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from interoperational standards (e.g. CORBA, JavaBeans or DCOM), as well as bridges among them. Nevertheless, all parties are starting to recognize that this sort of interoperability is not sufficient for ensuring the correct development of applications in open systems. Typical interface definition languages (IDL) provide just the syntactic descriptions of the objects: public methods, i.e. their signatures. However, nothing is said about the ordering in which the objects expect their methods to be called, or their blocking conditions, or what the objects really perform. Basically, current IDLs do not describe the usage and the capabilities of the objects. We have lately seen some partial advances at the protocol and semantic levels, but we are still far from reaching any satisfactory solution because special problems appear when objects have to interoperate in open and independently extensible systems, in which components can dynamically evolve.