# **Orchestrating BMD Control in Extended BPEL**

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**Abstract** – We specify duty cycles of a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) command and control application by decorating the Business Process Execution Language (BPEL) with Quality of Service (QoS), Measures of Performance (MoP), Measures of Effectiveness (MoE) and Measures of Merit (MoM) metrics.

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# **1** Introduction

Command. Control, Communication, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) applications require making decisions based on situational awareness created by fusing sensory information collected from independently maintained sources. Having a command and control (C2) structure that respects the autonomy of basic services facilitates the flexibility to dynamically negotiate and adjust to changes in the battle space while maintaining the continuity of the overall operations and deployment readiness. In this paper we develop such a framework to thwart threats from ballistic missiles by using a three-tiered C2 structure. This sits well with the U.S. DoD's objective of adopting Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) in which the master orchestrator provides a service by composing the services of the autonomously functioning sub-services. The continuity of orchestrated operations is modeled by dutv cycles, with each duty cycle reacting to environmental changes. The orchestrator provides the required quality of service (QoS) - which includes timeliness as one aspect [1]. As shown in this paper, a flexible QoS-sensitive SOA suffices to specify and implement stated C4ISR requirements.

The DoD mandated the basic web services (WS) framework standards for use in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software packages, but has not mandated the standards for use in the Global Information Grid (GIG) as the standards fall short in meeting GIG security and authorization requirements [2]. The basic WS framework standards include what are commonly referred to as the

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core web service development standards; Web Services Description Language (WSDL), SOAP, and Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI). Although the core WS have been applied successfully by industry in business systems, as Birman et al. claim [3], they fall short of C4ISR needs due to the lack of support for time-critical events. Consequently, in this study we decorate BPEL specified duty cycles with QoS, specifically timeliness attributes, MoP and MoE specifications, with the hope that a SOA satisfying the need articulated by Birman et al. can implement our design. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 specifies use cases for a ballistic missile defense system. Section 3 presents an overview of conventional C2 and possible execution using WS and specifies a C2 family of WS using WSDL, and Section 4 presents their process integration using BPEL. Section 5 discusses the evolution of the Operations Order. Section 6 concludes the paper.

# 2 BMD C2

The objective of the Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) Advanced Battle Manager (ABM) of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) [5] is to provide an integrated. layered defense from ballistic missiles of all ranges in all phases of their flight. At a high level, the BMDS consists of an integrated C2, Battle Management (BM), and Communications (collectively known as C2BMC), and weapons and sensors. Weapons and sensors are capable of engaging and sensing many different threat missiles through different phases of their flight: boost, mid-course The C2 component is responsible for and terminal. creating and distributing the operations orders (OPORD), that essentially provides initial weapons, and sensor locations, their orientations, and their responsibilities within the plan while the BM executes the battle according to the OPORD and the responses from sensory inputs.

Wijesekera, Michael and Nerode [4] use three kinds of agents to model BMDS C2: the strategic commander agent (SCA), regional commander agent (RCA), and the tactical commander agent (TCA). Each battle manager assumes one of these roles. A hierarchical command structure in [4] consists of SCAs at the top of the C2 structure that share information horizontally between them.

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Each SCA manages vertically down the chain to its assigned RCA's and with any assigned sensors and weapons in the sensors and weapons nets. Continuing down the C2 structure the individual RCA's manage and communicate with their assigned TCAs and any assigned weapons and sensors in the weapons and sensors nets. Finally, each TCA manages and communicates with its assigned weapons and sensors within the sensors and weapons nets. While information travels up and down the C2 structure, most down-flows are commands and most up-flows are status reports.

## 2.1 Assumptions

- 1. Operations Orders (OPORDs) have been issued by all agents and each agent has established its defenses. This implies that all weapon and sensor systems for the entire BMDS are positioned to defend against the most likely threat missile attack according to the OPORD intelligence estimate; weapon systems have specific orientations ready to launch and sensors are in surveillance mode.
- 2. Given that the threat attacks according to the OPORD intelligence estimate, we assume the weapon and sensor systems execute the plan autonomously with little or no interference from the command agents.
- 3. In our scenario the threat does not attack according to the intelligence estimate and SCA1, RCA2 and assigned TCAs must manage the initial attack to defeat the threats.

## 2.2 Scenario execution

Our scenario shown in Figure 1 proceeds as follows. RCA2's organic sensor and BM determine that three separate threat missiles are inbound and predicted to hit a high-priority asset on its Prioritized Defended Asset List (PDAL). According to the OPORD the terminal-defense mission for the asset being attacked is assigned to TCA22 and the midcourse defense of the asset is assigned to TCA21. However, based on the OPORD Intel annex most resources in SCA1's area of operation are oriented on the enemy's likely air avenue of attack, depicted by the large dotted arrow and labeled as such in the figure. Therefore, reorienting of resources within RCA2's area of operation is necessary to negate the threats. RCA2 concurrently sends a contact message to SCA1 requesting permission to reorient resources and engage the threats, in addition to sending a be-prepared-to-launch order to TCA21 and TCA22.

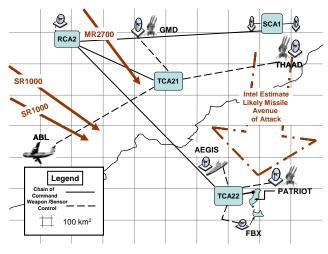


Figure 1 BMDS Scenario

The messages being exchanged include the individual threat tracks and values for specific QoS attributes, MOP, and MOE necessary to ensure the threats are engaged prior to reaching their keep-out ranges. In this scenario RCA2 has two MOEs associated with it: (i) survivability, defined as the fraction of defended assets that survive the attack and (ii) the probability that the interceptor kills the threat target given that it arrives in time. The MOP associated with RCA2 is Time-on-Target; the time remaining for any weapon system to launch an interceptor. This is included to give subordinates an upper bound on time to engage with the appropriate shot doctrine.

TCA21 receives the be-prepared order (to launch) and steps into the kill chain cycle at the assign weapon task. Using the track information from RCA2, TCA21 determines the appropriate weapon systems with which to engage the threat missiles, builds an engagement plan, and issues a be-prepared order to the appropriate weapons and sensors. Likewise, TCA22 receives its be-prepared order to launch, but its launch is contingent on the threat reaching the keep-out range. TCA22 also steps into the kill chain cycle at the assign weapons task and issues beprepared missions to its associated weapons and sensors.

Upon receiving SCA1's response message to launch, RCA2 issues a message to the TCAs to execute the beprepared missions sent earlier. TCAs 21 and 22 use the MOEs and MOP from RCA2 to guide the selection of the services required to complete the weapons assignment, engagement, and assess kill tasks of the kill chain. We show this in detail in subsequent sections, but first we describe the scenario for each of the agents: SCA1, RCA2, and TCAs 21 and 22. We show, in use case (a technique for describing how to achieve a goal or task) format, the kill chain tasks performed by each agent in our scenario. Figure 2 shows the process logic a BM executes upon receiving a track list

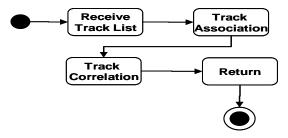
### Use Case 1: Detect

**Goal in Context:** Identify threats from a list of reported sensor tracks

Scope & Level: A primary task of the battle Manager Preconditions: Battle manager has been initialized Success End Condition: Correctly identify threat object. Failed End Condition: Fails to identify threat missile. Primary Actor: Battle Manager Trigger: Receive track list from a sensor

## MAIN SUCCESS SCENARIO

- 1. Receive Track List message
- 2. Verifies source of message
- 3. Validate request parameters
- 4. Associates Track List
- 5. Correlates Track List
- *6.* Returns a threat list



### **Figure 2: Detect**

Figure 3 shows the execution logic of a BM upon receipt of a track list from a sensor in its C2 structure.

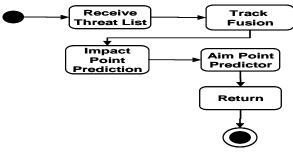
#### Use Case 2: Track

**Goal in Context:** Return a launch quality threat track **Scope & Level:** A primary task of the battle Manager **Preconditions:** Detect Task complete

Success End Condition: Produces fire quality tracks Failed End Condition: Fails to produce fire quality track Primary Actor: Battle Manager Trigger: Receive a threat list

# MAIN SUCCESS SCENARIO

- 1. Receive Threat List message
- 2. Verifies source of message
- 3. Validate request parameters
- 4. Fuse threat List
- **5.** Calculate IPP for threats
- 6. Calculate Aim Point for threats
- 7. Calculate time available to kill threats
- 8. Calculate QoS, MOP, MOE requirements
- 9. Returns a threat list, QoS, MOP, MOE



**Figure 3: Track** 

Figure 4 shows the process logic a BM executes upon receiving a threat track list.

### Use Case 3: Assign Weapon

**Goal in Context:** Identify the best weapon system to destroy the threat

Scope & Level: A primary task of a BM

**Preconditions:** Detect and track tasks in the kill chain has successfully completed

**Success End Condition:** Identify weapon to destroy the identified threat missiles.

Failed End Condition: A weapon system is not identified Primary Actor: BM

Trigger: Receive a weapons assignment message

## MAIN SUCCESS SCENARIO

- *1.* Receive Launch message
- 2. Verifies source of message
- 3. Validate request parameters
- 4. Monitor QoS requirements
- 5. Identify available resources
- 6. Target weapon pairing
- 7. Return result

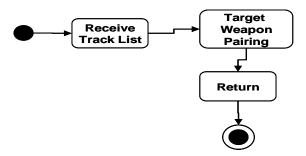


Figure 4: Assign Weapon

Figure 5 shows the process logic a BM executes upon receiving a threat track list with weapons assignment solution.

#### Use Case 4: Engage

**Goal in Context:** Assigned weapon launches interceptor **Scope & Level:** This is a primary task of the TCA **Preconditions:** TCA has been initialized

**Success End Condition:** TCA assigns Launch to appropriate (based on message) weapon or responds to caller that no weapon is available

Failed End Condition: TCA fails to assign weapon or report that there is a problem in launching to caller Primary Actor: TCA

# **Trigger:** Receive Launch from superior **MAIN SUCCESS SCENARIO**

- *1.* Receive Launch message
- 2. Verifies source of message
- 3. Validate request parameters
- 4. Monitor QoS Requirements
- 5. Build engagement plan
- 6. Send plan
- 7. Monitor QoS Requirements

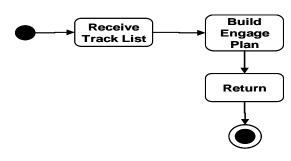


Figure 5: Engage

Figure 6 shows the process logic a BM executes upon receiving an assess kill message. Figure 7 shows the process logic a BM executes upon first receiving an initialization message followed some time later by an assign weapon message.

Conventional battle managers follow a duty cycle commonly referred to as a *kill chain* [5] consisting of the following tasks: detect, track, assign weapon, engage, and assess kill. The kill chain begins when a sensor reports an object to a BM agent. The agent continues to track the object while determining if the object poses a threat, and if the object does pose a threat, assigns an available interceptor to destroy it. After the firing of the interceptor, the BM agent continues to monitor and assess the engagement; if the initial interceptor fails to destroy the threat missile and the shot doctrine used dictates a second shot (e.g. shoot-look-shoot policy) the weapon system reengages the threat with updated target information.

Use Case 5: Assess Kill Goal in Context: Determine correctly the result of an engagement. Scope & Level: A primary task of the TCA Preconditions: TCA has been initialized Success End Condition: TCA returns a correct assessment of an engagement Failed End Condition: TCA fails to return a correct assessment of an engagement Primary Actor: TCA Trigger: Receive Launch from superior

#### MAIN SUCCESS SCENARIO

- *1.* Receive Launch message
- 2. Verifies source of message
- 3. Validate request parameters
- 4. Monitor OoS Requirements
- 5. Report engagement result
- **6.** Return result to caller

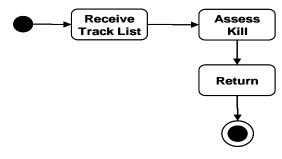


Figure 6: Asses Kill

In addition to the possibility of a weapons system missing a target there exists the possibility that a BM has no weapons systems available for assignment. In this situation the BM alerts its superior so that an alternative BM can be chosen for the mission; it is customary in military operations to have this built in to the plan and therefore the engage task would have planned to have a number of weapons systems and BM's on stand-by (be prepared mission) for these type of circumstances. After completion of the kill assessment the duty cycle repeats.

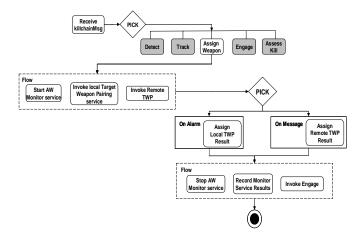


Figure 7: Assign Weapon Process

## **3** Web Services for battle management

We now specify a conventional BM as a service in a SOA by specifying the kill chain as a periodic process that is the main orchestrator of a BPEL process decorated with QoS, MOE, and MOP extensions specified in [14]. Selecting the participating partner services of the main kill chain is based on the client QoS and MOE parameters.

1. **Target Association Service (TA):** Begins the kill chain when it receives a list of potential tracks of the threat missile from the sensor net as reported by radars, using a track association algorithm to identify the track objects reported by these sensors.

2. Track Correlation Service (TC): Uses a correlation algorithm to compare the reduced track list against a known threat database to classify the missile. If the track object does not match, but observed measurements (e.g. its velocity is in the range of a ballistic missile) makes it suspicious, it is marked suspicious and assigned to additional sensors for observation. All others are logged for offline analysis.

3. **Track Fusion Service** (**TF**): Track objects gathered thus far are used to create an enhanced description.

4. **Impact Prediction Point Service (IPP):** Predicts the impact point of the threat missile.

5. Aim Point Predictor Service (APP): Computes an aiming point for each track object.

6. **Target Weapon Pairing Service (TWP):** Computes the most appropriate weapons systems to engage the threats.

7. **Engagement Planner Service (EP):** Output from TWP and information from the Operations Plan (OPLAN) is used by EP to design, issue, and notify all parties of the plan to destroy the threat missiles.

8. Assess Kill Service (AK): Assess battle damage using the sensor net to complete the entire kill chain cycle.

The detect task is composed of the TA and TC services. The track task is composed of TF, IPP, and APP services. The assign weapons task is composed of TWP service. Engage task is composed of an EP service and the assess kill task consists of the AK service. We list the QoS, MoP and MoE parameters of each of the eight services and the five tasks in Table 1. Figure 9 shows the detect task as a composition of the selected TA service and the TC service.

```
<portType name="DetectPT">
<operation name="DetectPT">
<operation name="DetectProcess">
<mopList>
<mop name="ExecutionTime" value="12sec"/>
<mop name="Accuracy" value=".998"/>
</mopList>
<moe name="DetectTargetInBOOST" value="null"/>
</moeList>
<input message="tns:DetectMsgRequest"/>
<operation>
```

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Figure 8: Detect Composition WSDL

Task/Servic e	QoS	МоР	M	οE
Kill Chain	Availability	Execution	Kill	threat
	Reliability	Time	prior	keep

<b>D</b>	4 11 1 11.	Accuracy	out range
Detect	Availability	Execution	Detect target
	Reliability	Time	in boost
		Accuracy	
Track	Availability	Execution	Monitor track
	Reliability	Time	without loss
		Accuracy	of contact
Assign	Availability	Execution	Assign best
Weapon	Reliability	Time	weapon
		Accuracy	available
Engage	Availability	Execution	Create best
00	Reliability	Time	mission to
		Accuracy	destroy threat
		,	and monitor
			BDA
Assess Kill	Availability	Execution	Assign best
1 100000 KIII	Reliability	Time	sensor to
	Reliability		conduct BDA
Track	A	Accuracy	
	Availability	Execution	Identify and
Association	Reliability	Time	assoc correct
(TA)		Accuracy	number of
			tracks with
			its source
Track	Availability	Execution	ID track
Correlation	Reliability	Time	Objects as
(TC)		Accuracy	threat
Track Fusion	Availability	Execution	Enhance
( <b>TF</b> )	Reliability	Time	threat object
		Accuracy	by fusing
			data from
			multiple
			sensors
Impact Point	Availability	Execution	Determine
Prediction	Reliability	Time	IPP within 10
(IPP)	2	Accuracy	$m^2$
Aim Point	Availability	Execution	Determine
Prediction	Reliability	Time	Aim Point
(APP)	Rendonity	Accuracy	within 100
(1111)		recuracy	$cm^2$
Target	Availability	Execution	Best weapon
Weapon	Reliability	Time	to kill target
Pairing ( <b>TWP</b> )	Kenabinty		to kill target
	Availabilit	Accuracy	Dest plan to
Engage	Availability	Execution	Best plan to
Planner	Reliability	Time	destroy target
(EPS)		Accuracy	prior to keep
			out range
Assess	Availability	Execution	Best sensor
Kill	Reliability	Time	to conduct
( <b>AK</b> )		Accuracy	BDA

Table 1: QoS, MOP, MOE

<portType name="TrackAssocPT">

<operation name="AssocTrackList">

<mopList>

<mop name="ExecutionTime" value="5sec"/>

<mop name="Accuracy" value=".999"/>

</mopList>

<moeList>

<moe name="AssocTrackToSource" value="null"/> </moeList>

```
<input message="tns:TrackAssocMsgRequest"/>
<output message="tns:TrackAssocMsgResponse"/>
<operation>
```

</portType>

#### Figure 9: Track Association WSDL

```
<portType name="TrackCorrPT">
<operation name="CorrTrackList">
<mopList>
<mop name="ExecutionTime" value="5sec"/>
<mop name="Accuracy" value=".999"/>
</mopList>
<moe name="IDThreatGivenThreat" value="NULL"/>
</moeList>
<input message="tns:TrackCorrMsgRequest"/>
<operation>
```

</portType>

#### **Figure 10: Track Correlation WSDL**

Finally, we show the WSDL of a complete kill chain that is composed of the higher level tasks detect, track, assign weapon, engage, and assess kill which are themselves composed of the atomic level services described earlier.

<pre><porttype name="KillChainPT">   <operation name="killThreat"></operation></porttype></pre>
<moplist></moplist>
<mop name="ExecutionTime" value="27sec"></mop>
<mop name="Accuracy" value=".95870"></mop>
<moelist></moelist>
<moe name="Defend_Asset" value="NULL"></moe>
<input message="tns:KillChainMsgRequest"/>
<output message="tns:KillChainMsgResponse"></output>
<fault message="FailNotice:" name="Fail"></fault>
<operation></operation>

#### Figure 11: Kill Chain WSDL

In each composition instance execution time was the MOP used to select a service.

One of the two extensions necessary to orchestrate C4ISR is the need for QoS sensitivity, for which we use the lightweight Q-WSDL extension in [13]. In particular, we use the Operational Latency class where execution times of every operation are specified. The second is the use of the shadow pattern of [11] that specifies exception handling. We use message types, messages and services with the standard notations of '\*' for zero or more repetitions, '?' for zero or one repetitions, and '+' for one or more repetitions.

## 3.1 Message Types

Tables 2 and 3 list sample basic and complex WSDL data types [9] used in exchanged messages.

Type Name	Primitive	Example
myId	Long Int	123456789245
sensorID	Long Int	454656736363
Availability	Boolean	Yes/No
weaponName	String	THHAD, AEGIS,
sensorName	String	FBX, SBX,
ammoStatus	String	Green, Red, Yellow
timeToEngage	Duration	P0y0m0dt0h0m3s
dateTimeGroup	DateTime	2007-05-
		31T13:20:00-05:00
Hostile	Boolean	Yes/No
Latitude	Long Int	765468642222
Longitude	Long Int	367463823982
Velocity	Long Int	645646455467
Acceleration	Long Int	832678326864

### Table 2: Basic types of message elements

<b>Type Name</b> OPORD	<b>Type Structure</b> xmlns:OPORD="http://swe	Example opord20080
OIORD	.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD	129
Track	XmlNS=URI#trackType	Track
		Structure
Weapon	XmlNS=URI#weaponType	Weapon
		structure
Sensor	XmlNS=URI#sensorType	Sensors
		structure
Sca	XmlNS=URI#scaType	sca structure
Тса	XmlNS=URI#tcaType	tca structure
QoS	XMINS=URI#qwsdl:opera	QoS
	tionType [13]	Structure
Bond	XmlNS=URI#Time	\$3.5 Cred 1
Turing test	Image	1010101

### Table 3: Complex types of message elements

## 3.2 Messages

A sample, assignWeaponMsg, is shown in Listing 1. Other domain-specific messages are listed in Table 4 below with their definitions. Similarly Listings 2 and 3 show other control messages. Finally, Tables 5 and 6 describe some services provided by the TCA and other third parties.

- 1. <message name="AssignWeaponMsg">
- 2. <part name="ID" element="message ID"/>
- 3. <part name="Track" element="string"/>
- 4. cpart name="OPORD" element="OPORD"/>
- 5. <part name="DATE" element="Time"/>
- 6. <part name="QOS" element="QoSType"/>
- 7. <part name="surety" element="Bond"/>
- 8. <part name="Ack" element="wantAck"/>
- 9. <part name="Sign" element="PKISignature/>\*
- 10. <part name="RTT reply" element="Turing test

#### 11. </message>

### Listing 1: WSDL AssignWeaponMsg

Utility
Kill chain task to associate
tracks with a source and
determine if the track is a
threat
Kill chain task to fuse track
information, determine the
threat impact point, and
calculate an aim point
Kill chain task to assign
the most appropriate
weapon to negate a know
threat
Kill chain task to build an
engagement plan to defeat
a threat
Kill chain task to monitor
engagement and report
Battle Damage Assessment
Command to Launch an
interceptor
Command to cancel a
previous launch command
Command to return the
health and status of all
weapons

 Table 4: Types of Messages

- 1. <message name="initializeBMMsg">
- 2. <part name="id" element="long"/>
- 3. <part name="OPORD0129312008" element="OPORD"
- 4. </message>
- 5. <message name="deRequisitionMsg">
- 6. <part name="ID" element="long"/>
- 7. </message>

#### **Listing 2: WSDL Application Data**

- 1. <message name="FailNotice">
- 2. <part name="Date" element="dateTime"/>
- 3. <part name="ID" element="long"/>
- 4. <part name="ERROR" element="string"/>
- 5. <part name="Sign\_PKI" element="string"/>
- 6. </message>
- 7. <message name="LaunchInterceptorReciept">
- 8. <part name="DATE" element="dateTime"/>
- 9. <part name="ID" element="long"/>
- 10. <part name="comment" element="string"/>
- 11. <part name="Sign\_PKI" element="string"/>
- 12. </message>

Listing 3: WSDL Control Data

- 1. <portType name="assignWeaponPT">
- 2. <operation name="assignWeapon">
- 3. <input message="tns:assignWeaponMsg"/>
- 4. <output message="tns:assignWeaponReciept"/>
- 5. <faultname="faultassignWeapon "message="tns:FailNotice" />
- 6. </operation>
- 7. </portType>

## Table 5: WSDL Port Type Specs for BM services

- 1. <portType name="monitorServicePT">
- 2. <operation name="monitor">
- 3. <input message="tns:startMsg"/>
- 4. <output message="tns:StartNotificationMsg"/>
- 5. <fault name="monitorfault"
- 6. message="tns:FailNotice"/>
- 7. </operation>
- 8. </portType>
- 9. <portType name="timerPT">
- 10. <operation name="startTimer">
- 11. <: input message="tns:startMsg"/>
- 12. </operation>
- 13. </portType>

#### Table 6: WSDL Port Type for C2 Third Party Services

# **3.3** Operations Order (OPORD)

An OPORD is, "a directive issued by a commander to subordinate commanders for the purpose of effecting the coordinated execution of an operation" [16]. The OPORD is a vital document in ballistic missile defense as it explains in detail the responsibilities of all systems. The OPORD, at a minimum, contains unit task organization and the five paragraphs of (1) Situation (2) Mission (3) Execution (4) and Service Support (5) Command and Signal.

In traditional land warfare combat commanders issue their orders to subordinate commanders who in turn prepare and issue orders to their subordinates until each combatant in every unit knows his or her mission and the mission of those two levels up the chain of command. The initial OPORD of nearly all campaigns are routinely more detailed and well thought out than subsequent OPORDs. This tendency is a direct reflection of the amount of time available to plan prior to hostilities beginning. For the initial order, units may have days, weeks, and even months to plan and issue the orders. Once hostilities begin, the time to plan generally decreases and makes the development, issuance and coordination of plans more difficult, in addition to reducing timelines to days or hours.

In missile defense the timelines are significantly shorter than traditional land warfare combat scenarios discussed above. In the missile defense domain timelines can be in the range of several minutes to as little as 30 seconds. With such short timelines we look to perform autonomous execution of missile defense engagements where we remove the human from the loop. For this reason the OPORD must be designed to be read and "understood" by computers; we accomplish this in our case study by constructing our OPORDs using the Resource Description Framework (RDF)[15]. RDF is a W3C Recommendation for describing Web resources and is designed to be read by computers. We show in Table 7 below our OPORD written in RDF/XML for the scenario described above and pictured in Figure 1. The RDF provides the means to describe the complex structure of the OPORD so that it can be understood by the participating BMs. In Table 7, lines 40, 44, 48, 52, and 56 show the five minimum essential paragraphs of an OPORD as defined in [16]. Each of the five paragraphs is a property that has a reference to a resource containing information about the particular property. As an example we show at line 47 the property OPORD: MISSION has a reference to a resource containing information about the TCA's MISSION; the text of an actual mission for TCA22 is in bold. It is certain that some of the other paragraphs have sub-graphs and each of those can be defined by a value or as in the case of the OPORD MISSION a reference to another resource.

- *1.* <?xml version="1.0"?>
- 2. <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf=
- 3. "http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
- xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdfschema#"
- 5. xmlns:OPORD="http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD #">

# //The rdf description element that describes our resource

#### // OPORD

- 6. <rdf:Description rdf:about=
- 7. "http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD/opord20080129
- 8. <OPORD:classification>
- 9. <rdf:Alt>
- 10. <rdf:li>UNCLASS</rdf:li>
- 11. </rdf:Alt>
- 12. </OPORD:classification>
- 13. <OPORD:CopyNumOfNumCopies>1 of 100
- *14.* </OPORD:CopyNumOfNumCopies>
- 15. <OPORD:issuingHQ>TCA21</OPORD:issuingHQ
- 16. <OPORD:placeofIssue>452143</OPORD:placeofIs sue>
- 17. <OPORD:DTGSignature>012920080100
- 18. </OPORD:DTGSignature>
- 19. <OPORD:MsgRefNum>012920080245
- 20. </OPORD:MsgRefNum>
- 21. <OPORD:OrderNumber>01292008-45
- 22. </OPORD:OrderNumber>
- 23. <OPORD:codeName>Butkus</OPORD:codeName>

24. <OPORD:references>

25. <rdf:Seq>

### //Reference to the SCA's Initiating OPORD Code Name Lambert

- 26. <rdf:li rdf:resource=
- 27. "http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/documents/OPORD/Lam bert">
- 28. </rdf:li>

### //Reference to the RCA2's Initiating OPORD Code Name HAM

- 29. <rdf:li rdf:resource=
- 30. "http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/documents/OPORD/Ham ">
- *31*. </rdf:li>
- *32.* </rdf:Seq>
- 33. </OPORD:references>
- 34. <OPORD:timeZoneUsed>ZULU
- 35. </OPORD:timeZoneUsed>

//Task Organization is defined by the resource URI below

- *36.* <OPORD:taskOrginization
- *37.* rdf:resource=
- 38. "http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD/opord20080129
- *39.* /AnnexATaskO"></OPORD:taskOrginization>

//The first of the minimum essetial elements of the five

//Paragraph operations order; SITUATION 40. <OPORD:SITUATION

41. rdf:resource=

42. "http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD/opord20080129 43. /Situation"></OPORD:SITUATION>

//The second of the minimum essetial elements of the five

//Paragraph operations order; MISSION 44. <OPORD:MISSION

44. <OPORD:MISSION

// The URI at line 46 is a reference to the document that

//contains the following mission statement for this OPORD

//MISSION: 060004282008 (Z) TCA22 forces Defend //assets according to the Priority Defended Assets List

//(PDAL) against anticipated ballistic missile attacks //within region.

45. rdf:resource=

46. "http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD/opord200801 29

// The URI at line 48 is a reference to the document that

//contains the next Higher level of commands (RCA2 in

this scenario) mission statement for this OPORD

//MISSION: 060004282008 (Z) RCA2 forces Defend //assets according to the Priority Defended Assets List //(PDAL) against anticipated ballistic missile attacks //within region. 47. < OPORD: HIGHERMISSION 48. rdf:resource= " http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/documents /OPORD/Ham.MISSION //The third of the minimum essetial elements of the five //Paragraph operations order; EXECUTION 49. < OPORD: EXECUTION 50. rdf:resource= 51. "http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD/opord20080129 52. /Execution"></OPORD:EXECUTION> //The fourth of the minimum essetial elements of the five //Paragraph operations order; SERVICE **SSUPPORT** 53. < OPORD: SERVICESUPPORT 54. rdf:resource="http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD 55. /opord20080129/ServiceSupport"> 56. </OPORD:SERVICESUPPORT> //The fifth of the minimum essetial elements of the five //Paragraph operations order; COMMANDANDSIGNAL 57. < OPORD: CMDSIGNAL 58. rdf:resource="http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OPORD 59. /opord20080129/CommandSignal"> 60. </OPORD:CMDSIGNAL> 61. <OPORD:CDRSNAMERANK>COOKGEN 62. </OPORD:CDRSNAMERANK> 63. <OPORD: AUTHENNAMEPOS>PULFORD2IC 64. </OPORD:AUTHENNAMEPOS> //ANNEXES A-Z OF THE OPORD EACH IS A RDF //RESOURCE WHOS DESCRIPTION IS FOUND AT //THE APPROPRIATE URI 65. <OPORD: ANNEXES> 66. <rdf:Seq> 67. <rdf:li rdf:resource="http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OP ORD 68. /opord20080129/AnnexATaskO"></rdf:li> 69....<rdf:li rdf:resource="http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/OP ORD 70. /opord20080129/AnnexZDistro"></rdf:li> 71. </rdf:Seq> 72. </OPORD:ANNEXES> 73. <OPORD:DISTROrdf:resource="http://swe.nps.edu 74. /BMDS/OPORD/opord20080129/AnnexZDistro"> 75. </OPORD:DISTRO> 76. </rdf:Description> </rdf:RDF>

**Table 7: Operations Order** 

# 4 BPEL Orchestration of BM

In this section, we specify the TCA using BPEL [10], where the TCA Assign Weapon Process invokes necessary local and remote services. In Table 8, TCA is activated upon receiving an initialization message, which includes an operations order shown in Table 7, from the RCA, to establish the organizational structure thereby creating the chain of command for the SCA, RCA, TCA and weapons and sensors nets. Once the TCA process completes initialization it blocks waiting for one of the predefined messages detect, track, assign weapon, engage, assess kill, cancel launch, switch mode, or other commands from its RCA. In our scenario TCA21 receives the assign weapon message from RCA2 line numbers 47-49 of Table 8.

As specified in lines 50-67, in response to an assign weapon message, the TCA invokes a local monitoring service, to record information on the executing services and the assign weapons task in its entirety and the remote target weapon pairing (RTWP) service algorithm. At line 110 the process invokes a local synchronous Local Target Weapon Pairing (LTWP). This service acts as a shadow [11] to the RTWP service.

If the assign weapon process does not receive a result from the RTWP within 10 seconds, an alarm is triggered in line 40 alerting the process to use the result from the LTWP service for the rest of the task.

Upon receiving the TWP result the process invokes the Engage task line 148 with the result and waits 10 seconds for a callback, line 156, signaling that the engage task has been initiated after which the process invokes the stop monitor and records the QoS, MOP, and MOE results. Finally, if the process does not receive the callback message from the engage task it invokes the warning callback line 136 to the calling client signaling that the task completed, but there is no evidence that the engage task received the results or has begun execution.

#### 1. <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

- 2. <: process
- 3. xmlns:AW="http://swe.nps.edu/bmds/services/AW"
- 4. :ENG="http://swe.nps.edu/bmds/services/ENGAGE"
- 5. ...
- 6. <import importType="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" location="WSDL/AwMonitor.wsdl"
- ns="http://swe.nps.edu/BMDS/service/awonitor/">
- 7. ...<partnerLinks>
- 8. <: partnerLink myRole=
- "awService" name="assignWeapon" partnerLinkType="AW:awLT" partnerRole="AwCustomer"/>
- 10. ...</:partnerLinks>
- 11. <: variables>
- 12. <: variable messageType="AW:AWMsg"

name="AWMsg"/>

- 13. ...</:variables>
- 14. <:flow>
- 15. <: links>
- 16. ...</:links>

# // lines 17 – 19 Receive Assign Weapon from RCA2 // execute the targetWeaponPairing operation

- 17. <:receive createInstance="yes"
- 18. name="ReceiveAWMsg"
- 19. operation="targetWeaponPairing" partnerLink="assignWeapon" portType="AW:assignWeaponPT" variable="AWMsg">
- 20. <:sources>
- 21. <:source linkName="L3"/>
- 22. </:sources>
- 23. </:receive>
- 24. <: pick name="PickLocalOrRemoteResult">
- 25. <: targets>
- 26. <: target linkName="L9"/>
- 27. </:targets>
- 28. <:sources>
- 29. <:source linkName="L4"/>
- 30. </:sources>

# // line 31-35 if receive the callback message assign the // results to engageMsg1

- 31. <:onMessage operation="TwpCallback" partnerLink="remoteTwpLT" portType="rtwp:TwpCallbackPT" variable="remoteTwpResponseMessage">
- 32. <: assign name="AssignRemoteTWPResult">
- 33. <: copy>
- 34. <: from part="result"
  - variable="remoteTwpResponseMessage"/>
- 35. <: to part="awResult" variable="engageMsg1"/>
- 36. </:copy>
- 37. </:assign>
- 38. </:onMessage>
- 39. <:onAlarm>
- 40. <: for>PT10S</: for>
- 41. <: assign name="AssignLocalTWPResult">
- 42. <:copy>
- 43. <: from part="result"
- 44. variable="localTWPResponseMessage"/>
- 45. <: to part="awResult" variable="engageMsg1"/>
- 46. </:copy>
- 47. </:assign>
- 48. </:onAlarm>
- 49. </:pick>

# // lines 50-67 CONCURENTLY Call the remote target // weapon pairing algorithms and the moitoring service

- 50. <: flow name="FlowStartMon\_RemoteTWP">
- 51. <: targets>
- 52. <: target linkName="L3"/>
- 53. </:targets>
- 54. <: sources>
- 55. <:source linkName="L5"/>
- 56. </:sources>

- 57. <:links>
- 58. <:link name="L1"/>
- 59. <:link name="L2"/>
- 60. </:links>
- 61. <:invoke inputVariable="startMonitorRequestMessage" name="InvokeAWMonitorService" operation="startMonitor" partnerLink="monitorLT" portType="awmon:startMonitorPT">
- 62. <: targets>
- 63. <: target linkName="L1"/>
- 64. </:targets>
- 65. </:invoke>
- 66. <:invoke inputVariable="remoteTwpRequestMessage"
  name="InvokeRemoteTWP" operation="Twp"
  partnerLink="remoteTwpLT"
  portType="rtwp:remoteTwprequestPT">
- 67. <: targets>
- 68. <: target linkName="L2"/>
- 69. </:targets>
- 70. </:invoke>
- 71. <: assign name="AssignMonitorParams">
- 72. <:sources>
- 73. <:source linkName="L1"/>
- 74. </:sources>
- 75. <:copy>
- 76. <: from>
- 77. <:literal>start</:literal>
- 78. </:from>
- 79. <: to part="start"
  - variable="remoteTwpRequestMessage"/>
- 80. </:copy>
- 81. </:assign>
- 82. <: assign name="PassTrackList">
- 83. <:sources>
- 84. <:source linkName="L2"/>
- 85. </:sources>
- 86. <:copy>
- 87. <: from>
- 88. <:literal>tracklist</:literal>
- 89. </:from>
- 90. <: to part="start"
- 91. variable="remoteTwpRequestMessage"/>
- 92. </:copy>
- 93. </:assign>
- 94. </:flow>
- 95. <: sequence name="SequenceLocalTWP">
- 96. <: targets>
- 97. <: target linkName="L5"/>
- 98. </:targets>
- 99. <:sources>
- 100.<:source linkName="L6"/>
- 101.</:sources>
- 102.<:assign name="PassTrackList">
- 103.<:copy>
- 104.<:from>
- 105.<:literal>start</:literal>
- 106.</:from>

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107.<:to part="start" variable="localTWPRequestMessage"/> 108.</:copy> 109.</:assign> // line 110 synchronous call to the local target weapon // paring algorithm 110.<:invoke inputVariable="localTWPRequestMessage" name="InvokeLocalTWP" operation="localTWP" outputVariable="localTWPResponseMessage" partnerLink="localTWPLT" 111.portType="ltwp:localTWPPT"/> 112.</:sequence> 113.<:pick name="Wait10SecForCallback"> 114.<:targets> 115.<:target linkName="L8"/> 116.</:targets> // line 117 waiting for callback from the Engage task that // is invoked after Assign weapon completes its task. 117.<:onMessage operation="callback" partnerLink="Engage" portType="ENG:engageCallBackPT" variable="callBackMsg"> 118.<:flow> 119.<:links> 120.<:link name="L10"/> 121.</:links> // line 122 – 127 Stop the monitor and record the results 122.<:invoke inputVariable="stopMonitorRequestMessage" name="InvokeStopMonitor" operation="stopMonitor" partnerLink="StopMonitorLT" portType="awmon:stopMonitorPT"> 123.<:sources>124.<:source linkName="L10"/> 125.</:sources>126.</:invoke> 127.<:receive name="RecordMonitorResponseResults" operation="monitorCallback" partnerLink="monitorLT" portType="awmon:monitorCallbackPT" variable="monitorResponseMessage"> 128.<:targets> 129.<:target linkName="L10"/> 130.</:targets> 131.</:receive> 132.</:flow> 133.</i> 134.<:onAlarm> 135.<:until>P10S</:until> // line 136 invokes callback alerting the client that while // assign weapon completed its task it has not received // confirmation from the engage task 136.<:invoke inputVariable="WarningMsg" name="InvokeWarningCallback" 137.operation="warningCallback" partnerLink="assignWeapon" portType="AW:WarningPT"/> 138.</i> 139.</:pick> // Line 140 Receive the results from the remote target

## // weapon pairing algorithm 140.<:receive name="ReceiveRemoteTWPcallback" operation="TwpCallback" partnerLink="remoteTwpLT" portType="rtwp:TwpCallbackPT" variable="remoteTwpResponseMessage"> 141.<:targets> 142.<:target linkName="L6"/> 143.</:targets> 144.<:sources> 145.<:source linkName="L9"/> 146.</:sources> 147.</:receive>// line 148 invoke the Engage task of the kill chain 148.<:invoke inputVariable="engageMsg1" name="InvokeEngage" operation="engage" partnerLink="Engage" portType="ENG:engagePT"> 149.<:targets> 150.<:target linkName="L4"/> 151.</:targets> 152.<:sources> 153.<:source linkName="L7"/> 154.</:sources>155.</:invoke> //156 receive a callback from the engage task alerting the // client that task handoff is complete 156.<:receive name="ReceiveEngageCallback" operation="callback" partnerLink="Engage" portType="ENG:engageCallBackPT" variable="callBackMsg"> 157.<:targets> 158.<:target linkName="L7"/> 159.</:targets> 160.<:sources> 161.<:source linkName="L8"/> 162.</:sources>

- 163.</:receive>
- 164.</:flow>
- 165.</:process>

#### **Table 8 The TCA Process**

# 5 Evolution of OPORDS

As discussed in Section 3.3 above the OPORD provides the Mission of two higher levels of command and tasks to subordinates. Once the initial order is received the commander must delete the higher level commands mission and add his own. In addition, the commander must remove the tasks to the subordinates and provide tasks to his subordinates. Typical information in the tasks might be things such as the defended sector assignment and orientation of weapons systems and asset to be defended in sector (e.g. from the PDAL).

The initial OPORD would have been sent during initialization prior to any of the messages received in Table 8 above. However, in our scenario the threat ballistic

missiles do not attack according to the intelligence estimate sent out in the initial OPORD and RCA issues a FRAGMENTARY ORDER (FRAGO) as part of the AssignWeaponMsg to its subordinate TCAs to be prepared to reorient weapons systems and sensors in line 17. The AssignWeaponMSG would contain those parts of the OPORD that had change; for instance the mission is the same, but the execution paragraph would task sensors and weapons to reorient in the general direction of the incoming target so that the weapons systems could engage at the earliest opportunity.

# 6 Conclusions

We show how the BPEL with appropriate extensions for MoPs, MoEs and QoS parameters can be used to specify command, control, and battle management needs of Ballistic Missile Control. In follow on work we intend on showing a much more rigorous and complete design of the BM for the scenario proposed in this paper.

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