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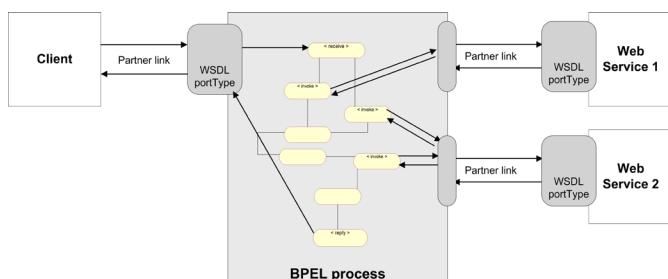
# Core WS-BPEL:

## Business Process Execution Language

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**OVERVIEW**

Each BPEL process consists of the following: (a) BPEL code, which defines the orchestration flow; (b) WSDL interface, which defines the interface (and the related XML Schemas) of the BPEL process for its clients; (c) WSDL interfaces of the consumed services (partner links). Partner links define the relations between BPEL process and the web services. Figure 1 shows the overall structure of a BPEL process.

**OVERALL STRUCTURE OF A BPEL PROCESS**

```
<process name="NCName" targetNamespace="anyURI"
queryLanguage="anyURI"?
expressionLanguage="anyURI"?
suppressJoinFailure="yes|no"?
exitOnStandardFault="yes|no"?
xmlns="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wsbpel/2.0/process/executable">
<extensions/>?
<import/>?
<partnerLinks/>?
<messageExchanges/>?
<variables/>?
<correlationSets/>?
<faultHandlers/>?
<eventHandlers/>?
<activity
</process>
```

## activity

Two different types of processes:

- Use <sequence> for sequential execution of process activities.
- Use <flow> together with <links> for concurrent execution of process activities.

**PARTNER LINKS****<plnk:partnerLinkType>**

Characterizes a relationship between two services. We define roles played by each of the services. We specify the used portType of each service within the context of the conversation. Each <role> specifies exactly one WSDL portType. <plnk:partnerLinkType> is defined in the service WSDL document, not in the BPEL.

```
<wsdl:definitions name="NCName" targetNamespace="anyURI" ...>
  ...
    <plnk:partnerLinkType name="NCName">
      <plnk:role name="NCName" portType="QName" />
      <plnk:role name="NCName" portType="QName" />?
    </plnk:partnerLinkType>
  ...
</wsdl:definitions>
```

Example:

```
<plnk:partnerLinkType name="OrderLT">
  <plnk:role name="OrderService" portType="ord:OrderPT" />
  <plnk:role name="OrderRequester" portType="ord:OrderCallbackPT" />
</plnk:partnerLinkType>
```

**<partnerLink>**

Defines the relation of the BPEL process to partner web services. For request-reply semantics specify both roles, for one-way semantics specify one role only.

```
<partnerLinks?>
  <!-- At least one role must be specified. -->
  <partnerLink name="NCName"
    partnerLinkType="QName"
    myRole="NCName"?
    partnerRole="NCName"?
    initializePartnerRole="yes|no"?>+
  </partnerLink>
</partnerLinks>
```

Example:

```
<partnerLinks>
  <partnerLink name="Ordering"
    partnerLinkType="tns:OrderLT"
    myRole="OrderRequester" partnerRole="OrderService" />
</partnerLinks>
```

**<sref:service-ref>**

Endpoint references associated with partnerRole and myRole of <partnerLink>s are manifested as service reference containers (<sref:service-ref>).

```
<sref:service-ref reference-scheme="URI">
  content
</sref:service-ref>
```

Default is WS-Addressing endpoint reference:

```
<sref:service-ref>
  <addr:EndpointReference>
    <addr:Address>
      http://example.com/auction/Registration/
    </addr:Address>
    <addr:ServiceName>
      as:RegistrationService
    </addr:ServiceName>
    <addr:EndpointReference>
  </sref:service-ref>
```

**VARIABLES****Variable Declaration****<variables>**

Declare variables within a process or a scope. Variables hold XML data. Variable can be one of the following types: WSDL message type, XML Schema type, or XML Schema element. Variable is visible in the scope in which it is defined and in all nested scopes.


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## Syntax:

```
<variables>
  <variable name="BPELVariableName"
    messageType="QName"?
    type="QName"?
    element="QName"?>+
    from-spec?
  </variable>
</variables>
```

## Example:

```
<variables>
  <variable name="OrderForm"
    messageType="ord:OrderFormMsg" />
</variables>
```

## Manipulating Variables

## &lt;assign&gt;

Update and copy data between variables, expressions, and partner link endpoint references.

```
<assign validate="yes|no"? standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <copy keepSrcElementName="yes|no"?
    ignoreMissingFromData="yes|no"?>
    from-spec
    to-spec
  </copy>
</assign>
```

from-spec	<pre>&lt;from variable="BPELVariableName" part="NCName"?&gt;   &lt;query queryLanguage="anyURI"?&gt;?     queryContent   &lt;/query&gt; &lt;/from&gt; &lt;from partnerLink="NCName"   endpointReference="myRole partnerRole" /&gt; &lt;from variable="BPELVariableName"   property="QName" /&gt; &lt;from expressionLanguage="anyURI"?&gt;   expression &lt;/from&gt; &lt;from&gt;   &lt;literal&gt;literal value&lt;/literal&gt; &lt;/from&gt; &lt;from/&gt;</pre>
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to-spec	<pre>&lt;to variable="BPELVariableName" part="NCName"?&gt;   &lt;query queryLanguage="anyURI"?&gt;?     queryContent   &lt;/query&gt; &lt;/to&gt; &lt;to partnerLink="NCName" /&gt; &lt;to variable="BPELVariableName"   property="QName" /&gt; &lt;to expressionLanguage="anyURI"?&gt;   expression &lt;/to&gt; &lt;to/&gt;</pre>
---------	--

messageType	\$VariableName.part/ns:node1/ns:node2/...
Type	\$VariableName/ns:node1/ns:node2/...
Element	\$VariableName/ns:node1/ns:node2/...

## Example:

```
<assign>
  <copy>
    <from>$Order/Item/Amount * $ExchangeRate</from>
    <to>$OrderFrgn/Item/Amount</to>
  </copy>
</assign>
```

## &lt;validate&gt;

Validates the values of variable against the associated XML or WSDL data definition. For invalid validation, bpel:invalidVariables fault is thrown.

```
<validate variables="BPELVariableNames" standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
</validate>
```

## Example:

```
<validate variables="Order OrderFrgn"/>
```

## PROCESS FLOW ACTIVITIES

## &lt;sequence&gt;

Defines a set of activities that will be executed in sequential order.

```
<sequence standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  activity+
</sequence>
```

## Example:

```
<sequence name="OrderProcessing">
  <receive .../>
  <assign>...</assign>
  <invoke .../>
  <reply .../>
</sequence>
```

## &lt;flow&gt;

Specifies activities that should be performed concurrently.

```
<flow standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <links?>
    <link name="NCName" />+
  </links>
  activity+
</flow>
```

## Example:

```
<flow name="CheckPrice">
  <invoke name="CheckSupl1" .../>
  <invoke name="CheckSupl2" .../>
  <invoke name="CheckSupl3" .../>
</flow>
```

To define synchronization dependencies between activities within <flow>, we use <links>. This way we define the order of execution. Links have to be declared within the <flow>.

## "STANDARD-ELEMENTS"

## Links: &lt;targets&gt; and &lt;sources&gt;

Define source and destination links for synchronization of flow activities. <source> is used to annotate an activity being a source of one or more links. <target> is used to annotate an activity being a target of one or more links. A link's target activity can be performed only after the source activity has been finished.

```
<targets?>
  <joinCondition expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>?
    bool-exp
  </joinCondition>
  <target linkName="NCName" />+
</targets>

<sources?>
  <source linkName="NCName">+
    <transitionCondition expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>?
      bool-exp
    </transitionCondition>
  </source>
</sources>
```

## Example:

```
<flow>
  <links>
    <link name="TravelStatusToTicketRequest" />
    <link name="TicketRequestToTicketConfirmation" />
  </links>
  <assign>
    <sources>
      <source linkName="TravelStatusToTicketRequest" />
    </sources>
    <copy>...</copy>
  </assign>
  <invoke portLink="TicketConf" portType="tc:TicketPT"
    operation="ConfirmTicket" inputVariable="TicketRequestVar"
    outputVariable="TicketConfVar" >
    <targets>
      <target linkName="TravelStatusToTicketRequest" />
    </targets>
    <sources>
      <source linkName="TicketRequestToTicketConfirmation" />
    </sources>
  </invoke>
  ...
</flow>
```

## &lt;joinCondition&gt;

Defines explicit join condition for incoming (<target>) links. Default is OR (at least one incoming link to be true). Positive join condition (true) is required for starting the activity. If join condition evaluates to false, bpel:joinFailure fault is thrown (except if suppressJoinFailure="yes"). Example:

```
<targets>
  <joinCondition>$TicketApproved and $DiscountGiven</joinCondition>
  <target linkName="OrderTicket" />
  <target linkName="IssuePayment" />
</targets>
```

## &lt;transitionCondition&gt;

Defines the condition for outgoing (<source>) links to have positive status. Default is that they evaluate to true. Example:

```
<sources>
  <source linkName="IssuePaymentAutomatic">
    <transitionCondition>
      $Ticket.Amount < 1000
    </transitionCondition>
  </source>
  <source linkName="IssuePaymentWithApproval">
    <transitionCondition>
```

```
$Ticket.Amount >= 1000
  </transitionCondition>
</source>
</sources>
```

## STANDARD-ATTRIBUTES

### suppressJoinFailure

Indicates whether a bpel:joinFailure fault should be suppressed or not. When not specified, it inherits its value from its closest enclosing construct.

```
suppressJoinFailure="yes|no"
```

### name

To give a name to the BPEL activity (not related with links).

```
name="NCName"
```

## BPEL ACTIVITIES

### <invoke>

Invokes an operation on a partner link web service.

```
<invoke partnerLink="NCName"
       portType="QName"?
       operation="NCName"
       inputVariable="BPELVariableName"?
       outputVariable="BPELVariableName"?
       standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <correlations?>
    <correlation set="NCName" initiate="yes|join|no"??
      pattern="request|response|request-response"? />+
  </correlations>
  <catch faultName="QName"?
        faultVariable="BPELVariableName"?
        faultMessageType="QName"?
        faultElement="QName"?*>
    activity
  </catch>
  <catchAll?>
    activity
  </catchAll>
  <compensationHandler?>
    activity
  </compensationHandler>
  <toParts?>
    <toPart part="NCName" fromVariable="BPELVariableName" />+
  </toParts>
  <fromParts?>
    <fromPart part="NCName" toVariable="BPELVariableName" />+
  </fromParts>
</invoke>
```

Example:

```
<invoke partnerLink="Ordering"
       portType="ord:OrderPT"
       operation="ConfirmOrder"
       inputVariable="Order"
       outputVariable="OrderConf" />
```

### <receive>

Waits for an incoming message (operation invocation). Typical uses: first process activity (createInstance="yes"); to wait for callbacks.

```
<receive partnerLink="NCName"
        portType="QName"?
        operation="NCName"
        variable="BPELVariableName"?
        createInstance="yes|no"??
        messageExchange="NCName"?
        standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <correlations?>
    <correlation set="NCName" initiate="yes|join|no"? />+
  </correlations>
  <fromParts?>
    <fromPart part="NCName" toVariable="BPELVariableName" />+
  </fromParts>
</receive>
```

Example:

```
<receive partnerLink="Ordering"
        portType="ord:OrderCallbackPT"
        operation="confirmOrder"
        variable="OrderConfirmation"/>
```

### <pick>

Waits for one of several possible messages (operation invocations) or for a time-out. <pick> can be the first process activity (createInstance="yes", no <onAlarm> allowed).

```
<pick createInstance="yes|no"? standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <onMessage partnerLink="NCName"
            portType="QName"?
            operation="NCName"
            variable="BPELVariableName"?
            messageExchange="NCName"?+>
    <correlations?>
      <correlation set="NCName" initiate="yes|join|no"? />+
```

```
</correlations>
<fromParts?>
  <fromPart part="NCName" toVariable="BPELVariableName" />+
</fromParts>
activity
</onMessage>
<onAlarm?*>
  (
    <for expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>duration-expr</for>
    |
    <until expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>deadline-expr</until>
  )
  activity
</onAlarm>
</pick>
```

Example:

```
<pick>
  <onMessage partnerLink="Ordering"
            portType="ord:OrderPT"
            operation="confirmOrder"
            variable="OrderConfirmation">
    ...
  </onMessage>
  <onMessage partnerLink="Ordering"
            portType="ord:OrderPT"
            operation="cancelOrder"
            variable="OrderCancelation">
    ...
  </onMessage>
  <onAlarm>
    <for>'PT12H'</for>
    <!-- Order completion timed out -->
  </onAlarm>
</pick>
```

### <reply>

Sends a response for a request-response operation (synchronous). The request is received using either <receive>, <onMessage>, or <onEvent>.

```
<reply partnerLink="NCName"
       portType="QName"?
       operation="NCName"
       variable="BPELVariableName"?
       faultName="QName"?
       messageExchange="NCName"?
       standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <correlations?>
    <correlation set="NCName" initiate="yes|join|no"? />+
  </correlations>
  <toParts?>
    <toPart part="NCName" fromVariable="BPELVariableName" />+
  </toParts>
</reply>
```

Example:

```
<reply partnerLink="Ordering"
       portType="ord:OrderPT"
       operation="placeOrder"
       variable="Order"/>
```

### <wait>

Waits for a specified time period or until a certain deadline.

```
<wait standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  (
    <for expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>duration-expr</for>
    |
    <until expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>deadline-expr</until>
  )
</wait>
```

Example:

```
<wait>
  <until>'2010-03-18T20:00+01:00'</until>
</wait>
```

### <exit>

Immediately ends the BPEL process instance.

```
<exit standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
</exit>
```

Example:

```
<exit/>
```

### <empty>

This activity does not do anything. It is useful for synchronization of concurrent activities.

```
<empty standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
</empty>
```

Example:

```
<empty/>
```

### deadline-expr

Used in until expression of <onAlarm> and <wait>. XML Schema date or dateTime types

are used to express deadlines (following ISO 8601).

```
<until>'2010-01-01'</until>
<until>'2010-03-18T21:00:00+01:00'</until>
<until>'18:05:30Z'</until>
```

#### duration-expr

Used in for expression of <onAlarm> and <wait>, and <repeatEvery> expression of <onAlarm>. XML Schema duration type is used (following ISO 8601).

```
<for>'PT4H10M'</for>
<for>'P1M3DT4H10M'</for>
<for>'P1Y11M14DT4H10M30S'</for>
```

P	Time duration designator. Duration expressions always start with P.
Y	Follows the number of years.
M	Follows the number of months or minutes.
D	Follows the number of days.
H	Follows the number of hours.
S	Follows the number of seconds.
T	Date-Time separator

## CONDITIONAL BEHAVIOR

#### <if>

To model decisions. <if> selects exactly one activity from the set of choices.

```
<if standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <condition expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>bool-expr</condition>
  activity
  <elseif*>
    <condition expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>
      bool-expr
    </condition>
    activity
  </elseif*>
  <else?>
    activity
  </else>
</if>
```

Example:

```
<if>
  <condition>
    $Order.Amount > 1000
  </condition>
  ... <!-- Make approval -->
  <elseif*>
    <condition>
      $Order.Amount >= 0
    </condition>
    ... <!-- Process automatically -->
  </elseif*>
  <else>
    ... <!-- Throw fault -->
  </else>
</if>
```

## LOOPS

#### <while>

Define a loop that repeats as long as the specified <condition> is true.

```
<while standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <condition expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>bool-expr</condition>
  activity
</while>
```

Example:

```
<while>
  <condition>$Order.Amount < 1000</condition>
  <sequence>...</sequence>
</while>
```

#### <repeatUntil>

Defines a loop that repeats until the specified <condition> becomes true. The <condition> is tested after the loop activities complete. Loop will execute at least once.

```
<repeatUntil standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  activity
  <condition expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>bool-expr</condition>
</repeatUntil>
```

Example:

```
<repeatUntil>
  <sequence>...</sequence>
  <condition>$Order.Amount >= 1000</condition>
</repeatUntil>
```

#### <forEach>

Iterates its child scope activities in parallel (parallel="yes") or sequential manner, exactly <finalCounterValue>-<startCounterValue>+1 times. An optional <completionCondition> allows the <forEach> activity to complete without executing or finishing all the branches specified.

```
<forEach counterName="BPELVariableName" parallel="yes|no"
  standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
  <startCounterValue expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>
    unsigned-integer-expression
  </startCounterValue>
  <finalCounterValue expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>
    unsigned-integer-expression
  </finalCounterValue>
  <completionCondition?>
    <branches expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>
      successfulBranchesOnly="yes|no"?>
      unsigned-integer-expression
    </branches>
  </completionCondition>
  <scope ...>...</scope>
</forEach>
```

Example:

```
<forEach counterName="NoOfSuppliers" parallel="yes">
  <startCounterValue>1</startCounterValue>
  <finalCounterValue>3</finalCounterValue>
  <scope>
    <invoke name="CheckPrice" .../>
  </scope>
</forEach>
```

## SCOPES

#### <scope>

Defines a nested process scope with its own associated <partnerLinks>, <messageExchanges>, <variables>, <correlationSets>, <faultHandlers>, <compensationHandler>, <terminationHandler>, and <eventHandlers>.

```
<scope isolated="yes|no"? exitOnStandardFault="yes|no"?>
  standard-attributes
  standard-elements
  <partnerLinks/>?
  <messageExchanges/>?
  <variables/>?
  <correlationSets/>?
  <faultHandlers/>?
  <compensationHandler/>?
  <terminationHandler/>?
  <eventHandlers/>?
  activity
</scope>
```

Example:

```
<scope name="CheckSupplier">
  <partnerLinks>...</partnerLinks>
  <variables>...</variables>
  <faultHandlers>...</faultHandlers>
  <sequence>
    ...
  </sequence>
</scope>
```

## FAULT HANDLING

#### <throw>

Generates a fault from inside the business process. Fault is identified by a qualified name.

```
<throw faultName="QName"
  faultVariable="BPELVariableName"?>
  standard-attributes
  standard-elements
</throw>
```

Example:

```
<throw faultName="tns:InvalidOrder" />
```

#### <rethrow>

Rethrows the fault that was originally caught by the enclosing fault handler. <rethrow> can only be used within a fault handler (<catch> or <catchAll>).

```
<rethrow standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
</rethrow>
```

Example:

```
<rethrow />
```

#### <faultHandlers>

Define the activities that are performed in response to faults. Fault handler can be <catch> or <catchAll>. They can be defined at the <process> level, within <scope>s, or inline for <invoke>.

```
<faultHandlers>?
  <!-- There must be at least one faultHandler -->
  <catch faultName="QName"??
    faultVariable="BPELVariableName"?
      ( faultMessageType="QName" | faultElement="QName" ) ? >*
        activity
    </catch>
  <catchAll??
    activity
  </catchAll>
</faultHandlers>
```

Default fault handler:

```
<faultHandlers>
  <catchAll>
    <sequence>
      <compensate />
      <rethrow />
    </sequence>
  </catchAll>
</faultHandlers>
```

## EVENT HANDLERS

### <eventHandlers>

Allow a process or scope to react on inbound messages (operation invocations) or on alarms. Event handler must contain at least one <onEvent> or <onAlarm> element. It can be defined at the <process> level or within <scope>s.

```
<eventHandlers>?
  <!-- There must be at least one onEvent or onAlarm. -->
  <onEvent partnerLink="NCName"
    portType="QName"
    operation="NCName"
    ( messageType="QName" | element="QName" )?
    variable="BPELVariableName"?
    messageExchange="NCName"?*>
    <correlations??
      <correlation set="NCName" initiate="yes|join|no"? />+
    </correlations>
    <fromParts??
      <fromPart part="NCName" toVariable="BPELVariableName" />+
    </fromParts>
    <scope ...>...</scope>
  </onEvent>
  <onAlarm??
    <!-- There must be at least one expression. -->
    (
    <for expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>duration-expr</for>
    |
    <until expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>deadline-expr</until>?
    <repeatEvery expressionLanguage="anyURI"?>
      duration-expr
    </repeatEvery??
      <scope ...>...</scope>
    </onAlarm>
</eventHandlers>
```

Example:

```
<eventHandlers>
  <onEvent partnerLink="Ordering"
    portType="ord:OrderPT"
    operation="CancelOrder"
    messageType="ord:CancelOrderMsg"
    variable="CancellationDetails">
    <scope>
      ...
    </scope>
  </onEvent>
  <onAlarm>
    <for>'PT12H'</for>
    <scope>
      ...
    </scope>
  </onAlarm>
</eventHandlers>
```

## COMPENSATION

### <compensationHandler>

Defines activities that are processed for compensation. Can be defined within <scope> or inline for <invoke>.

```
<compensationHandler>
  activity
</compensationHandler>
```

Default compensation handler:

```
<compensationHandler>
  <compensate />
</compensationHandler>
```

### <compensateScope>

Starts compensation on a specified inner scope that has already completed successfully. <compensateScope> can only be used within a fault handler, another compensation handler, or a termination handler.

```
<compensateScope target="NCName" standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
</compensateScope>
```

Example:

```
<compensateScope target="PlaceOrder" />
```

### <compensate>

Starts compensation on all inner scopes that have already completed successfully, in default order. <compensate> can only be used within a fault handler, another compensation handler, or a termination handler.

```
<compensate standard-attributes>
  standard-elements
</compensate>
```

Example:

```
<compensate />
```

## TERMINATION HANDLER

### <terminationHandler>

Defines the activities that are performed when a BPEL process is force terminated. Can be defined within <scope>.

```
<terminationHandler>
  activity
</terminationHandler>
```

Default compensation handler:

```
<terminationHandler>
  <compensate />
</terminationHandler>
```

## MESSAGE EXCHANGES

### <messageExchanges>

Used to name message exchanges.

```
<messageExchanges>?
  <messageExchange name="NCName" />+
</messageExchanges>
```

Default compensation handler:

```
<messageExchanges>
  <messageExchange name="OrderME" />
</messageExchanges>
```

### messageExchange attribute

Used to associate inbound message activities with <reply> activities (for example <receive> with <reply>). Use only if the execution can result in multiple pairs of inbound message activities and <reply>s.

## XSLT TRANSFORMATION

```
object bpel:doXslTransform(string1, node-set, (string2, object)*)
  string1 = style sheet name
  node-set = source document for the transformation
  string2 = XSLT parameter name
  object = XSLT parameter value-can be XPath expression
```

Function returns the result of transformation. Example:

```
<assign>
  <copy>
    <from>bpel:doXslTransform("OrderXSLT.xsl", $order)</from>
    <to variable="OrderTransformed" />
  </copy>
</assign>
```

## PROPERTIES

### <vprop:property>

Creates a unique name definition and associates it with an XML Schema type. <vprop:property> is defined in the service WSDL document, not in the BPEL.

```
<vprop:property name="NCName" type="QName"? element="QName"? />
```

Example:

```
<vprop:property name="OrderIDNumber" type="ord:OrdIDType" />
```

**<vprop:propertyAlias>**

Maps a property to a field in a specific message part or variable value. <vprop:property> is defined in the service WSDL document, not in the BPEL.

```
<vprop:propertyAlias propertyName="QName"
  messageType="QName"? part="NCName"?
  type="QName"?
  element="QName"?>
  <vprop:query queryLanguage="anyURI"?>?
    queryContent
  </vprop:query>
</vprop:propertyAlias>
```

Example:

```
<vprop:propertyAlias propertyName="tns:OrderIDNumber"
  messageType="ord:OrderMsg" part="data">
  <vprop:query>ord:OrderID</vprop:query>
</vprop:propertyAlias>
```

**bpel:getVariableProperty()**

Extracts property values from variables.

```
object bpel:getVariableProperty(string1, string2)
string1 - source variable name.
string2 - property to select from variable
```

Example:

```
bpel:getVariableProperty('Order', 'ord:OrderIDNumber')
```

**CORRELATION****<correlationSets>**

Correlation set is a set of properties shared by all messages in the correlated group of operations within a process instance. Can be declared within a process or scope, or inline for <invoke>, <receive>, <reply>, <onMessage>, and <onEvent>.

```
<correlationSets>
  <correlationSet name="NCName" properties="QName-list" />
</correlationSets>
```

Example:

```
<correlationSets>
  <correlationSet name="Order"
    properties="ord:OrderIDNumber ord:CustomerID" />
  <correlationSet name="Invoice"
    properties="ord:InvoiceNumber" />
</correlationSets>
```

**<correlation>**

Correlation can be used on <invoke>, <receive>, <reply>, <onMessage>, and <onEvent>. <correlation> indicates which correlation sets occur in the messages being sent and received. The initiate attribute is used to indicate whether the correlation set is being initiated (yes-initiated, join-initiated if not yet initiated, no-not initiated).

```
<correlations>
  <correlation set="NCName"
    initiate="yes|join|no"?
    pattern="request|response|request-response"? />
</correlations>
```

Example:

```
<receive partnerLink="Ordering" portType="ord:OrderPT"
  operation="PurchaseRequest" variable="Order">
  <correlations>
    <correlation set="Order" initiate="yes" />
  </correlations>
</receive>
...
<invoke partnerLink="Ordering" portType="ord:OrderPT"
  operation="PurchaseResponse" inputVariable="OrderResponse">
  <correlations>
    <correlation set="Order" initiate="no" />
    <correlation set="Invoice" initiate="yes" />
  </correlations>
</invoke>
```

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