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# SOAP and UDDI

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# Lecture outline

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- SOAP
  - ◆ Document style vs. RPC style SOAP
  - ◆ SOAP intermediaries
  - ◆ Data encoding in SOAP
- UDDI
  - ◆ White, Yellow and Green pages
  - ◆ UDDI API

# SOAP

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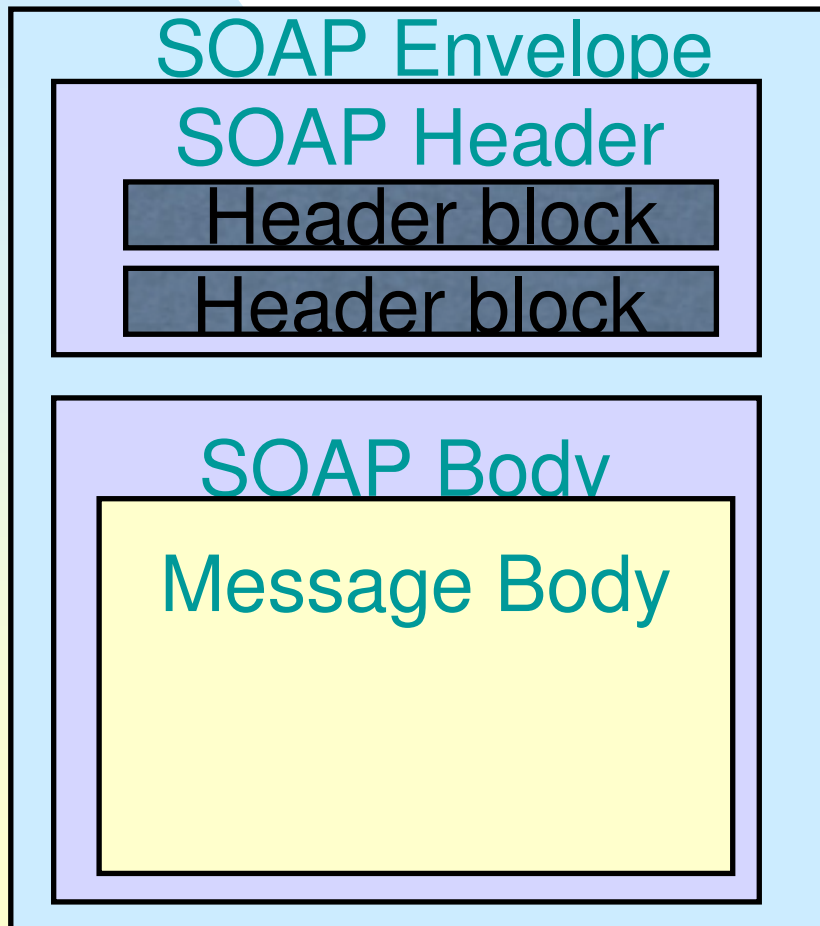
- Fundamentally stateless one-way XML message exchange paradigm
  - ◆ More complex interactions may be implemented
- Exchange of structured and typed information
  - ◆ Using different mediums: HTTP, Email, ..
- Request-reply and one-way communication are supported
- Specified using XML Infoset
  - ◆ Note that XML Infoset is an abstract specification
  - ◆ On-the-wire representation does not have to be XML 1.0!
- Specifications
  - ◆ SOAP Version 1.2 Part 0: Primer
  - ◆ SOAP Version 1.2 Part 1: Messaging Framework
  - ◆ SOAP Version 1.2 Part 2: Adjuncts
  - ◆ SOAP Version 1.2 Specification Assertions and Test Collection

# It is necessary to define:

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- The type of information to be exchanged
- How to express the information as XML (according to the Infoset)
- How to send the information
- SOAP defines (adjuncts part) these using:
  - ◆ Data model
    - ☞ Application-defined data structures and values as a directed, edge-labeled graph
  - ◆ SOAP encoding
    - ☞ Rules for encoding instances of data from SOAP data model to XML
  - ◆ One-way and request-reply (RPC) msg exchange
  - ◆ Binding framework in order to support concrete messaging protocols and custom on-the-wire representation

# SOAP Message Structure



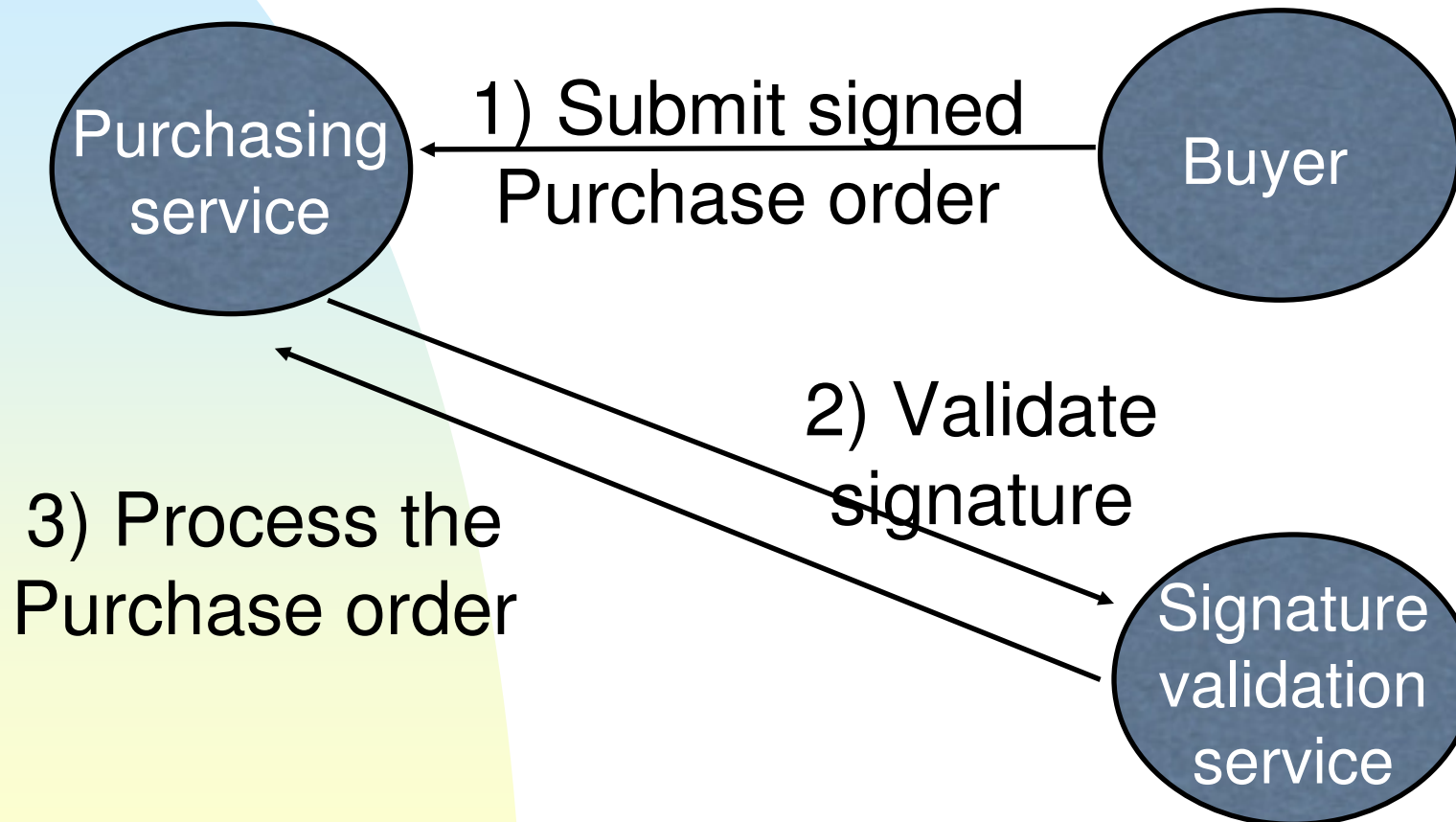
- Optional header contains blocks of information regarding how to process the message:
  - ◆ Routing and delivery settings
  - ◆ Authentication/authorization assertions
  - ◆ Transaction contexts
- Body is a mandatory element and contains the actual message to be delivered and processed (and fault information)

# SOAP Message Exchange Model

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- SOAP intermediary, or actor, sits between a service consumer and provider and adds value or functionality to the transaction
- The set of intermediaries that the message travels through is called the message path
- No standard way of expressing the message path

# Intermediary example



# Intermediaries

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- SOAP Version 1.2 describes two intermediaries
- A Forwarding Intermediary
  - ◆ forwards SOAP messages
  - ◆ "routing" block
  - ◆ May not modify content
- An Active Intermediary
  - ◆ Additional processing on an incoming SOAP message
  - ◆ May modify content in the message
  - ◆ encryption, blinding, new header block, timestamping, annotation, ..



# The "role" attribute

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- Processing of header block and the body depend on the role(s) assumed by the SOAP node for the message
  - ◆ SOAP defines optional env:role attribute that
  - ◆ may be present in a header block (a URI)
  - ◆ identifies the role played by the intended target of the block
- A SOAP node is required to process the block if it assumes the role identified by the value of the URI
- Three standardized roles:
  - ◆ None
    - ☞ no SOAP node should process the block
  - ◆ Next
    - ☞ next node must process block
  - ◆ ultimateReceiver
    - ☞ implicit if role not specified
- It is up to the node to know its roles, not part of the specification

# Header example

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```
<m:reservation xmlns:m="http://travelcompany.example.org/reservation"  
  env:role="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/role/next"  
  env:mustUnderstand="true">
```

The next SOAP node must process this header block. The block is removed (even if not processed), but may be reinserted. Preserved when "relay" is used.

# SOAP RPC I

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- SOAP may be used for both request-reply and one-shot messaging
- Ultimate SOAP receiver is the target of the RPC procedure
- RPC information is carried in the env:Body element and modelled as a struct / array
- Serialization according to the SOAP encoding rules
  - ◆ They are optional and there may be several encoding rules for data types

# SOAP RPC II

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- To make an RPC call the following information is needed:
  - ◆ The address of the target SOAP node (ultimate receiver)
  - ◆ The procedure name
  - ◆ The identities and values of any arguments, output parameters and return value
  - ◆ The message exchange pattern
  - ◆ Optional data carried in the header blocks
- Service and procedure specification is stored in a WSDL file

# SOAP's Data Encoding

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- Method of serializing the data intended for packaging in the SOAP message
- Rules outline how basic application data types are to be mapped and encoded into XML
- A simple type system that is a generalization of the common features found in type systems in programming languages, databases, etc.
- SOAP encoding and SOAP RPC representation are optional and not always useful
  - ◆ Encoding not needed if the data is already in XML
  - ◆ Yet another data model ...
  - ◆ RPC representation has some restrictions on data models and encodings for RPC calls

# Encoding Styles

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- SOAP RPC encoding (rpc/encoded)
  - ◆ <soap:Body> contains an element with the name of the method or remote procedure being invoked
  - ◆ This element in turn contains an element for each parameter of the procedure
  - ◆ SOAP stack handles the complexity
  - ◆ Section 5 of the SOAP 1.1 spec, mapping into XML 1.0
  - ◆ Developed before schema / WSDL
- SOAP RPC Representation literal encoding (rpc/literal)
  - ◆ Suitable for XML data
  - ◆ Schema for every parameter type but not for the whole body
- SOAP document-style literal (document/literal)
  - ◆ There are no SOAP formatting rules for what the <soap:Body> contains
  - ◆ The developer handles everything (using schemas)
  - ◆ Easier for the system, easy to validate body
  - ◆ Web Service Interoperability (WS-I): Only document/literal allowed!

# Purchase order in document/literal-style SOAP

```
<s:Envelope
  xmlns:s=http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope>
  <s:Header>
    <m:transaction xmlns:m="soap-transaction"
      s:mustUnderstand="true">
      <transactionID>1234</transactionID>
    </m:transaction>
  </s:Header>
  <s:Body>
    <n:purchaseOrder xmlns:n="urn:OrderService">
      <from><person>Christopher Robin</person></from>
      <to><person>Pooh Bear</person></to>
      <order><quantity>1</quantity>
        <item>Pooh Stick</item></order>
    </n:purchaseOrder>
  </s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

# RPC/encoded-style SOAP Message

```
public Float getQuote(String symbol);
```

```
<s:Envelope  
  xmlns:s=http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope>  
  <s:Header>  
    <m:transaction xmlns:m="soap-transaction"  
      s:mustUnderstand="true">  
      <transactionID>1234</transactionID>  
    </m:transaction>  
  </s:Header>  
  <s:Body>  
    <n:getQuote xmlns:n="http://example/QuoteService.wsdl">  
      <symbol xsi:type="xsd:string">IBM</symbol>  
    </n:getQuote>  
  </s:Body>  
</s:Envelope>
```



# SOAP RPC Response

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```
<s:Envelope
  xmlns:s=http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope>
  <s:Body>
    <n:getQuoteResponse
      xmlns:n="http://example/QuoteService.wsdl">
      <value xsi:type="xsd:float">
        98.06
      </value>
    </n:getQuoteResponse>
  </s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

# UDDI

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- Universal Description Discovery and Integration
- A “meta service” for locating web services by enabling robust queries against rich metadata
- Distributed registry of businesses and their service descriptions implemented in a common XML format



# Web Service Challenges

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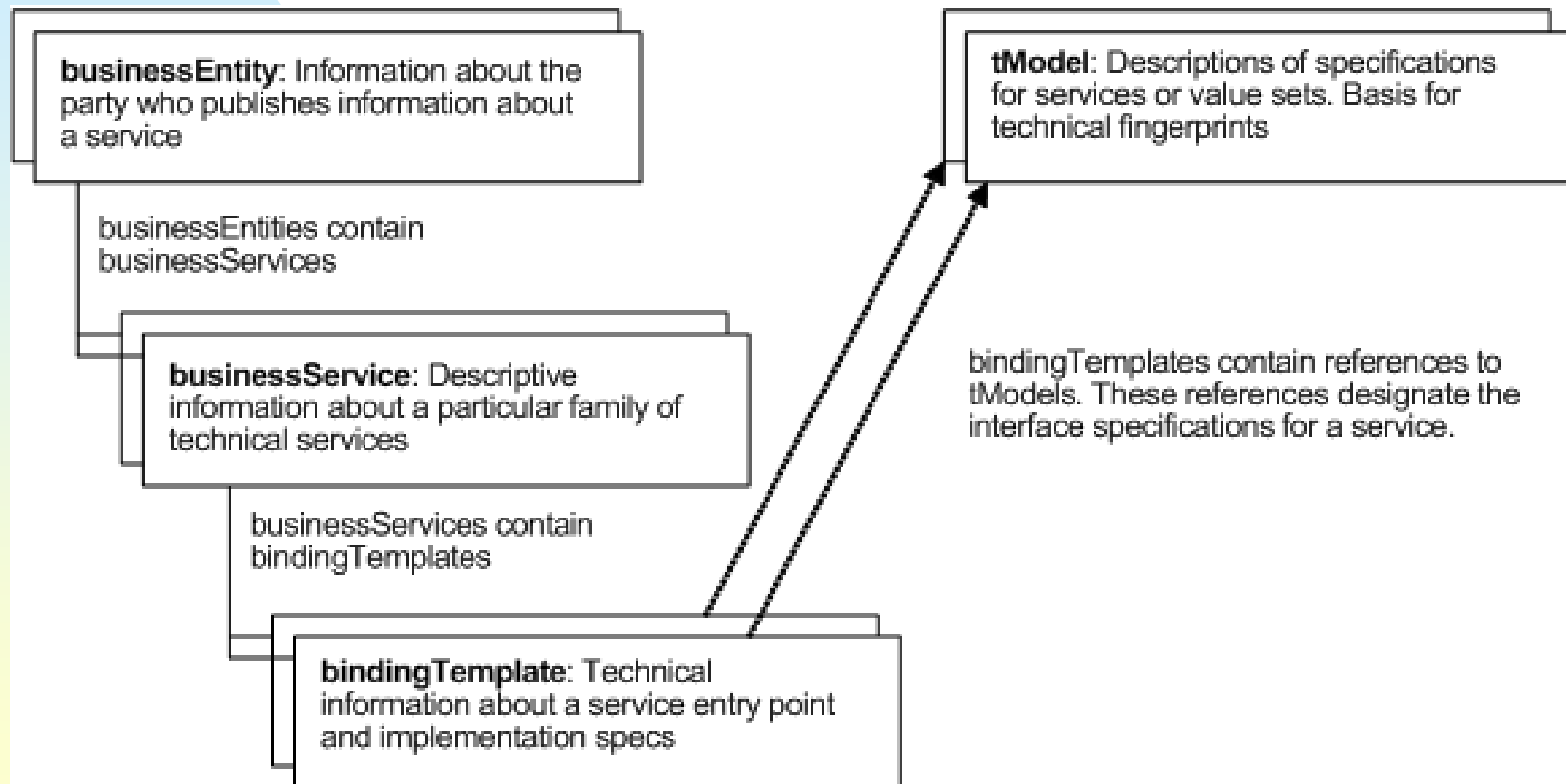
- Who provides web services?
- How are they implemented?
- Where are they provided?
- What is their behavior?
- Is an application compatible?
- Searching and indexing do not work today
  - ◆ how to find the right services at the right time?
  - ◆ we need solutions designed for tools and apps

# What is UDDI?

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- Universal Description Discovery and Integration
- Industry-wide initiative supporting web services
- Specifications
  - ◆ Schemas for service description
  - ◆ Schemas for business (service implementers) description
  - ◆ Developed on industry standards
    - ☞ Applies equally to XML and non-XML web services
- With UDDI a programmer or a program can locate
  - ◆ Information about services exposed by a partner
  - ◆ **find compatible in-house services**
  - ◆ Find links to specifications of a Web service
  - ◆ Maintain technical compatibility by automatically configuring certain technical connections

# The four core types of data structures that are specified by the UDDI API Schema and their relationships are shown here



# UDDI Registry Entries

Standards Bodies, Agencies, Programmers, Publishers register specifications for their Service Types

Service providers register precise information about themselves and their Web services

**Service Type Registrations**

**White Pages**

**Yellow Pages**

**Green Pages**

# White pages

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- Business name
- General business description
  - ◆ Any number of languages
- Contact info
  - ◆ Names, phone numbers, fax numbers, web sites, etc.
- Known identifiers
  - ◆ List of unique identifiers for a business

# Yellow pages

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- Business categories
  - ◆ Based on standard taxonomies
  - ◆ 3 base taxonomies in V1
- Taxonomies
  - ◆ Industry: NAICS (Industry codes - US Govt.)
  - ◆ Product/Services: UNSPSC (ECCMA)
  - ◆ Location: Geographical taxonomy (ISO 3166)
  - ◆ ...easy extension in upcoming releases
- Realized using name-value pairs, any valid taxonomy identifier can be attached to the business white page



# Green pages

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- New set of information businesses use to describe how to “do e-commerce” with them
  - ◆ References to specifications for Web Services
- Business process (functional)
- Service specifications (technical)
  - ◆ Programming/platform/implementation agnostic
- Binding information (implementation)

# UDDI tModels

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- With tModels you attach an identifier to
  - ◆ Technical interfaces / standards
  - ◆ Arbitrary classification schemes
- Identifiers then used in service descr.

# UDDI tModels Example

```
<tModel xmlns="urn:uddi-org:api" tModelKey="UUID:AAAAAAA-">
  <description xml:lang="en">Check limit reporter</description>
  <overviewURL>http://schema.com/creditcheck.wsdl</overviewURL>
  <categoryBag>
    <keyedReference
      tModelKey="UUID:CD153257-086A-4237-B336-6BDCBDCC6635"
      keyName="Consumer credit gathering or reporting services"
      keyValue="84.14.16.01.00"/>
    <keyedReference
      tModelKey="UUID:C1ACF26D-9672-4404-9D70-39B756E62AB4"
      keyName="types"
      keyValue="wsdlSpec"/>
  </categoryBag>
</tModel>
```

```
<businessService businessKey="BB" serviceKey="CC">
  <name>HPCU Credit Check</name>
  <bindingTemplates>
    <bindingTemplate serviceKey="CC" bindingKey="DD">
      <accessPoint URLType="https">
        https://hpcu.com/creditcheck</accessPoint>
      <tModelInstanceDetails>
        <tModelInstanceInfo tModelKey="UUID:AAAAAAA"/>
        <tModelInstanceDetails>
        </tModelInstanceDetails>
      </tModelInstanceInfo>
    </bindingTemplate>
  </bindingTemplates>
</businessService>
```

# Registry APIs

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- Inquiry API
  - ◆ find\_business, find\_service, find\_binding, find\_tModel
  - ◆ get\_businessDetail, get\_serviceDetail, get\_bindingDetail, get\_tModelDetail
- Publisher's API
  - ◆ save\_business, save\_service, save\_binding, save\_tModel
  - ◆ delete\_business, delete\_service, delete\_binding, delete\_tModel
- Security
  - ◆ get\_authToken, discard\_authToken



# **T-110.5140 Network Application Frameworks**

## **XML Security Basics**

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- Basic XML security
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# Need for XML security

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- XML document can be encrypted using SSL or IPSec
  - ◆ this cannot handle the different parts of the document
  - ◆ documents may be routed hop-by-hop
  - ◆ different entities must process different parts of the document
- SSL/TLS/IPSec provide message integrity and privacy only when the message is in transit
- We also need to encrypt and authenticate the document in arbitrary sequences and to involve multiple parties

# Basic XML Security

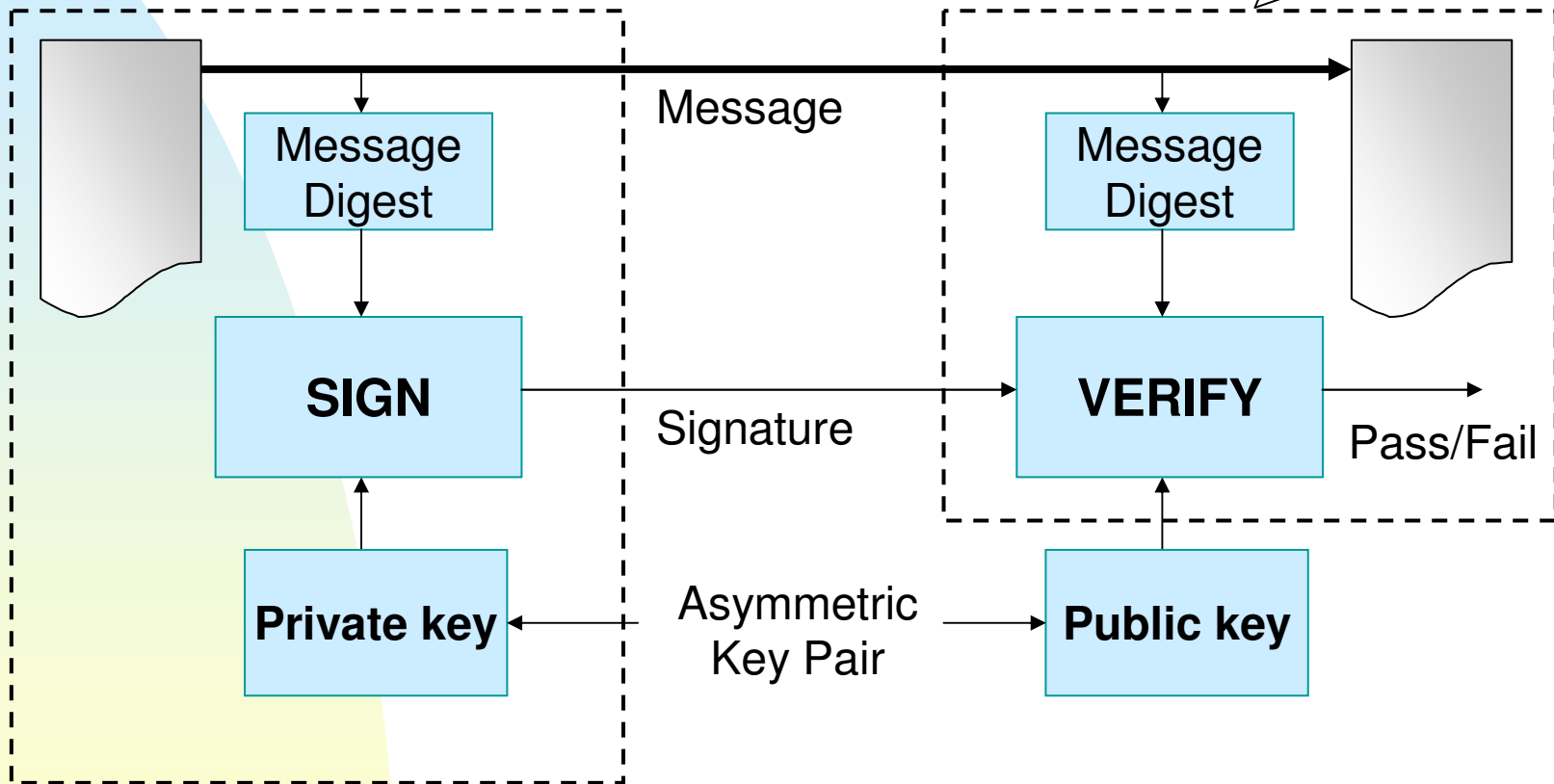
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- XML Digital Signatures (XMLDSIG)
- XML Canonicalization



# Digital Signatures

Need to know the message, digest, and algorithm (f.e. SHA1)



# A word about digests & canonicalization

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- Secure Message Digest = binary value that depends on **all** input bits in a non-reversible manner
- Ex 1 digest('<i>Hello world</i>') = c0fe
- Ex 2 digest('<i>Hello world</i>') = beef
- The different values for ex1 and ex 2 above are sometimes not what is desired
- Want same digest for "same" data → "Same" data must have exact same bits!
- Solution: canonicalize to standard syntax (e.g. n \* space = 1 space above)

# XML Digital Signatures

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- Digests calculated and a <Reference> created
- Then a <Signature> element created from <Reference>, keying information, signature algorithm, and value
  - ◆ The signature is actually calculated over the SignedInfo subset of this information

# XML Digital Signatures

```
<Signature ID?>  
  <SignedInfo>  
    <CanonicalizationMethod/>  
    <SignatureMethod/>  
    (<Reference URI?>  
      (<Transforms>)?  
      <DigestMethod></DigestMethod>  
      <DigestValue></DigestValue>  
    </Reference>)+  
  </SignedInfo>  
  <Signaturevalue></Signaturevalue>  
  (<KeyInfo>)?  
  (<Object ID?>)*  
</Signature>
```

# Detached signature of the content of the HTML 4 in XML

[s01] <  
[s02] <  
[s03] <  
[s04] <Signature  
[s05] <  
[s06] <  
[s07] <  
[s08] <  
[s09] <DigestVal  
[s10] <DigestVal  
[s11] </Referenc  
[s12] </SignedInfo>  
[s13] <SignatureV  
[s14] <KeyInfo>  
[s15a] <KeyValue>  
[s15b] <DSAKeyValue>  
[s15c] <P>...</P><Q>...</Q><G>...</G><Y>...</Y>  
[s15d] </DSAKeyValue>  
[s15e] </KeyValue>  
[s16] </KeyInfo>

**Signature algorithm: DSA**  
**Reference to HTML 4 XML spec (detached)**

**Canonicalization method: etc. Applied to**

**Digest value calculated over the identified data after transformations**

**KeyInfo indicates the key to be used to validate the signature**

**Signed! validation of the digest within**

...w.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-200...  
...w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#dsa-sha1"/>  
...EC-xhtml1-20000126/">

# XML Digital Signatures (cont.)

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- The data being signed can be inside the `<Signature>`, within an `<Object>` element (enveloping), or
- external to the `<Signature>` in the same document or elsewhere (detached), or
- surrounding the `<Signature>` (enveloped), or
- any combination of these.

**SignedInfo refers to object (sig is parent), object digested & thus in SignatureValue. Can be useful for SOAP messages**

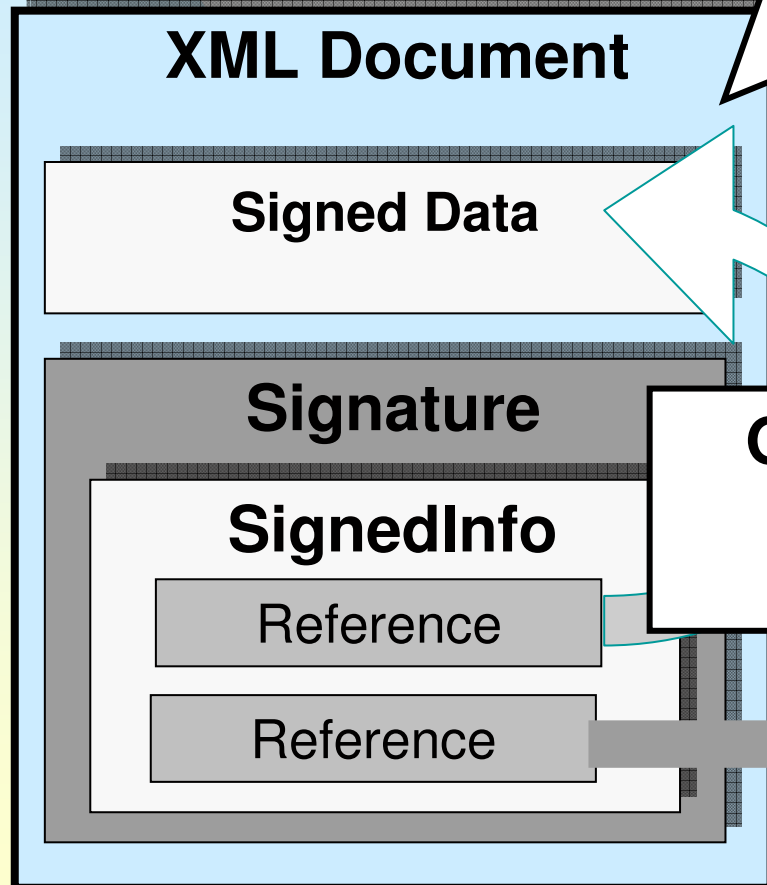
**SignedInfo**

Reference

**Object**

Signed Data

**Signed data can be anywhere in the Local document**



**XML Document**

**Signed Data**

**Signature**

**SignedInfo**

Reference

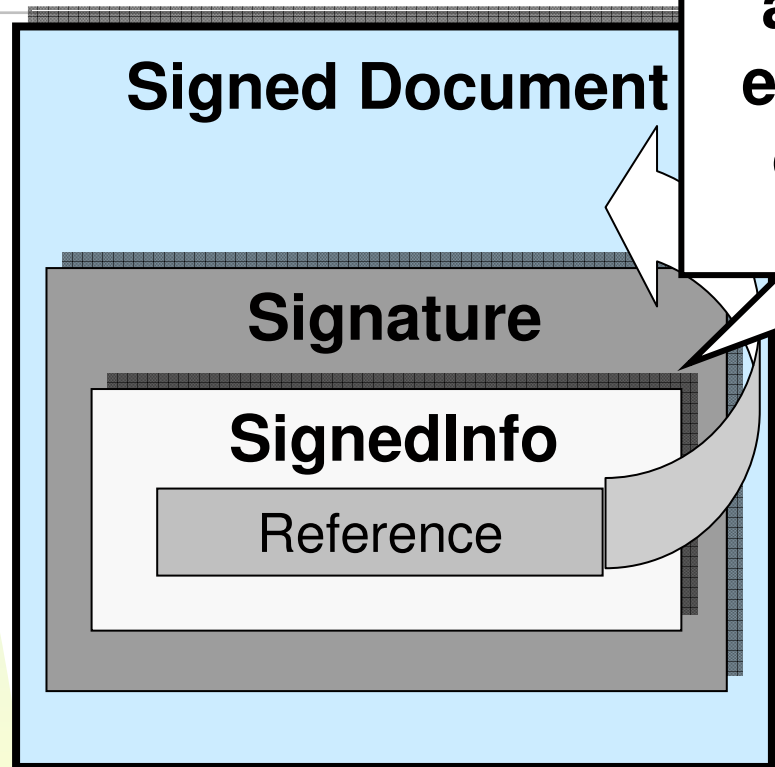
Reference

**Signed Data**

**Or in some other location.  
Note that this SignedInfo  
refers to multiple docs.**



# Enveloped Sign



The sig is in the signed document as a child. For example: insert data to SOAP msgs

# XML Signatures (cont.)

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- To verify an XML digital signature
  - ◆ Verify the digests in each Reference, and
  - ◆ Verify the signature value over the SignedInfo with the appropriate key and given signature algorithm

# What about <Transforms>?

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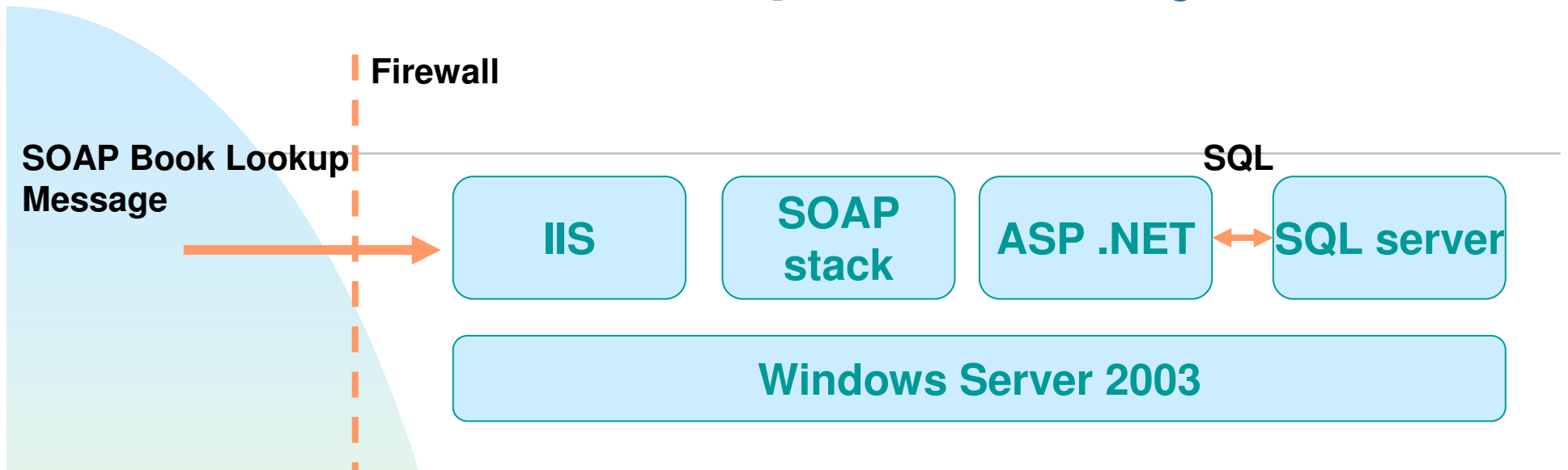
- A way to specify a sequence of algorithmic processing steps to apply
  - ◆ to the results retrieved from a URI to
  - ◆ Produce the data to be signed, verified, or decrypted.
  - ◆ Can include compression, encoding, subset extraction, etc. For example using XPath
  - ◆ Not needed in simple cases, but essential in complex cases

# High-level view to WS security

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- Security is as strong as the weakest link
- The options for an attacker are:
  - ◆ Attack the Web Service directly
    - ☞ Using "unexpected" XML
  - ◆ Attack the Web Services platform
  - ◆ Attack a WS security tool
  - ◆ Attack the underlying operating system or network connection

# Example – SQL Injection



```
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV="..">  
<SOAP-ENV:Header><SOAP-ENV:Header>  
<SOAP-ENV:Body>  
<BookLookup:searchByISBN xmlns:Booklookup="..">  
<BookLookup:ISBN>1234567810</BookLookup:ISBN>  
</BookLookup:searchByISBN>  
</SOAP-ENV:Body></SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

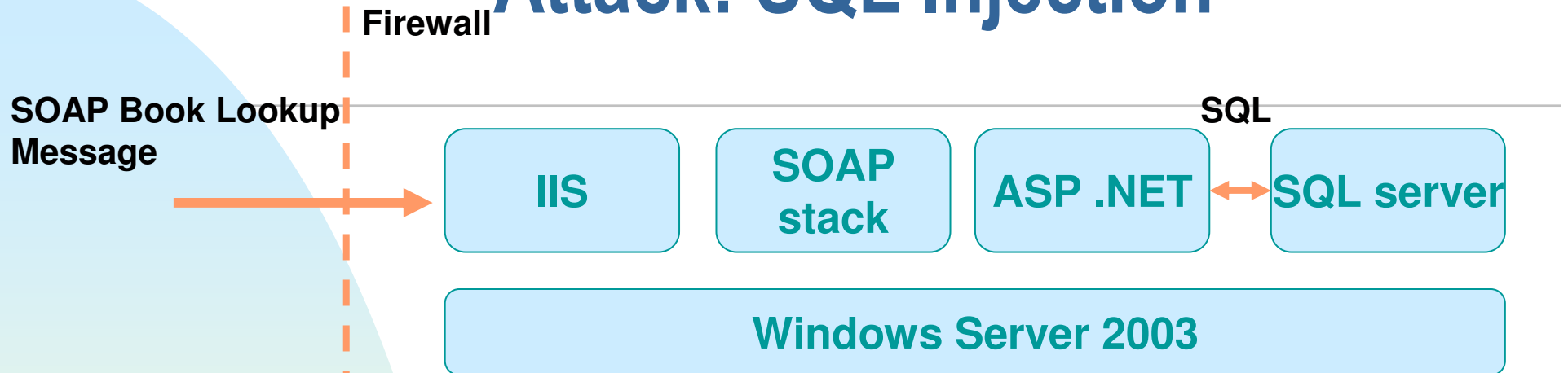
## VB.NET code:

```
Set myRecordset = myConnection.execute("SELECT * FROM myBooksTable  
WHERE ISBN="" & ISBN_Element_Text & """)
```

## Becomes

```
SELECT * FROM myBooksTable WHERE ISBN = '1234567810'
```

# Attack: SQL Injection



```
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV="">  
<SOAP-ENV:Header><SOAP-ENV:Header>  
<SOAP-ENV:Body>  
<BookLookup:searchByISBN xmlns:Booklookup="">  
<BookLookup:ISBN>' ; exec master..xp_cmdshell 'net user Joe pass /ADD';--  
</BookLookup:ISBN></BookLookup:searchByISBN>  
</SOAP-ENV:Body></SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

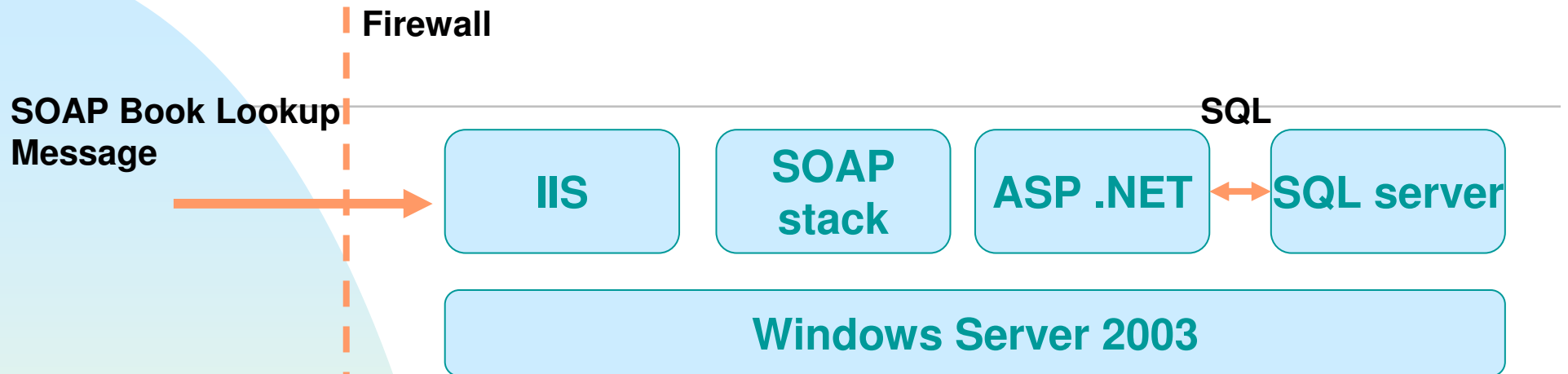
## VB.NET code:

```
Set myRecordset = myConnection.execute("SELECT * FROM myBooksTable  
WHERE ISBN="" & ISBN_Element_Text & """)
```

## Becomes

```
SELECT * FROM myBooksTable WHERE ISBN = '' ; exec master..xp_cmdshell 'net  
user Joe pass /ADD';--
```

# Solution



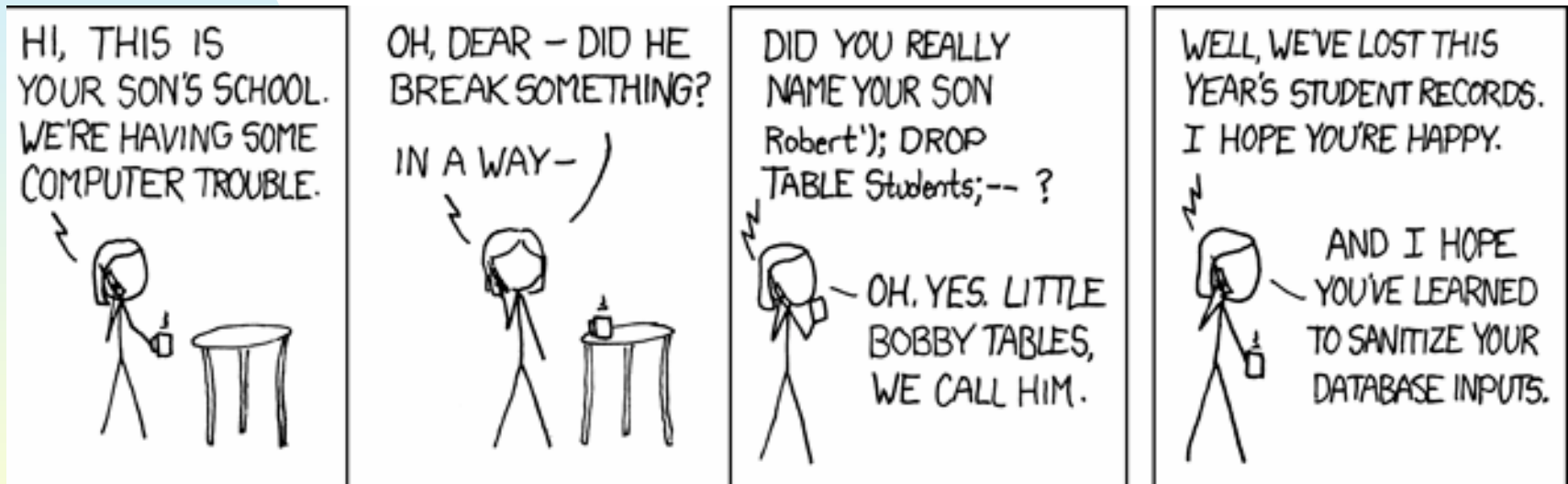
Ensure the format of incoming SOAP parameters  
`<simpleType name="isbn"><restrictions base="string"><pattern value="[0-9]{10}"/></restriction></simpleType>`

Validate this Schema against the data isolated by the following XPath expression:  
`/Body/BookLookup:searchByISBN/BookLookup:ISBN`

1234567810 **passes**

'exec master..xp\_cmdshell 'net user Joe pass /ADD'-- **fails**

# So now you get xkcd #327...





# XML & WS Security Standardization

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- Core specification: XML Signature
- WS-Security
  - ◆ SOAP with security tokens
    - ☞ A security token represents a set of claims.
    - ☞ Self-generated or issued by a trusted party
  - ◆ Relies on XML Signature & Encryption
- SAML (Security Assertion Markup Language)
  - ◆ A XML-based framework (schemas) for the exchange of authentication and authorization information
  - ◆ Mainly for integration, up to relying parties to decide to what authentication authority to trust
  - ◆ Assertions can convey information about authentication acts performed by subjects, attributes of subjects, and authorization decisions about whether subjects are allowed to access certain resources
  - ◆ Authentication statements merely describe acts of authentication that happened previously
- SAML & WS-Security allow a SOAP message to include information about the end-user's authentication status

# Who are specifying the standards?

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- Joint IETF/W3C
  - ◆ XML Signature ([www.w3.org/Signature](http://www.w3.org/Signature))
- W3C
  - ◆ XML Encryption ([www.w3.org/Encryption/2001](http://www.w3.org/Encryption/2001))
  - ◆ XML Key Management (XKMS) ([www.w3.org/2001/XKMS](http://www.w3.org/2001/XKMS))
- OASIS
  - ◆ WS-Security
    - ☞ SOAP Message Security specification etc.
  - ◆ SAML: Security Assertion Markup Language
  - ◆ XACML: Extensible Access Control Markup language
- Web Services Interoperability Organization (WS-I)
  - ◆ Basic security