

Shan-liang et al (2011) designed and proposed a transaction coordination model based on extending WS-BPEL. The model is only a preliminary model and to make the success rate of execution of WSC higher, the introduction of THP protocol into the model was proposed to make it more robust. The model is not validated in mathematics. A high-level model of the simulated system is captured in Figure 1. In our simulation, the workload is specified by the number of concurrent requests in execution and not by an arrival rate. In this situation, a Closed Multiclass Queuing Network model is used.

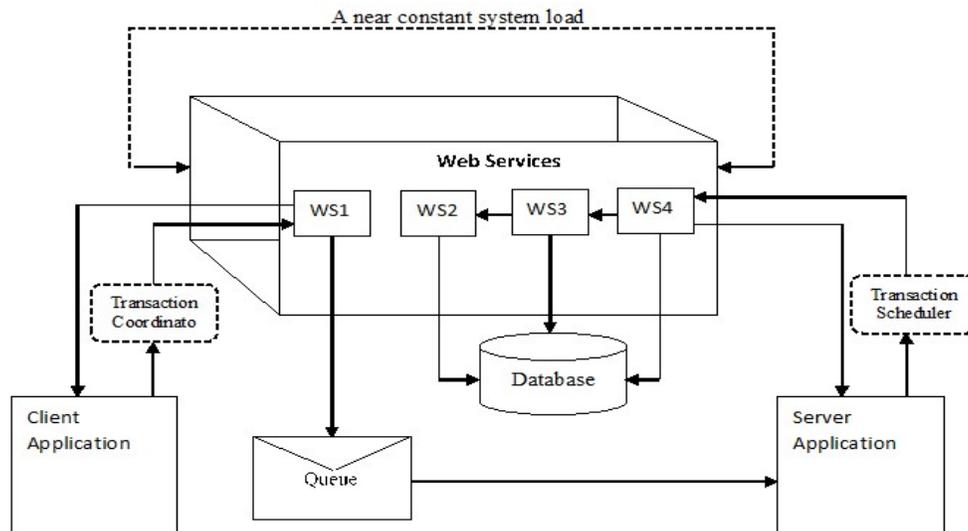


Figure 1: Architecture of the System used for measurement

3. MODELING INTEROPERABLE SERVICE-ORIENTED SYSTEMS

In this section, look at how to construct a model for the proposed system so that it will improve transactional and security support for an interoperable SOA-based system. Modelling an interoperable service-oriented system involves two phases:

- i. Phase One - developing a sample system to be modeled: this phase, it is assumed that the system is abstract. This simply entails writing a simple computer program that mimics the behaviour of the procurement system that we are considering.
- ii. Phase Two - deriving information about the system: this phase uses operational analysis and bounding analysis to derive more information about the system.

This paper assumes that an interoperable SOA-based system has been developed before the measurement of the performance can be done. In our previous work (Ochei et al, 2021), we presented an architecture of an interoperable SOA-based system and a framework for design and implementation of an interoperable SOA-based based on the framework. In the paper, we focus on the process of observing the system, measuring the selected variables and how to obtain input parameters that will be used to model the system to improve transactional support.

3.1 Operational Analysis

At this stage, we have measured data from the simulation runs and transformed them into input parameters, called operational variables. We will now use an approach called operational analysis to establish important relationships between these operational variables. These relationships, called operational laws, are quite general, simple and are based on readily available measurement data. In addition, we will also study the bounding behavior of the simulation model.

Based on a few simple observations of the system, we will derive more information from the system by applying these simple laws. Using this information as input to further laws and equations (such as queuing model, regression analysis, Markov models), we will gradually build up a model that represents a more complete picture of the behavior of the system. Thereafter, we will either translate the models/equations directly into algorithms (protocol) or introduce the models into certain sections of the algorithm. This algorithms and protocols when implemented will improve transactional and security support for interoperable SOA-Based systems.

Operational Laws

Operational laws are simple equations which may be used as an abstract representation or model of the average behaviour of almost any system (Hillston, 2009). The foundations of the operational laws are observable variables. These are values which we could derive from watching a system over a finite period.

Figure 2 represents a high-level model of an abstract system. We assume that the system receives requests from its environment. Each request generates a job or customer within the system. When the job has been processed the system responds to the environment with the completion of the corresponding request.



Figure 2. High level model of an abstract System.

The following is a presentation of the five operable laws that we will use in our study. The definition of the variables and notations used can be seen in section 4.10.1 and will therefore not be repeated here.

(i) Utilization Law:

Utilization law states that the utilization of a resource is equal to the product of the throughput of that resource and the average service requirement at that resource.

$$U_i = X_i \times S_i \tag{1}$$

If the number of completions from the resource i during the observation period is equal to the number of arrivals in that interval, then $U_i = \lambda_i \times S_i$.

(ii) Forced Law:

The throughput of a resource (X_i) is equal to the average number of visits (V) made by a request to that resource multiplied by the system throughput(X_0).

$$X_i = V \times X_0 \tag{2}$$



4.2.1 Client Application- ClientApplication

A client application is used to simulate a population of clients placing orders submitting transactions of varying complexity at fixed intervals. The client application uses a number of parameters. They are given below (see Table 1):

Table 1: ClientApplication Simulation Parameters

SN	Parameters	Description
1	Scale	Size of the maximum OrderNo to use for place an order
2	Count	Number of order that each customer(client) can place
3	Gdelay	Milliseconds between problem submissions
4	Threads	Number of clients to start
5	Tdelay	Seconds between client starts

The Tdelay parameter allows a client population to be introduced slowly to the system so that the rate at which server capacity is exceeded can be determined. Each client thread creates its own instances of convert (he class that contains the web services that are invoked) and MyOrders(client recording component). Each thread submits count number of factoring problems between 0 and scale. It uses Thread.Sleep to wait for gdelay milliseconds after order processing is completed before placing another order.

The clientApplication invokes and passes ClientID to MyOrder web service method to generate and place order details on the placeorderdetails queue. The Myorders WebMethod returns the ClientID back to the client. The difference between the time the client sent the request and the time that client respond was received and measured as the Client Response Time.

4.2.2 Application Server – ProcessOrder

In this research, the application server is implemented as ASP.NET application. An application server could also be implemented as a windows service or a console application, and in the case of having a large transaction-based system there could be a collection application server. We can actually run any number of applications servers easily, together with multiple clients and Web services, on a single machine. This type of application use implement the client application may not matter as much, provided it performs the same basic operations. In our case, each ProcessOrder application reads order details from a queue, process the orders and saves the generated purchase order (PO) numbers into the procurement database. It is also possible to simulate multiple application servers by creating multiple instances of ProcessOrder application.

4.2.3 Metrics Application- The Metrics Recorder

MetricsReport is developed as an ASP.NET application. It reads mericdetails from the metricdetails queue and saves it to the Metrics database. Multiple MetricsReport can also be started. The application design is simple and the performance of the metrics infrastructure is relatively unimportant and will not degrade the system. The collection of metrics details may even be performed on distinct servers to reserve other resources for application servers.

4.3 Performing the Test

The procedure for performing the test is summarized below:



- iv. We assume that each request/transaction is executed asynchronously.
- v. (V) The tests described in this research were conducted in a controlled environment; so the numbers presented here may not match the results that you get when you run the tests in your environment.
- vi. The system simulated is a multi-tier application, closed model, used to model QoS. The different web services are also modeled as resources (or service centers) in the system. Multiple resources are present in the system.
- vii. Since the simulation period is fixed (30 minutes) and so arrivals and completions may be lost before receiving server and after receiving service.
- viii. The total number of service completions from the resource is equal to requests completed by the system. That is, $C_i = C_i$
- ix. The simulation takes place in three phases as follows:

Phase 1 – client application calls a web service to place orders in a queue.

Phase 2 – server application retrieves orders from the queue and calls web services to processes it. the result is stored in queues and/or databases.

Phase 3 – metric application retrieves the results and analyses it.

5.1 Analyzing Experimental Results: Multiple Clients with Low Input Rate

The experimental result presented in this section conform to the scenario where there is multiple clients threads with a high input rate. Apart from this, this experimental result also conforms to the first phase of the simulation process where the client application invokes a web service.

This web service invocation is simply a request to place orders for a product. These requests might be successful or not successful depending on the multiprogramming level (concurrency) and on the service demand of the resource (in this case, the web service places the order). Successful request is kept in the queue for server application to process later. In this section we are going to present the measured quantities and derived quantities.

Table 6. Measured quantities and derived quantities.

Exp	Input Parameters				Measured Quantity					
	C_l	R_q	D_{cln}	D_{req}	A_0	A_i	C_0	E_{time}	N_{ord}	T_{sev}
1	1	50	5	50	50	50	21	5826	156	571
2	2	100	10	100	200	77	30	8632	251	969
3	3	150	15	150	450	79	32	15157	254	994
4	4	200	20	200	800	78	31	11960	251	1301
5	5	250	25	250	1250	85	38	26289	274	1421
6	6	300	30	300	1800	73	26	10663	230	1151
7	7	350	35	350	2450	98	51	23949	304	1109
8	8	400	40	400	3200	76	29	8846	246	1111
9	9	450	45	450	4050	79	32	18223	241	1286
10	10	500	50	500	5000	76	29	13712	239	1336

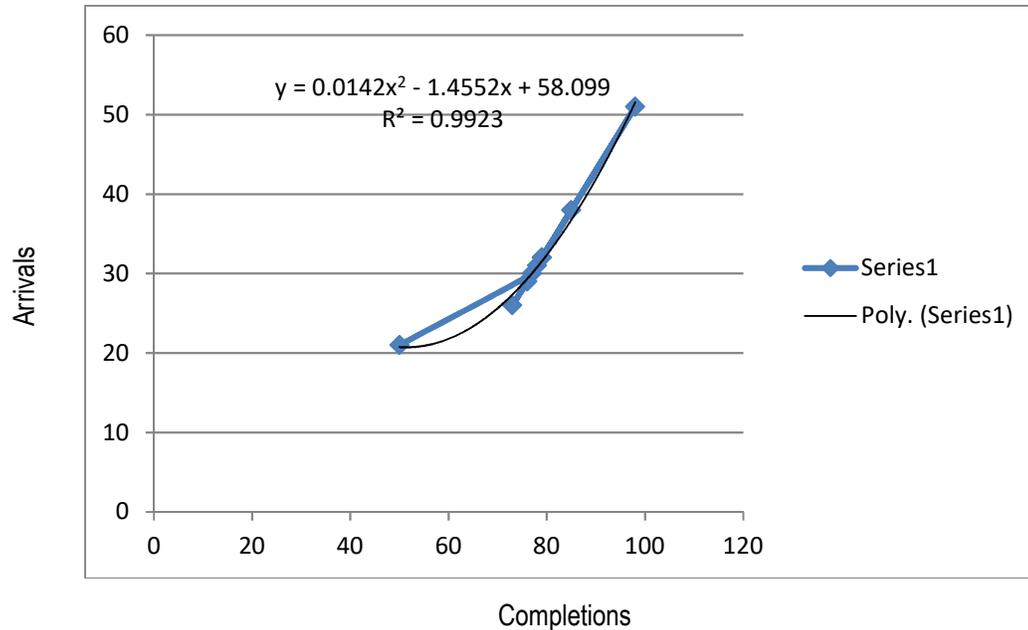


Figure 3: Regression line for predicting the number of requests completed by the system

5.4 Applying the Model to Predict the number of responses sent to the client

Now that we have a model, we can use it to predict the number of responses that are sent to the client based on the number of requests that the server (i.e., resource) receives. Assuming that the server receives 40 requests (that web services), then we can predict the number of responses that are sent to the client as follows:

That is if, $X = 40$ requests, then $Y = 1600 (0.014) - 1.455 (40) + 58.09$

$Y = 22.4 - 58.2 + 58.09 = 22.29$ responses (sent to the client).

Again, if $X = 67$ requests, then $Y = 4489 (0.014) - 1.455(67) + 58.09$

$Y = 62.846 - 97.485 + 58.09 = 23.451$ responses (sent to the client).



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