

WEB SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT

A PERSONAL VIEW

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WHY WEB SERVICES?

EVOLUTION OF SNMP FAILED

NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE NEEDED

WEB SERVICES MAY BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT
MIDDLEWARE TECHNOLOGY

WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ON ALL FUTURE PLATFORMS

WILL BE APPLIED FOR MANY KINDS OF APPLICATIONS

IMPLEMENTATION OF WS APPLICATIONS IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE

MANY SKILLED DEVELOPERS

MANY TOOLS

FUTURE MANAGEMENT EXPERTS
CAN CONCENTRATE ON MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS
INSTEAD OF MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY

WHY WEB SERVICES?

SOME FACTS

MANY PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES HAVE WS LIBRARIES

PART OF DEVELOPMENT PLATFORMS: .NET, SUN-ONE, JBUILDERS

WS SUPPORT INCLUDED IN WINDOWS / OFFICE

CALLING A WS FROM EXCEL TAKES 4 LINES OF CODE

COMPARE THIS TO SNMP!

THE KEY TO SUCCESS WILL BE EASE OF USE!

WHY WEB SERVICES?

THE HYPE

IRTF-NMRG

Network Management Research Group

OASIS

Web Services Distributed Management

OGSI

Open Grid Services Infrastructure Working Group

PARLAY GROUP

Parley-X

MANY RESEARCH GROUPS

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PROTOCOL STACK

MAIN W3C SPECIFICATIONS

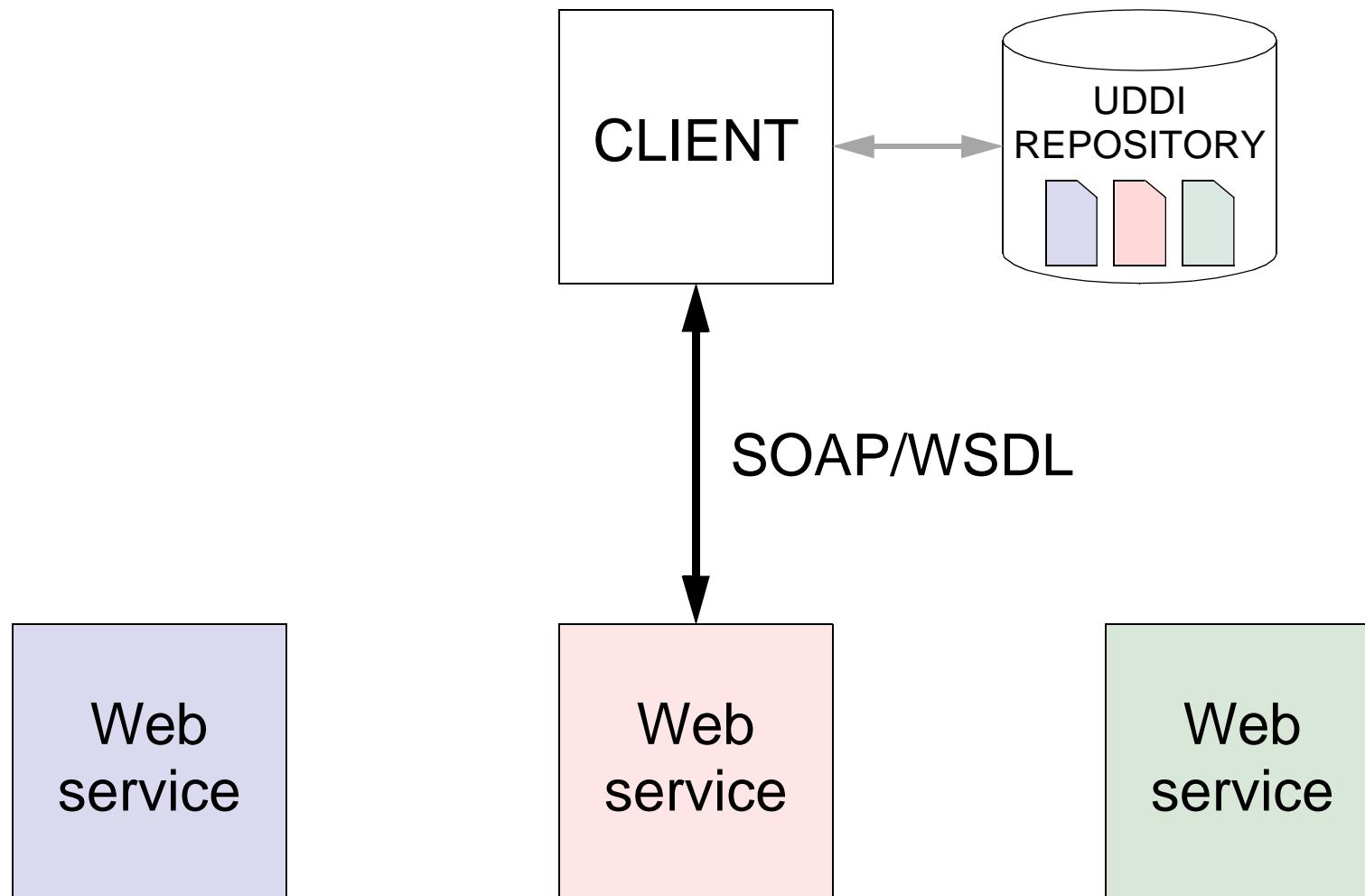
STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

OPERATION STRUCTURE

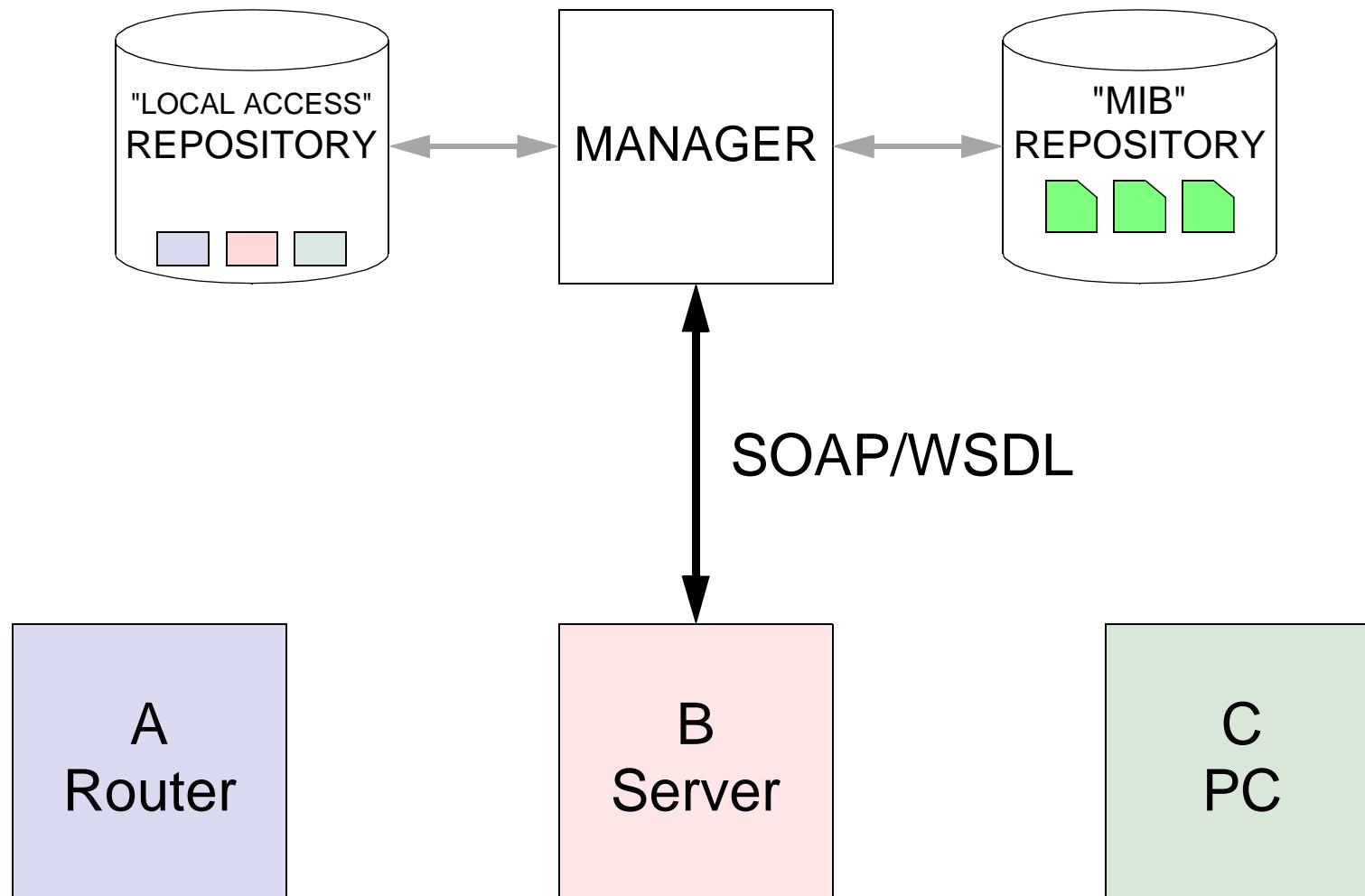
DATA TYPES

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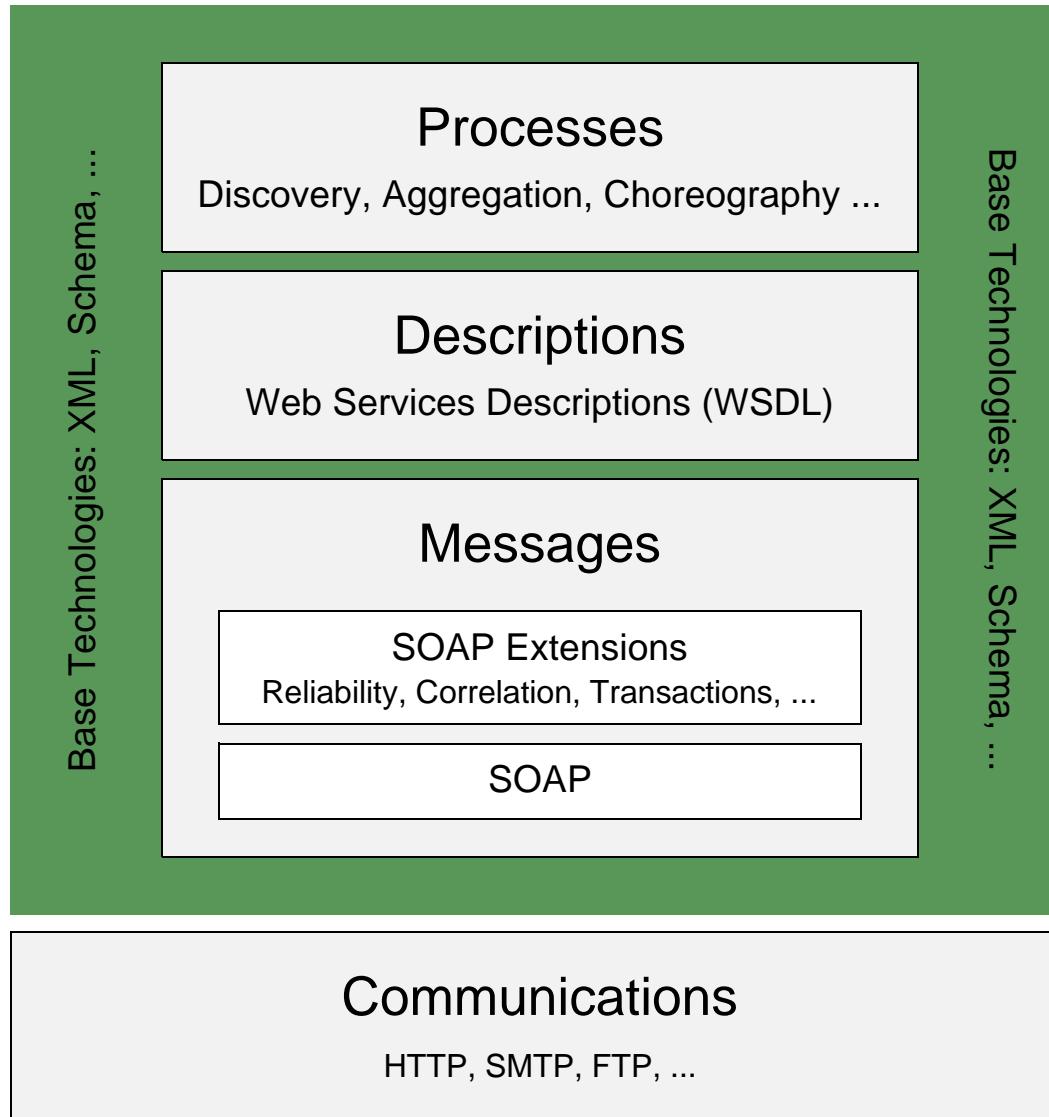
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WEB SERVICES COMPONENTS FOR MANAGEMENT



STACK DIAGRAM



MAIN W3C DOCUMENTS

Web Services Description Language (WSDL)

Working Drafts - Version 2.0 - 2003

- Core Language
- Message Patterns
 - Bindings
- Requirements
- Usage Scenarios

SOAP

Version 1.2 - W3C Recommendation - June 2003

- Part 0: Primer
- Part 1: Messaging Framework
 - Part 2: Adjuncts

XML Schema

W3C Recommendation - May 2001

- Part 0: Primer
- Part 1: Structures
- Part 2: Datatypes

STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

ABSTRACT INTERFACE TO THE WEB SERVICE

Independent of a specific
transport protocol
and Web address

BINDING

To associate the abstract interface
with a transport protocol

SERVICE

To associate the abstract interface
with a Web address

STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

ABSTRACT INTERFACE - EXAMPLE

```
<message name="getIfInOctetsRequest">
    <part name="community" type="xsd:string"/>
    <part name="index" type="xsd:unsignedInt"/>
</message>

<message name="getIfInOctetsResponse">
    <part name="ifInOctets" type="xsd:unsignedInt"/>
</message>

<interface name="IfDataServiceInterface">
    <operation name="getIfInOctets">
        <input message="myns:getIfInOctetsRequest"/>
        <output message="myns:getIfInOctetsResponse"/>
    </operation>
</interface>
```

STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

BINDING TO A PROTOCOL - EXAMPLE

```
<binding name="ifDataServiceBinding"
    interface="myns:IfDataServiceInterface">

    <soap:binding style="rpc" transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
    <operation name="getIfInOctets">
        <soap:operation soapAction="" />
        <input>
            <soap:body use="encoded" namespace="urn:..." encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" />
        </input>

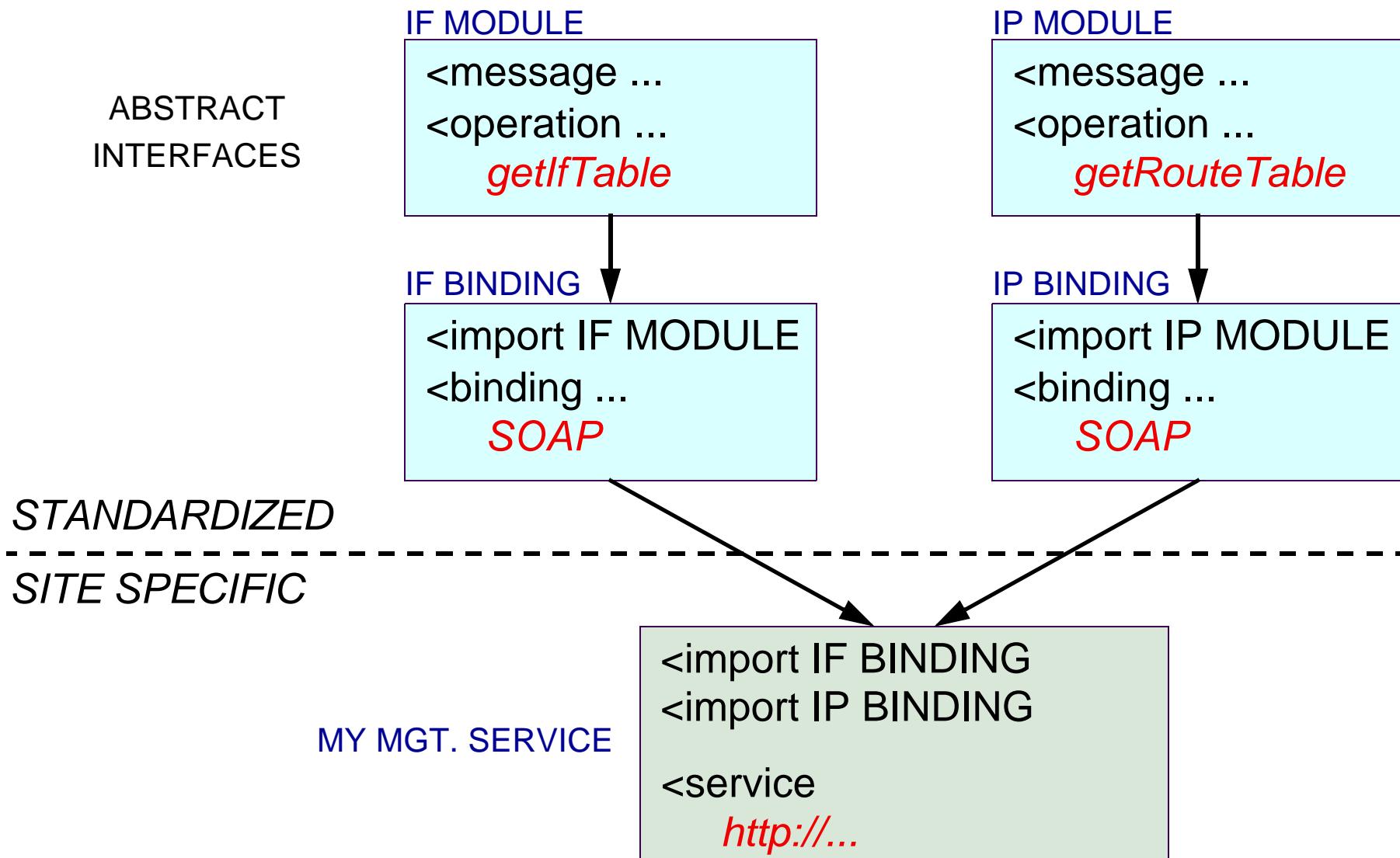
        <output>
            <soap:body use="encoded" namespace="urn:..." encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" />
        </output>

        <operation>
    </binding>
```

STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION SERVICE AT A WEB ADDRESS - EXAMPLE

```
<service name="ifDataService" interface="myws:IfDataServiceInterface">  
    <endpoint name="ifDataServiceEndpoint"  
              binding="myws:ifDataServiceBinding"  
              <soap:address location="http://my.webservice.com/ifData/" />  
    </endpoint>  
</service>
```

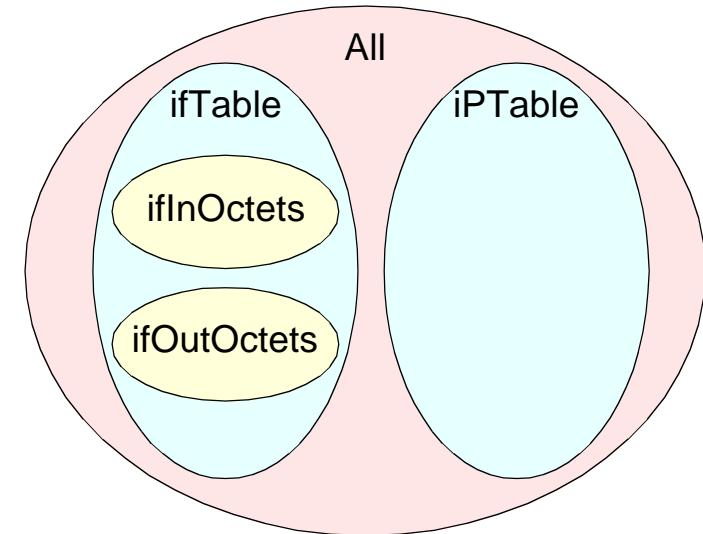
MODULAR WSDL STRUCTURE



POSSIBLE MESSAGE STRUCTURE

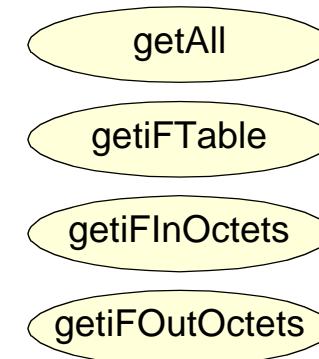
COARSE

- get(OID, instance, ...)
- set (OID, instance, ...)
- ...



FINE

- getAll(...)
- getIfTable(...)
- getIfInOctets(index, ...)
- getIfOutOctets(index, ...)
- ...



POSSIBLE MESSAGE PARAMETERS

NON-TRANSPARENT

getIfInOctets(index, amount)

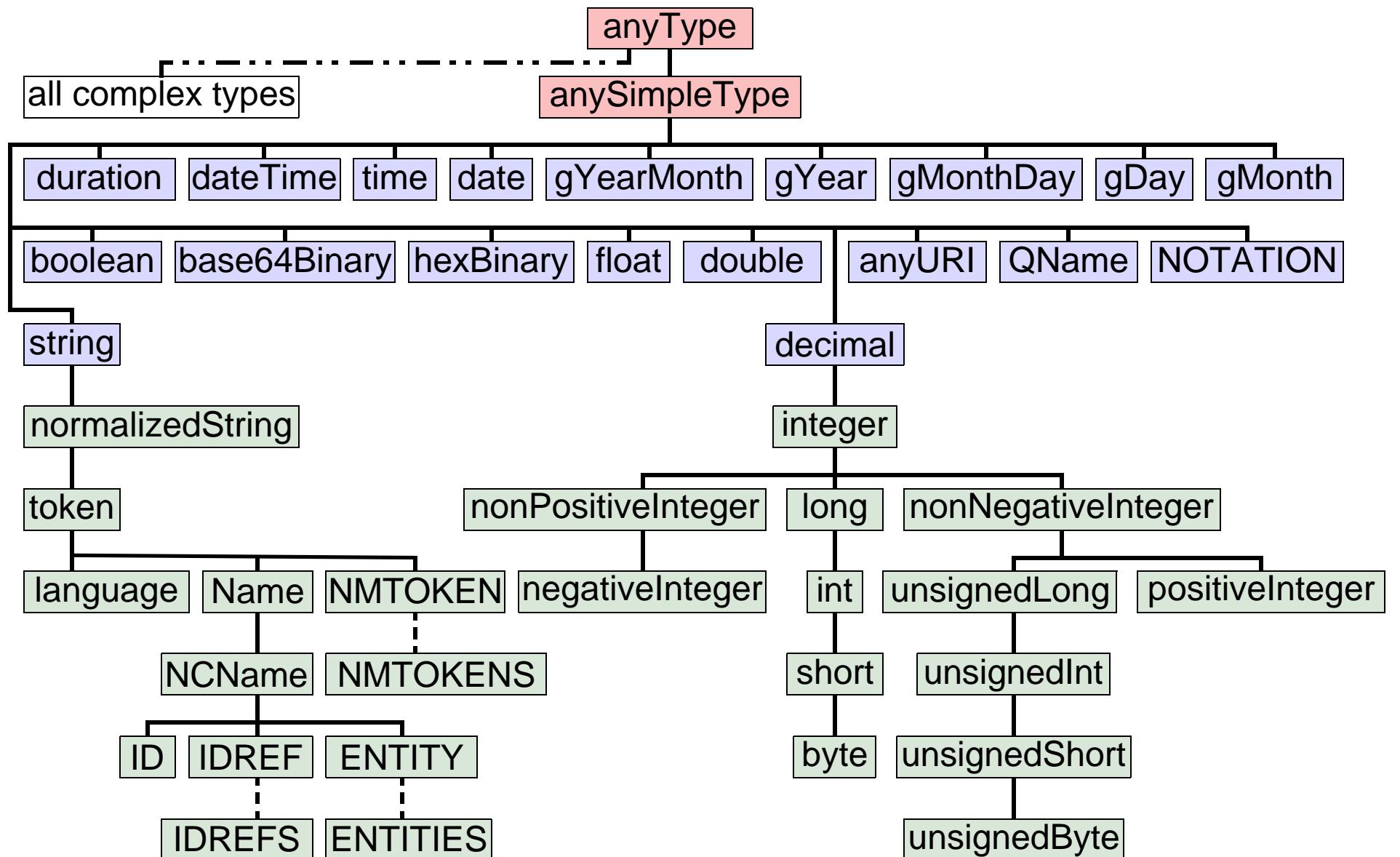
- Data parsed at WSDL level
- One level of standards: WSDL
 - Less flexible
- Easy integration with standard applications
 - Simple users (home environments)

TRANSPARENT

getIfInOctets(string)

- Data parsed by higher level application
 - Data could be XML encoded
- Two levels of standards: WSDL operation & XML data
 - Powerful (e.g. XPATH / XQUERY)
 - Harder to use (professional operators)

DATA TYPES



ADVANCED FEATURES

TRANSACTIONS

- Business Transaction Protocol (OASIS)
- WS-Coordination + WS-Transaction (BEA, IBM, MS)
- WS-Composite Application Framework (Arjuna, Fujitsu, IONA, Oracle, Sun)

SECURITY

- WS-Security (IBM, OASIS)

CHOREOGRAPHY / ORCHESTRATION

- XLANG (MS), WSFL (IBM)
- BPEL4WS (IBM, MS, BEA)
 - WSCI (SUN, ...)
 - W3C

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PROTOTYPE

- ifTable
 - GetIfCell
 - GetIfColumn
 - GetIfRow
 - GetIfTable
- gSOAP (2.3.8)
- Net-SNMP (V5.0.x) Data retrieval functions
- Debian Linux, kernel v2.4.22, 800 Mhz Pentium

EXAMPLE

```
<complexType name="GetIfTableResponse">
  <sequence>
    <element name="ifEntry" type="utMon:ifEntry" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<message name="GetIfTableRequest">
  <part name="community" type="xsd:string"/>
</message>

<message name="GetIfTableResponse">
  <part name="-sizeTable" type="xsd:int"/>
  <part name="ifEntry" type="utMon:ifEntry"/>
</message>

<portType name="GetIfTableServicePortType">
  <operation name="GetIfTable">
    <documentation>Service definition of function utMon__GetIfTable</documentation>
    <input message="tns:GetIfTableRequest"/>
    <output message="tns:GetIfTableResponse"/>
  </operation>
</portType>
```

EXAMPLE

```
<complexType name="ifEntry">
  <sequence>
    <element name="ifIndex" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifDescr" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
    <element name="ifType" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifMtu" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifSpeed" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifPhysAddress" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
    <element name="ifAdminStatus" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOperStatus" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifLastChange" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInOctets" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInUcastPkts" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInDiscards" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInErrors" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInUnknownProtos" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOutOctets" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOutUcastPkts" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOutErrors" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
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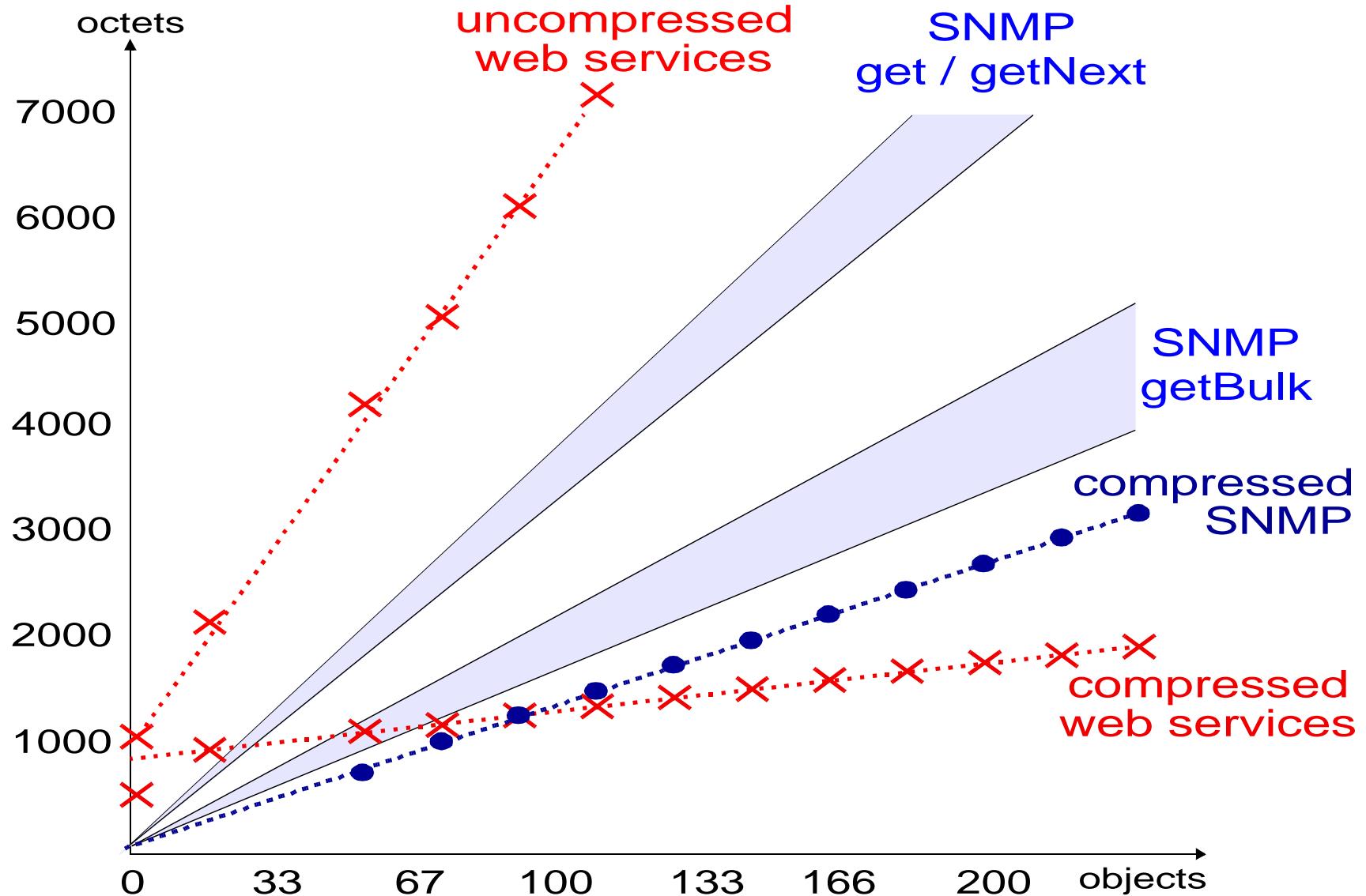
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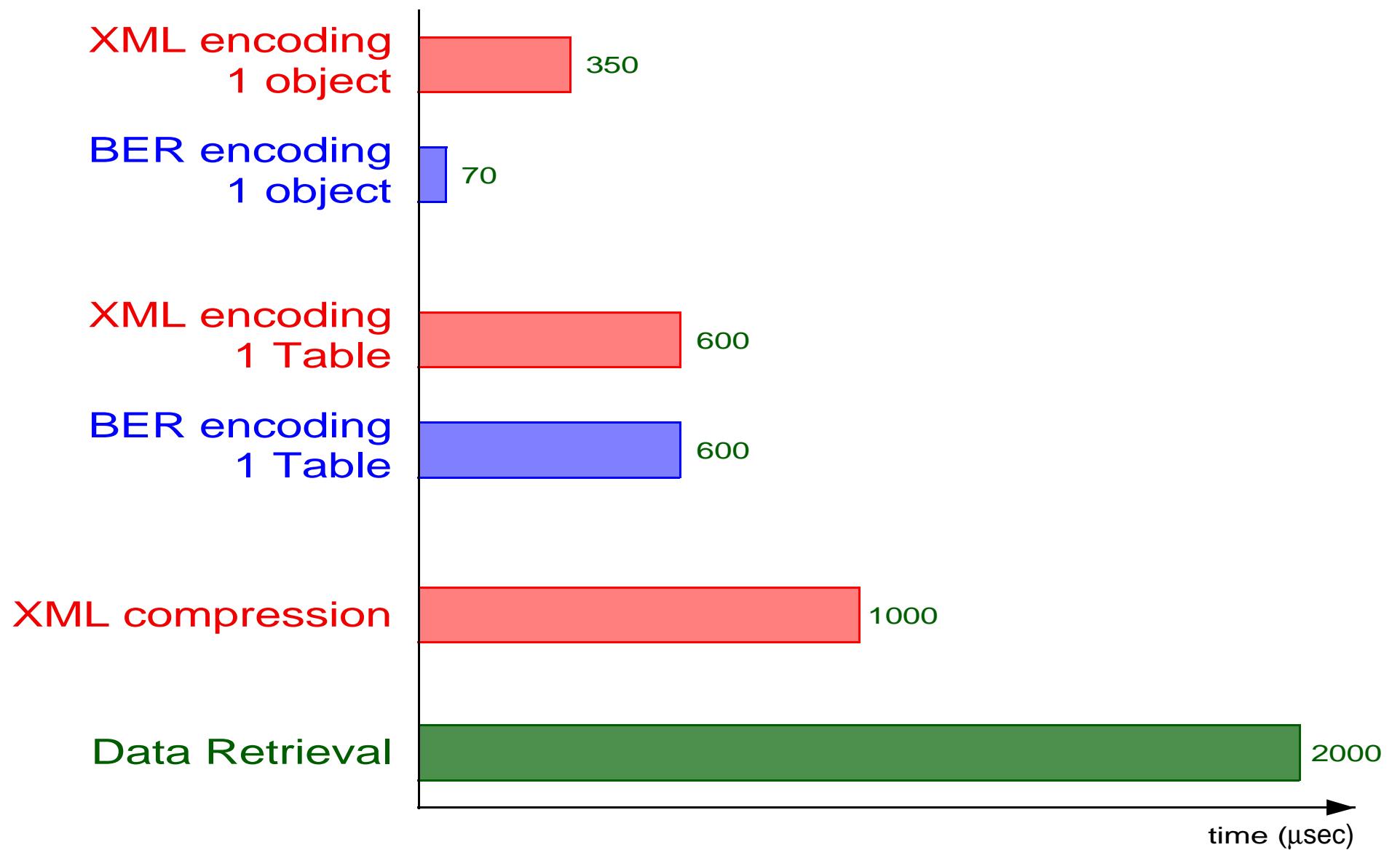
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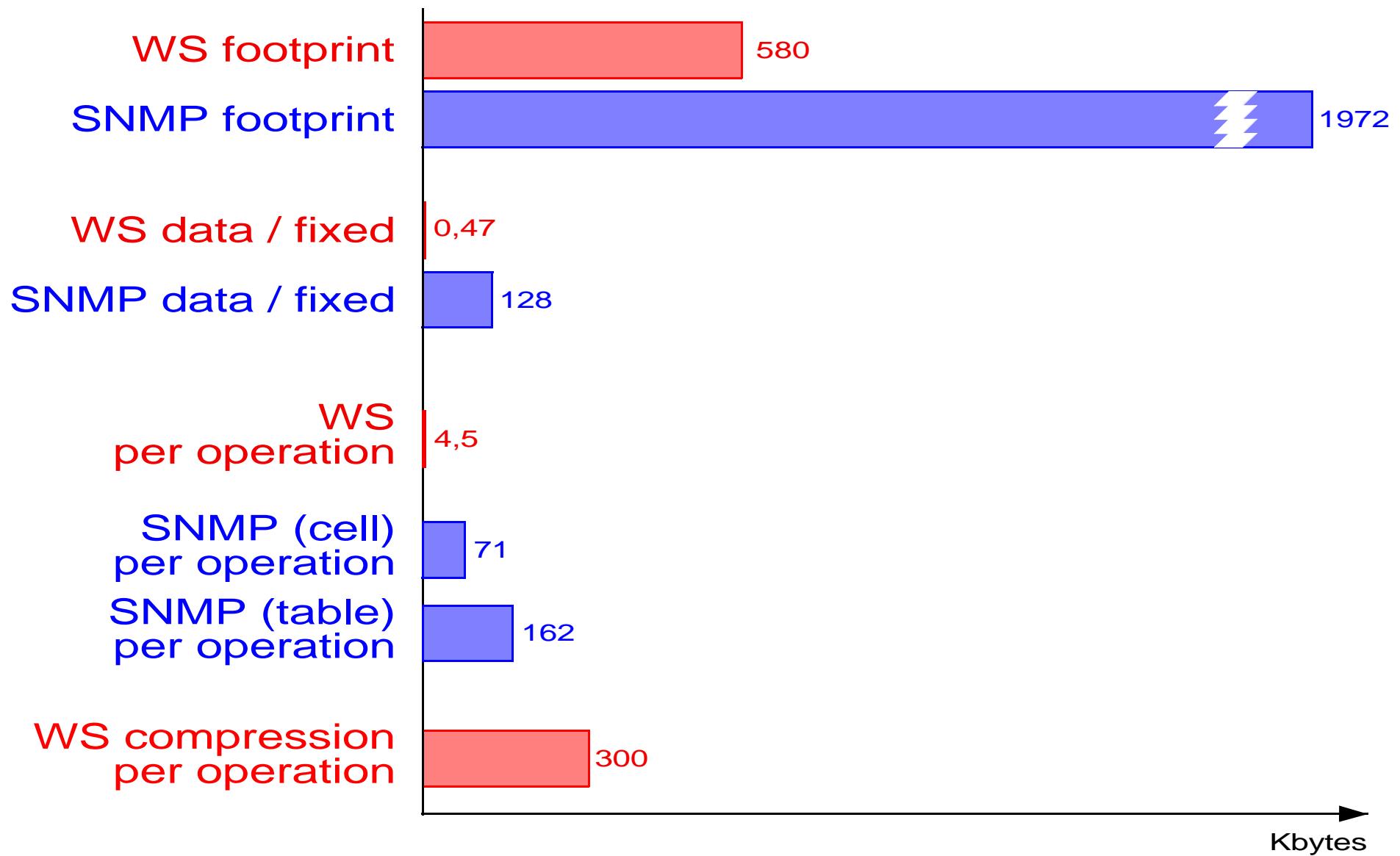
PERFORMANCE - BANDWIDTH



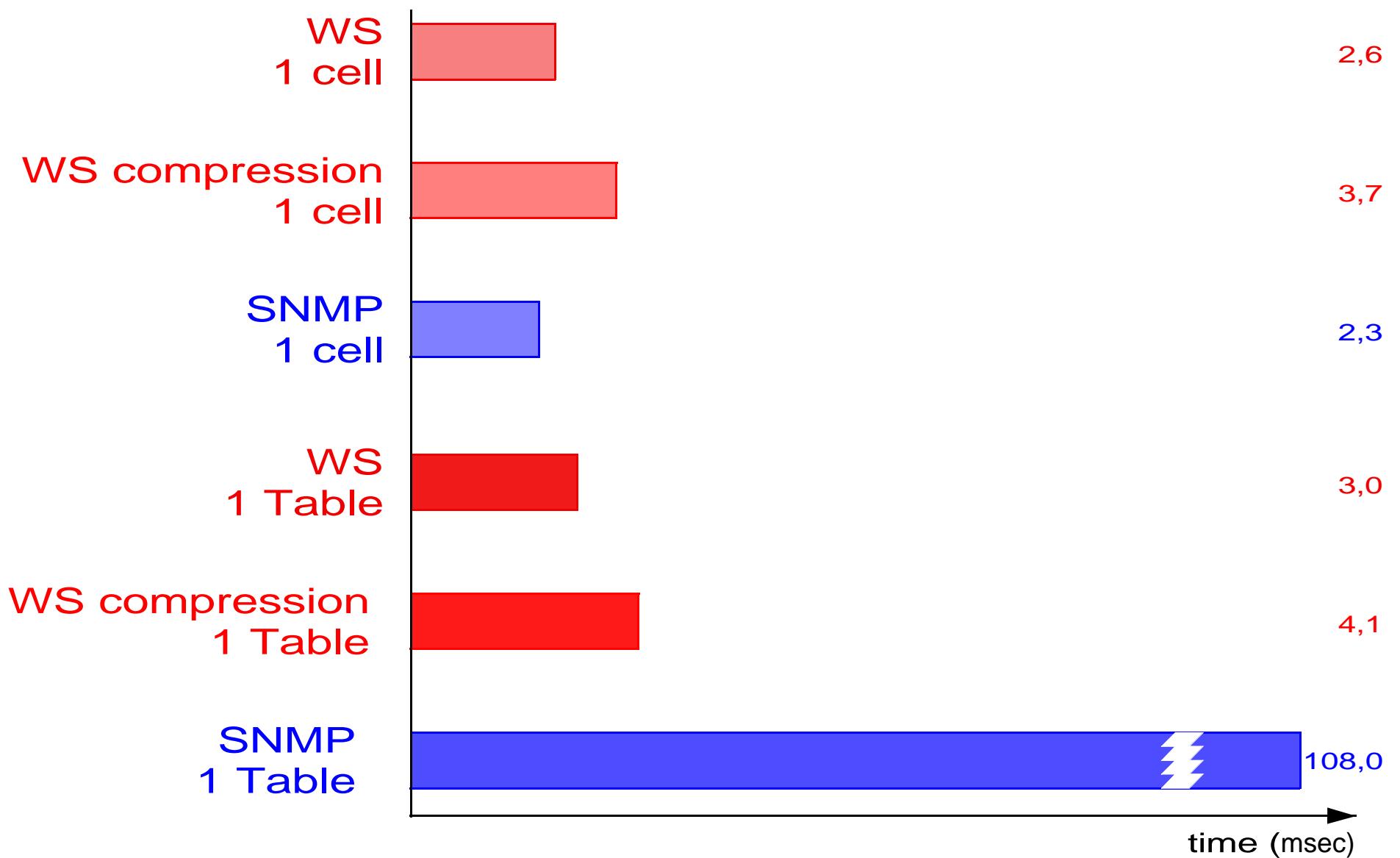
PERFORMANCE - CPU TIME



PERFORMANCE - MEMORY USAGE



PERFORMANCE - END TO END DELAY



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gSOAP

WASP

easySOAP++

.NET

JBuilder

SunOne

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EVOLUTION OF SNMP FAILED

WE NEED REVOLUTION

WEB SERVICE IS AN INTERESTING TECHNOLOGY

MANY ISSUES STILL UNCLEAR

TOPIC FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

PERFORMANCE OF WEB SERVICES
MAY NOT BE A PROBLEM