

Update on OWL-S Process Model for Release 1.1

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Changes in Process Model

- Compliance with OWL-DL
- ‘bundled’ results include effects and outputs (knowledge effects) associated with a particular result condition
- Data flow model used to relate input, output parameters of different steps in composite processes
- Conditions (pre, result) are SWRL+DRS expressions included as XML literals

Details

- Input, Output, Local parameters now subclass swrl:variable
 - parameterType property (range XMLLiteral)
 - parameterValue – literal representing constant or expression in terms of other parameters (useful in composite processes)
- Process
 - hasParticipant
 - hasPrecondition <swrl expression as XMLLiteral>
 - hasResult
 - Result
 - inCondition <parameterized swrl expression as XMLLiteral>
 - hasEffect <parameterized swrl expression>
 - withOutput – parameterized OWL description representing semantics of response in terms of process parameters, precondition and result variables

OWL-S Surface Syntax

```

define atomic process BuyBook (Client - Agent Title - String Author - String
                                Ccno - String CcExp - MoYr) ;; input parameters

    -> (BuyOutput) ;; output parameters

local (?book - Book ?cc - CreditCard) ;; defines local parameters
precondition (and (author-of ?book ?Author)(title-of ?book ?Title)
                    (ccNumber ?cc ?Ccno) (ccExpires ?cc ?CcExp))
result when (?bal - Number ?price - Number ?transID - Number) ;; result variables
    (and (instock ?book) (ccBalance ?cc ?bal) ;; result condition
          (bookprice ?book ?price) (> ?price ?bal)))
=> (and (debited ?cc ?price)(owns ?Client ?book)(shipto ?book ?Client) ) ;; effect
output BuyOutput = (ConfirmedSale :to ?Client :of ?book ;; output form
                    :cost ?price :confirmation ?transID);

result when (not (instock ?book)) ;; exception result conditions
    output BuyOutput = (NotInStock ?book)
result when (exists ... (not (> ?price ?bal)))
    output BuyOutput = (InsufficientFunds ?Ccno)
  
```

Composite Processes

- **Perform** construct used to describe a composite process reference to another process
 - *process* property refers to performed Process
 - Describe source of inputs (parameters of other Performs in the same composite process)
 - *hasBinding* (a Binding)
 - references to Parameter of the Process to be “set”, OWL expression in terms of dataflow links to other related Performs.
 - Uses same control constructs as OWL-S 1.0

Composite Process

```

define composite process S4tP()
{
  intake:: receive(openSession());
  initiate:: create_session_key();
             send(dest <= intake.sender,
                 msg <= initia.key);
  first_finishes
  {
    parallel
    { { receive(book_ticket(initiate.key, D3));
      ---book the airline---;
      send(dest <= intake.sender,
          msg <= confirm_status(initiate.key, ...)) }
      || {iterate
        { receive(book_event(initiate.key, D2));
          ---book the event described by D2---;
          send(dest <= intake.sender,
              msg <= confirm_status(initiate.key, ...)) } }
      || { receive(book_hotel(initiate.key, D1));
          ---book the hotel---;
          send(dest <= intake.sender,
              msg <= confirm_status(initiate.key, ...)) } }
      || receive(terminate(initiate.key)) } }
  }
}

```