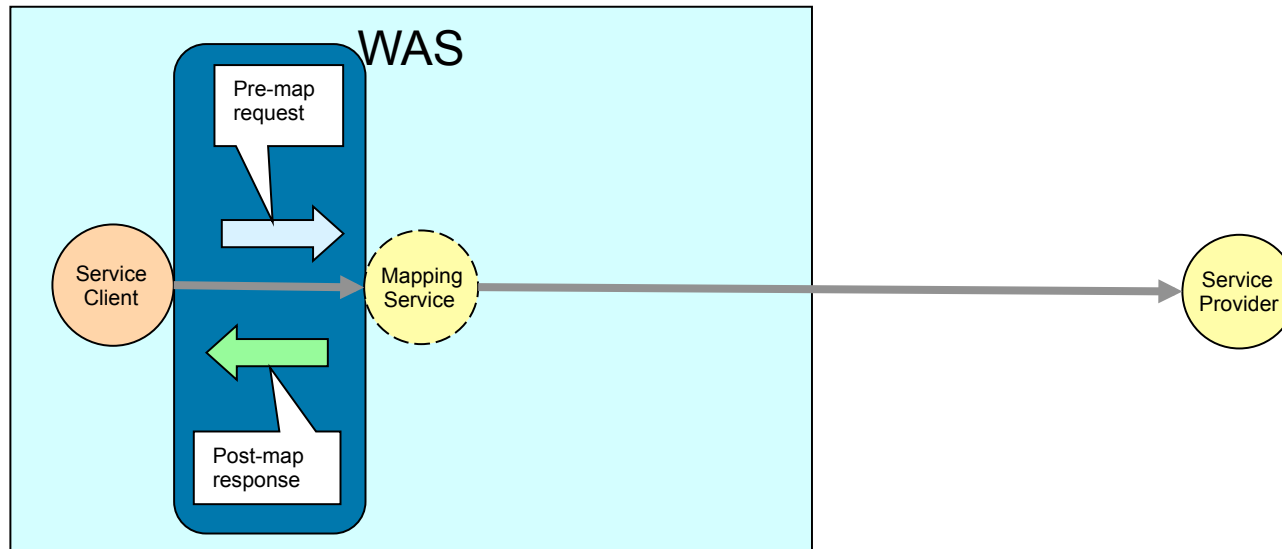
- Mapping Service
 - A local mapping service can be defined via admin commands or the admin console to intercept all invocations bound for a particular service
 - [Interception happens on the thread of execution of the Service client invocation]



- In this state, the Mapping Service adds the following behaviour
 - The mapping service can be started or stopped
 - The mapping service can be configured by the administrator to publish service interaction events to a JMS topic

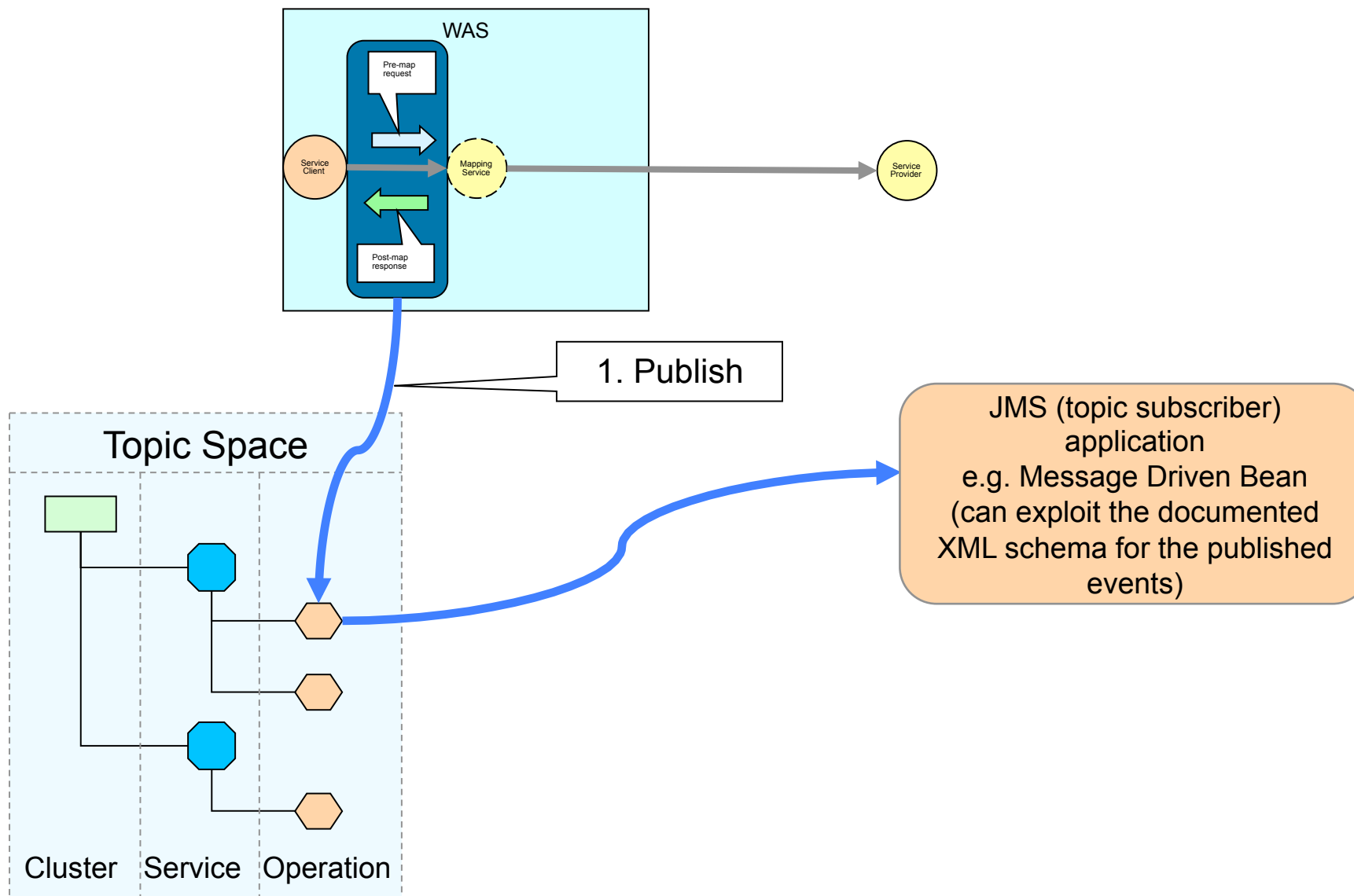
Mapping Service Event Points

- Event emission can be configured by the WAS administrator



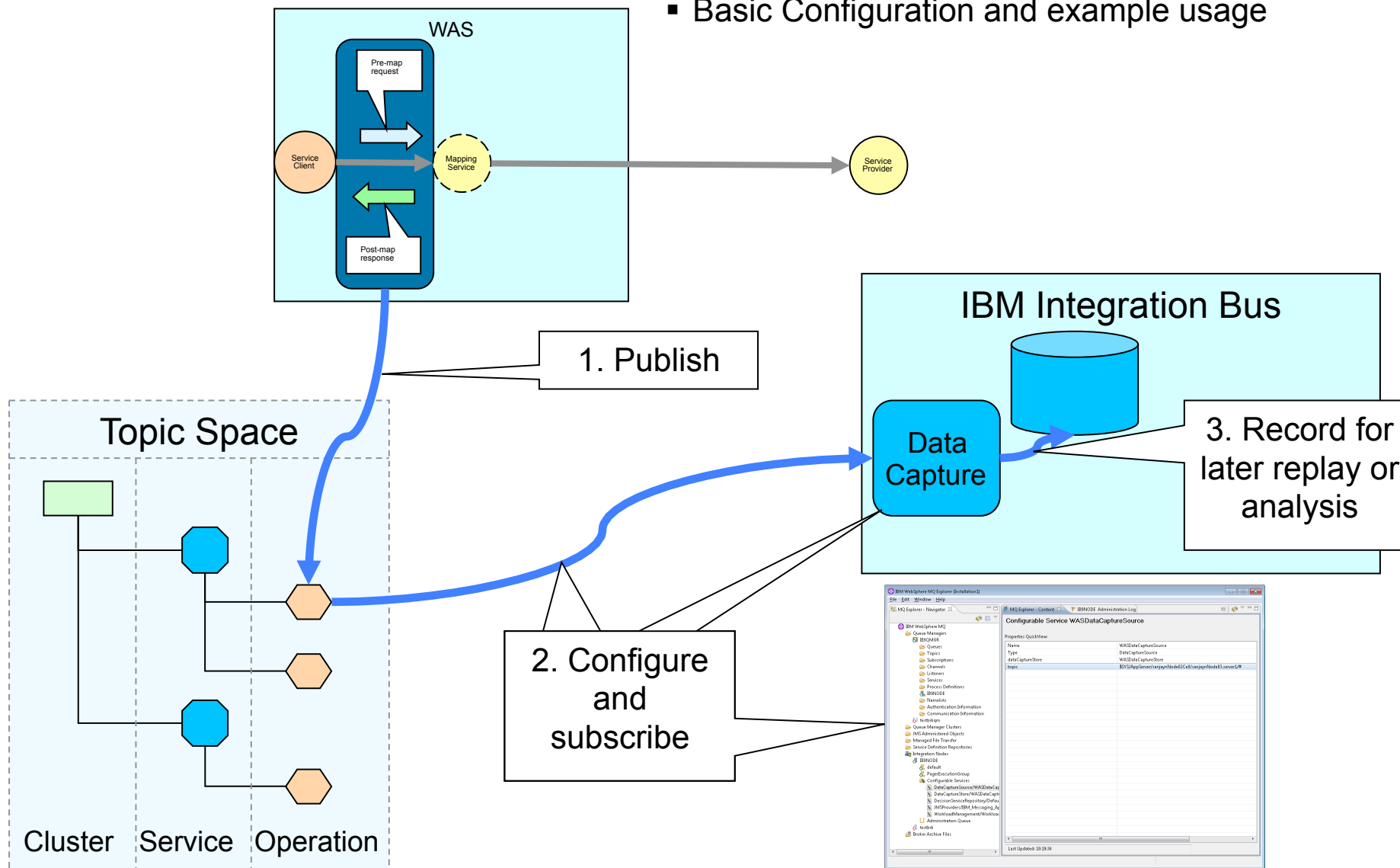
- Events are published using JMS Pub/Sub to a structured topic space
 - `<cell>/<cluster || node.server>/<mapping service>/<operation>`
 - This can optionally be overridden via a specified JNDI reference
- Event messages contain;
 - Information about where they are emitted from
 - Request/Response/Fault differentiation
 - (optionally) message content

Mapping Service Event Emission: General use



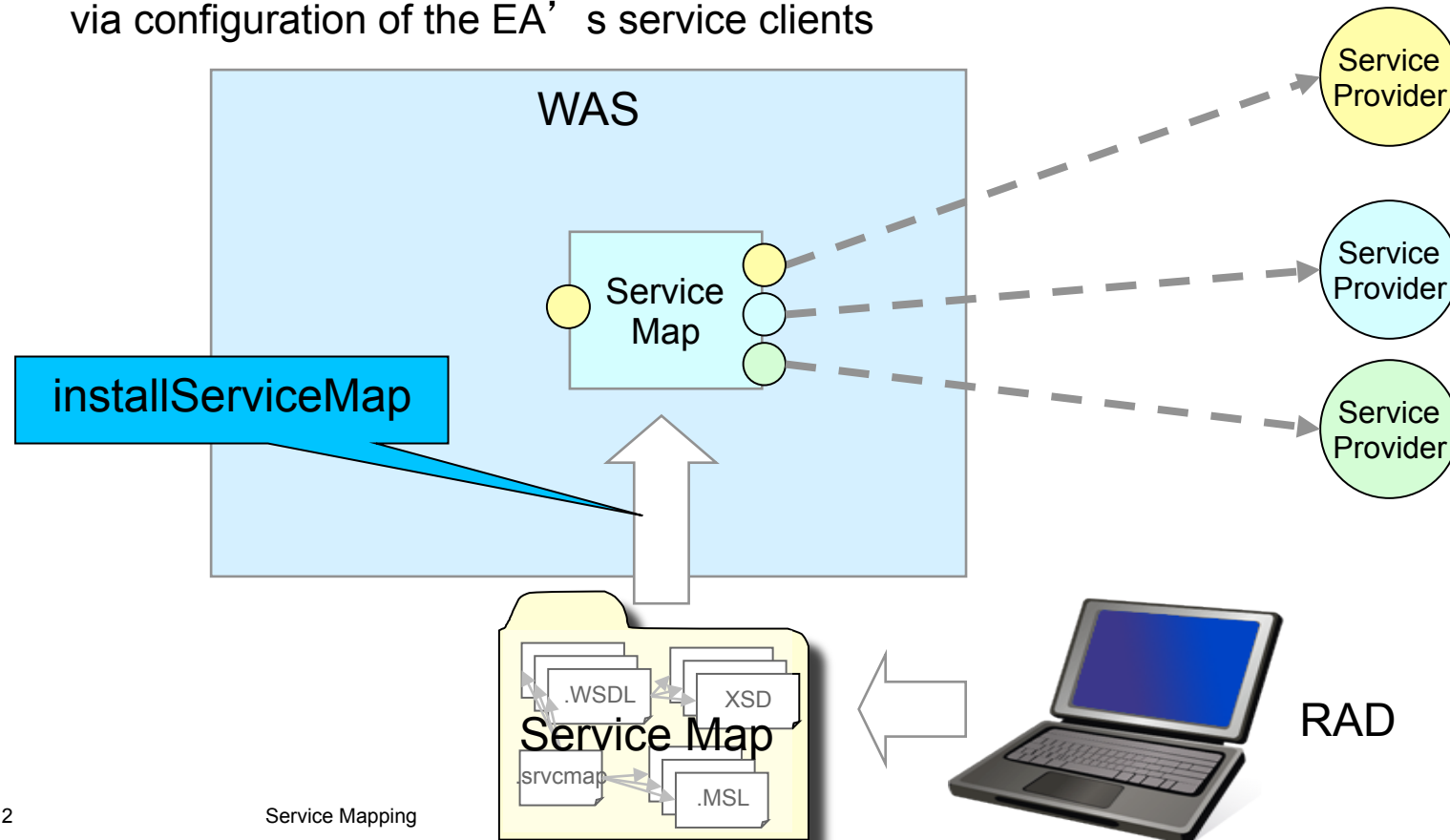
Mapping Service Event Emission and IBM Integration Bus

- Basic Configuration and example usage



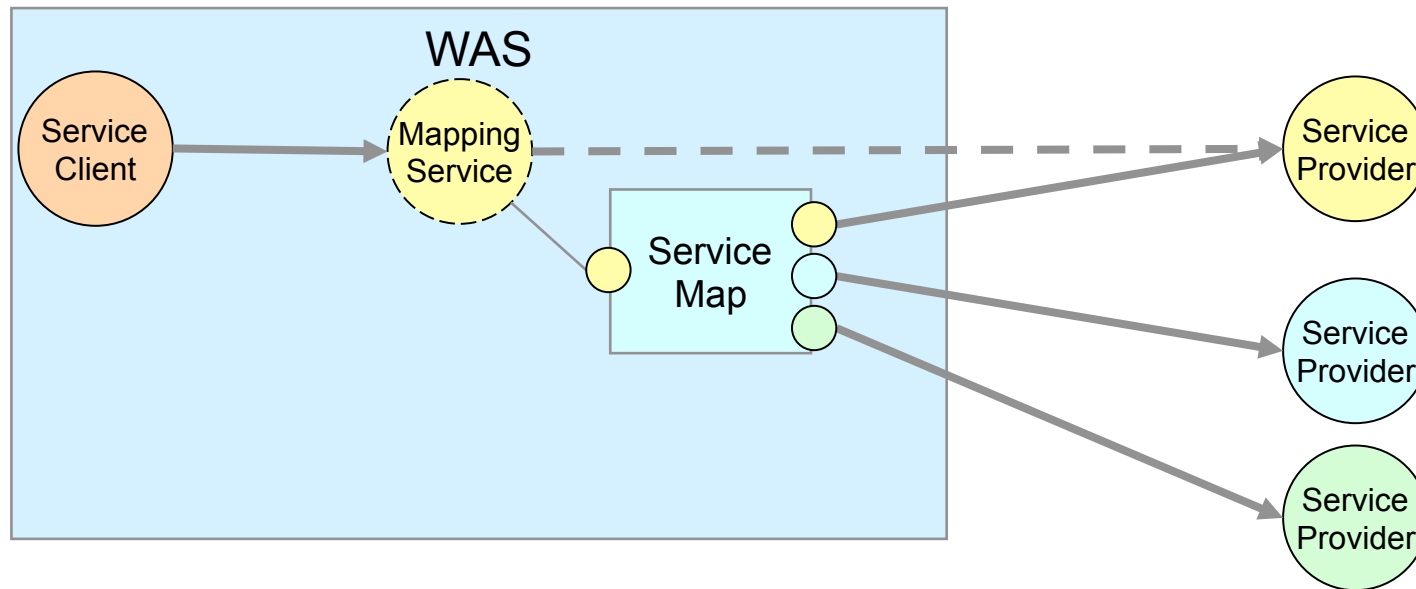
Service Mapping Conceptual Model: Service Maps

- Service Maps are developed in Rational Application Developer and define the re-routing and transformation
- When a Service Map is installed to the WAS runtime, a Service Map Enterprise Application is created in the WAS runtime
- The endpoints that it can route service requests to can be overridden at install time, or via configuration of the EA' s service clients



The Mapping Service Conceptual Model: 3

- A Service Map can be attached to one or more mapping services, in order to transform and route the intercepted messages
- Note that – if a Service Map is not attached to any mapping services, then it does not receive any messages to process



Service Map Development in RAD

Create a new Service Map: 1

- Answers the question “What is the interface of the service invocation that we want to intercept and map?”

New Service Map

Create a new service map

Specify the target service for this mapping. More target services can be added in the service map editor.

Target Service

Service Name: target

WSDL file name: /NewServiceMapLibrary/target.wsdl

Target namespace: http://www.example.org/target/

Port type: target

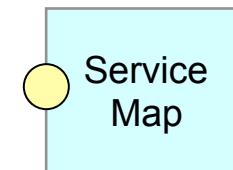
Imported Binding: targetSOAP

Service Port: targetSOAP

Override default endpoint address:

Endpoint address: http://www.example.org/

< Back Next > **Finish** Cancel



Service Map Development 3 (Select service)

- Answers the question “what are the interfaces/addresses of the services that we may need to route to?”
 - Addresses can be overridden at install/admin

The screenshot displays the 'Routing and Transformation' tool interface. On the left, a 'Service mappings' tree shows a 'StockQuoteService' with operations 'getQuote' and 'operation1'. This is labeled as the 'Source service'. On the right, two target service configurations are shown: one for 'https://myserver.com:8080/StockQuote' and another for 'https://myserver2.com:8081/...', both with 'getQuote' and 'operation1' operations. These are collectively labeled as 'Target service'. An 'Add target service' dialog is open in the foreground, showing a list of service interfaces: 'DelayedService', 'RealtimeService', and 'StockQuoteService'. The 'StockQuoteService' interface is selected. The dialog also shows the 'Endpoint Address URL' as 'http://myserver.com:8080/StockQuote' and 'Quality Of Service' settings for 'Policy Set' (SSL WSTransaction) and 'Policy Binding' (Provider Sample). A 'Service Map' icon is also visible in the top right corner.

Service Map Development – 4: Selecting a target operation to invoke

- Source and target services are wired together and XPath conditional expressions provided.
 - The XPath expressions are used at run-time to select one of the target services

The screenshot shows the Service Mapping tool interface. On the left, a 'Service mappings' pane shows a 'StockQuoteService' with a 'getQuote' operation. This is connected to a 'channelCondition' component, which is then connected to a target service 'https://myserver.com:8080/StockQuote' with its own 'getQuote' operation. An arrow points from the 'channelCondition' to the 'XPath Expression Builder' dialog box.

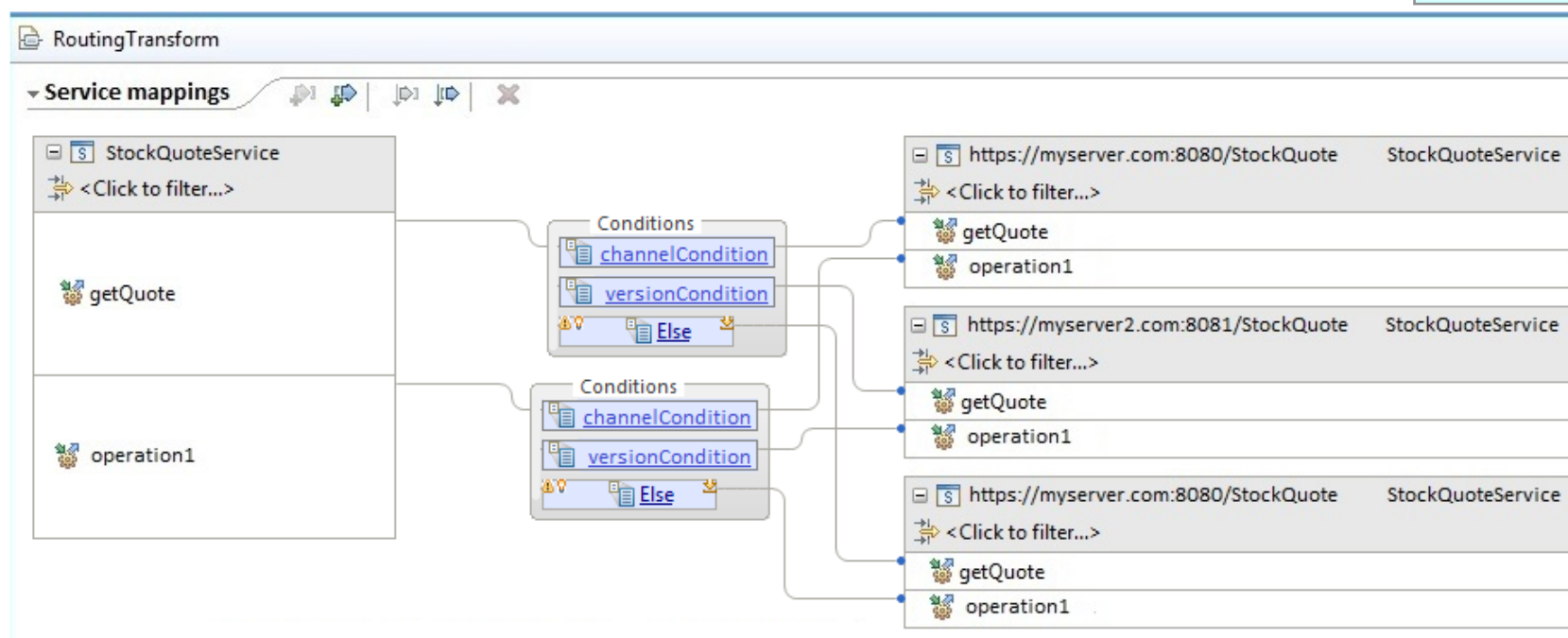
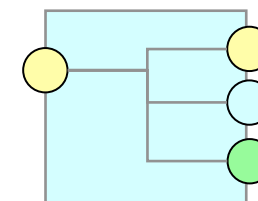
The 'XPath Expression Builder' dialog box is open, showing the following components:

- Data Types Viewer:** A tree view showing XML Schema elements. The selected element is 'Name' of type 'string' within the 'SourceOperation' of the 'SContext'.
- XPath Functions:** A list of functions including 'concat', 'contains', 'normalize-space', 'starts-with', 'string', 'string-length', 'substring', 'substring-after', 'substring-before', and 'translate'.
- Operators:** A list of operators including '<', '<=', '>=', '>', '=', 'and', 'or', '+', '-', '*', and 'div'.
- XPath Expression:** The text field contains the expression: `SContext/SourceOperation/Name=UpdateInfo`.
- Namespace settings:** A section for configuring namespaces.

At the bottom right of the dialog are 'Finish' and 'Cancel' buttons. A warning icon at the top of the dialog indicates: 'The UpdateInfo element in XPath SContext/SourceOperation/Name=UpdateInfo matches an ANY element in the XML Schema.'

Service Map Development – 5: ...more conditions on what operation to invoke

- More wires and conditions are added



Filling in the details for a particular (source, target) pair of operations

- Selecting a single wire allows developers to edit the Operation-level mapping

The screenshot shows the Rational Application Developer interface for configuring Service Mapping. The main window displays a Service Map for 'ChrisAssignMap'. The 'source' node contains operations: Registration, GetInfo, and UpdateInfo. The 'target' node contains operations: Registration, GetInfo, and UpdateInfo. A 'Routing conditions' dialog box is open, showing a table with two conditions:

Order	Name	Expression
0	Condition0	
1	Condition1	

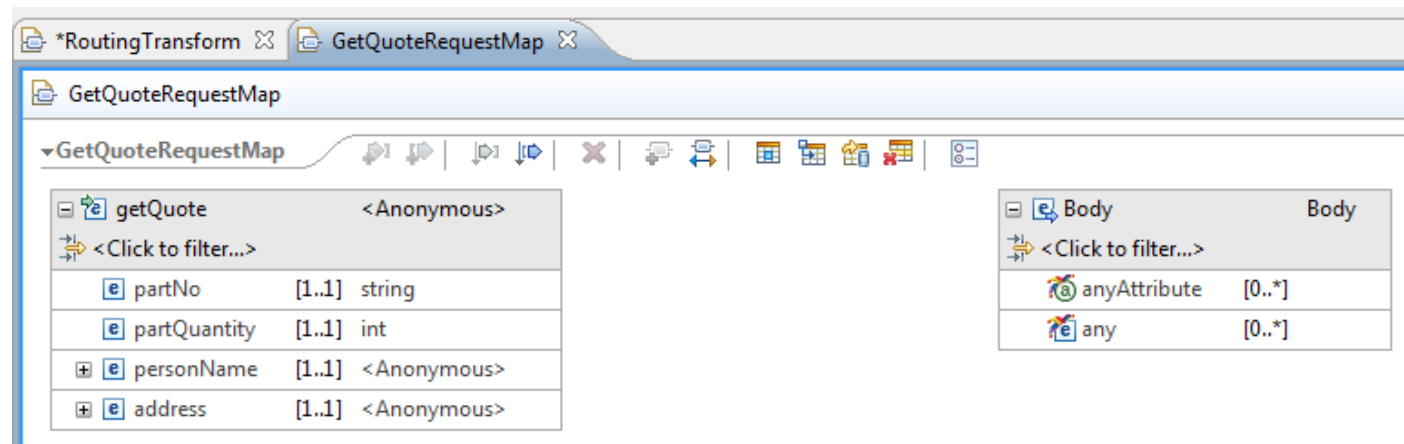
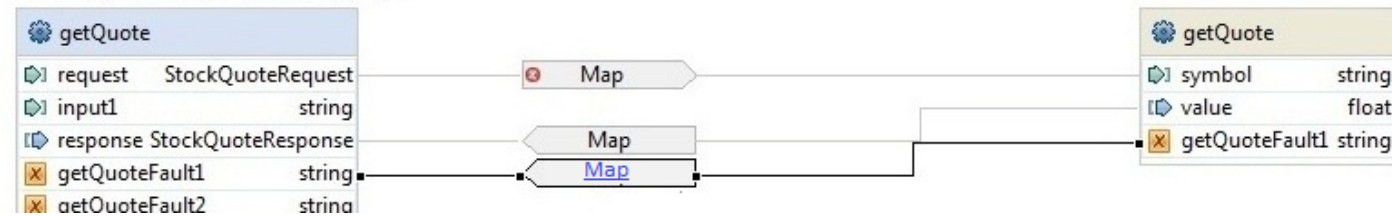
The dialog also includes buttons for 'Set As Default', 'Unset As Default', 'Up', 'Down', 'OK', and 'Cancel'. A diagram on the right shows a light blue box with three colored circles (yellow, cyan, green) connected to the main interface.

Service Map Development – 7 (message-level mapping)

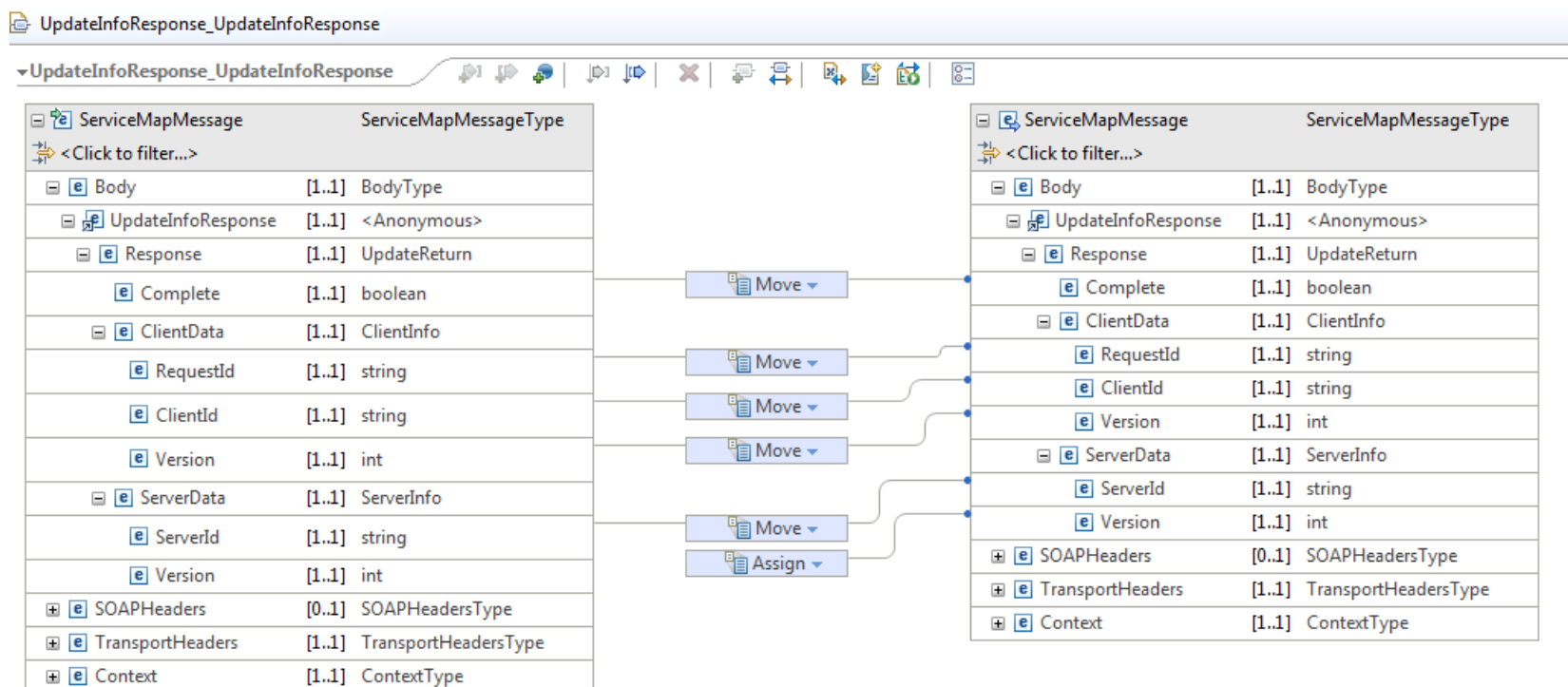
- Each wire in the Operation-level mapping can have a Message-level data mapping (if required)

Operation mappings

Connect parameters to define mappings.

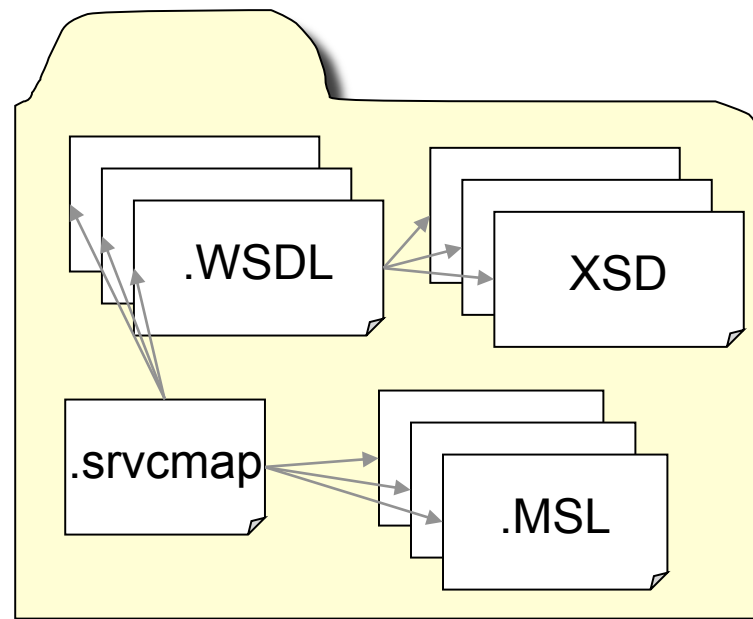


Data Map: Maps from one particular message to another



Service map file format

- The Service Map library exported from RAD contains
 - WSDL and XSD documents required to define the interfaces involved
 - The service map itself, which is an XML Document
 - For each **message** map, an **MSL** (Mapping Specification Language) document
 - MSL: Is a dedicated XML syntax for expressing Data Maps – which express a message restructuring from one data structure to another – already supported by RAD Graphical Data Mapper



WAS Administration

WAS Deployment & Administration - 1

- Developer exports Service Map from RAD
- Administrator installs Service Map into WAS

The image consists of two overlapping screenshots of the WebSphere Integrated Solutions Console (WISC) interface, demonstrating the installation of a service map.

Top Screenshot: Shows the 'Service maps' overview page. The left-hand navigation pane is expanded to 'Service maps'. The main content area includes an 'Install' button and a table with columns for 'Select', 'Name', 'Description', and 'Attached Local Mapping Services'. A red arrow points from the 'Install' button to the 'Service maps > Install' page in the bottom screenshot.

Bottom Screenshot: Shows the 'Service maps > Install' configuration page. The 'Local file system' radio button is selected. Below it, there is a 'Full path' input field with a 'Browse...' button. The 'Remote file system' option is also visible but unselected. 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom of the form.

WAS Deployment & Administration - 2

- Administrator defines a Local Mapping Service
 - Specify a Service Map to attach to (optional)
 - Specify the endpoint address of a service provider - all calls to that service provider are intercepted, but are only routed/transformed if a service map is attached
- Web Service messages from the Service Client (or messages to the Service Provider) are intercepted by the Mapping Service and re-routed and/or transformed according to the Service Map

The image displays two screenshots of the WebSphere Integrated Solutions Console (WISC) interface, showing the 'New local mapping service' wizard. The left screenshot shows the 'Specify local mapping service details' step, where a user is configuring the service details. The right screenshot shows the 'Specify details for interception of client requests' step, where a user is configuring the interception criteria.

Specify local mapping service details

A local mapping service is used to intercept request provider, so that the request can be transformed p...

Provide the name of the local mapping service that description to say for what purpose that local mapp...

Name: MyJMS
Description:

Specify details for interception of client requests

The local mapping service intercepts all JAX-WS web service requests from web service clients in the specified cell that match the following criteria:

Endpoint address: http://localhost:9080/DemoJAXWSProject/MyServiceService
Namespace: http://test
Service name: MyServiceService
Port name: MyServicePort
Port type: MyServiceDelegate

Demonstration scenario

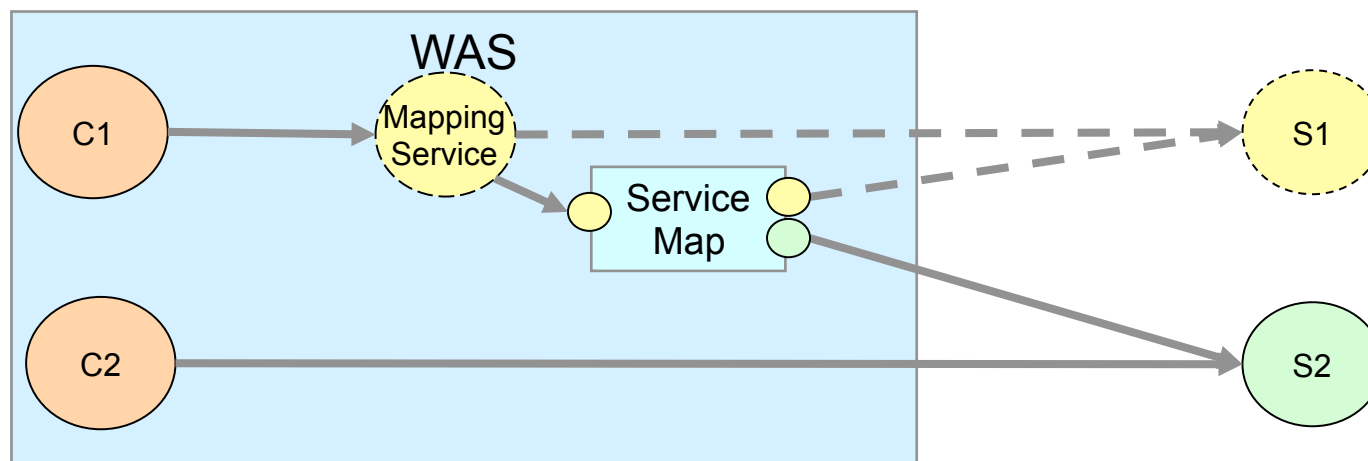
A simple story of Service Interface Evolution...

Timeline/ Stage	Service Provider versions	Service Consum er versions	Description	Mapping Needed
1	S1	C1	In the beginning – consumers and providers are created compatible	None required. C1 is configured to use S1
2	S2	C1, C2	Service provider is updated in a way that it not backwards compatible – e.g. An operation is updated to add a new response parameter	Interactions from C1 and need to have a transformation applied to cope with the new signature

User actions (1 of 2)

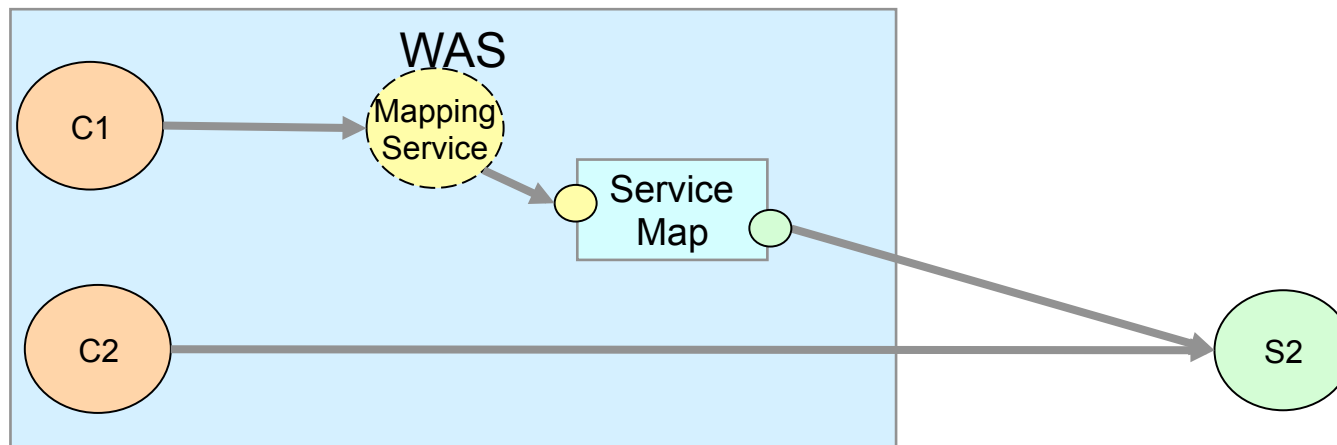
- For Version 1 Service Clients (C1)
 - Administrator
 - configures a Mapping Service for Version 1 Service Clients to intercept their existing interactions with the endpoint of the Version 1 Service (S1)
 - RAD Developer
 - Creates a service map designed to resolve the simple mismatch between Version 1 Clients (C1) and the version 2 web service provider (S2)
 - If (for some reason) there is a desire to continue to route some interactions to the Version 1 service, then this can be done by exploiting dynamic routing.

- For Version 2 Service Clients (C2)
 - No service map is required
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 - Does not need to define a Mapping Service: simply configures the Version 2 clients as usual



User actions (2 of 2)

- For Version 1 Service Clients (C1)
 - **Administrator**
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 - **RAD Developer**
 - Creates a service map designed to resolve the simple mismatch between Version 1 Clients (C1) and the version 2 web service provider (S2)
 - If (for some reason) there is a desire to continue to route **some** interactions to the Version 1 service, then this can be done by exploiting dynamic routing.
 - **If not, then S1 can be taken out of commission, and all interactions are routed to S2 (with transformation as required)**
- For Version 2 Service Clients (C2)
 - No service map is required
 - Administrator
 - Does not need to define a Mapping Service: simply configures the Version 2 clients as usual



Demonstration

Demonstration summary

- The demonstration provides a brief run-through of both the Developer experience (in RAD) and the Administrator experience (using both commands and the WAS Admin console)

Summary

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- **Service Mapping** provides a way of insulating an application that consumes a service from the details of that service provider's interface or location
 - This is achieved by providing a simple way of performing content-based routing and message transformation
- The **Service Map** extends the idea of a data map to cover:
 - Service-level mapping – selecting a target service
 - Interface-level mapping – mapping from source service operations to target service operations
 - Operation-level mapping – mapping the request, response and fault messages
- The **Mapping Service** intercepts web service requests from existing applications.
- **Mapping Service Event Points**
 - Can be configured for any Mapping Service
 - Publish events to a JMS Topic Space
 - Events can be consumed by any JMS topic subscriber application
 - Events consumption is explicitly supported by IBM Integration Bus
- **Service Mapping** is supported in WebSphere Application Server v8.5.5 (full profile – not Liberty) via tooling in RAD v9.0
 - Standard RAD/WAS development and administration tasks

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