

Oracle SOA Suite 11g

Oracle SOA Suite 11g HL7 Outbound Example

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Introduction

In this article I develop and exercise a simple Oracle SOA Suite 11g B2B infrastructure-based HL7 v2 Sender project for an ADT A01 message and use Message tracker to view messages, message states and messaging performance.

Pre-requisites

It is assumed that a Windows XP SP3 platform with the Oracle SOA Suite 11g, installed and configured as discussed in “Installing Oracle SOA Suite for HL7 Exploration”, published at http://blogs.czapski.id.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/01_Installing_Oracle_SOA_Suite_for_HL7_exploration_v1.1.pdf, is available and will be used for the work discussed in this article.

It is assumed that the HL7 solutions, discussed in blog articles [Oracle SOA Suite 11g HL7 Inbound Example](#) and [Oracle SOA Suite 11g HL7 Inbound Example – Functional ACK Addendum](#) are built and deployed. Strictly speaking it is not necessary to have the solutions deployed. All that is necessary is for the ADT A01 and A01 ACK documents, exported from the B2B Document Editor while building these solutions, to be available for use in work done which implementing the solution discussed in this article.

It is assumed that the data in the archive, HL7_messages_sources.zip, has been unpacked to C:\hl7\adt\data\. This archive is available from http://blogs.czapski.id.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/HL7_messages_sources.zip.

It is assumed that the free HL7 Browser tool, “HL7 Browser 1.0”, available from the author’s page at <http://mac.softpedia.com/developer/Michael-Litherland-5914.html>, is available. We will use the tool later to look at and receive HL7 messages.

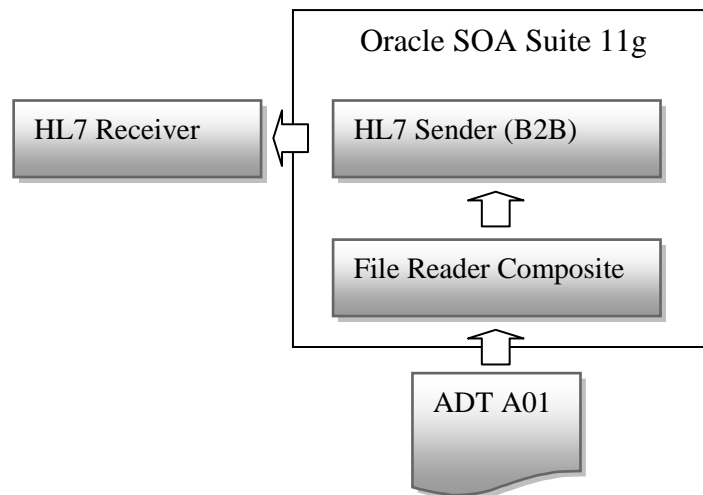
Download HL7 v2 XML Schemas from <http://wiki.opensb.java.net/attach/HL7BC/HL7v2XSDs.zip> and unpack them to a convenient directory, for example c:\hl7. We will use some of them later.

HL7 v2 Sender Solution

Oracle uses the SOA Suite B2B component to provide HL7 v2 messaging support. It uses HL7 v2 message libraries and the B2B engine to provide message parsing and transformation between the native format (HL7 v2 delimited) and XML, which is used internally by the SOAP Suite. Oracle B2b User's Guide can be found at http://download.oracle.com/docs/cd/E15523_01/integration.1111/e10229.pdf.

The solution we will be building is a HL7 Sender, which will send v2 ADT A01 messages, read from files in the file system, and will expect ACK messages in return.

The solution will consists of a SOA Composite which will read HL7 v2 XML messages and transform them into XML ADT messages required by the B2B infrastructure which will send HL7 v2 ADT A01 messages to the remote partner.



Messages in the sample message set use the following identifiers:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Sending Application | SystemA |
| Sending Facility | HosA |
| Receiving Application | PI |
| Receiving Facility | MDM |

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<ADT_A01 xmlns="urn:h17-org:v2xml" xmlns:
<MSH>
<MSH.1>|</MSH.1>
<MSH.2>^~\&amp;</MSH.2>
<MSH.3>
<HD.1>SystemA</HD.1>
</MSH.3>
<MSH.4>
<HD.1>HosA</HD.1>
</MSH.4>
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...

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Develop HL7 v2 Outbound Solution

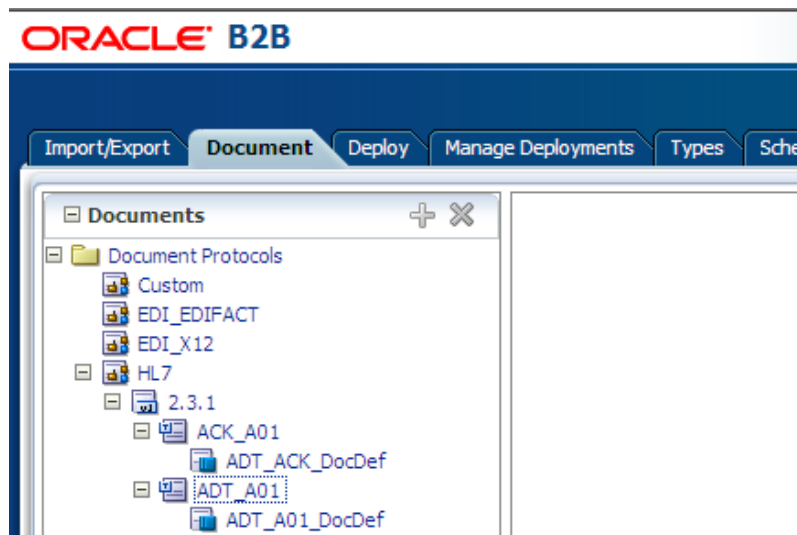
To develop the HL7 v2 outbound solution we need to go through a number of steps. The steps are:

1. *[Extract HL7 message structures from the standard library – already done in previous articles]*
2. Configure Local side of the B2B Partnership
3. Configure Remote side of the B2B Partnership
4. Create and deploy a Partnership Agreement
5. Create and deploy a HL7 File Reader B2B Composite

Extract HL7 Message Structures

As part of the B2B Document Editor installation we installed a number of standards libraries. One of these libraries was the HL7 v2 library.

The solution developed in this article will send ADT A01 messages to the remote partner and will receive A01 ACK Messages in return. Message structures needed to implement the trading partnership agreement to support this interaction have already been exported from the message structure library in previous articles and have already been defined using the B2B Trading Partner Manager Console.



We will use these definitions in the work done in this article.

Configure B2B Partnership

Start the B2B Trading Partner Manager console by pointing the web browser at <http://localhost:7001/b2b>. Log in as `weblogic/welcome1`.

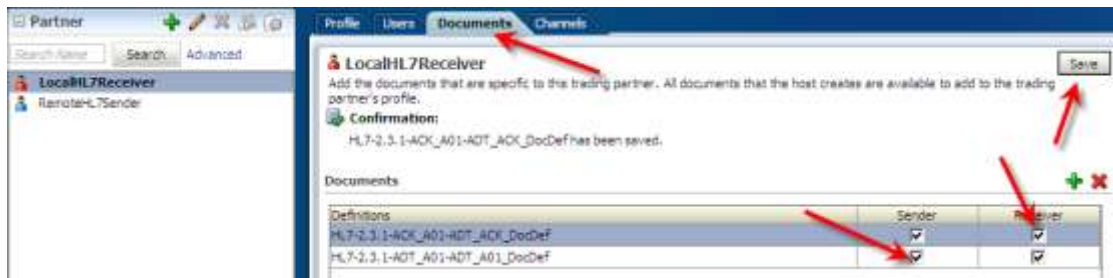


Note that the local partner, LocalHL7Receiver, already exists and has local identifiers defined. The trading partner was defined in previous articles. The identifiers associated with the local partner are the same as in the previous articles.

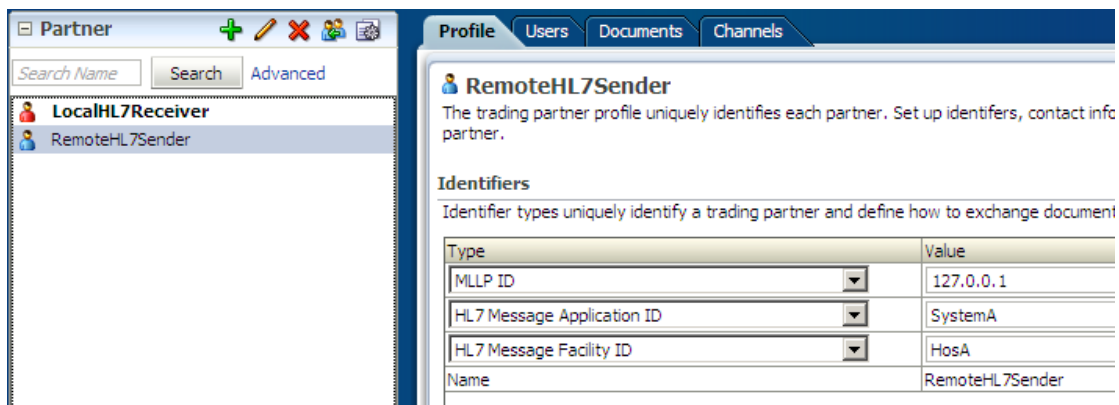


In the previous articles we were receiving A01s and sending ACKs. In this article we will be sending A01s and receiving ACKs. To do so we must ensure that both the sender and the receiver checkboxes are checked.

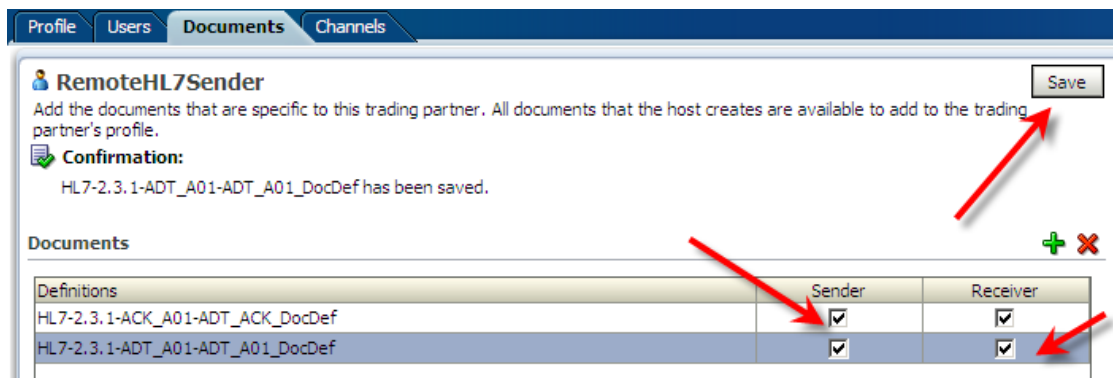
With the LocalHL7Receiver selected click the Documents Tab, check the Sender checkbox for the A01 document, check the Receiver checkbox for ACK document and click Save. We are configuring the HL7 outbound so the local role is that of a receiver of messages. To not break the receiver solution from previous articles we will leave appropriate checkboxes checked and will leave trading partner names as they are even though they no longer reflect messaging direction as they did in the first article. This should be a lesson for us on naming trading partners. Perhaps it would have been better to name the local partner Local_MDM_PI (local, Receiving Facility, Receiving Application) and Remote_HosA_SystemA. You work it out ☺



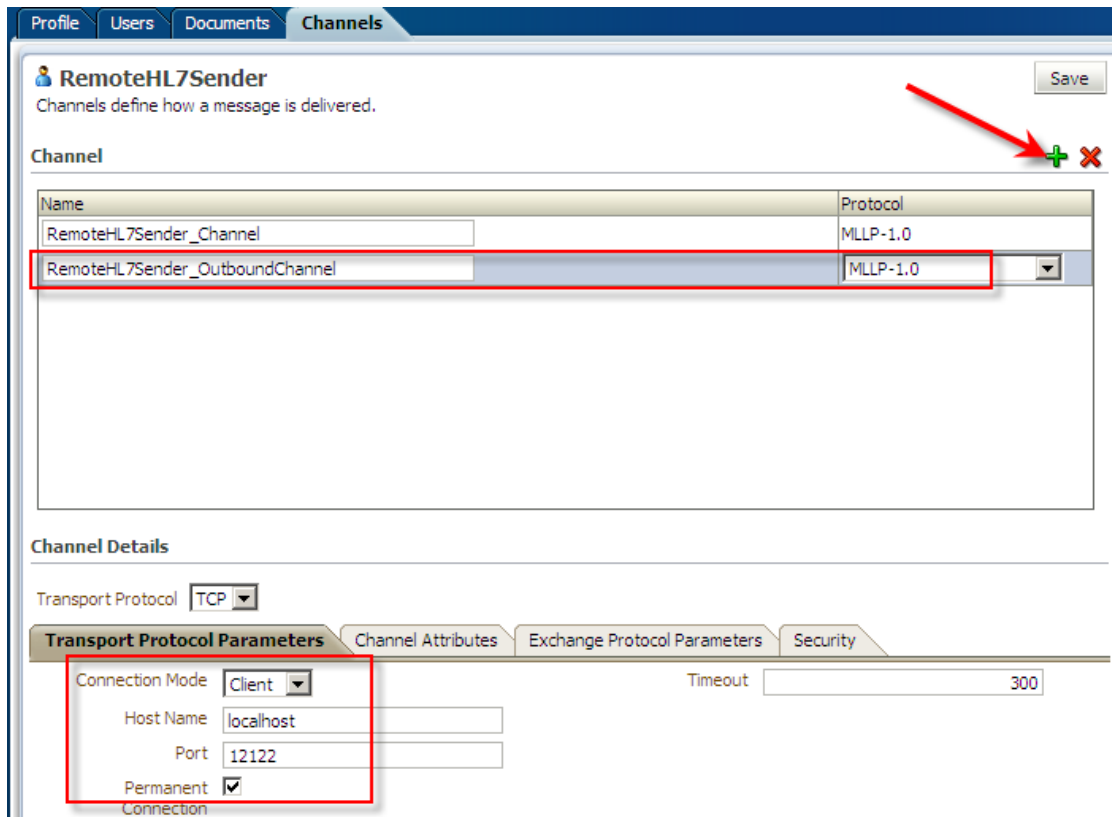
Since we will be sending A01 documents to the same external party from which we were receiving A01 documents we will reuse the RemoteHL7Sender trading partner. The identifiers with which it is configured are correct.



With the RemoteHL7Sender selected, click the Documents Tab, check the Sender checkbox for the ACK document and the Receiver checkbox for the A01 document, then click Save.

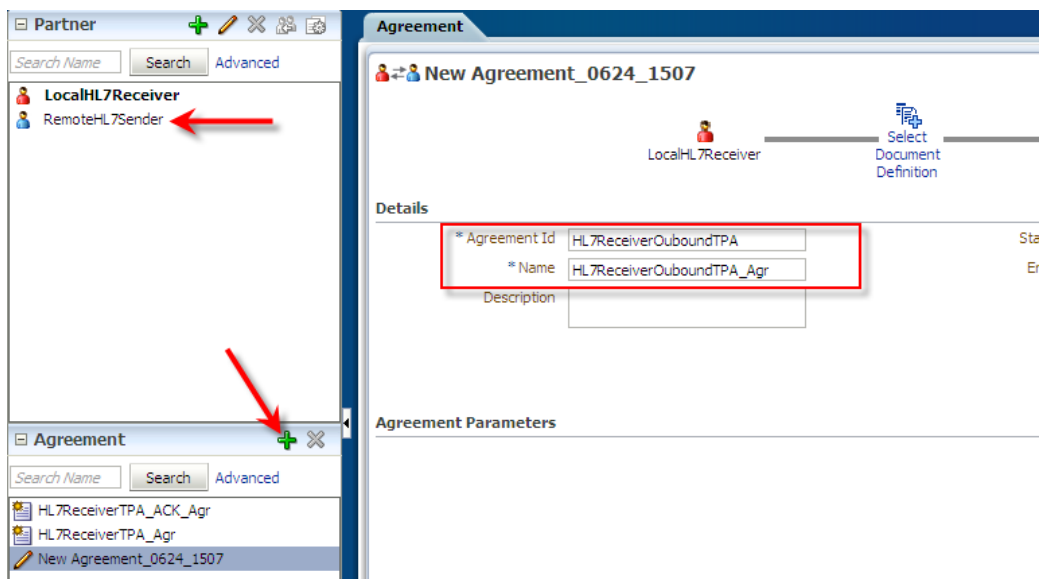


With the RemoteHL7Sender partner selected click the Channels Tab, Click the large Plus sign to add a new Channel. Change the name of the channel to RemoteHL7Sender_OutboundChannel, choose MLLP-1.0 from the drop-down and configure Connection Mode: Client, Host Name: localhost, Port: 12122 and check Permanent Connection. Click Save once done.

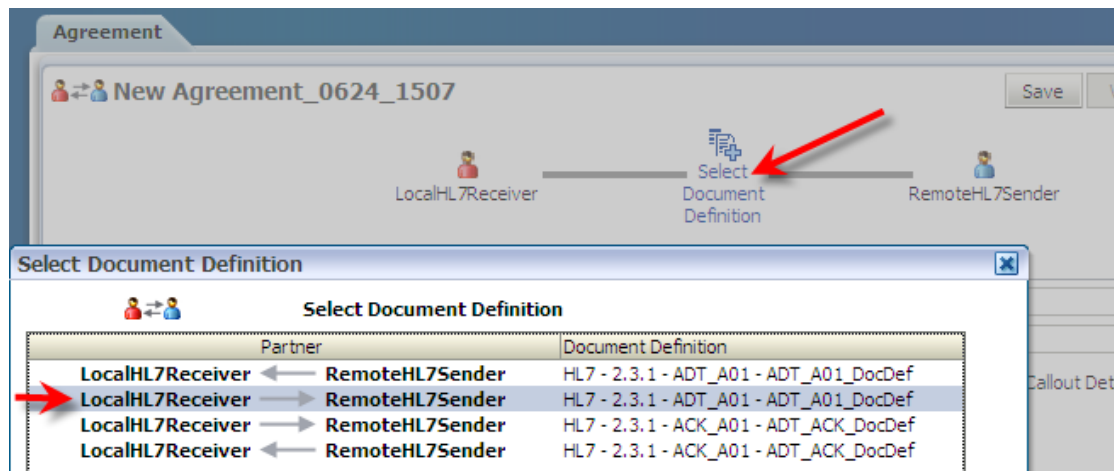


We configured document types the remote partner will be receiving and configured the client we need to use on our side to send messages to that partner.

With the RemoteHL7Sender partner selected, click the large Plus sign in the Agreements section to add a new trading partnership agreement. Provide the Agreement ID of HL7ReceiverOuboundTPA and the Name of HL7ReceiverOutboundTPA_Agr.

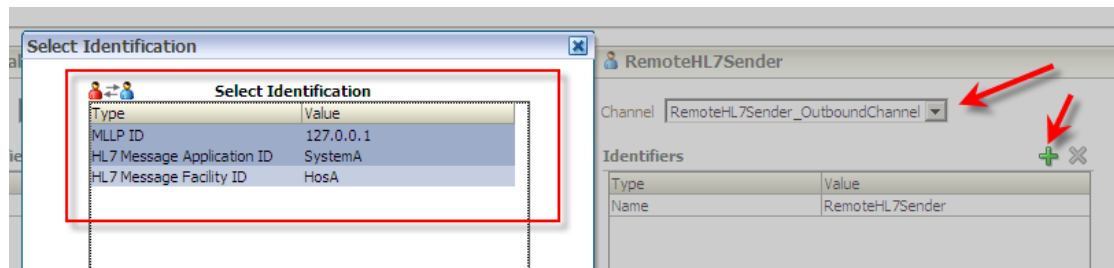


Click the “Select Document Definition” icon in the top centre of the panel, select the definition of the document being sent from the local sender to remote receiver and click OK.

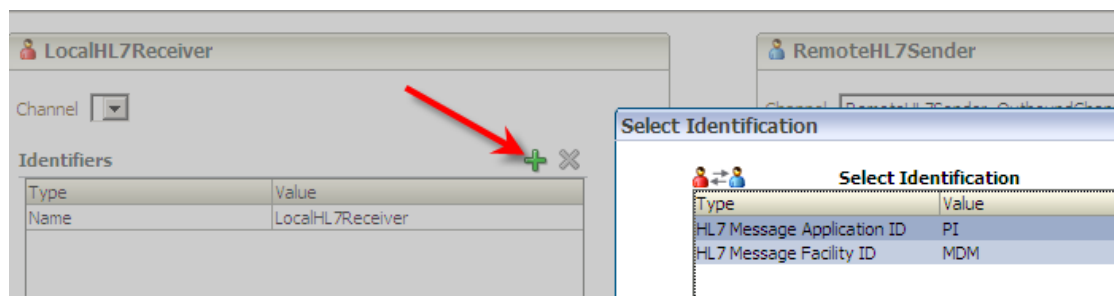


Choose the RemoteHL7Sender_OutboundChannel from the Channel drop-down on the RemoteHL7Sender panel in the bottom right portion of the display.

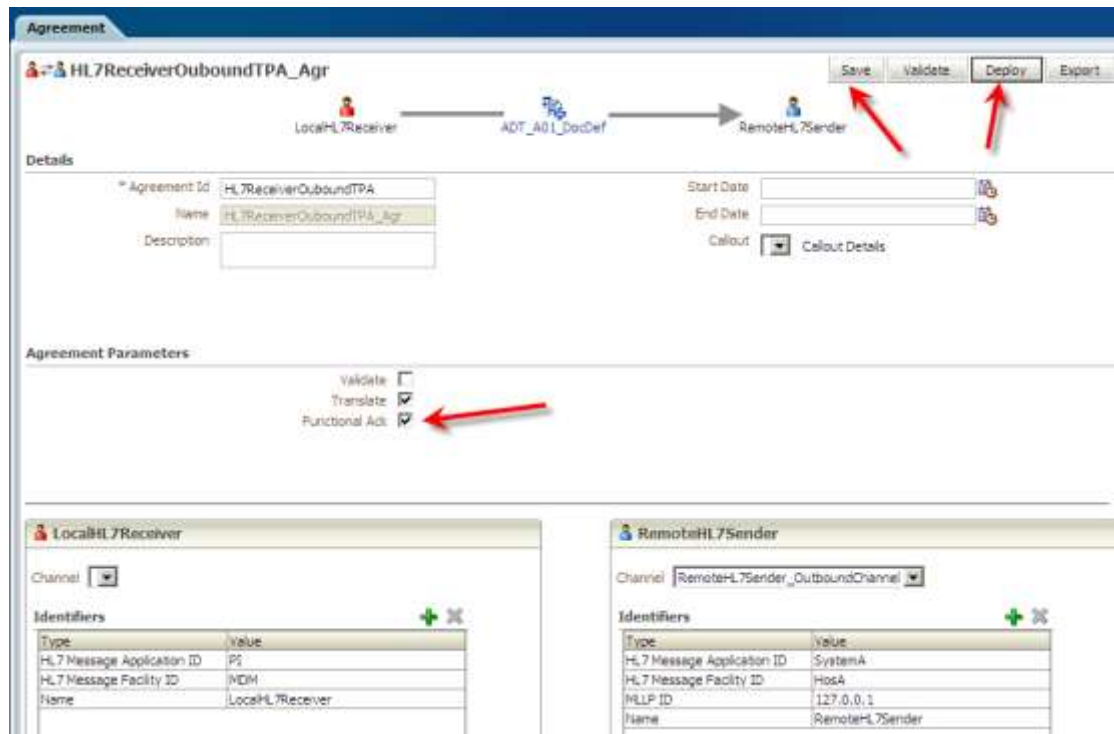
In the bottom right panel click the large Plus sign to specify identifiers defined when the RemoteHL7Sender partner was created.



In the bottom left panel click the large Plus sign to add identifiers used by the LocalHL7Receiver partner.

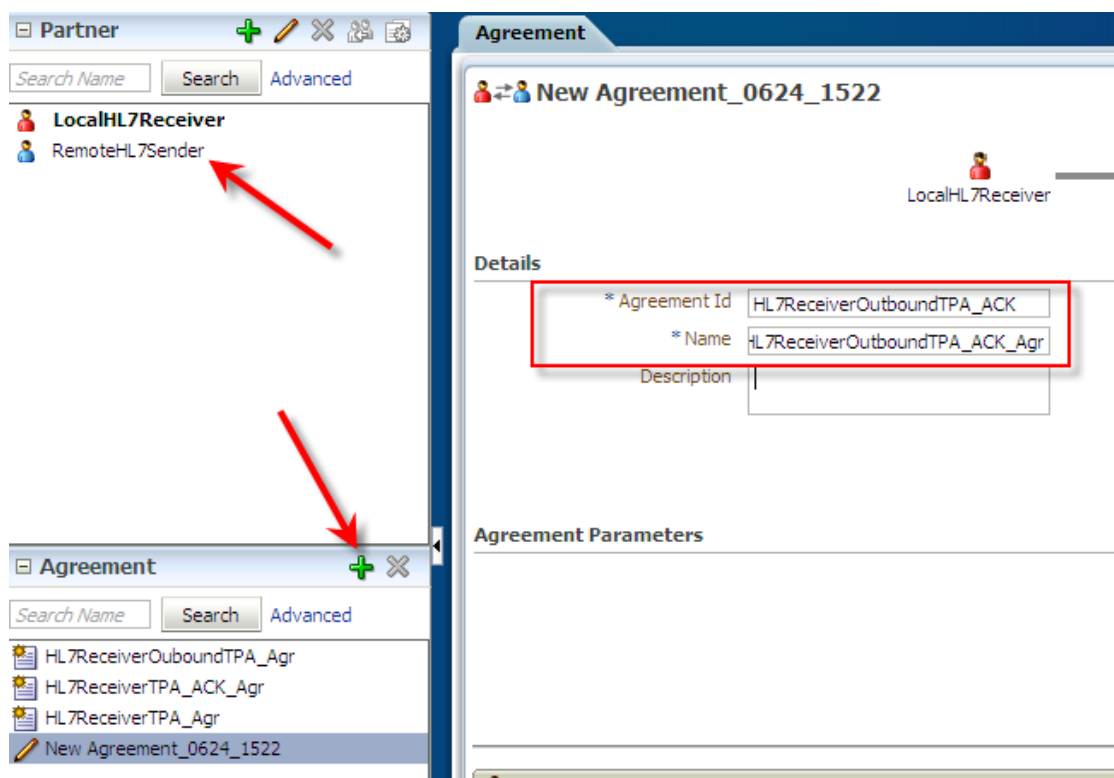


Check the Functional Ack checkbox, click Save to save the new trading partnership agreement, then click Deploy to deploy it.

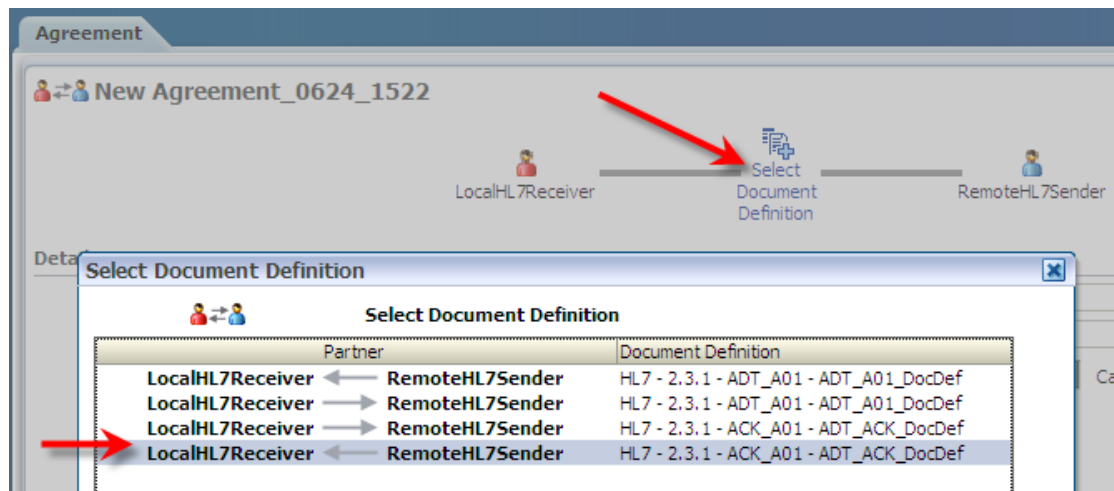


We now need to add an agreement for receiving the ACK back from the receiver.

Click the large Plus sign in the Agreements section to add a new trading partnership agreement. Provide the Agreement ID of HL7ReceiverOutboundTPA_ACK and the Name of HL7ReceiverOutboundTPA_ACK_Agr.

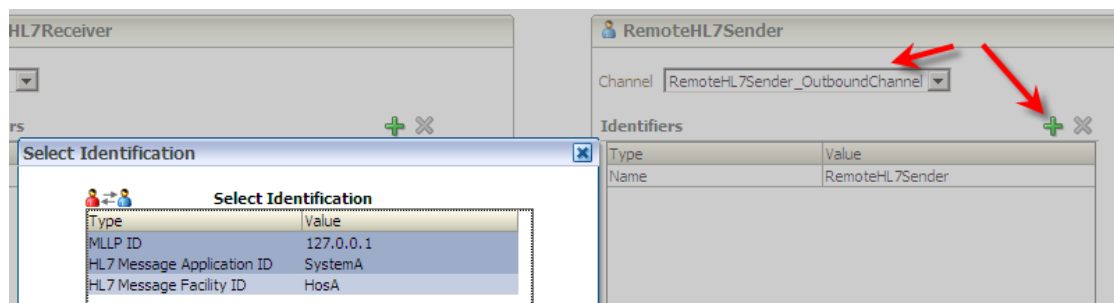


Click the “Select Document Definition” icon in the top centre of the panel, select the definition of the ACK document being sent from the remote partner to the local partner and click OK.

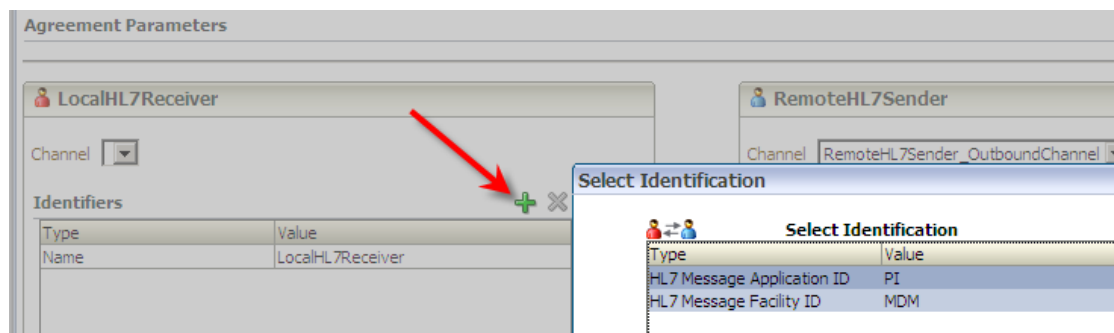


Choose the RemoteHL7Sender_OuboundChannel from the Channel drop-down on the RemoteHL7Sender panel in the bottom right portion of the display.

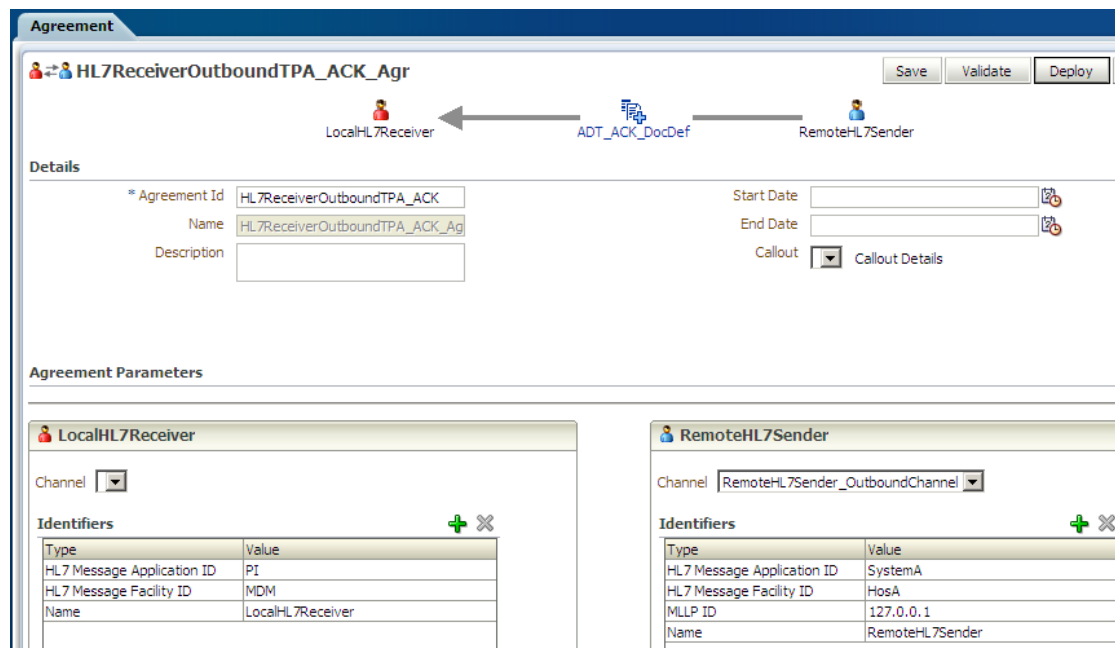
In the bottom right panel click the large Plus sign to specify identifiers defined when the RemoteHL7Sender partner was created.



In the bottom left panel click the large Plus sign to add identifiers used by the LocalHL7Receiver partner.



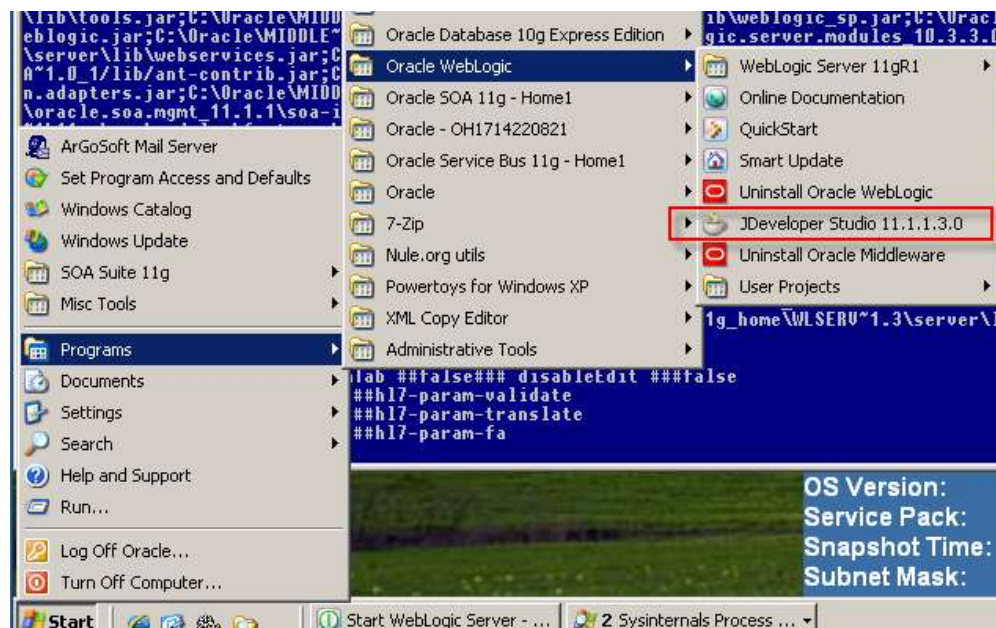
Click Save to save the new trading partnership agreement and click Deploy to deploy it.



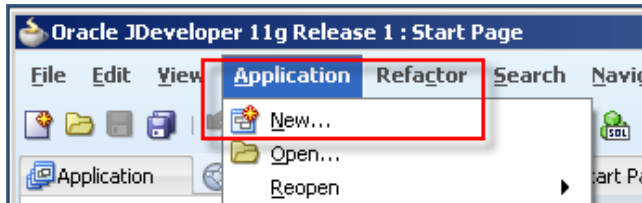
We are finished with the trading partner management console for the time being. The partnerships have been defined and deployed. Now we need the runtime solution that will read messages, and send them to the remote partner according to the trading partnership agreement. This solution, which will be a SOA Suite Composite, will be developed using the JDeveloper IDE and will be deployed to the WebLogic Application Server.

Develop File Reader Solution

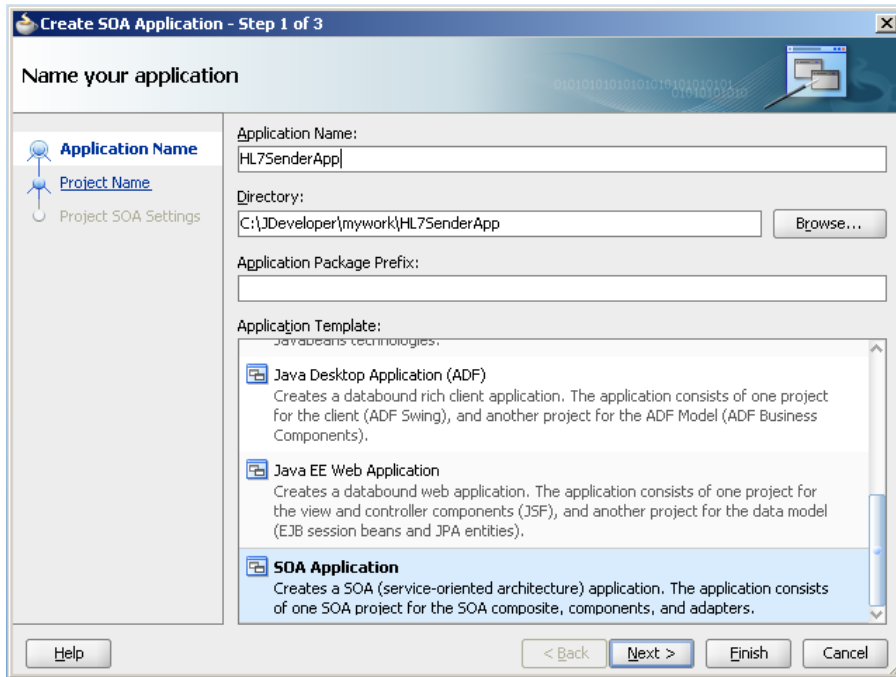
Start JDeveloper IDE, perhaps by following Start menu → Programs → Oracle WebLogic → JDeveloper Studio 11.1.1.3.0 path through the menus.



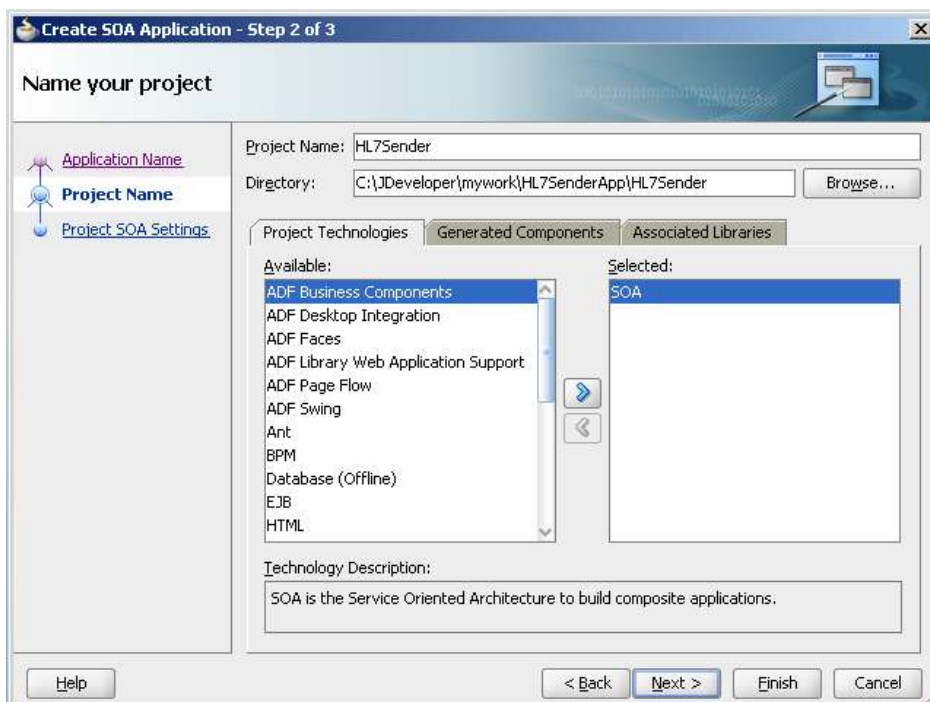
Once JDeveloper is up create a new SOA Application.



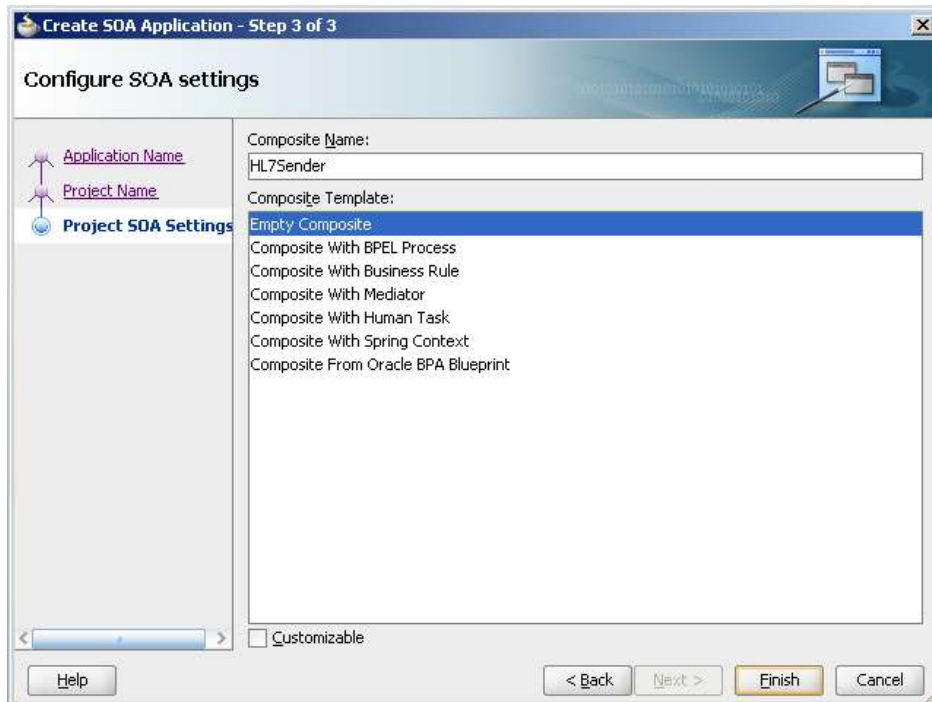
Name this application HL7SenderApp, choose SOA Application template and click Next



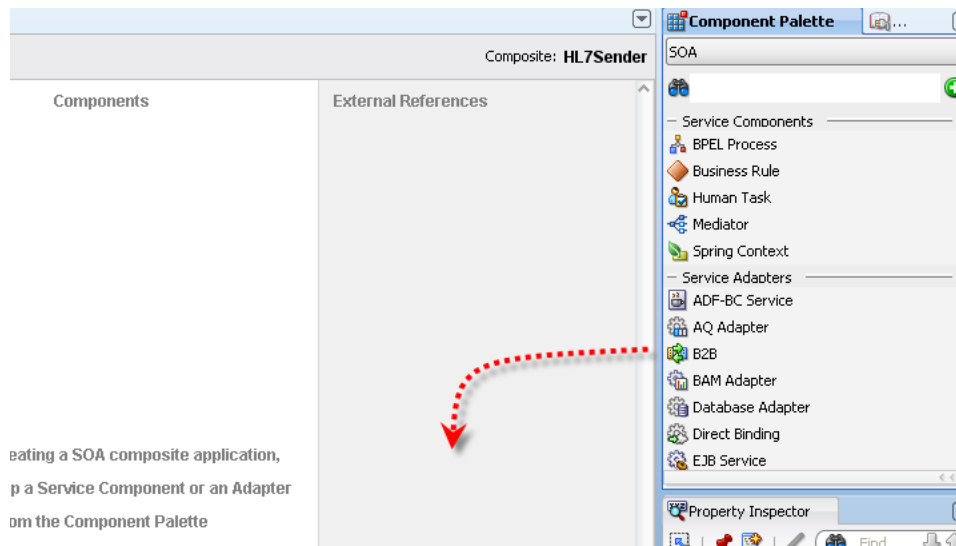
Name the project HL7Sender and click Next.



Accept the default Composite Name of HL7Sender and default template Empty Composite, and click Finish.



Drag the B2B Service Adapter from the list of service adapters in the SOA components palette onto the External References swim line.

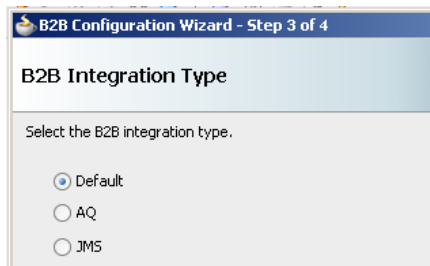


Click Next to the “Welcome to B2B Configuration Wizard” dialogue window.

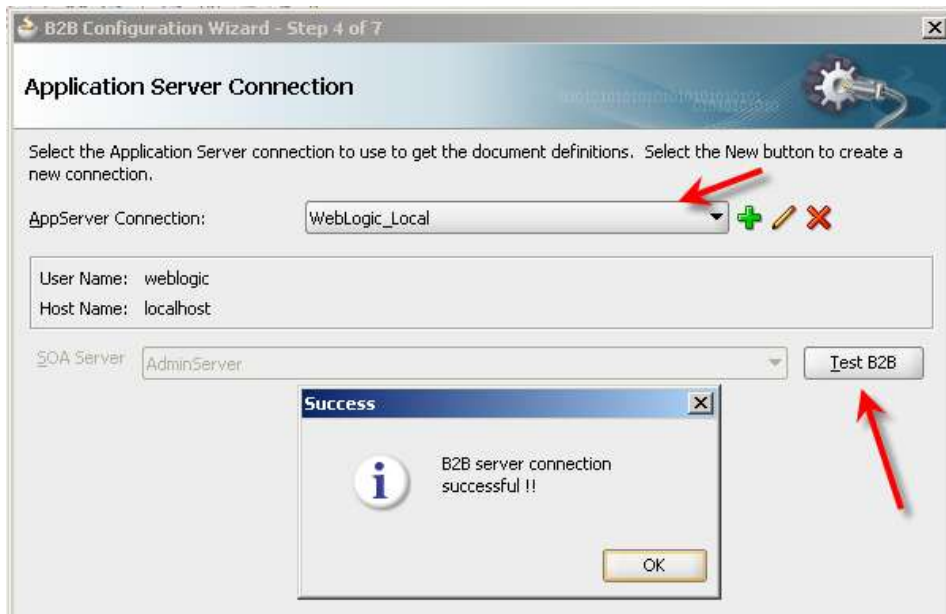
Set the Service Name to HL7SenderOut and click Next.



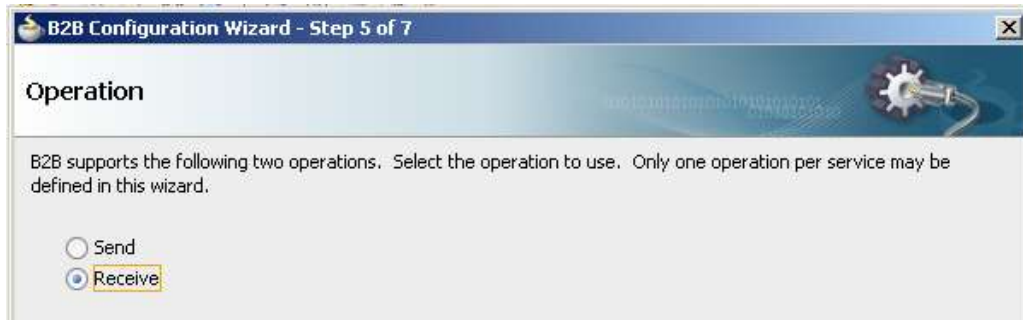
Accept default “Default” and the B2B Integration Type and click Next.



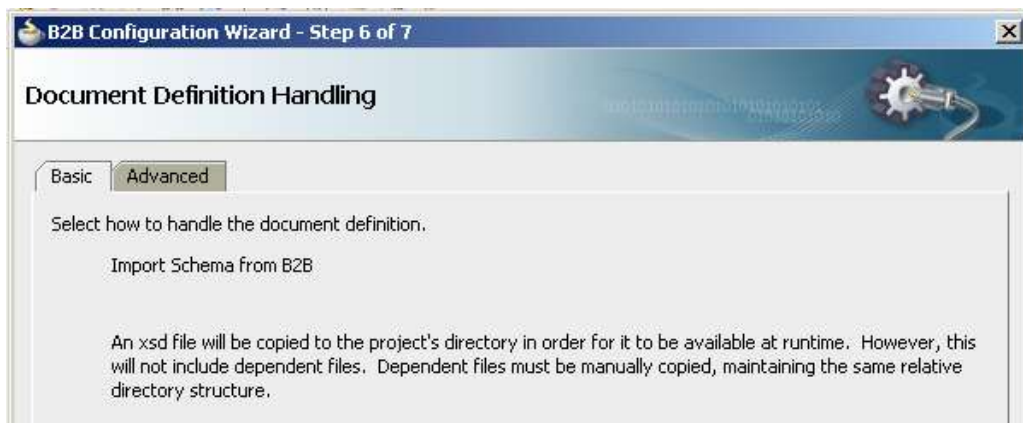
Choose WebLogic_Local connection name, click B2B Test and click OK to dismiss the success dialogue box. Click Next.



Choose the Send operation and click Next.



Keep the Document Definition Handling at Basic, the default, and click Next.

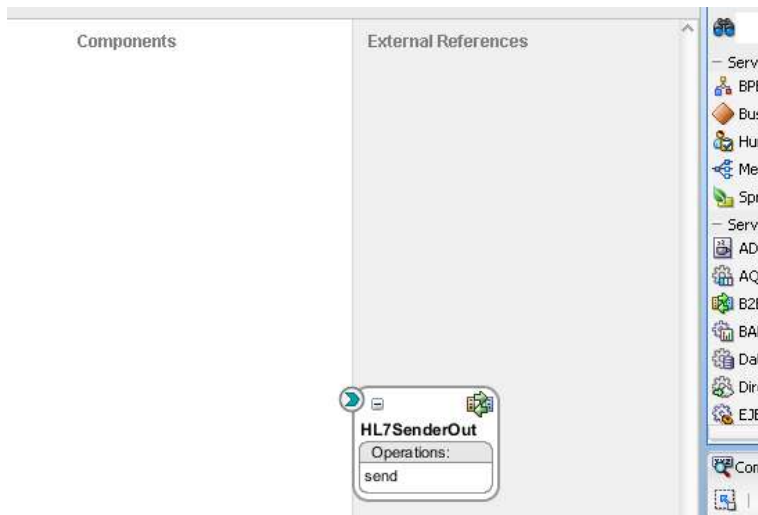


Choose the HL7 2.3.1 ADT A01 document definition and click Next.

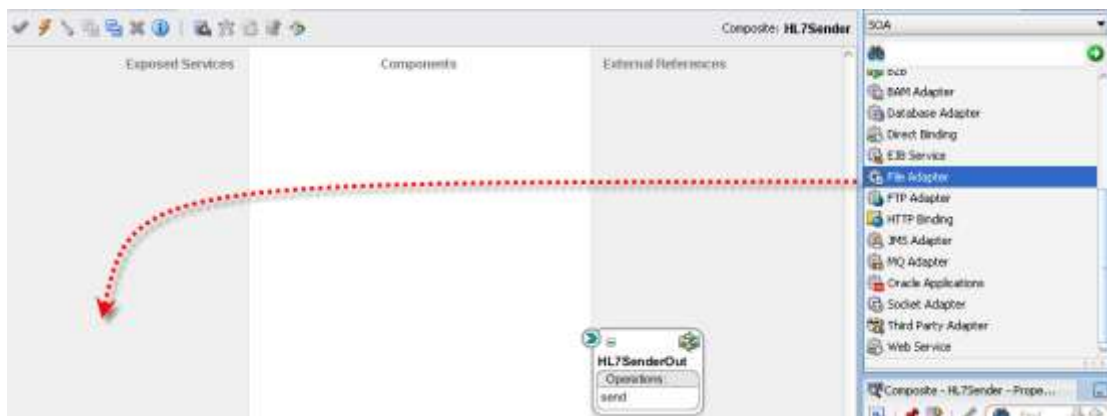


Click Finish to complete the wizard.

The HL7SenderOut will appear in the composite in the “External References” swim line.



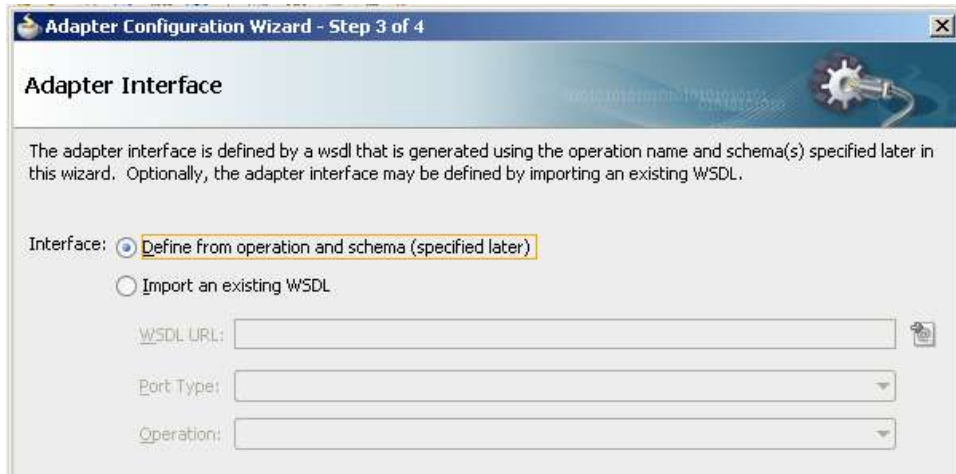
Drag the File Adapter from the Service Adapters component palette to the Exposed Services swim line.



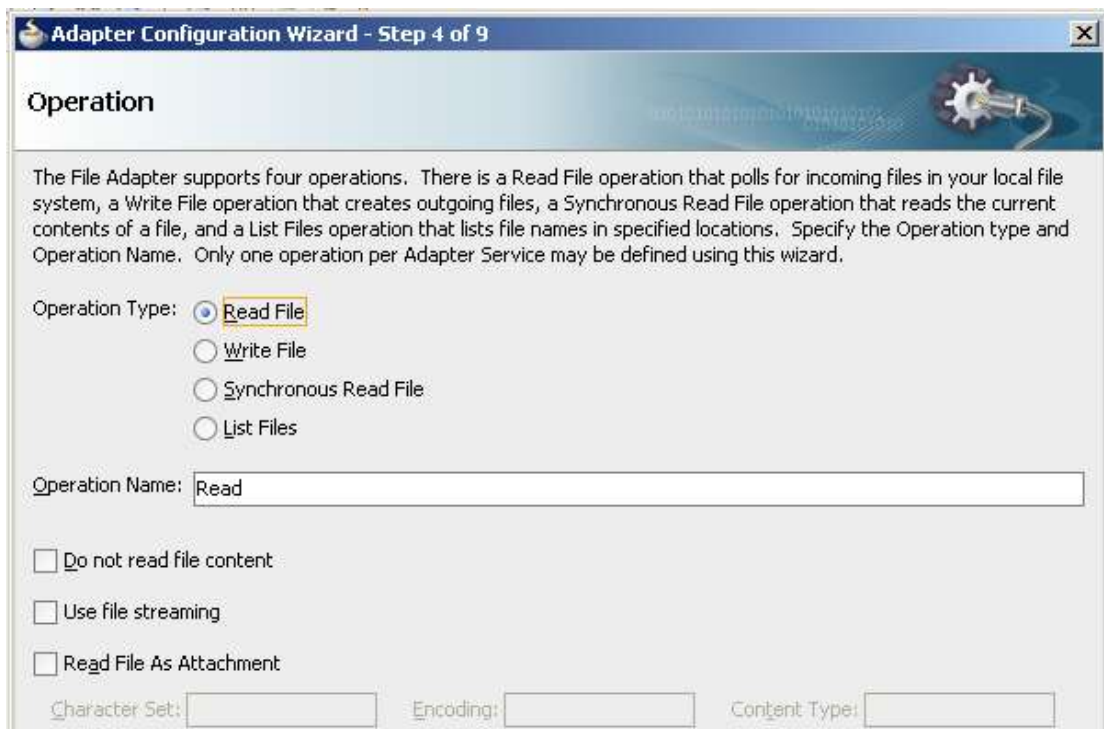
Click Next to the Welcome dialogue, enter HL7FileReader as service name and click Next.



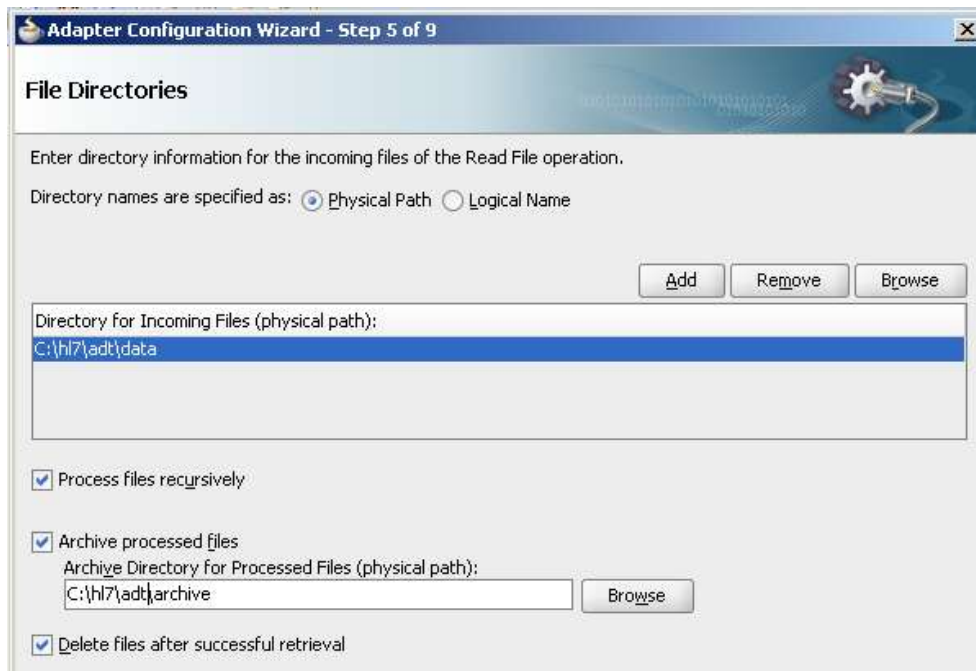
Accept the defaults for Adapter Interface and click Next.



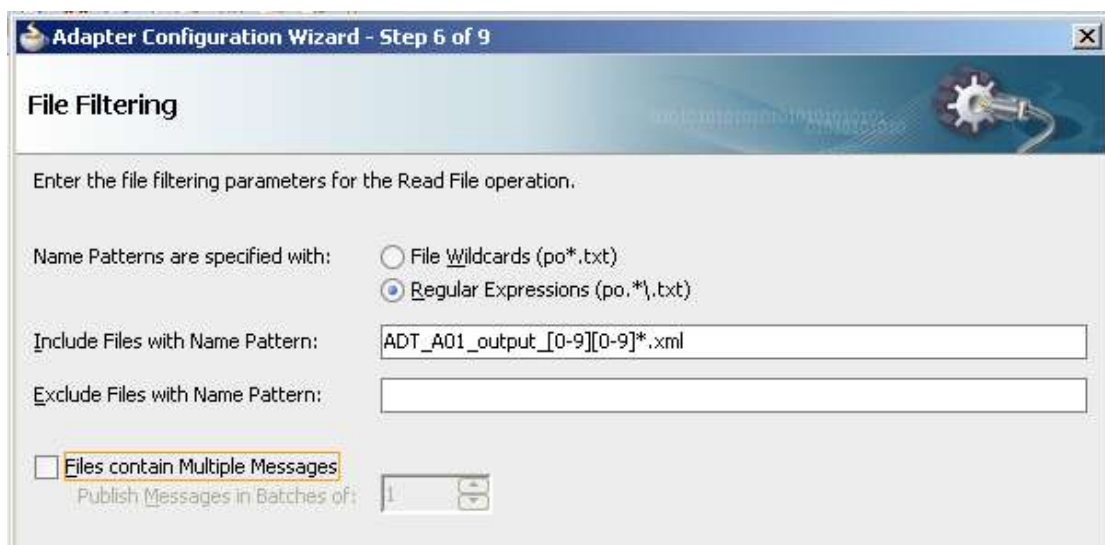
Choose Read File operation type, accept default operation name and other defaults and click Next.



Specify C:\hl7\adt\data as the physical path to the directory from which the files will be read and C:\hl7\adt\archive as the archive directory to which read files will be moved. Make sure both directories exist.



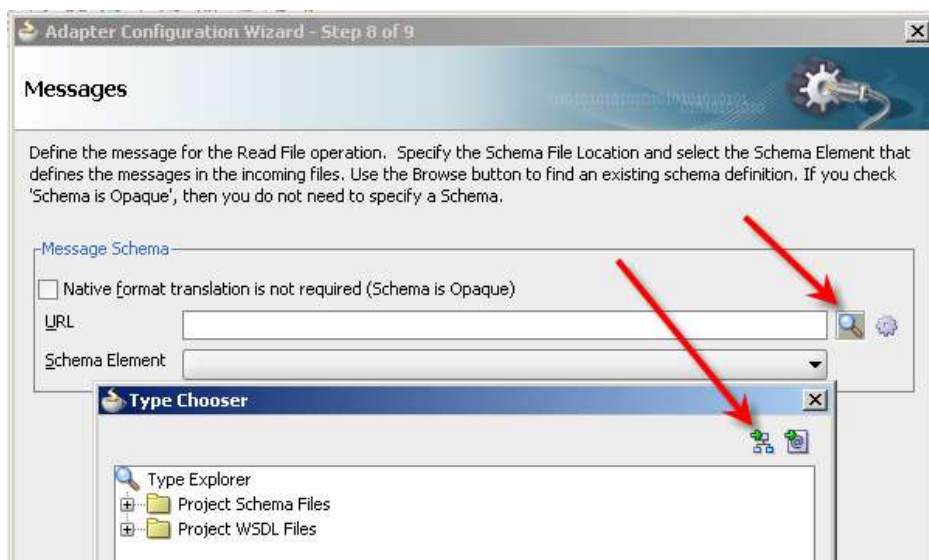
Click the “Regular Expressions ...” radio button and specify ADT_A01_output_[0-9]*.xml as the regular expression. Make sure “File contains Multiple Messages” is not checked. Click Next.



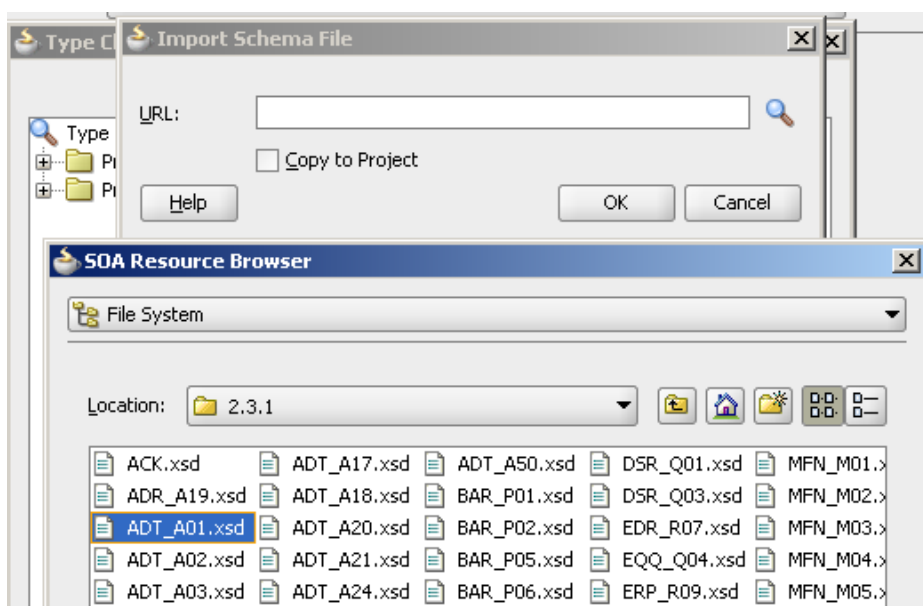
Change polling frequency to 10 seconds and click Next.



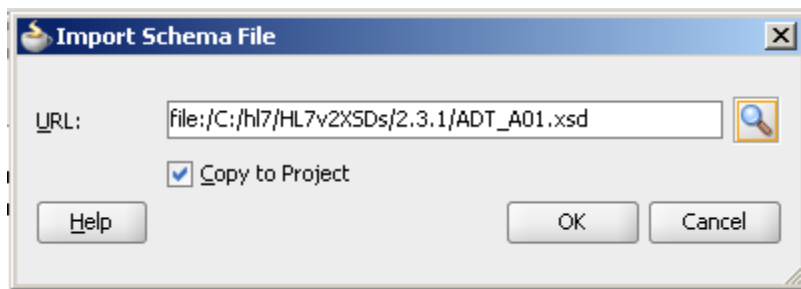
Click “Browse for Schema File” and Import Schema File.



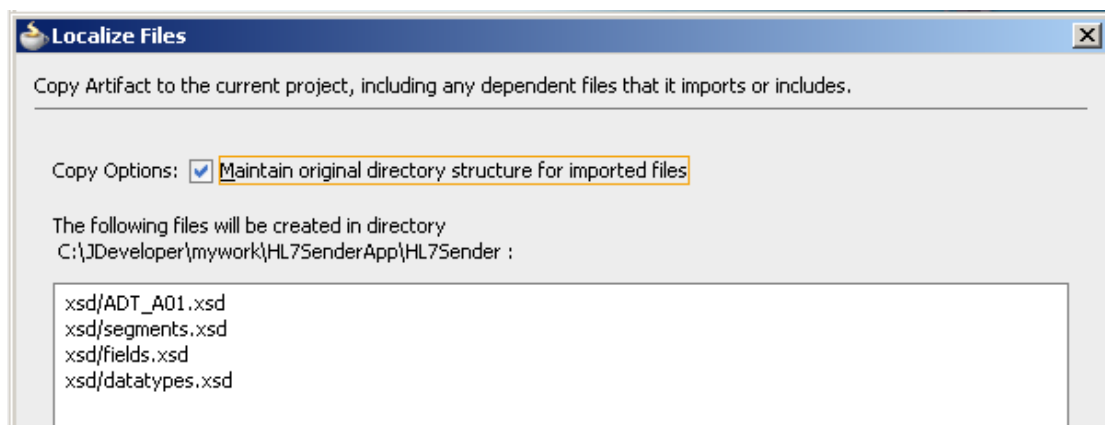
Locate ADT A01 schema in the 2.3.1 version directory of XML Schemas we downloaded earlier – C:\hl7\HL7v2XSds\2.3.1.



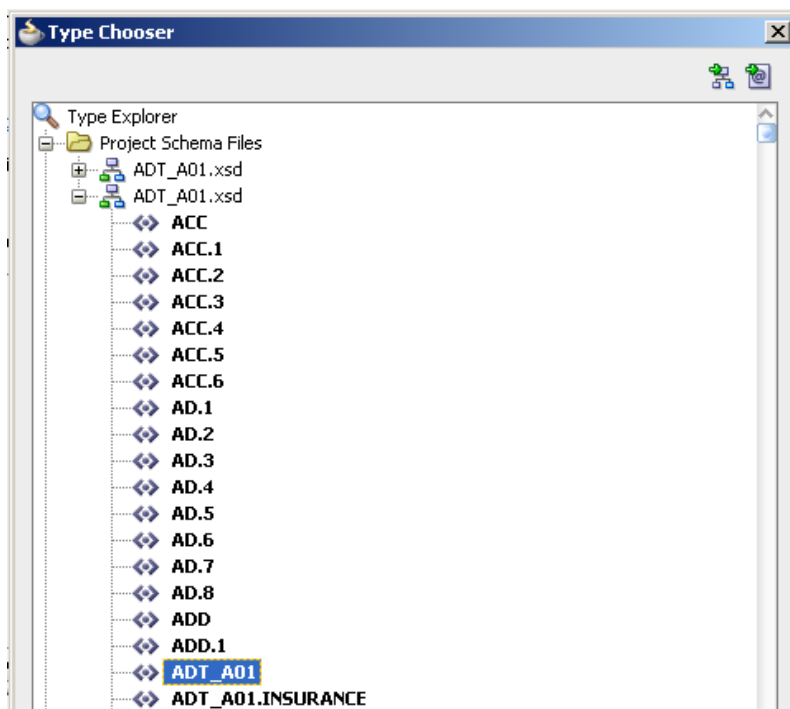
Make sure “Copy to project” is checked and click OK.



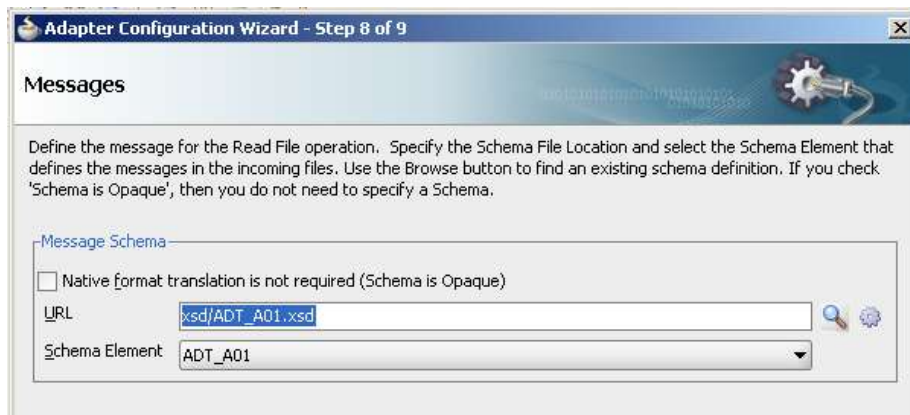
Click OK to accept what the dependencies dialogue box says.



Choose ADT_A01 and click OK.

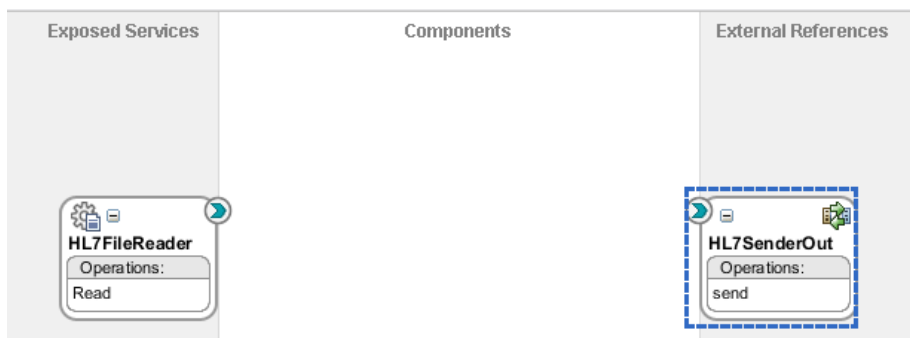


Confirm the schema element, click Next and click Finish.



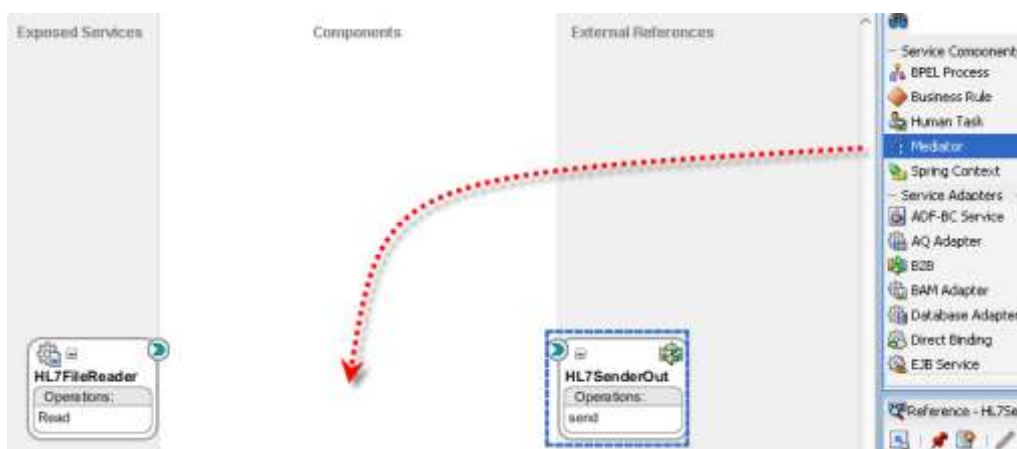
The structure of the HL7 message which will be read by the File Adapter will conform to this schema element.

Our composite has an inbound (File) and an outbound (B2B) adapter.



Now we need a piece of logic to copy the message from one adapter to the other, potentially transforming it if needed. We will not need to do much of transforming in this example since all we care about is to read a message from a file and send it out to the partner, but we will need to populate metadata required by the B2B infrastructure.

Let's choose the Mediator to develop the simple logic we need. Drag the Mediator component from the Service Components palette onto the Components swim line.



Name the component HL7PassThrough and click OK. The Mediator component appears in the composite.



“Wire” components together by dragging from the chevron icon of the component at the left to the “corresponding” chevron icon at the component to the right.



Double-click the Mediator component to open its plan and configure it.

Mediator

Name: HL7PassThrough

WSDL URL: HL7FileReader.wsdl

Port Type: Read_ptt

Resequence Level:

Routing Rules

Operations

→ Read Priority 4 Validate Syntax (XSD)

Callout To

Resequence

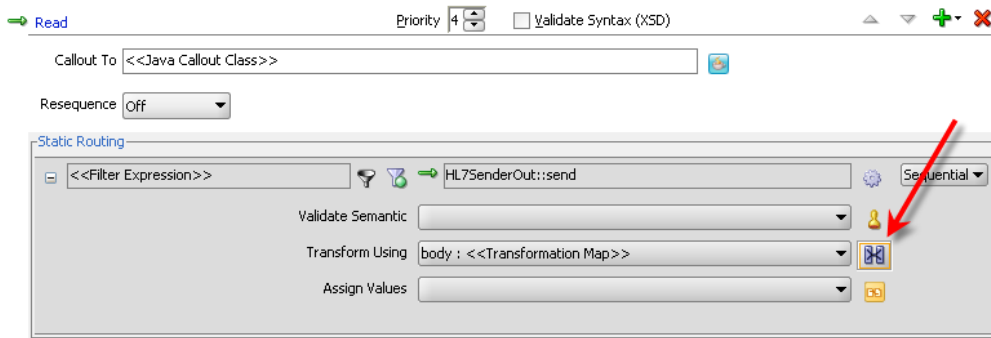
Static Routing

Validate Semantic

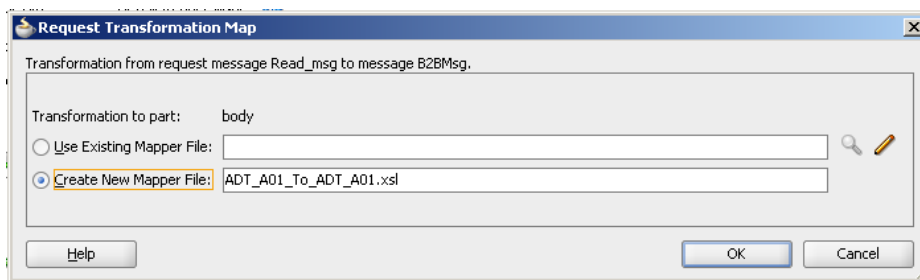
Transform Using

Assign Values

Click the Mapper icon to start defining the mapping between the File Adapter and the B2B Adapter.



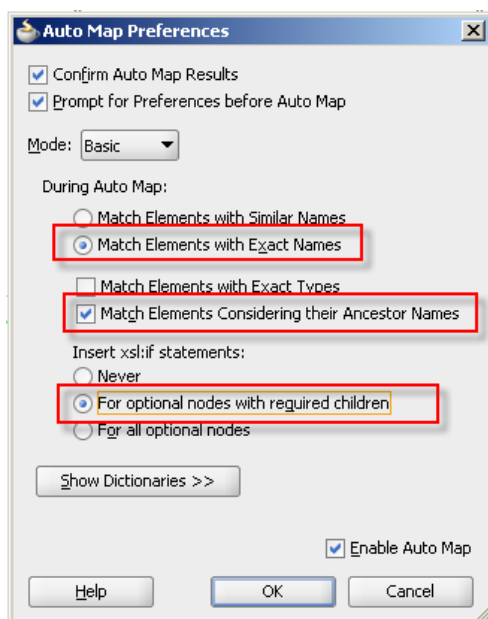
Choose “Create New Mapper File” and click OK.

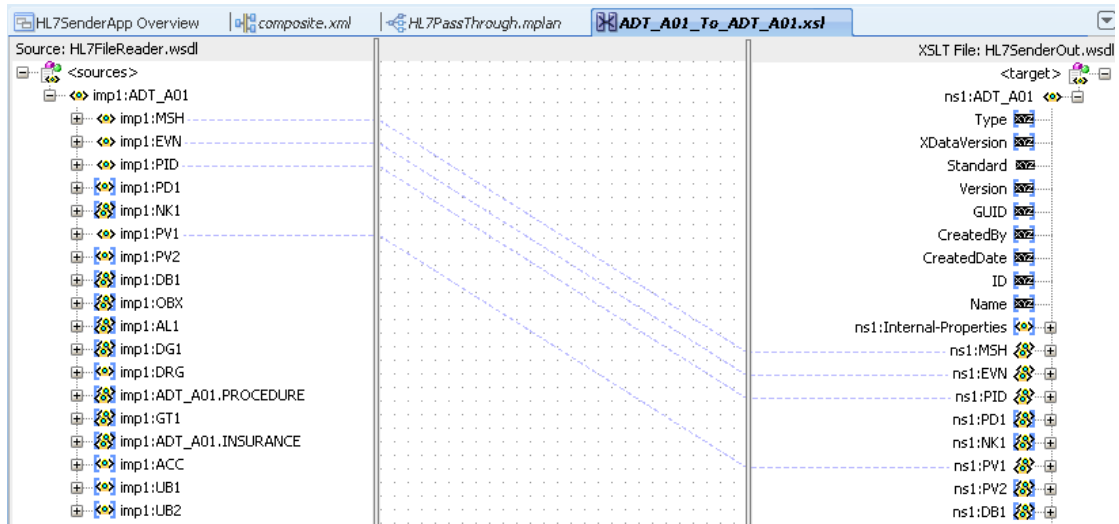


Based on your knowledge of the outgoing message, map segments and fields as appropriate. In the case of our sample message we have only MSH, ENV, PID and PV1 segments.

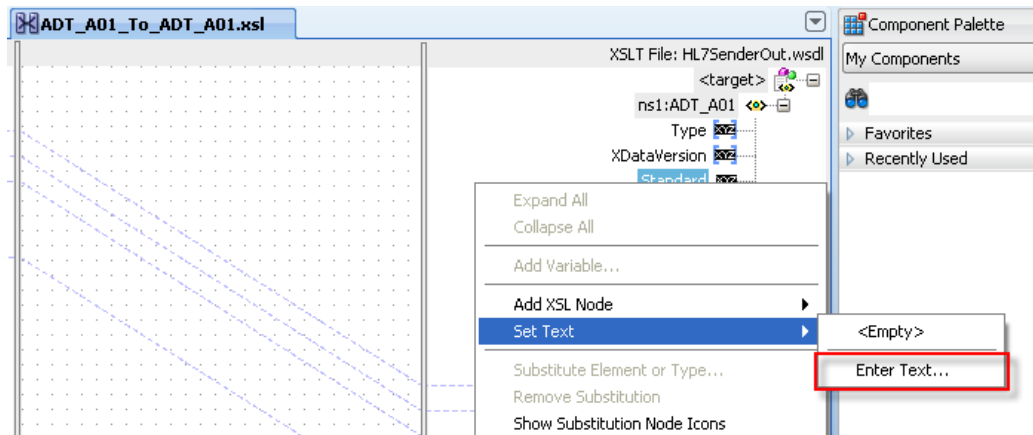
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
- <ADT_A01 xmlns="urn:hl7-org:v2xml" xmlns: xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:schemaLocation="urn:hl7-org:v2xml
C:/GlassFishESBv22/glassfish/domains/domain1/jbi/service-assemblies/HL7A01Delim2XML/HL7A01Delim2XML-sun-file-binding/sun-file-
binding/HL7v231/ADT_A01.xsd">
+ <MSH>
+ <EVN>
+ <PID>
+ <PV1>
</ADT_A01>
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Map MSH to MSH, EVN to EVN, PID to PID and PV1 to PV1. Ensure the confirmation dialogue box options are correctly set.

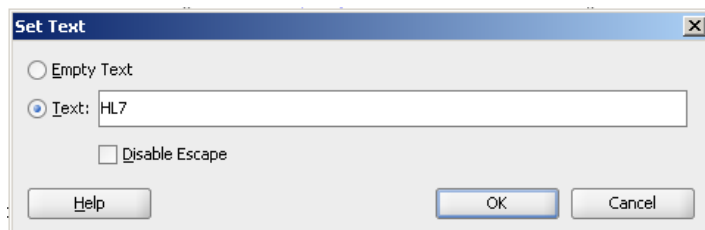




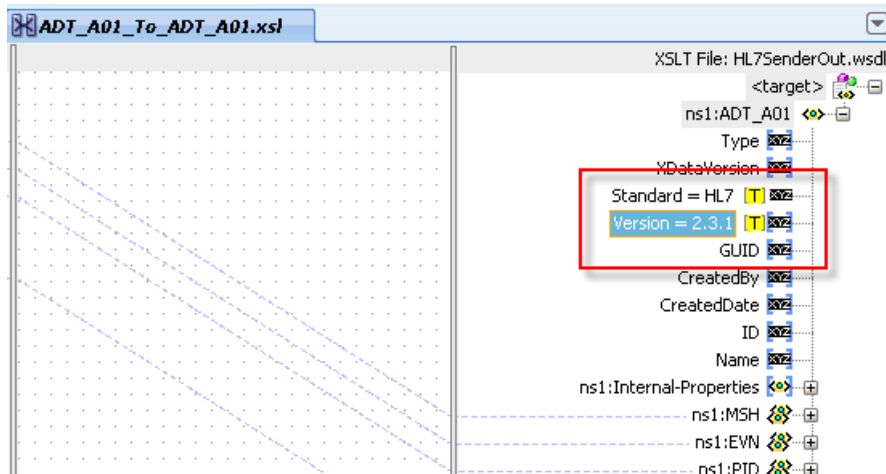
Right-click on the Standard attribute name in the right-hand structure, choose Set Text and Enter Text.



Provide text “HL7” and click OK.



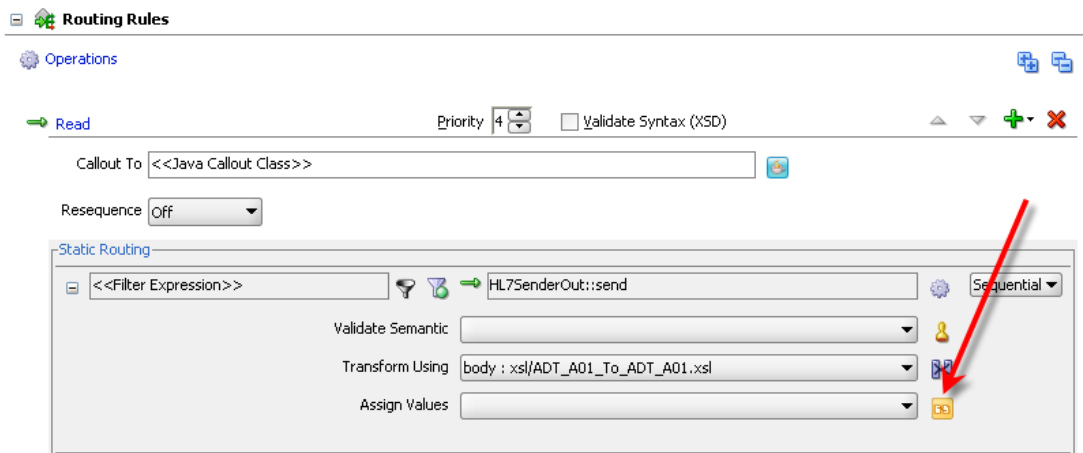
Set Text “2.3.1” for attribute Version.



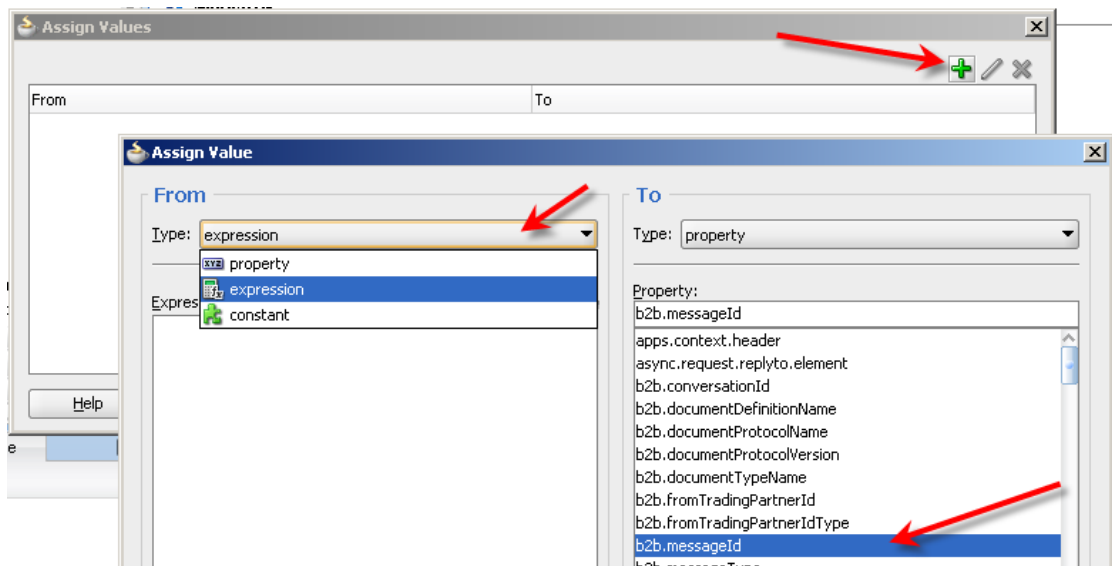
Click the Save All button in the JDeveloper tool bar. Close the Mapper.

This produces a translation between the source message and the target message. Since the target message will be handed over to the B2B infrastructure for sending out we must specify the trading partner parameters so that the B2B infrastructure finds the correct partnership agreement and consequently sends the message to the correct partner.

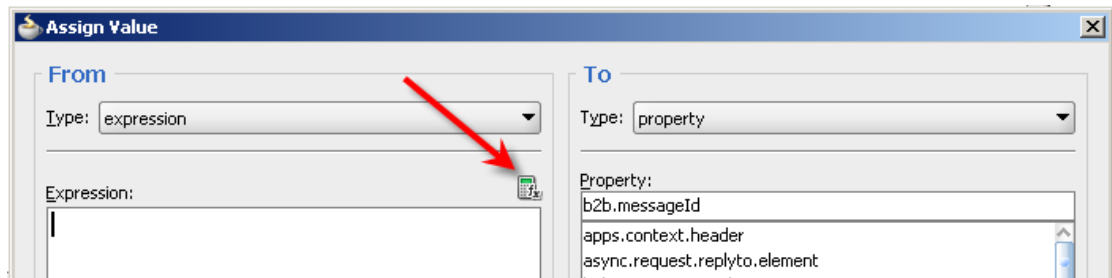
Click the Assign Values button in the Mediator Plan.



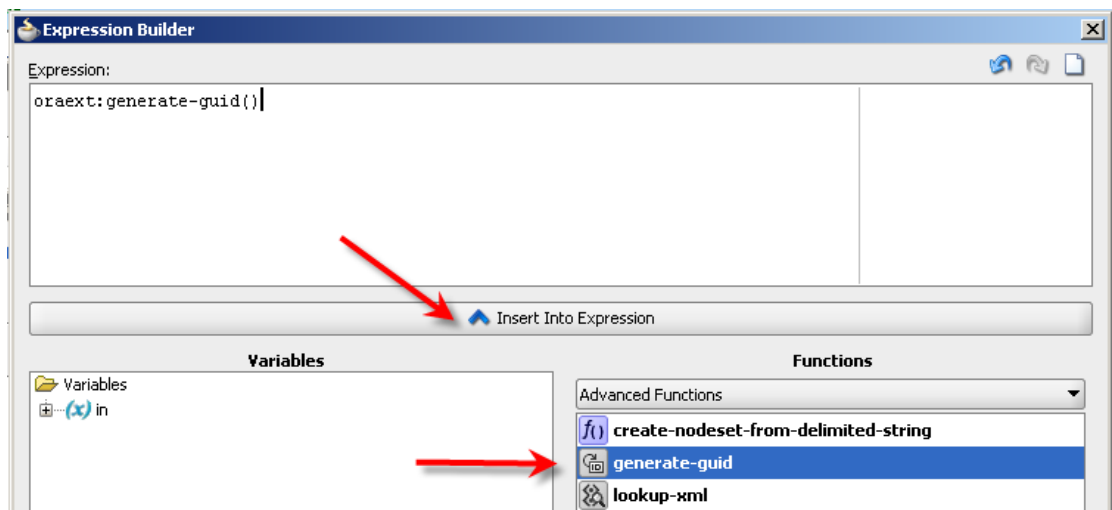
Click the large Plus sign to Add a New Value Assignment, select expression from the drop-down box on the From side and b2b.messageIf from the property list on the To side.



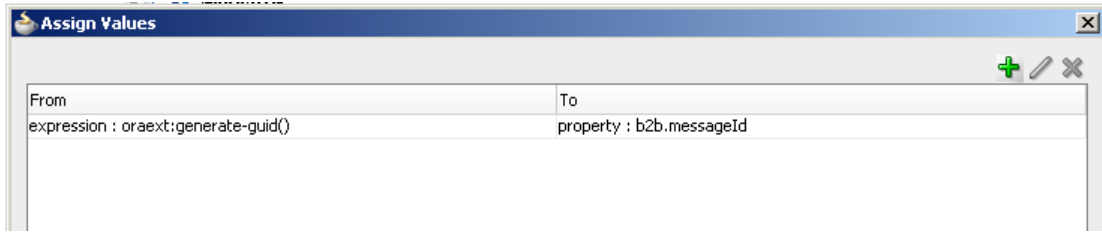
Click “Invoke Expression Builder” button.



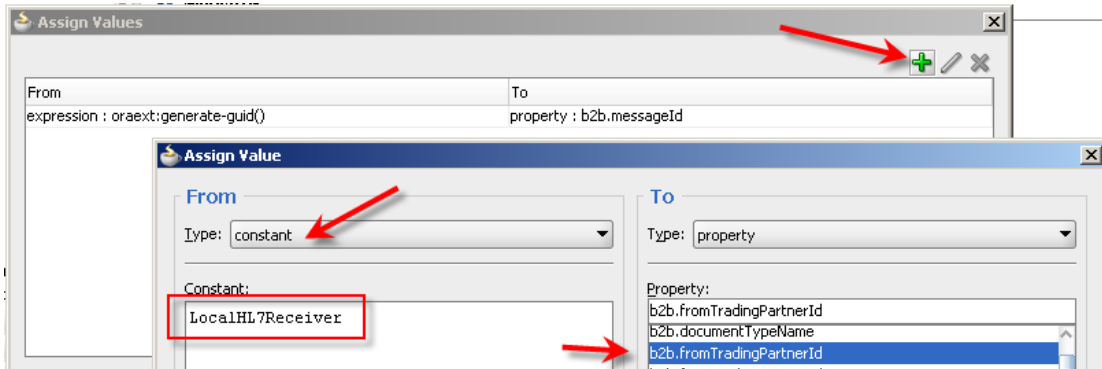
Select generate-guid from the list of advanced functions and click the large/wide “Insert into expression” button. Click OK to close the Expression Builder and OK again to close the Assign Value dialogue box. This will provide unique message ID for each outgoing message.



The expression gets added to the Assign Values list.

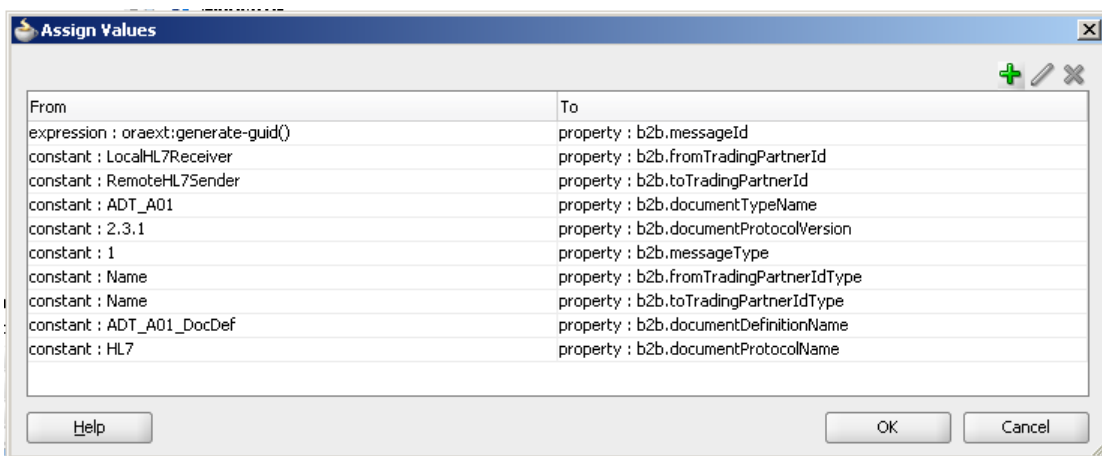


Click the large Plus sign to Add a New Value Assignment, select “constant” from the drop-down box on the From side and b2b.fromTradingPartnerId from the property list on the To side. Click OK to add the constant assignment.

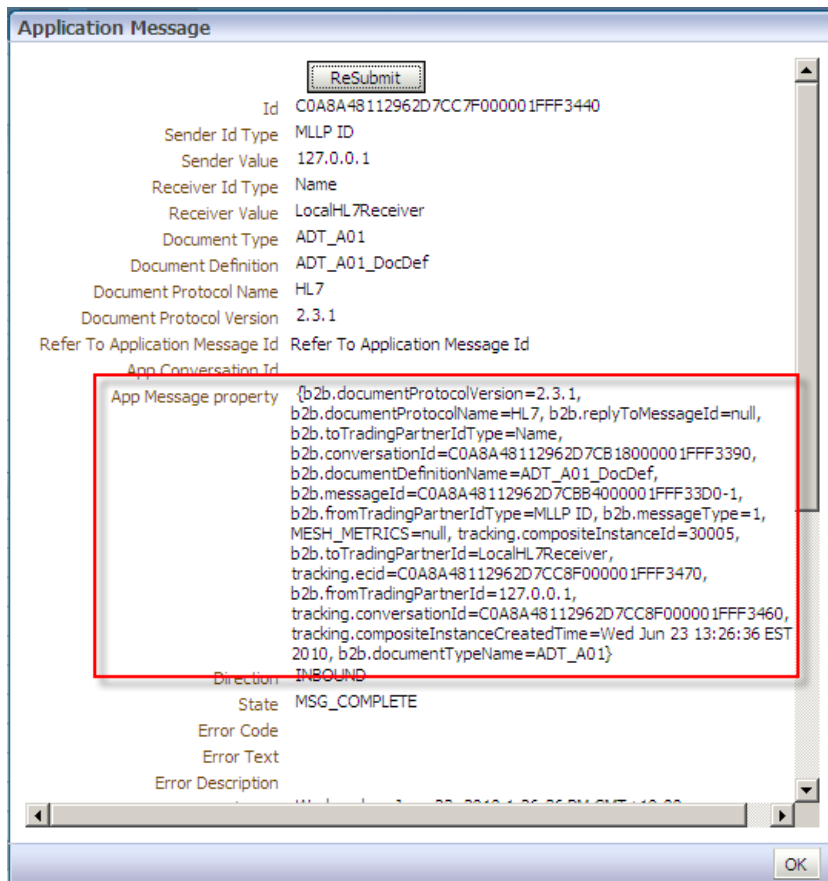


Repeat the steps to add constants in the following list.

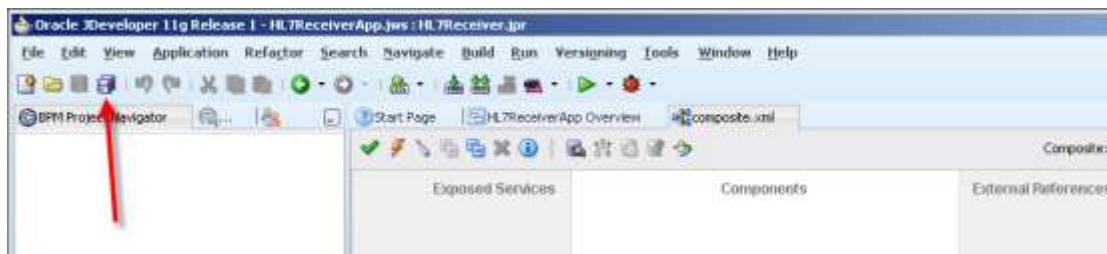
| Constant | Property |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Name | b2b.fromTradingPartnerIdType |
| Name | b2b.toTradingPartnerIdType |
| RemoteHL7Sender | b2b.toTradingPartnerId |
| ADT_A01_DocDef | b2b.documentDefinitionName |
| ADT_A01 | b2b.documentTypeName |
| HL7 | b2b.documentProtocolName |
| 2.3.1 | b2b.documentProtocolVersion |
| 1 | b2b.messageType |



It should be clear where these values come from. If in doubt, go to the B2B Message Tracker and open any successfully received Application Message.



Click Save All toolbar button, then close the Mediator Plan and Mapper Tabs.

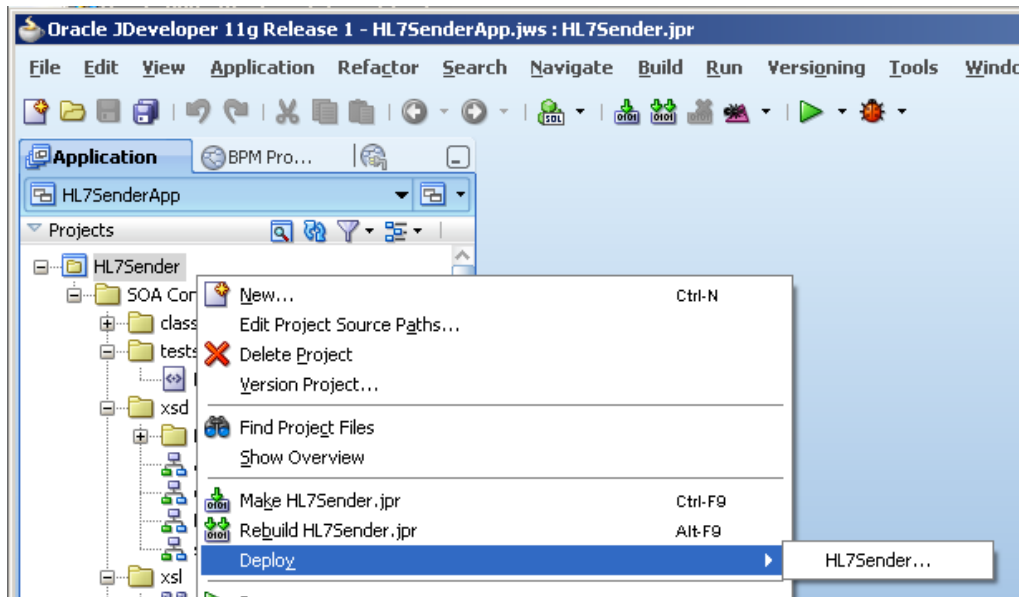


We are ready to build and deploy this application.

Make sure the Application Navigator panel is visible.



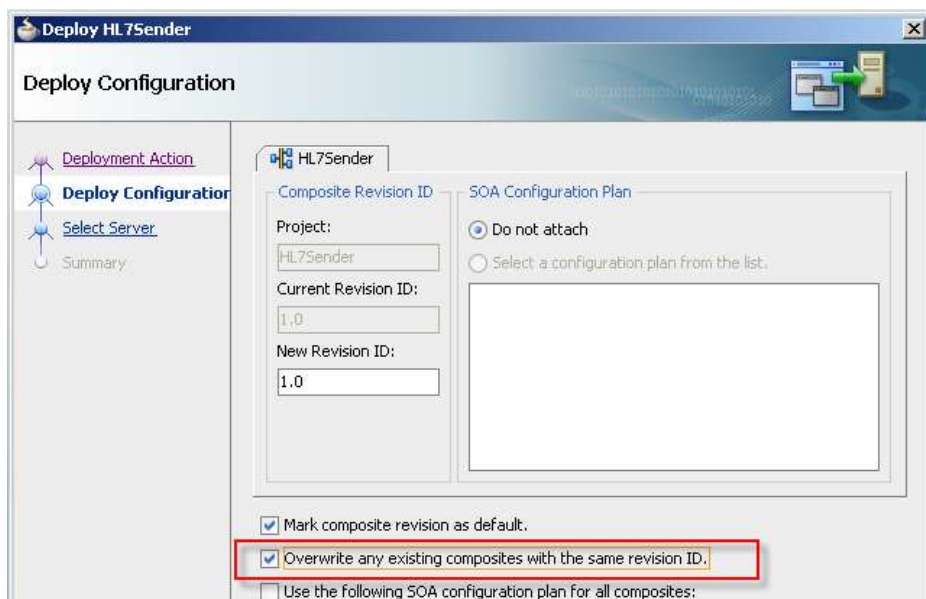
Right-click on the name of the project HL7Receiver, choose Deploy and HL7Sender...



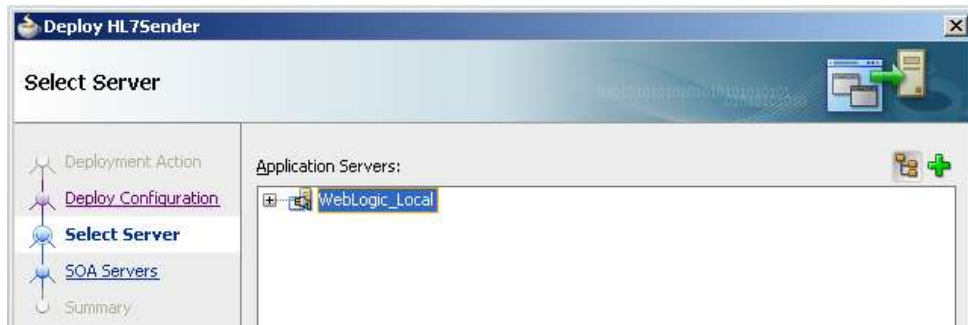
Accept default and click Next.



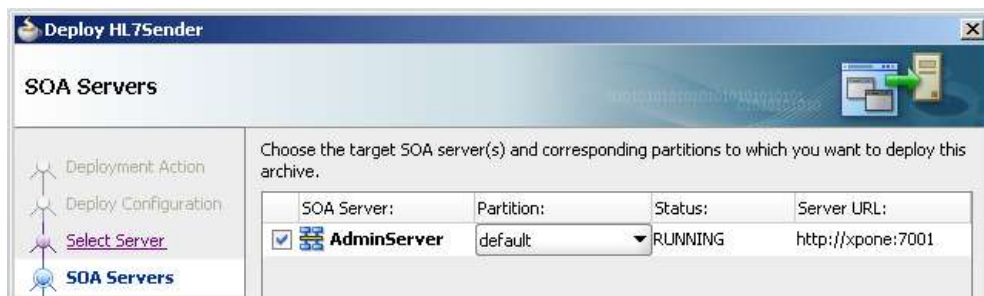
Check the "Overwrite any existing composites with the same revision ID" and click Next.



Accept the default WebLogic_Local application server and click Next.



Accept the default SOA Server and click Next.

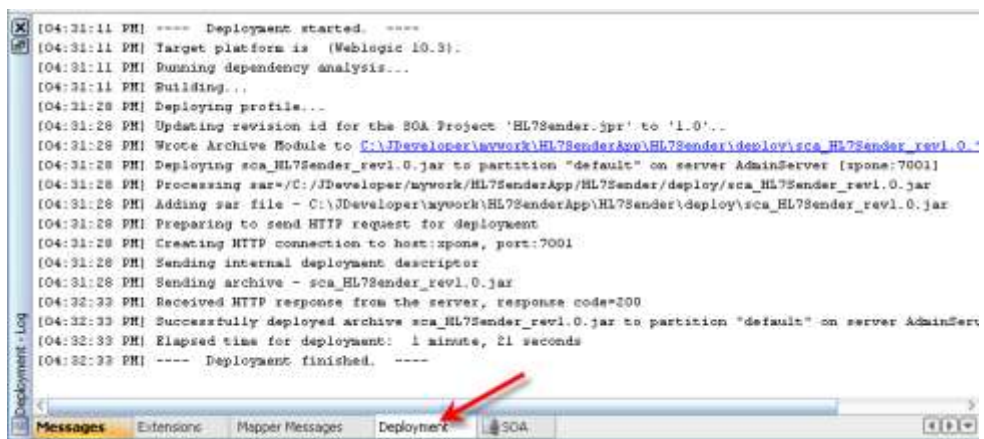


Click Finish.

Observer SOA Log window.



Observe Deployment Log window.



Click Save All toolbar button and exit JDeveloper Studio.

Exercise HL7 Outbound solution

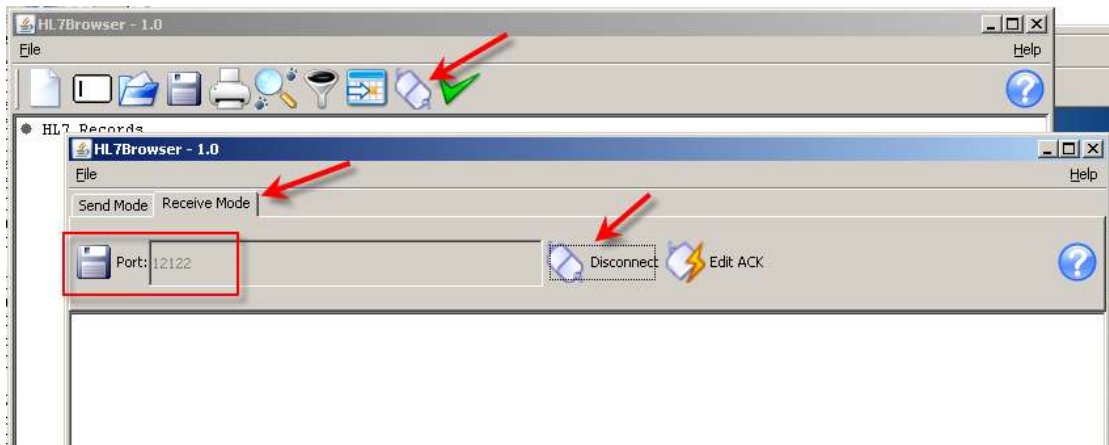
To see the interaction and message exchange we need to increase logging level for the appropriate parts of the infrastructure. It is assumed that this has already been done as discussed at this point in the previous article.

Start the B2B Trading Partner Manager Web Console, <http://localhost:7001/b2b>, log in and click the Reports link. Note that there are no messages shown unless you run messages through a different B2b solution to the one on which we are currently working.

Open a command window and run the HL7Browser:

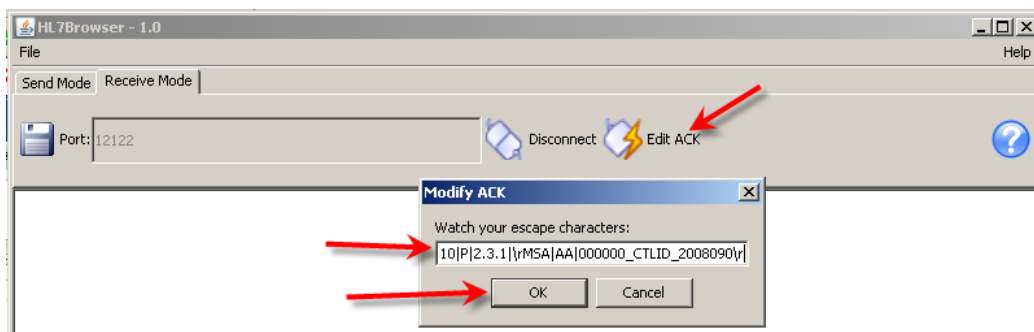
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C:\jdk1.6.0_20\bin\java.exe -jar C:\tools\HL7Browser.1.0\HL7Browser.jar
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Click the “Run network utility” button, click the “Receive Mode” Tab, specify 12122 as Port.



Click the Edit ACK button and paste the following text into the text box, making sure it is all on a single line:

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MSH|^~\&|SystemA|HosA|PI|MDM|20100623||ACK^A01|1010|P|2.3.1|\rMSA|AA|000000_CTLID_2008090\r
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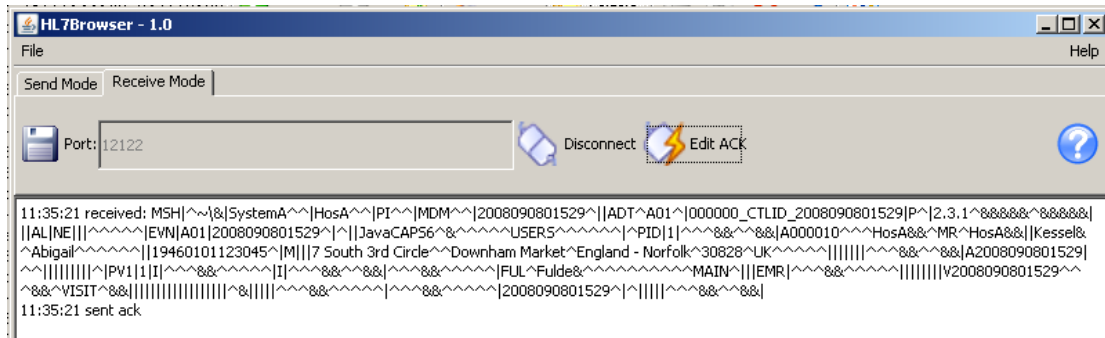


Click Connect. The HL7 receiver is ready to receive messages from the SOA Suite HL7 sender.

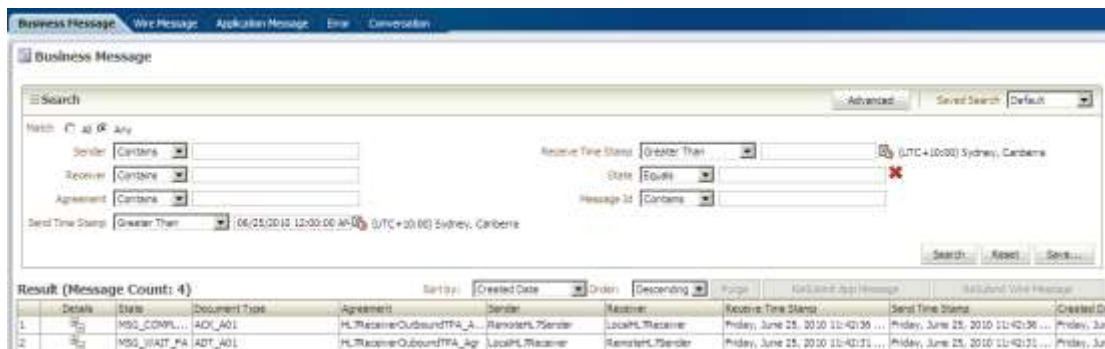
Be sure to move the c:\hl7\adt\data\sources directory out of the data directory to, for example, c:\hl7\adt directory. The File adapter scans directories recursively and would process all the XML transaction files that match the pattern in the sources directory. This is definitely not what we want at this point in time.

Locate the ADT A01 XML transaction file, C:\hl7\adt\data\sources\ADT_A01_output_1.xml, and copy it to the C:\hl7\adt\data directory.

In due course the file is picked up and processed. The HL7 Browser Receive Mode window shows the incoming message and indicates that the ACK has been sent,



Switch to the B2B Message Tracker (B2B Trading Partner Manager Web Console, Reports Tab) and search for recent messages.



Explore Wire messages, Application Messages and Conversations.

This concludes the exercise.

Summary

Oracle SOA Suite B2B component can be used to provide HL7 v2 messaging support for healthcare environments.

In this article a simple Oracle SOA Suite 11g B2B infrastructure-based HL7 v2 Sender project for ADT A01 messages was developed and exercised. Message Tracker was used to view messages, message states and messaging performance.

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