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Abstract

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The work carried out during this research covers the transactional aspects of Web Services. A model and protocols that describe Web Services Transactions are defined by OASIS [16] in the Web Services Coordination, Web Services Atomic Transactions and Web Service Business Transactions specifications [7], [8], [9]. An attempt has been taken to design and implement a transaction coordination framework based on these specifications.

The transaction coordination framework discussed here is capable of supporting both Atomic Transactions and Business Activities as defined in respective specifications. The interoperability among the implementations of the aforementioned specifications is a major concern and is guided by the interoperability scenarios [10], [11] defined by OASIS. The transaction coordination framework discussed in this thesis is designed in such a way that it can be implemented in any of the major platforms. The design has been implemented in the .Net environment, and it confirms to the interoperability guidelines provided by the OASIS.

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Symbols, Notations, Abbreviations and Acronyms

- EAI Enterprise Application Integration
- WS Web Services
- SOAP Simple Object Access Protocol
- WSDL Web Services Description Language
- WS-TX Wes Services Transactions
- WS-Coor Web Services Coordination
- WS-AT Web Service Atomic Transactions
- WS-BA Web Service Business Activity
- WCF Microsoft Windows Communication Foundation
- W3C World Wide Web Consortium



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