CSCI427/927 Systems Development

Service Design, Composition, Interoperation SoaML

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Service Oriented Architecture

- Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) is a way of describing and understanding organizations, communities and systems
  - Maximize agility, scale, and interoperability
- People, organizations, and systems provide services to each other.
  - Be more efficient and agile
  - Enable to offer our capabilities to others in exchange for some value => establishing a community, process, or market place.

Service Oriented Architecture

- A service is value delivered to another through a well-defined interface and available to a community (which may be the general public).
- A service **results in work provided** to one by another.
- SOA is an architectural paradigm for defining how people, organizations, and systems provide and use services to achieve results.
- SOA supports service design, composition and interoperation.

SOA modelling language

- It is important to provide modelling support in which business analysts and application architects can exchange views and share understanding.

- Several modelling languages for SOA
  - E.g. SOMF, SOMA, SoaML.

- SoaML is a Object Management Group's (OMG) standard
  - It is a UML profile and metamodel for the modelling and design of services within an SOA

Key concepts

- Service Architecture: a specification of a community
  - Participants – roles
  - Service contracts – collaboration (provide and consume services)
- Service contract: a specification of a service
  - Role – provider and consumer
  - Interfaces
  - Choreography (protocol, behaviour)

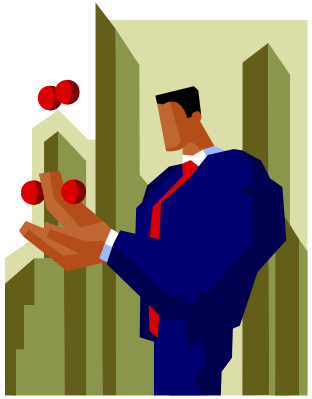
SOA Marketplace Example

MechanicsRUs
Dealer

Order

Confirmation

Shipped



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Manufacturer

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Physical
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Ship Req

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Shipper

SOA Marketplace

- The marketplace is a **community of independent** dealers, manufacturers, and shippers.
- Dealers, manufactures, shippers **have their own** business processes, rules and information.
- They want to work together **cohesively**, and they do ***not*** want to redesign their business processes or systems.
- We need to define a service oriented architecture (SOA) for the community:
  - open (allowing new business entities to participate)
  - agile

Marketplace Services

Consumer

Order

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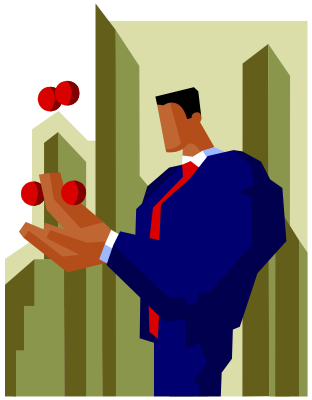
Provider



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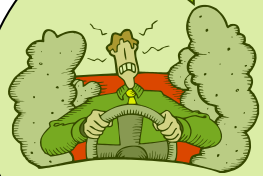

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UML Collaboration

A collaboration is shown as a dashed ellipse icon containing the name of the collaboration. The internal structure of a collaboration as comprised by roles and connectors may be shown in a compartment within the dashed ellipse icon. Alternatively, a composite structure diagram can be used.

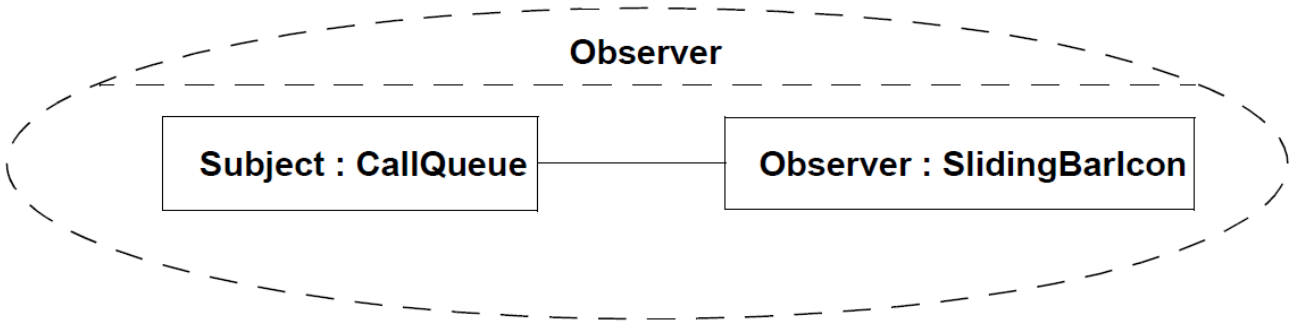
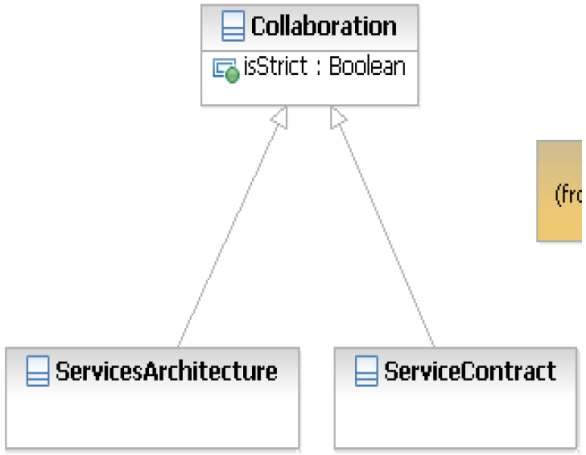
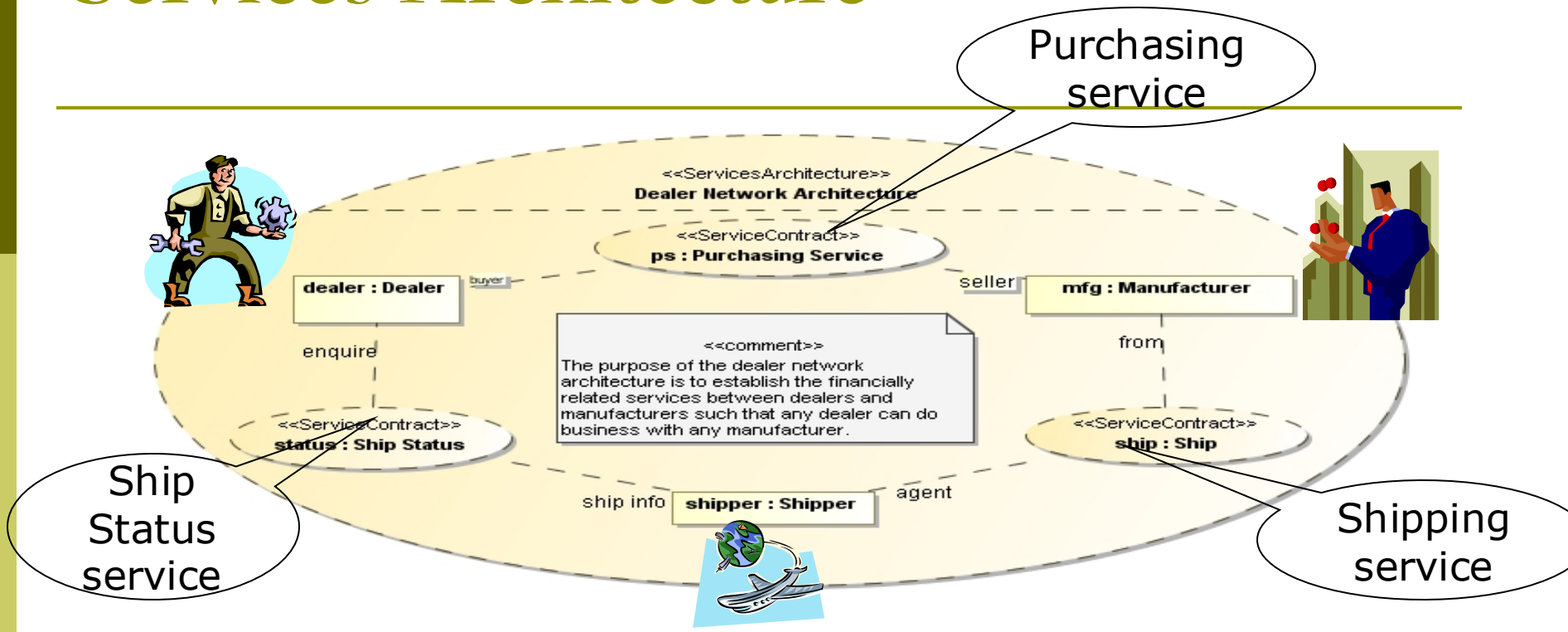


Figure 9.11 - The internal structure of the Observer collaboration shown inside the collaboration icon (a connection is shown between the Subject and the Observer role).



Services Architecture

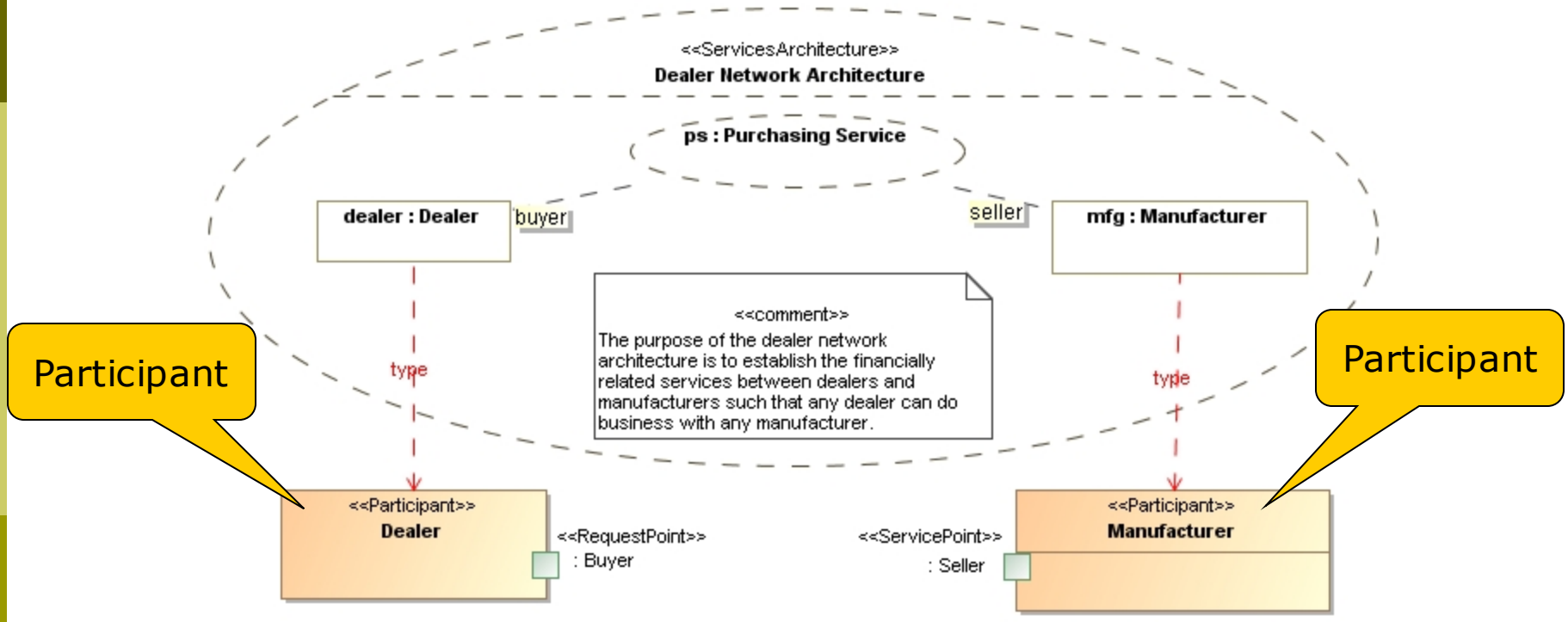


A ServicesArchitecture (or SOA) is a **network of participant** roles *providing* and *consuming services* to fulfill a purpose.

The services architecture puts a set of services in context and shows how participants work together for a community or organization without required process management.

A *community* ServicesArchitecture is defined using a **UML Collaboration**.

Participants

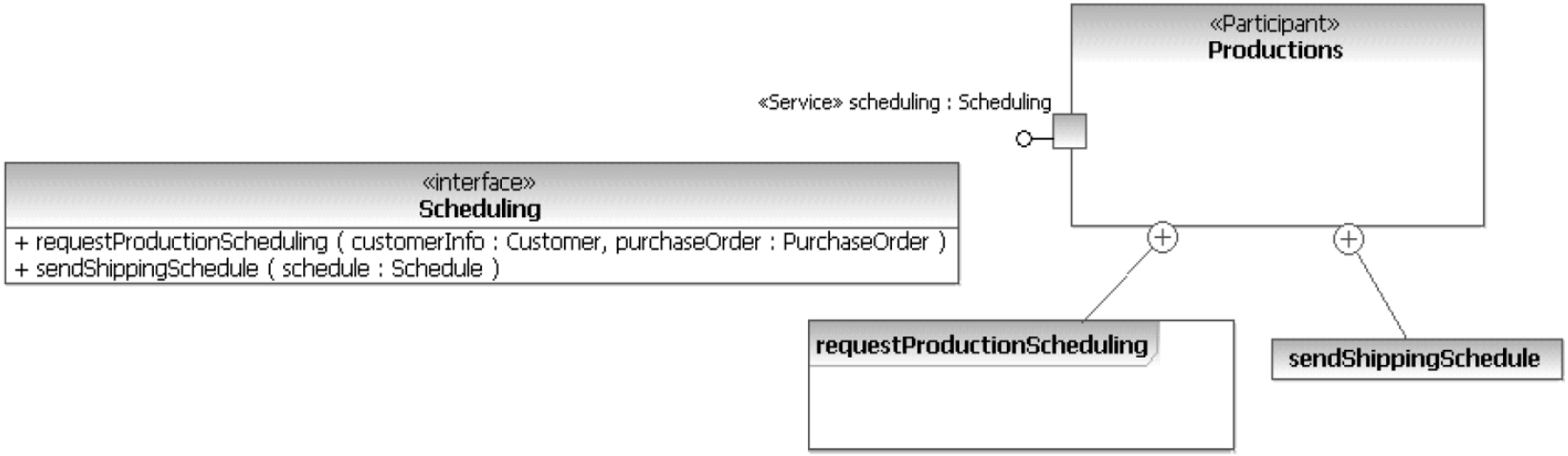


Participants:

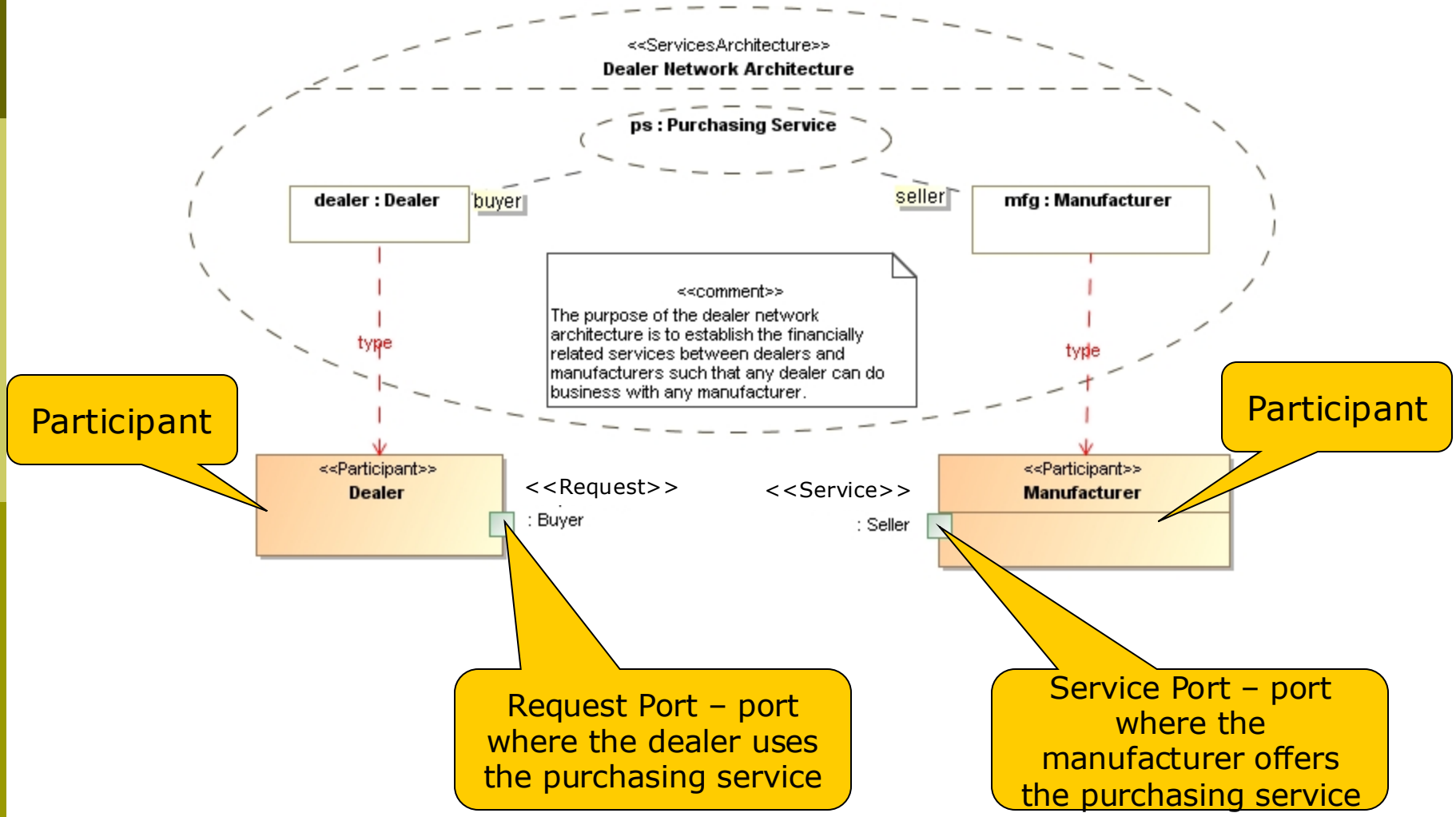
- represent logical or real people or organizational units that participate in services architectures and/or business processes.
- provide and use services, defining their external contract

Participant ports

- Ports - participants **provide or consume services** via ports.
- A port is the part or feature of a participant that is the interaction point for a service - where it is provided or consumed.
- A port where a service is offered may be designated as a **"Service" port**
- A port where a service is consumed may be designated as a **"Request" port**.



Participants with Service Ports and Request Ports



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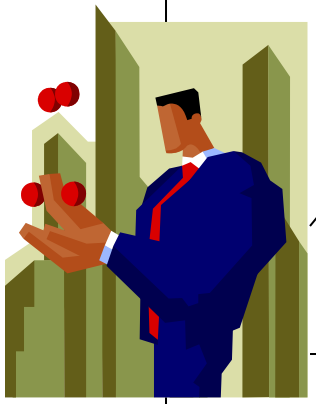

Order Processing

Service

Accounting

Ship Req

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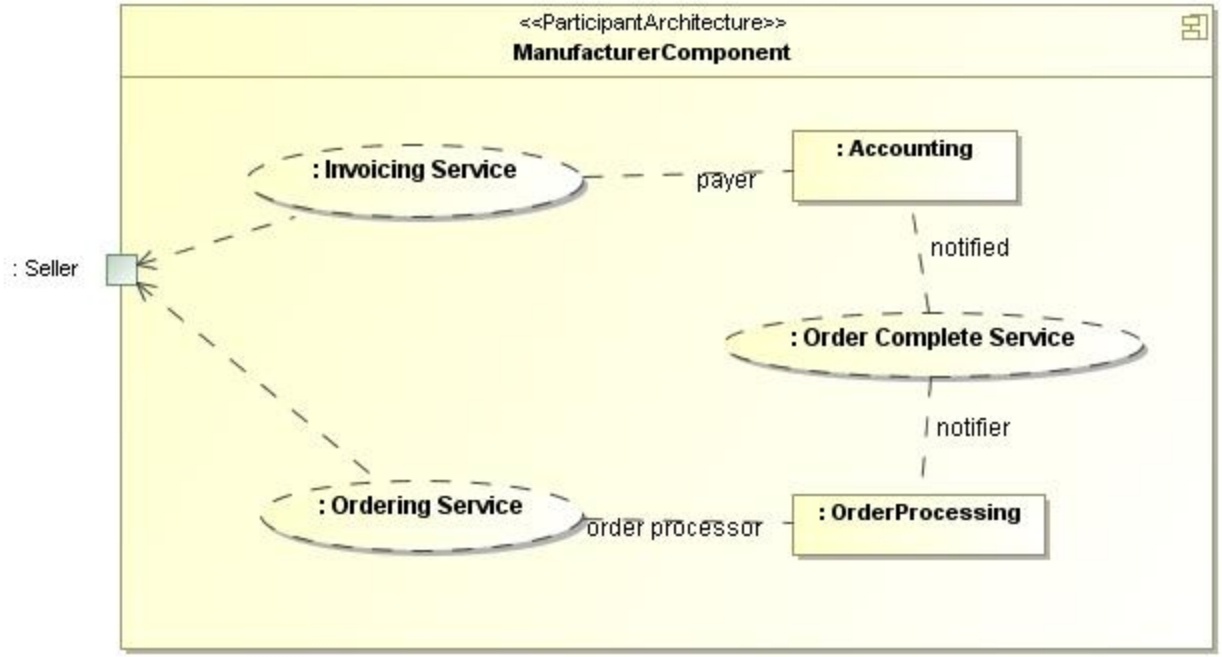
Services architecture for a participant



ParticipantArchitecture is the high-level services architecture of a participant that defines how a set of **internal** and **external** participants use services to implement the responsibilities of the participant.

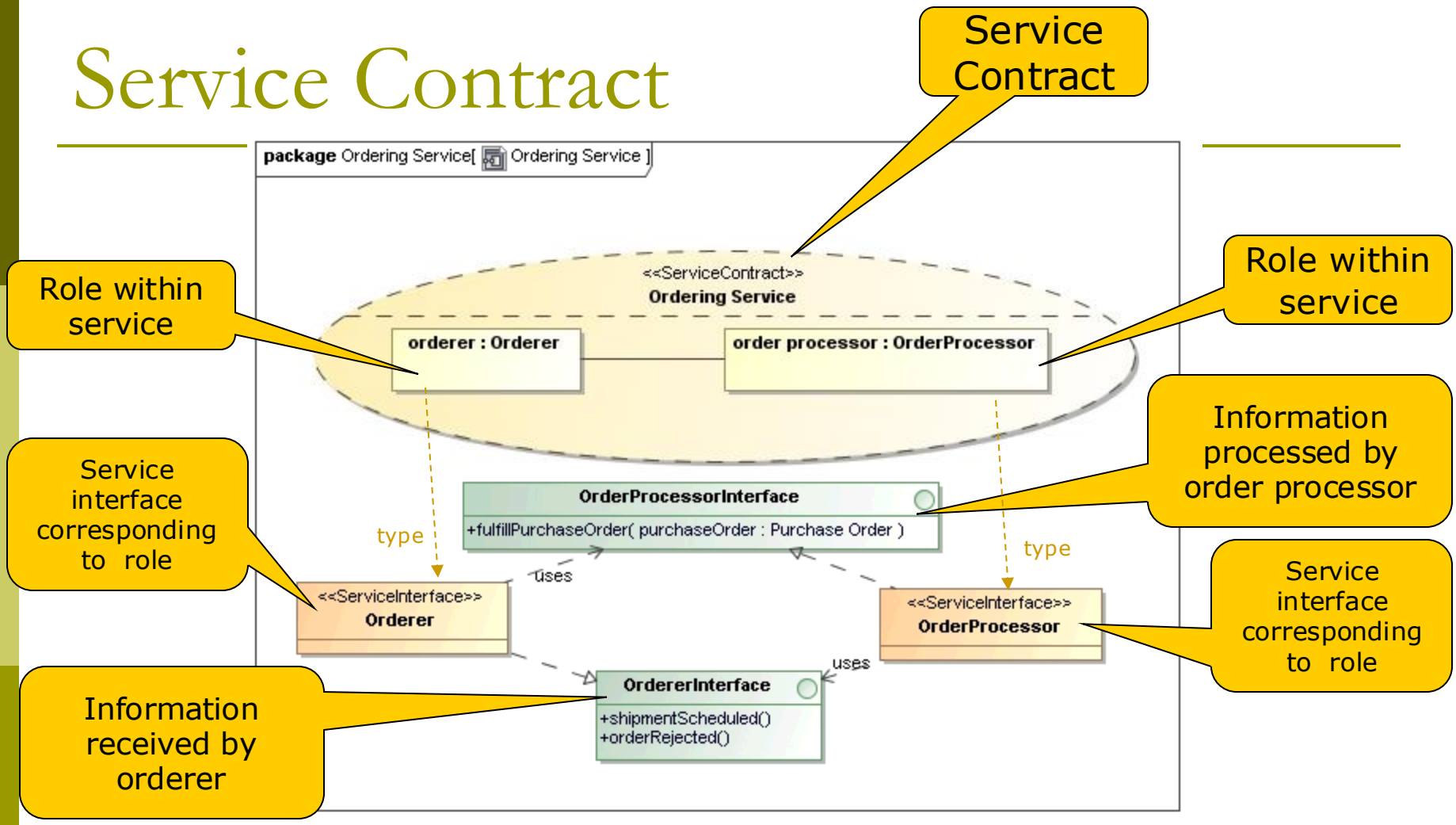
A participant will also frequently have **a business process**.

ServiceContract

A ServiceContract
- Fully specifies the service (terms, conditions, interfaces, choreography)
- Is **binding** on both the providers and consumers of that service
- Is defined using a UML collaboration that is focused on the interactions involved in providing a service.

A participant plays a role in the larger scope of a ServicesArchitecture and also plays a role as the provider or user of services specified by ServiceContracts.

Service Contract

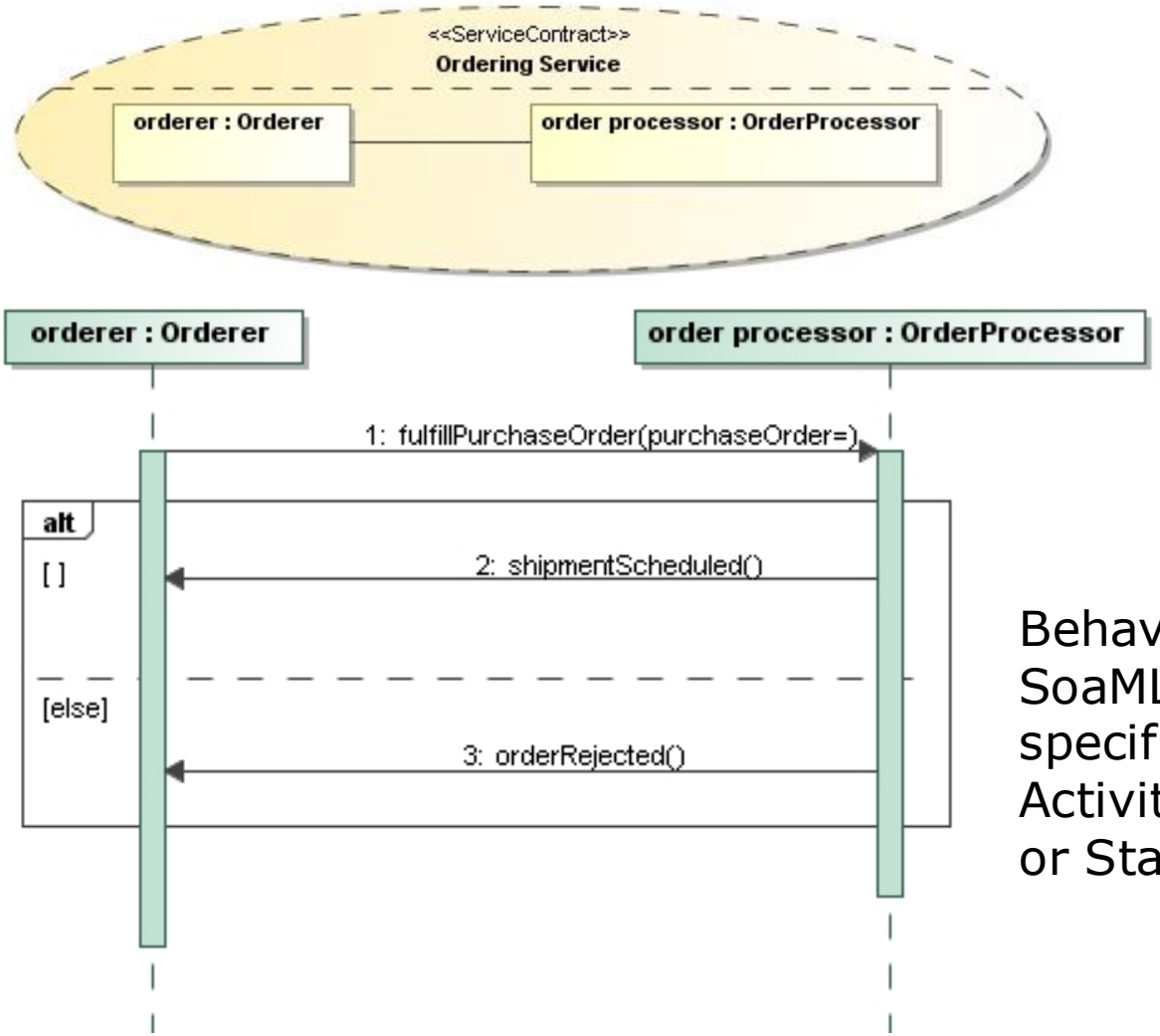


The service contract specifies the details of the service – what information, assets and responsibilities are exchanged and under what rules

Behaviour of Service Contract

- Further details needed to describe the flow of information between the participants
  - The "behaviour" associated with a service contract
- The behaviour shows how the participants work together within the context of this service (not their internal process).
  - E.g. How messages "choreographed" in the service contract – what flows between who, when and why.

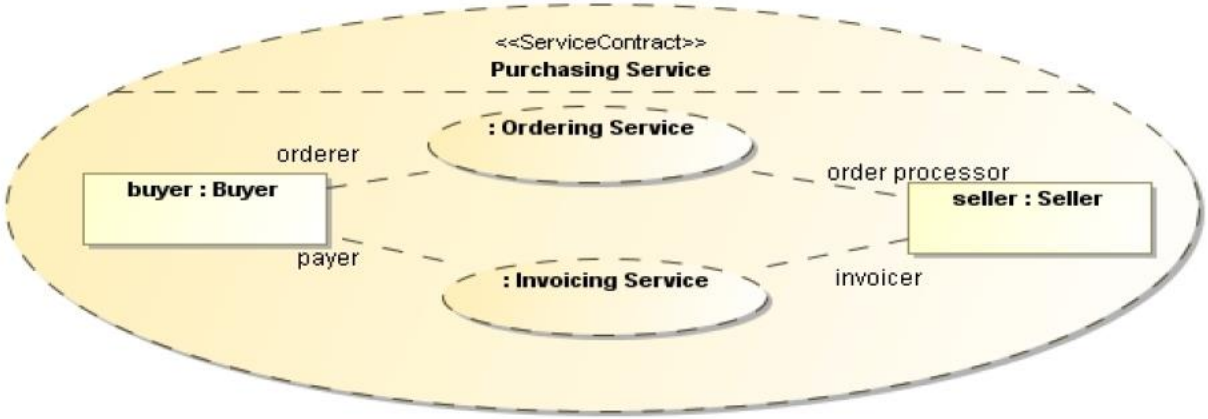
Simple Protocol Choreography for Ordering Service Contract



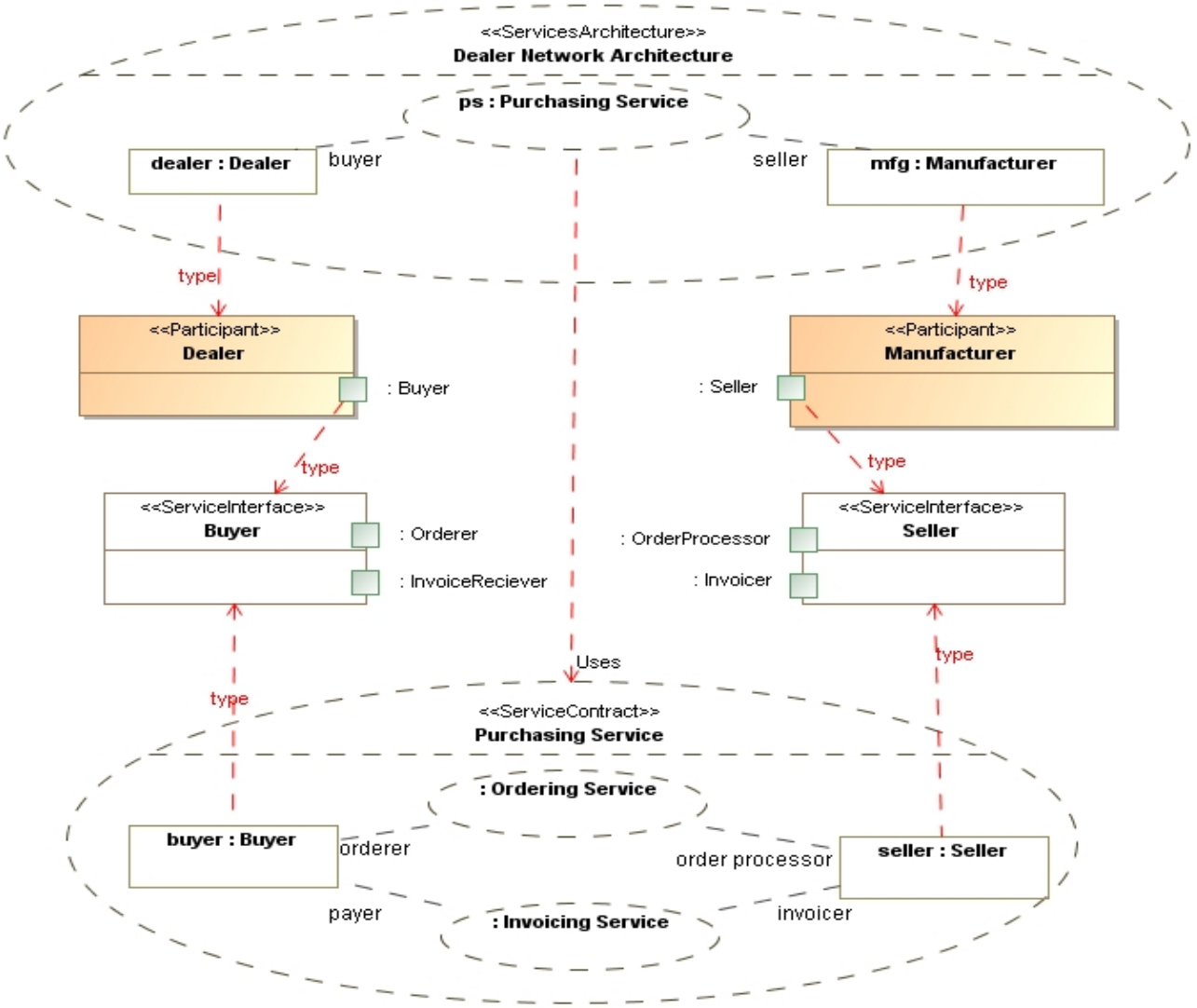
Behaviour in SoaML can also be specified with Activity Diagrams or State Machines

Service Composition

- The purchasing service is actually composed of two simpler services: Ordering service and Invoicing Service.



Relating services architecture to service contracts



Tool support for SoaML

- Some existing UML tools support SoaML
  - E.g. IBM Rational Software Architect, Rational Software Modeler, Sparx Systems' Enterprise Architect, MagicDraw)
  - SoaML specification https://www.omg.org/spec/SoaML/