DynamoAOP - User Manual

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1 DynamoAOP overview

Dynamo-AOP¹ is a framework for monitoring functional properties of external services which a BPEL [2] process interacts with, to realize a composite service. It is based on the conceptual model proposed in [3], but, with respect to the original design, its architecture is based on the dynamic aspectization of the BPEL engine executing the monitored service compositions, achieved by using AspectJ [5] as an AOP [6] language.

2 Technical info

Provider USI

Introduction Framework for monitoring functional properties of external services with which a BPEL process interacts

Development status Prototype completed

Intended audience Service aggregators/providers that describe service compositions in BPEL

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Language Java, AspectJ

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Environment (set-up) The following components need to be installed in order to run Dynamo-AOP:

- the Apache Tomcat servlet container (assumed to be installed in the directory \$TOMCAT-DIR and running on port 7080), available at http://tomcat.apache.org/
- the JBoss application server (assumed to be installed in the directory \$JBOSS-DIR and running on port 8080), available at http://www.jboss.org/
- the ActiveBPEL BPEL engine, available at http://www.active-endpoints.com
- (optional) a mail server, to support the notify recovery strategy.

The current version of Dynamo-AOP has been tested using Apache Tomcat ver. 5.5.23, JBoss Application Server ver 4.2, ActiveBPEL ver 2.1.

The following libraries are also required:

- ANTLRv2, available at http://www.antlr2.org/
- Apache Axis, available at http://ws.apache.org/axis/
- Apache XMLBeans, available at http://xmlbeans.apache.org/
- Apache Xerces 2, available at http://xerces.apache.org/xerces2-j/index.html
- Castor, available at http://www.castor.org
- Jakarta Commons Discovery, available at http://commons.apache.org/discovery/
- Jakarta Commons Logging, available at http://commons.apache.org/logging/
- CommonJ Timer and Work Manager for Application Servers, available at http://dev2dev.bea.com/wlplatform/commonj/twm.html
- Javamail, available at http://java.sun.com/products/javamail/
- JAXP, available at https://jaxb.dev.java.net/
- Jaxen, available at http://jaxen.org/
- JAX-RPC, available at https://jax-rpc.dev.java.net/
- JBoss EJB3, available at http://labs.jboss.com/jbossejb3/
- JBoss Web Services, available at http://labs.jboss.com/jbossws/
- Saxon XSLT processor, available at http://saxon.sourceforge.net/
- StAX, available at http://stax.codehaus.org/
- Sun Java Streaming XML Parser (JSR 173), available at http://java.sun.com/webservices/ docs/1.5/sjsxp/ReleaseNotes.html
- WSDL for Java API, available at http://sourceforge.net/projects/wsdl4j
- XML Pull Parser (XPP), available at http://www.extreme.indiana.edu/xgws/xsoap/ xpp/
- XSUL, available at http://www.extreme.indiana.edu/xgws/xsul/

Platform Java 5

Download both sources and binaries are available at http://plastic.isti.cnr.it/download/ tools

Documents see WP4 tools repository web site and deliverables D4.1 and D4.2

Tasks N/A

Bugs N/A

Patches N/A

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3 Deployment

3.1 Install

To actually install the Dynamo-AOP monitoring framework you have to:

- copy from the Dynamo-AOP distribution ConfigurationManager.jar, HistoricalVariable.jar, MonitorLogger.jar in the directory \$JBOSS-DIR/server/default/deploy.
- copy from the Dynamo-AOP distribution ae_rtbpel.jar, in the directory \$TOMCAT-DIR/shared/libs, overwriting the original ActiveBPEL file.
- copy from the Dynamo-AOP distribution invoker.jar in the directory \$TOMCAT-DIR/common/libs.
- install a copy of antlr-2.7.6. jar, antlrdebug_1.0.0. jar, jaxb-api.jar, jaxb-impl.jar, jaxb-xjc.jar, jaxb1-impl.jar, mail.jar, jsr173_api.jar, saxon8-dom.jar, saxon8-jdom.jar, saxon8-sql.jar, saxon8-xom.jar, saxon8-xpath.jar, saxon8.jar, xbean_path.jar, xbean.jar, xmlpublic.jar, aspectjrt.jar, xpp3-1.1.3.4.M.jar, xsul-2.0.9_2.jar, stax-1.1.1.jar in the directory \$TOMCAT-DIR/common/libs
- install a copy of axis.jar, commons-logging.jar, commons-discovery-0.2.jar, jaxrpc.jar, saaj.jar, wsdl4j-1.5.1.jar, castor-0.9.6-xml.jar, commonj-twm.jar, jaxen-1.1-beta-8.jar, ssaj-api.jar, xercesImpl.jar, saxon8-dom.jar in the directory \$TOMCAT-DIR/shared/libs.

3.2 Configure/Usage

- launch the JBoss application server using the command \$JBOSS-DIR/bin/run.sh and wait for the completion of the starting phase; check that JBoss is running by typing in your browser http: //localhost:8080: you should see the start page of the application server.
- 2. launch the Apache Tomcat servlet container using the command *STOMCAT-DIR/bin/catalina.sh* run and wait until the message "ActiveBPEL In-Memory Configuration Started" is displayed on the console. Check that Tomcat is running by typing in your browser http://localhost:7080. To check that ActiveBPEL is running, visit http://localhost:7080/BpelAdmin: you should see the ActiveBPEL administration tool. On it, click on Configuration and uncheck the box labelled "Validate Input/Output messages against schema".
- 3. deploy your BPEL process, as illustrated in ActiveBPEL user guide.
- 4. configure monitoring for the deployed process. This step assumes an interaction with the ConfigurationManager, which — in the first prototype of Dynamo-AOP — is done by directly accessing the API of the component, as shown in the "Dynamo Supervision Manager" application, also distributed within the framework (see next section).

4 **Tutorial**

In this section we will first review WSCoL, the language used to specify monitoring properties; then, we will describe the demo application bundled with Dynamo-AOP.

4.1 WS-CoL

WSCoL (Web Service Constraint Language) is the language used inside Dynamo-AOP to define monitoring properties; it is based on JML [7], with some conceptual and syntactical differences due to the adaption to the world of web services. Its main features are:

- Allowing to define and predicate on variables containing the data originating both within and outside the monitored BPEL process, and to retrieve data previously stored in a storage component.
- Using predefined variable functions for data manipulation.
- Using typical boolean, relational and arithmetic operators.
- Predicating on sets of variables through the use of the universal and existential quantifiers, and aggregate operators.

WSCoL allows to attach monitoring properties to the activities of a BPEL process that interact with external services. Properties can be pre- and post-conditions. Indeed, one can attach a pre-condition to an *invoke* activity, and a post-condition to an *invoke*, a *receive* and a *pick* activity. All monitoring properties have three parameters:

- *priority*: it represents the "importance" of the rule and can be an integer ranging from 1 to 5. Each process can then define a threshold value that makes monitoring properties active or not, allowing for dynamically changing the amount of activities performed for monitoring the process.
- validity: it defines time constraints on when a monitoring properties should be considered.
- trusted providers: it's a list of service providers for which monitoring is not necessary.

In its simplest definition, a monitoring property states relationships that must hold between variables. WSCoL supports three kinds of variables:

• *internal*: an internal variable corresponds to a datum that originates within the process being monitored. Usually, WSCoL internal variables define a form of *data extraction* from complex BPEL variables, by using XPATH [8] expressions. For example, to extract the value of a sub-element <code>easting</code> from the sub-element <code>start</code> of the element <code>parameters</code> of a complex BPEL variable named <code>getRouteIn</code>, one can use the notation

\$ (getRouteIn/parameters/start/easting), i.e. by concatenating the variable name prefixed by a dollar sign, with the XPATH expression matching the value of interest.

- external: An external variable indicates a monitoring datum that originates outside of the process in
 execution, such as a contextual datum. WSCoL assumes that the data source of an external variable
 can be queried through a web service interface and provides a function to invoke it: (return<X> (W, O, Ins, O
 where
 - X indicates the XSD type returned by the data source web service; it can be Int, String, Bool.
 - w represents the location of the WSDL of the data source web service.
 - O represents the name of the web method of the data source web service.
 - Ins represents the input message that one has to send when calling the data source web service.
 - Out represents an XPATH expression indicating the data extraction to apply to the output message returned from the data source web method, to get the desired value.
- *historical*: Historical variables consist of monitoring data that are related to previous activations of the Dynamo-AOP framework, related either to other processes or previous steps in the same process. Historical variables are defining using the store construct, as follows: store \$east_historical=(\$getRoute
 Previously stored historical variables can be retrieved using the retrieve function
 (retrieve(pID, uID, kID, type, alias, n))

where pID identifies the process family, uID is the user-id of the user who run the processes, iID identifies the instance within the process family, kID identifies an *invoke* activity in the process, type specifies if the historical variables was stored in a pre- or post-condition; alias is the name of the variable used in the store operation, n is the maximum number of results that should be returned by the query.

Moreover, variables may be aliased. This feature is provided both for allowing for less verbose expressions and for referring multiple times to a variable, whose value has been collected only once. Aliases are defined using the let keyword as shown below:

let \$east=(\$getRouteIn/parameters/start/easting);.

Variables can be manipulated using data-type specific functions, invoked on the variable using the dot notation. Numeric functions include <code>abs()</code>, <code>ceiling()</code>, <code>floor()</code> and <code>round()</code>. The available string functions are: <code>compare(string)</code>, <code>replace(pattern, replace)</code>,

substring(start, len), length(), contains(string), startsWith(string),

endsWith(string). For example, to get the length of the string value referred by the alias east, one can write \$east.length().

WSCoL allows to use universal and existential quantifiers to express constraints over sets of value. The syntax is: (quantifier \$alias_name in range_def; constraint_def)

where quantifier can be forall or exists. A universal quantifier indicates a parametric constraint that must be true for each and every value (at least one, in the case of the existential quantifier) the parameter can assume in a given range. alias_name and range_def defines respectively a variable alias and a finite range for the values it can assume; constraint_def defines the parametric constraint that must hold.

Aggregate operators allows to define assertions on set of values. The syntax is

(operator \$alias_name in range_def; assertion_def)

where operator is one among max, min, avg, sum, product; range_def is a variable that returns a set of values, and alias_name is an alias that can be used as a parameter in assertion_def.

When a violation of a property is detected, some sort of recovery action should be performed. In our framework we have not investigated any specific recovery strategy but, by simplifying the work presented in [4], we just provides three simple primitives: ignore, which ignores the violation and allows the process to continue, halt, which stops the execution of the process, and notify(msg, addr), which sends an email with the text msg to the recipient addr. These strategies can be structured using an if-elseif-else statement and/or boolean operators. For example, if a value is found to have a value below a certain threshold, we might want to differentiate the recovery strategy on the basis of the difference with respect to the threshold, as shown below:

```
if ($hRes < 80;)
    { halt() and notify("Low resolution, dba@localhost)}
elseif ($hres > 80; && $hRes < 120;)
    {ignore () and notify("Medium resolution, dba@localhost)}
else {ignore()}</pre>
```

The complete grammar of WSCoL is listed in the apppendix of this section. Let's now see some examples of WSCoL properties.

```
Location: /process/sequence/invoke[@name='InvokeMap']
Supervision priority: 2
Monitoring rule:
    let $hRes=returnInt(
        'http://127.0.0.1:8080/ImageVerifierServiceBean?wsdl',
        'getHRes',
        $MapResponse/result,
        /Response/result);
        $hRes<= 150;
Recovering rule: {ignore()}</pre>
```

In this example, a property is associated to the *invoke* activity named *InvokeMap*. The getHRes web method of an external data collector service ImageVerifierServiceBean is called by passing it — as a parameter — the result element of the internal variable MapResponse. Once the service sends back its return message, the desired value is obtain through data extraction (/Response/result). This value is assigned to the hRes variable (actually, an alias), by means of the let statement. The actual property then checks if this variable is less than or equal to 150.

The recovery rule of this property is to ignore the fault and continue with the execution of the process. Moreover, a priority of 2 is associated with this property. The meaning is that every time the process is executed with a global priority of 2 or less the property is verified. On the other hand, if the global process priority is higher than or equal to 3 then the property is ignored. Another sample property is

```
Location: /process/sequence/invoke[@name='InvokeGPS']
Supervision priority: 4
Monitoring rule:
   ($CoordResponse/result/easting).length==7) &&
   ($CoordResponse/result/easting).endsWith('E');
Recovering rule: {halt()}
```

The above property states that the easting element (supposed to be of type string) of the result element of the CoordResponse internal variable, must be seven characters long and that it must end with the character 'E'. The recovery rule just makes the process execution terminate. Moreover, a priority of 4 is associated to this property.

4.2 Demo

In the software distribution, you will find a complete web application that can be used to see how the monitoring framework works.

The application contains a BPEL process, PizzaDeliveryCompany, which you should deploy in the BPEL engine; at the end of the deployment you should see the process listed in the Deployed Processes section of the ActiveBPEL control panel, as shown in Figure 1. Before using the demo application,



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Figure 1: Process PizzaDeliveryCompany deployed successfully.

you should deploy some web services in the application server, by copying all the *.jar file from the demo directory to \$JBOSS-DIR/server/default/deploy. In the same directory, you should also copy dynamo.war, which contains the "Dynamo Supervision Manager", a web application developed to to control the behavior of the monitoring framework; it can be reached at http://localhost:8080/dynamo.

The main page of this application contains two links: one to set the properties of the monitored processes and the other to access the Dynamo-AOP demo, also available directly at http://localhost: 8080/dynamo/DemoManager.jsp. This page contains the various steps through which you can interact with the BPEL process. The execution of step #1 will attach some monitoring rules to the process, as shown in Figure 2. The execution of the monitor process can then be monitored on the output console of Tomcat, as shown in Figure 3. The structure and the priority of the rules attached to a monitored process can be modified using the "Dynamo Supervision Manager", as shown in Figure 4.

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The following rule Rule number 1: Location Supervision priority Monitoring rule	s have been inserted correctly! //process/sequence/invoke[@name='InvokeMap'] 4 let ShRes = returnInt('http://127.0.0.1:8080/ImageVerifierServiceBeanService/ImageVerifierServiceBean?ew "/Response/result);ShRes <= 150;	dl',getHRes'," + \$MapService_getMapResponse/result +					

	Location	/process/sequence/invoke[@name='InvokeGPS']
	Supervision priority	2
	Monitoring rule	(\$GPSService_getCoordResponse/result/easting).length()==7 && (\$GPSService_getCoordResponse/result/easting).endsWith('E')
	Recovery rule	if(\$hRes < 180;){ignore()}else{notify('Could not load a map with a suitable size', 'mac@localhost') and halt()}

Figure 2: The result of inserting two monitoring rules.



Figure 3: Output console of the monitored process

5 Appendix

5.1 WS-CoL grammar

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 \begin{array}{l} \langle \text{analyzer} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \langle \text{rules} \rangle \mid \langle \text{recovery} \rangle \\ \langle \text{recovery} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \langle \text{complete-strategy} \rangle \mid \text{strategy} \\ \langle \text{complete-strategy} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \langle \text{ifStrategy} \rangle \langle \text{elselfStrategy} \rangle^* \langle \text{elseStrategy} \rangle^? \\ \langle \text{ifStrategy} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \text{if} \langle \text{condition} \rangle \langle \text{strategy} \rangle \\ \langle \text{elselfStrategy} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \text{elseif} \langle \text{condition} \rangle \langle \text{strategy} \rangle \\ \langle \text{elseStrategy} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \text{else} \langle \text{condition} \rangle \langle \text{strategy} \rangle \\ \langle \text{condition} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \langle \text{else} \rangle \text{strategy} \rangle \\ \langle \text{condition} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \langle \text{condition} \rangle \rangle \\ \langle \text{strategy} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \langle \text{crc-step} \rangle \text{or} \langle \text{rec-step} \rangle)^* \\ \langle \text{steps} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{actions} \rangle \\ \langle \text{actions} \rangle ::: \Rightarrow \langle \text{actions} \rangle \\ \langle \text{actions} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{sub-rule} \rangle \text{(} \langle \text{list} \rangle^? \text{)} \\ \langle \text{rules} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{and-expression} \rangle (|| \langle \text{and-expression} \rangle)^* \end{array}
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🖸 JBOSS JMX Management 🖗 ActiveBPEL [™] Administra 🖗 Dynamo Manager 🖉 Demo Manager 🔕 Supervision rules							
Dynamo Supervision Manager Rules for process PizzaDeliveryCompany and user luciano							
Rule numer 1							
Location	/process/sequence/invoke[@name='InvokeGPS']						
Туре	post-condition						
Priority	2						
Providers	null						
Timeframe	always						
Monitoring Ex	pression (\$GPSService_getCoordResponse/result/easting).length()==7 && (\$GPSService_getCoordResponse/result/easting).ends	With('E');					
Recovery Strat	egy {halt()}						
Modify Rule View Log							
Rule numer 2							
Location	/process/sequence/invoke[@name='InvokeMap']						
Туре	post-condition						
Priority	4						
Providers	Jers MagicMap						
Timeframe	imeframe every 1 hour						
Monitoring	Monitoring let Shires = netumIn(http://127.0.0.1.soB00/ImageVerifierServiceBeanService/ImageVerifierServiceBean?vsdl';getHess', <invokeserviceparameters><imageurl>'+</imageurl></invokeserviceparameters>						
Recovery Strategy	sxpression SMapService_getWapkesponsezesuit + import						
Modify Rule View Log							

Figure 4: Monitoring rules modified with the "Dynamo Supervision Manager"

 $\langle \text{and-expression} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{equals-expression} \rangle (\&\& \langle \text{equals-expression} \rangle)^*$ $\langle equals-expression \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle relational-expression \rangle ((== | !=) \langle relational-expression \rangle)^?$ $(relational-expression) :: \Rightarrow (operator-expression) ((> | >= | < | <=) (operator-expression))^?$ $\langle \text{operator-expression} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{basic-expression} \rangle ((+ |-|*|/|\%) \langle \text{basic-expression} \rangle)$ $\langle basic-expression \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle dot-expression \rangle | \langle variable \rangle | \langle exists \rangle | \langle forall \rangle | \langle let \rangle | \langle store \rangle | \langle avg \rangle | \langle min \rangle | \langle max \rangle | \langle ma$ | (sum) | (product) | **true** | **false** | (NUMBER) | (string-value) $\langle \text{forall} \rangle ::\Rightarrow \text{(forall $ (identifier) in (variable); (sub-rule))}$ $\langle exists \rangle ::\Rightarrow$ (exists \$ $\langle identifier \rangle$ in $\langle variable \rangle$; $\langle sub-rule \rangle$) $\langle \text{dot-expression} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{variable} \rangle \cdot \langle \text{identifier} \rangle (\langle \text{list} \rangle^?)$ $\langle \text{let} \rangle ::\Rightarrow \text{let } \langle \text{identifier} \rangle = \langle \text{sub-rule} \rangle$ $\langle \text{store} \rangle ::\Rightarrow \text{store } \langle \text{identifier} \rangle = \langle \text{sub-rule} \rangle$ $\langle avg \rangle ::\Rightarrow$ (avg \$ $\langle identifier \rangle$ in $\langle variable \rangle$; $\langle sub-rule \rangle$) $(sum) ::\Rightarrow (sum $ (identifier) in (variable); (sub-rule))$ $\langle \min \rangle ::\Rightarrow$ (min \$ $\langle identifier \rangle$ in $\langle variable \rangle$; $\langle sub-rule \rangle$) $(\max) ::\Rightarrow (\max \ (identifier) \ in \ (variable); \ (sub-rule))$ $\langle product \rangle ::\Rightarrow (product $ (identifier) in (variable); (sub-rule))$ $\langle \text{variable} \rangle ::\Rightarrow ((\langle \text{ivar} \rangle | \langle \text{evar} \rangle | \langle \text{hvar} \rangle)) | (\langle \text{ivar} \rangle | \langle \text{evar} \rangle | \langle \text{hvar} \rangle)$ $\langle ivar \rangle ::\Rightarrow \$ \langle identifier \rangle \langle xpath-expression \rangle$ $\langle evar \rangle ::\Rightarrow \langle returnType \rangle \text{ (} \langle string-value \rangle \text{ , } \langle string-value \rangle \text{ , } \langle string-value \rangle \text{ , } \langle xpath-expression \rangle \text{)}$ ⟨returnType⟩ ::⇒ returnInt | returnBool | returnString $\langle hvar \rangle ::=$ **retrieve (** $\langle string-value \rangle$, $\langle string-value \rangle$)[?] (, $\langle NUMBER \rangle$), $\langle xpath-expression \rangle$, $\langle NUMBER \rangle$, \$ (identifier) (, (NUMBER))) $\langle alias \rangle ::\Rightarrow \$ \langle identifier \rangle$ $\langle \text{list} \rangle ::\Rightarrow \langle \text{sub-rule} \rangle (, \langle \text{sub-rule} \rangle)^*$ $\langle \text{string-value} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{sub-string-value} \rangle (+ \langle \text{sub-string-value} \rangle)^*$ \langle sub-string-value $\rangle ::\Rightarrow \langle$ identifier $\rangle | \langle$ literal $\rangle | \langle$ variable \rangle $\langle xpath-expression \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle union-expression \rangle$ $(\text{location-path}) ::\Rightarrow (\text{absolute-location-path}) | (\text{relative-location-path})$ $\langle absolute-location-path \rangle :: \Rightarrow (/ | //) (\langle i-relative-location-path \rangle | \varepsilon)$ $\langle relative-location-path \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle i-relative-location-path \rangle$ $\langle i-relative-location-path \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle step \rangle ((/ | //) \langle step \rangle)^*$ $\langle \text{step} \rangle ::= \langle (\langle \text{axis} \rangle | \varepsilon) (((\langle \text{identifier} :)^2 (\langle \text{identifier} | *))) | \langle \text{special-step} \rangle (\langle \text{predicates}^*) | \langle \text{abbr-step} \rangle$ (predicates)

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\langle \text{special-step} \rangle ::\Rightarrow \text{processing-instruction} ( \langle \text{identifier} \rangle^? ) | (\text{comment} | \text{text} | \text{node}) ()
\langle axis \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle identifier \rangle :: | @
\langle \text{predicate} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \{ \langle \text{predicate-expr} \rangle \}
\langle predicate-expr \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle expr \rangle
\langle expr \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle or-expr \rangle
\langle \text{primary-expr} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{variable-reference} \rangle | ( \langle \text{expr} \rangle ) | \langle \text{literal} \rangle | \langle \text{number} \rangle | \langle \text{function-call} \rangle
\langle \text{literal} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{LITERAL} \rangle
\langle number \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle NUMBER \rangle
\langle variable-reference \rangle ::\Rightarrow \$ \langle identifier \rangle
(\text{function-call}) ::\Rightarrow (\text{identifier}) ( (arg-list))^?
\langle \text{arg-list} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{argument} \rangle (, \langle \text{argument} \rangle) \rangle
\langle argument \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle expr \rangle
\langle union-expr \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle path-expr \rangle (| \langle path-expr \rangle)^*
\langle \text{path-expression} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{location-path} \rangle | \langle \text{filter-expr} \rangle \langle \text{absolute-location-path} \rangle^?
\langle \text{filter-expr} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{primary-expr} \rangle \langle \text{predicate} \rangle^?
\langle \text{or-expr} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{and-expr} \rangle (\text{or} \langle \text{and-expr} \rangle)^*
\langle and-expr \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle equality-expr \rangle (and \langle equality-expr \rangle)^*
\langle \text{equality-expr} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{relational-expr} \rangle ((= | !=) \langle \text{relational-expr} \rangle)^?
\langle \text{relational-expr} \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle \text{additive-expr} \rangle ((< | <= | > | >= ) \langle \text{additive-expr} \rangle)^?
\langle additive-expr \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle mult-expr \rangle ((+ | -) \langle mult-expr \rangle)^{?}
(\text{mult-expr}) ::= \langle \text{unary-expr} \rangle ((* | /) \langle \text{unary-expr} \rangle)^?
\langle unary-expr \rangle :: \Rightarrow \langle union-expr \rangle | - \langle unary-expr \rangle
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5.2 Architecture

Figure 5 depicts the Dynamo-AOP monitoring framework, by illustrating the dependencies existing between the various components and the technologies used in the implementation. The Configuration Manager is a



Figure 5: Dynamo-AOP components architecture

storage component for all the properties that have to be monitored. The ActiveBPEL engine is a modified version of ActiveBPEL [1] in which we embed monitoring. This is achieved by following an aspect oriented programming approach [6]. The engine is a Java program in which we weave the cross-cutting monitoring features via AspectJ [5]. ActiveBPEL works by creating an internal tree representation of the process being executed. In this tree, each node represents a single BPEL activity in the process definition, and is an appropriate extension of the AEActivityDefinition class. Each node contains the information necessary to perform the particular activity it is associated with. At run time, the tree is visited and the definition classes are used by the engine to instantiate appropriate AEActivityImpl classes, all of which implement a common interface. Amongst other things, this interface provides an execute method where the activity's primary action is performed. For example, a *scope* activity will set up its internal variables,

while an *invoke* activity will perform the appropriate external invocation. To perform monitoring, we intercept the process after the execute method is called for the various BPEL activities. These are the points where the Monitoring Manager (implemented as an AspectJ advice) is activated. Its main responsibility is data collection, both from within the process and from the outside world, through the Data Collector. The collected data, together with the monitored property, are sent to the Data Analyzer, which first retrieves external data and/or historical variables by calling the Invoker and the Storage, respectively, and then analyzes the property, passing the result of the evaluation back to the Monitoring Manager. At this point, before returning control to the process, the Monitoring Manager executes the recovery code if a monitoring rule has been violated.

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