

Lab Manual for Cloud Computing

Lab No. 8

Consuming Web Services Using ASP .Net

LAB 08: CONSUMING WEB SERVICES USING ASP .NET

1. INTRODUCTION:

In ASP.NET, consuming web services serves as a pivotal mechanism for seamlessly integrating diverse external functionalities into web applications. Developers can employ a variety of tools such as HttpClient and WebClient to effectively manage HTTP requests and responses, thereby ensuring a high degree of flexibility and control over communication with remote services.

Furthermore, ASP.NET simplifies the process by offering built-in support for generating proxies tailored to specific web services. These proxies abstract away the complexities of remote communication, enabling developers to interact with external services as if they were local components within their application.

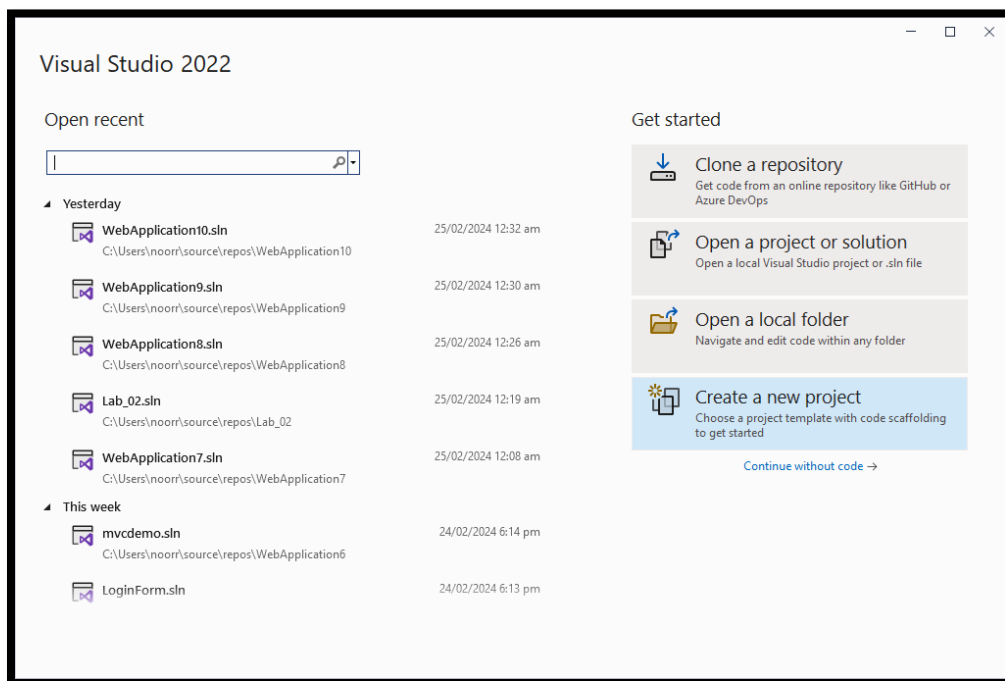
Whether interacting with RESTful APIs, which employ standard HTTP methods for resource manipulation, or SOAP-based web services, which adhere to a more structured messaging protocol, ASP.NET provides a versatile toolkit to efficiently consume and integrate web services. By leveraging these techniques, developers can extend the functionality of their applications, enhance user experiences, and seamlessly access external resources with ease.

Example of Creating Web Service and consuming it in ASP .Net

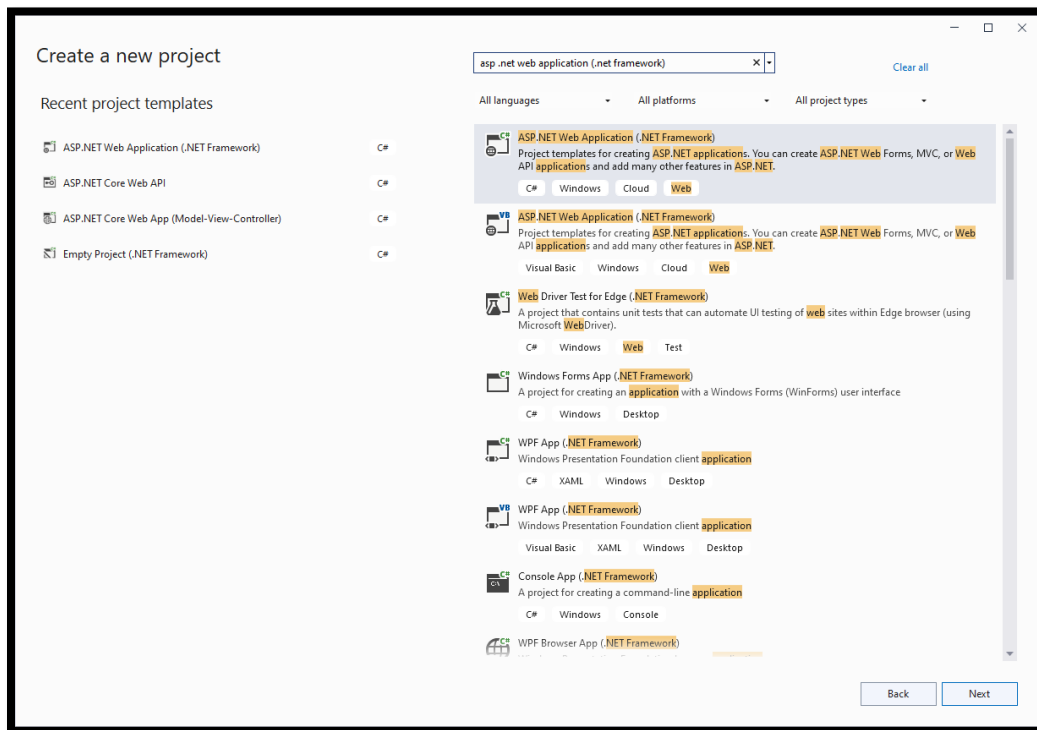
Firstly, Follow the same example of creating simple web service of calculator as did in previous lecture.

Step 1: Create a new project in Visual Studio 2022

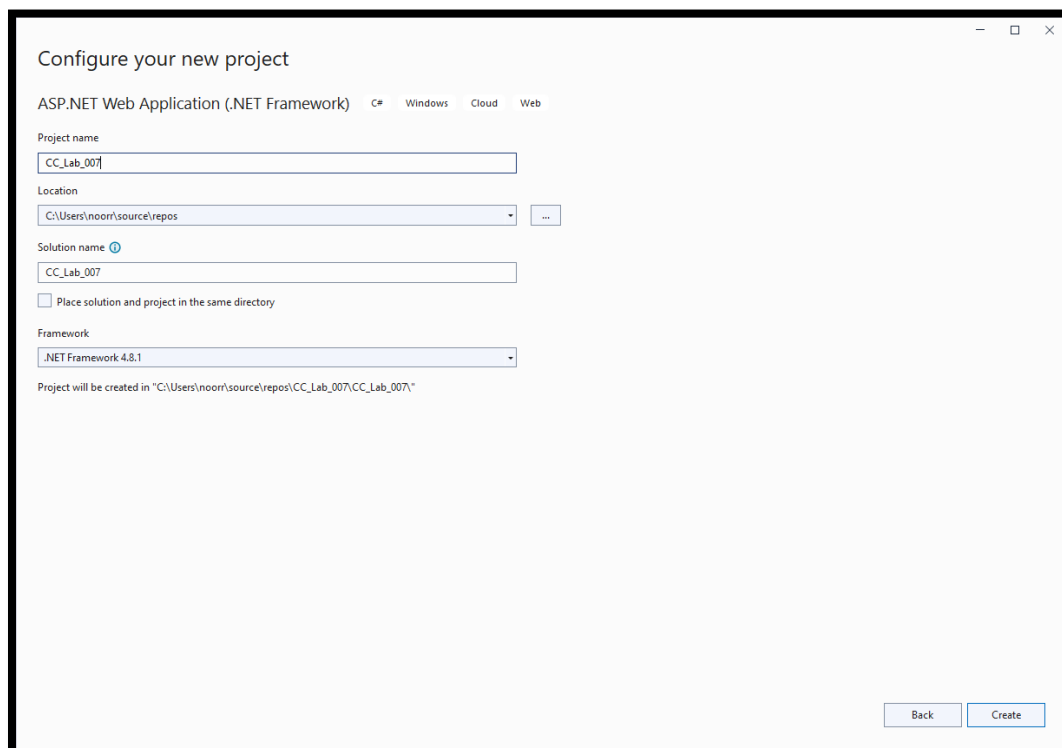
- Open Visual Studio 2022 and Click on "Create a new project" in the start window.



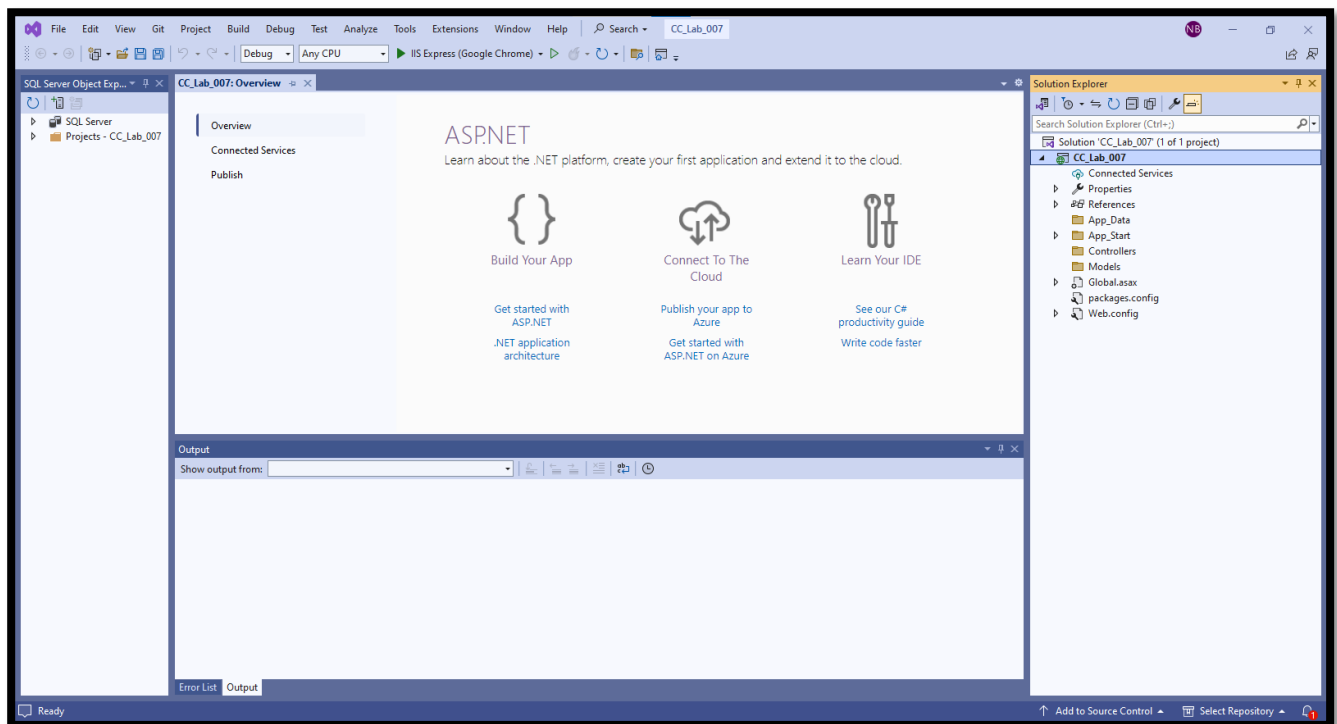
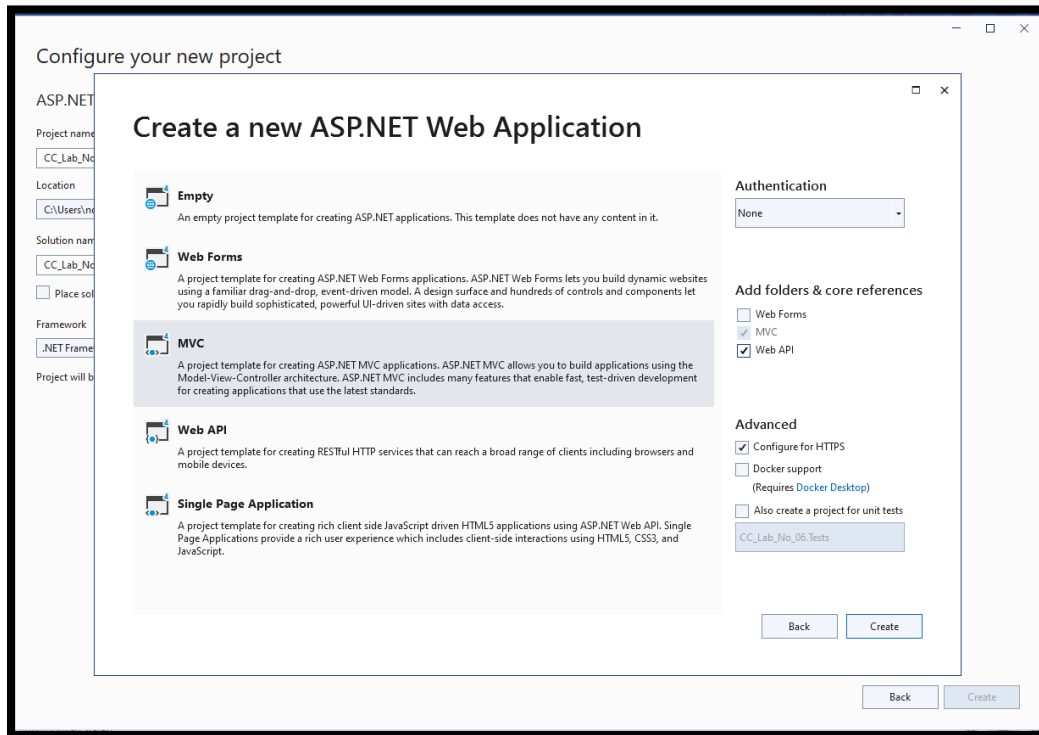
- In the "Create a new project" window, search for **ASP.NET Web Application (.net framework)** in the search bar, and then click NEXT.



- Provide a name and location for your project and then Click NEXT.

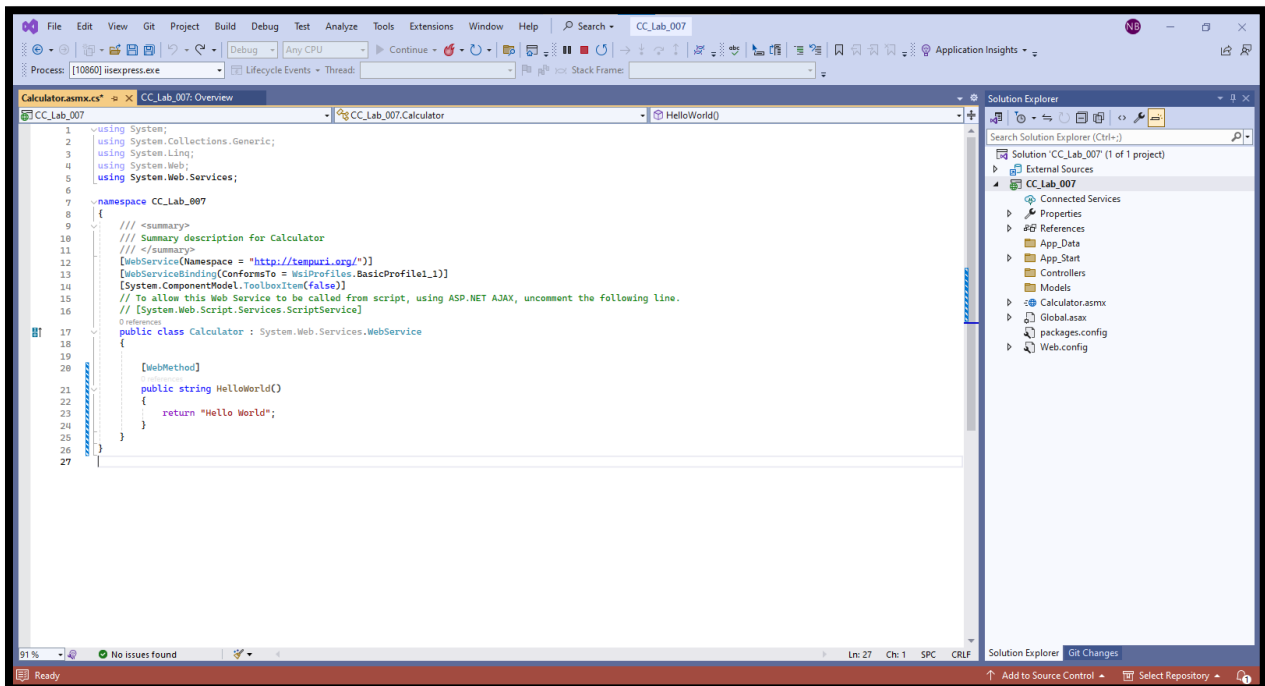
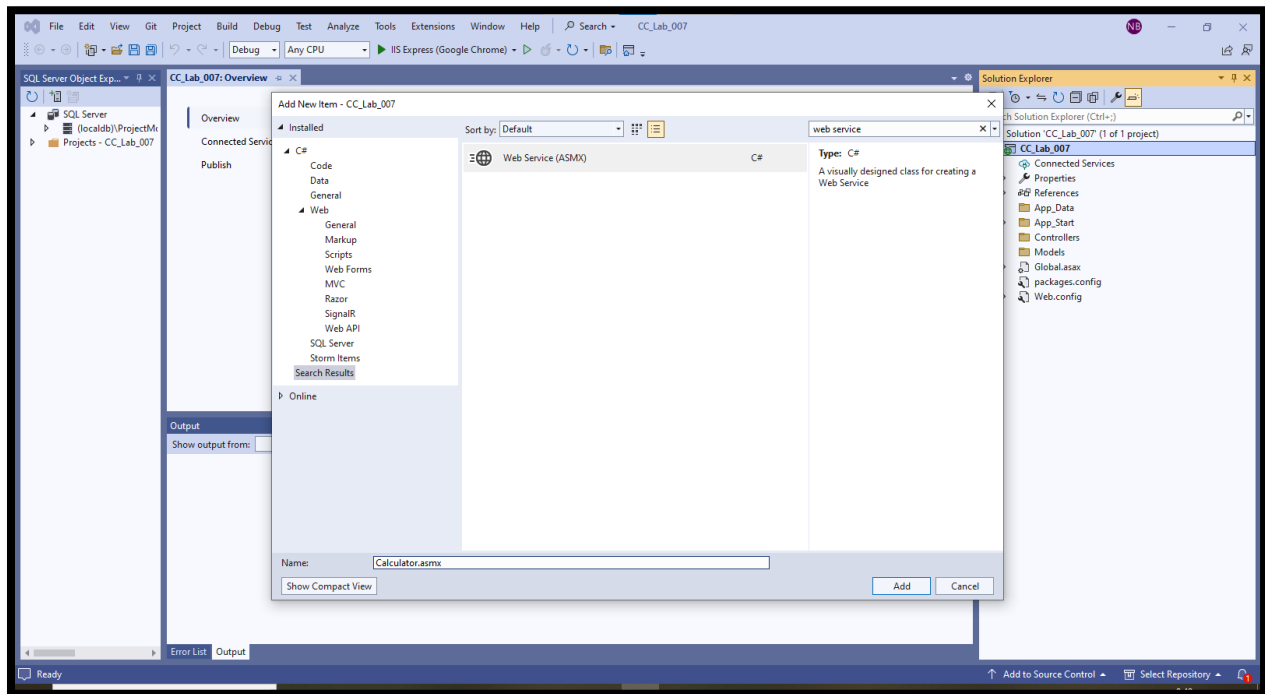


- Select the **Empty template** and check **web API** option from the list of “add folders and core references”, and Click CREATE.



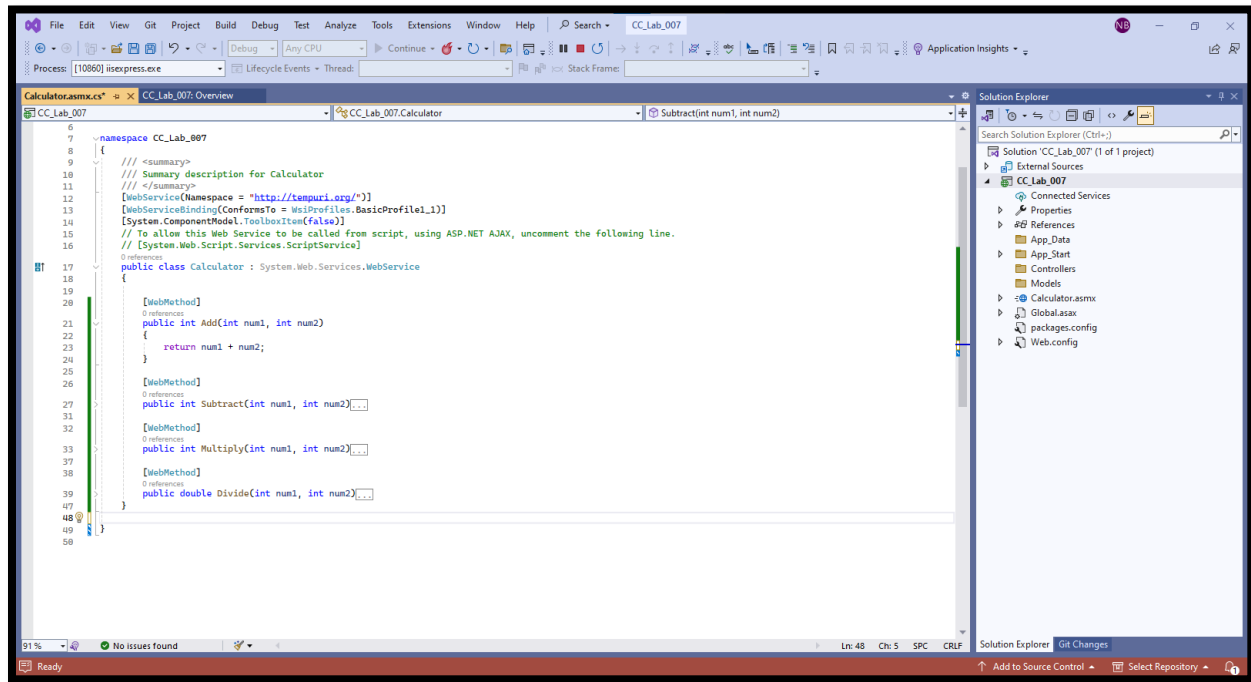
Step 2: Adding a Web Service

- Right-click on your project in Solution Explorer, click on add > new item. In the new opened window, search “web service”, name it calculator and then add it.



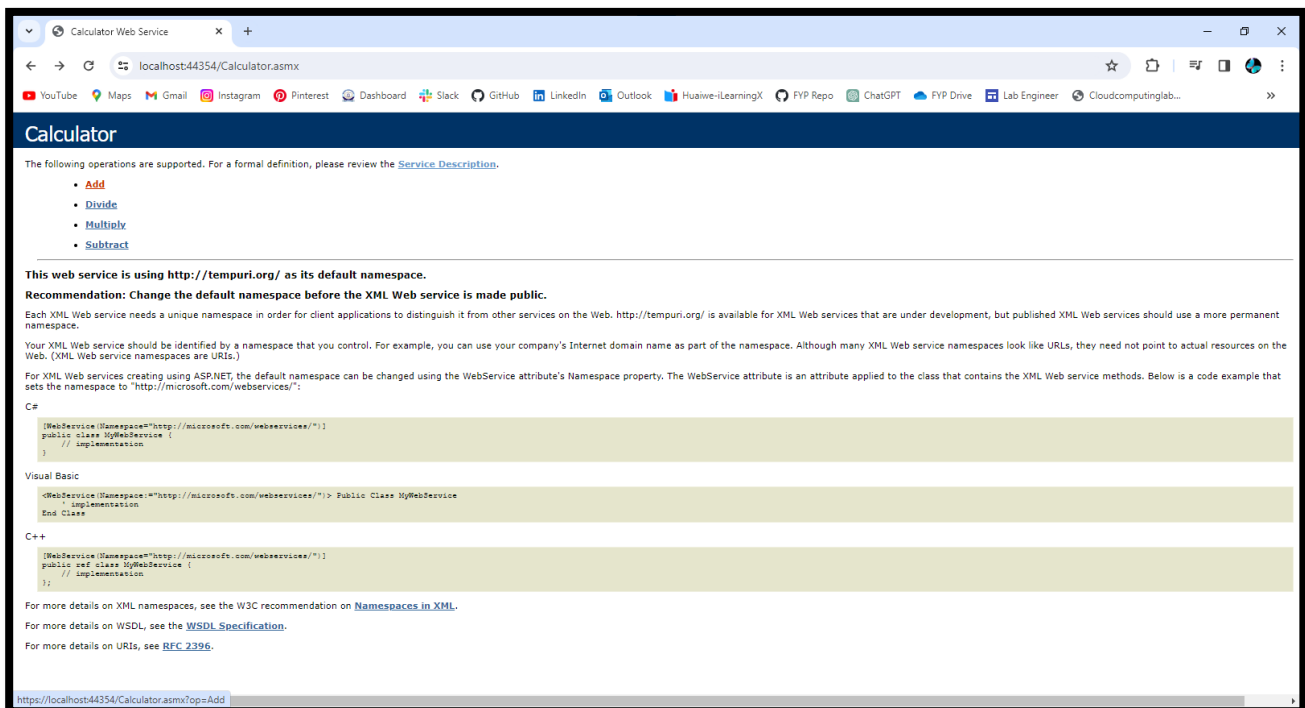
Here (in the above figure), you will note that there is predefined method "**HelloWorld**" which returns the string "**Hello World**". You can use your own method and can perform various operations

- As we've to make the simple calculator service, so remove the method present in it, and add the methods or essential for simple calculator.



Step 3: Build and run the application

- Build Web Service and Run the Web Service for testing by pressing F5 function key.



Calculator Web Service

localhost:44354/Calculator.aspx?op=Add

Calculator

Click [here](#) for a complete list of operations.

Add

Test

To test the operation using the HTTP POST protocol, click the 'Invoke' button.

| Parameter | Value |
|-----------|-------|
| num1: | 5 |
| num2: | 100 |

Invoke

SOAP 1.1

The following is a sample SOAP 1.1 request and response. The placeholders shown need to be replaced with actual values.

```
POST /Calculator.aspx HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length
SOAPAction: "http://tempuri.org/Add"

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8">
<soap:Envelope xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:sd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap:Body>
    <Add xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <num><int>5</int></num>
      <num><int>100</int></num>
    </Add>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8">
<soap:Envelope xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:sd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap:Body>
    <AddResponse xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <AddResult><int>105</int></AddResult>
    </AddResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

SOAP 1.2

The following is a sample SOAP 1.2 request and response. The placeholders shown need to be replaced with actual values.

```
POST /Calculator.aspx HTTP/1.1
```

Calculator Web Service

localhost:44354/Calculator.aspx/Add

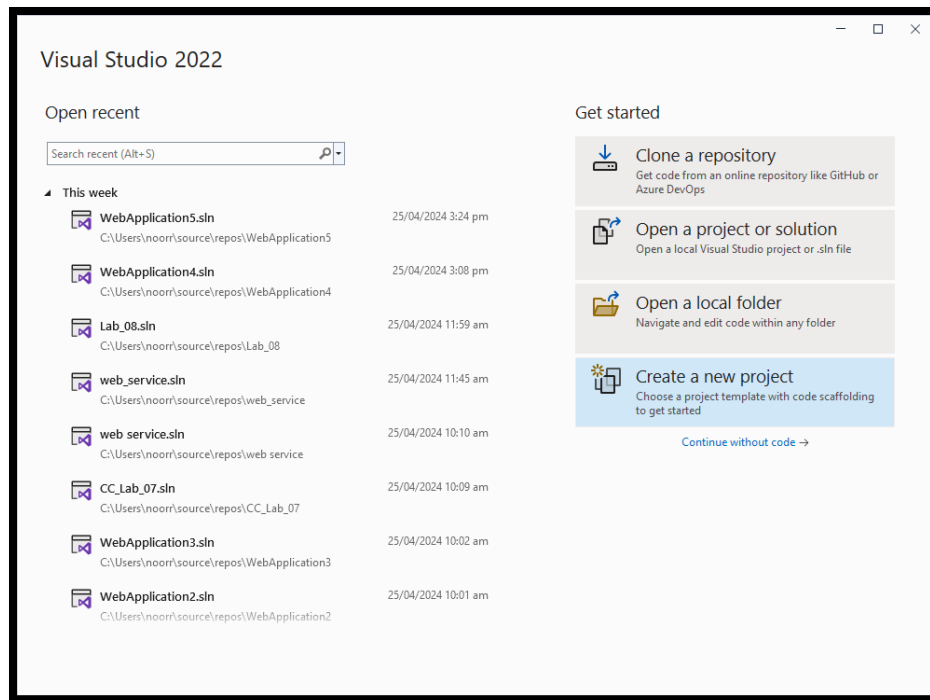
This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

```
<int xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">105</int>
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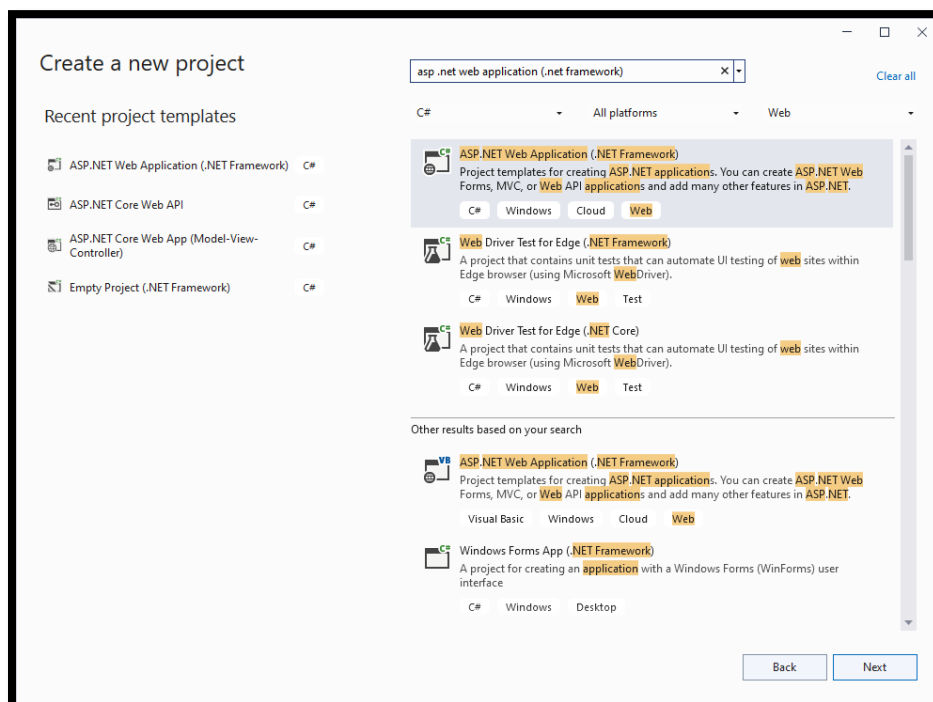
Now, create the new project to consume the web service created.

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Configure your new project

ASP.NET Web Application (.NET Framework) C# Windows Cloud Web

Project name
CC_Lab_08

Location
C:\Users\noorr\source\repos

Solution name
CC_Lab_08

☐ Place solution and project in the same directory

Framework
.NET Framework 4.8.1

Project will be created in "C:\Users\noorr\source\repos\CC_Lab_08\CC_Lab_08"

Back Create

- Select the **Empty template** and Click CREATE.

Create a new ASP.NET Web Application

Empty
An empty project template for creating ASP.NET applications. This template does not have any content in it.

Web Forms
A project template for creating ASP.NET Web Forms applications. ASP.NET Web Forms lets you build dynamic websites using a familiar drag-and-drop, event-driven model. A design surface and hundreds of controls and components let you rapidly build sophisticated, powerful UI-driven sites with data access.

MVC
A project template for creating ASP.NET MVC applications. ASP.NET MVC allows you to build applications using the Model-View-Controller architecture. ASP.NET MVC includes many features that enable fast, test-driven development for creating applications that use the latest standards.

Web API
A project template for creating RESTful HTTP services that can reach a broad range of clients including browsers and mobile devices.

Single Page Application
A project template for creating rich client side JavaScript driven HTML5 applications using ASP.NET Web API. Single Page Applications provide a rich user experience which includes client-side interactions using HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript.

Authentication
None

Add folders & core references

☐ Web Forms
☐ MVC
☐ Web API

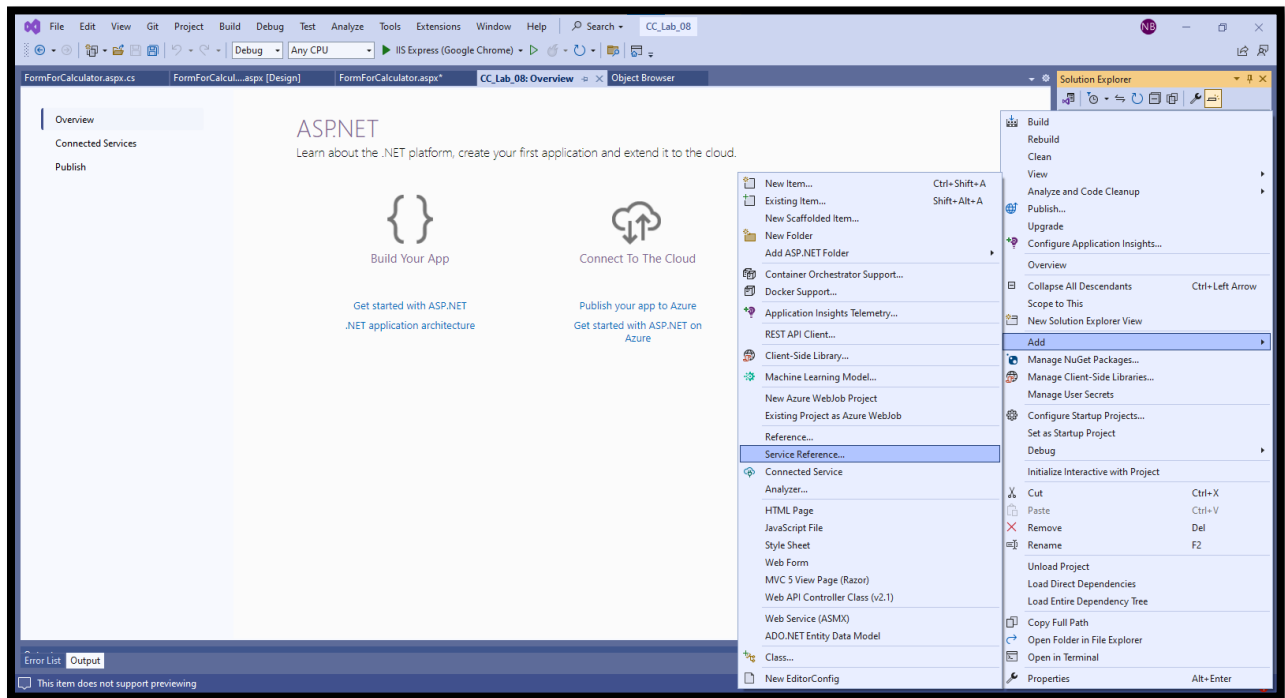
Advanced

☒ Configure for HTTPS
☐ Docker support
(Requires Docker Desktop)
☐ Also create a project for unit tests
CC_Lab_08.Tests

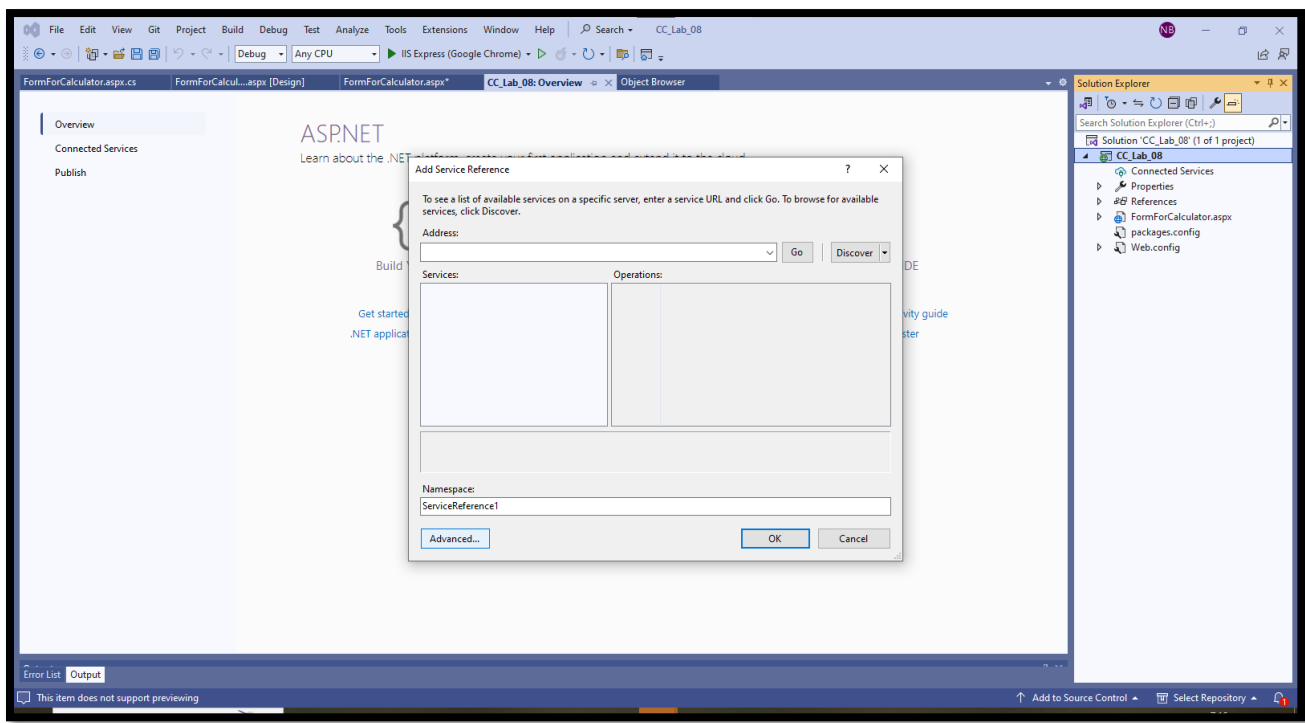
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Step 2: Add a web service reference in Visual Studio 2022

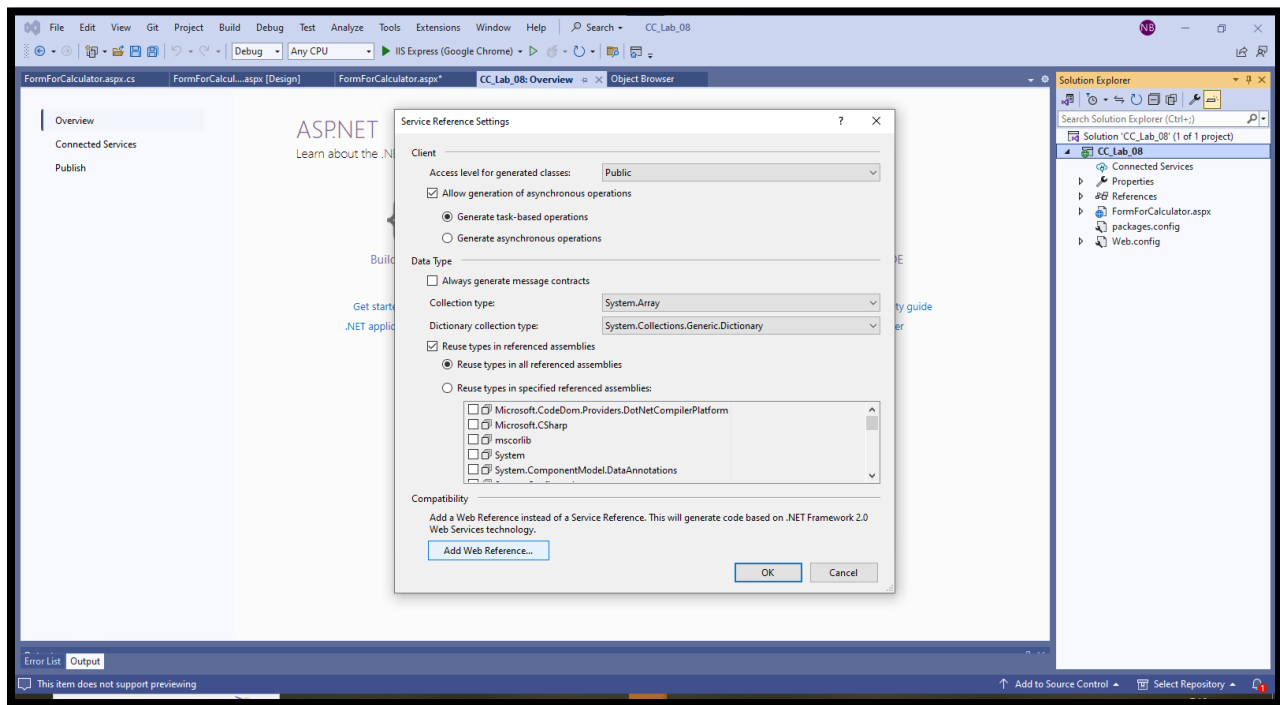
- Right-click on your project in Solution Explorer, click on "Add Service Reference" as in the following:



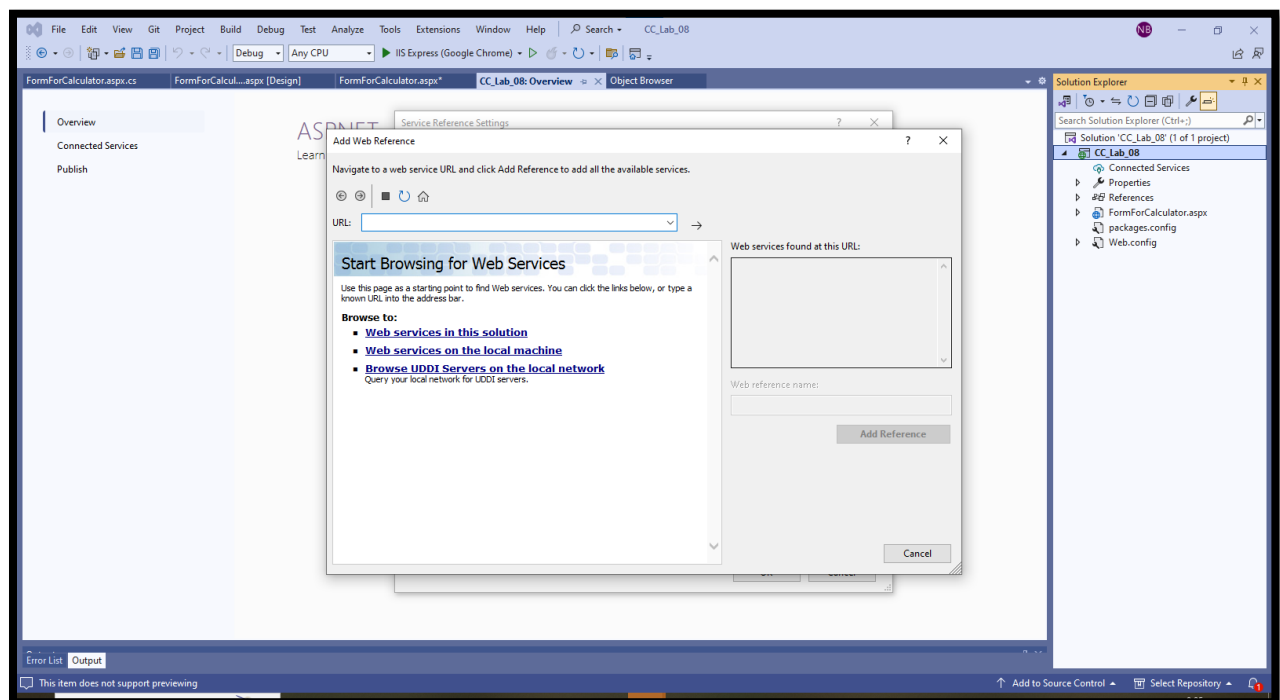
- Then after clicking on the above option, following window will appear, then click on the "Advanced" tab.



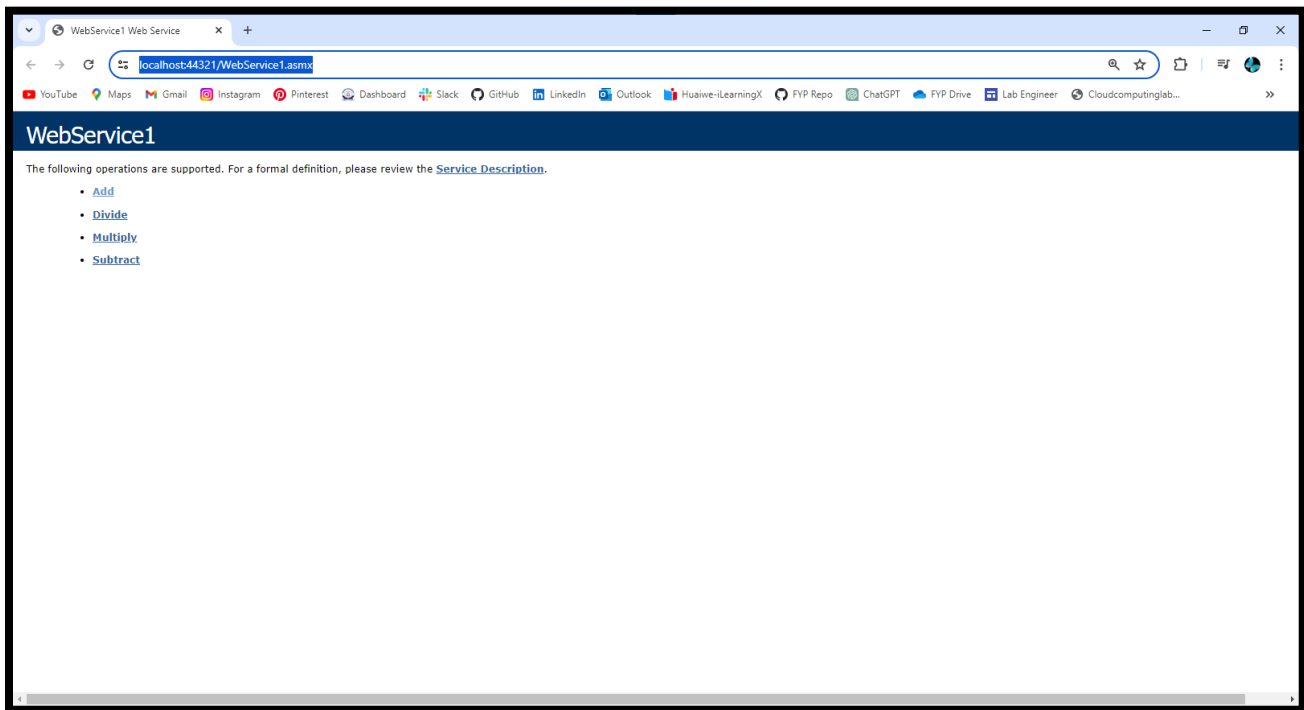
- Now after clicking on the Advanced tab, it will show the following window then click on the "Add Web Reference" option :



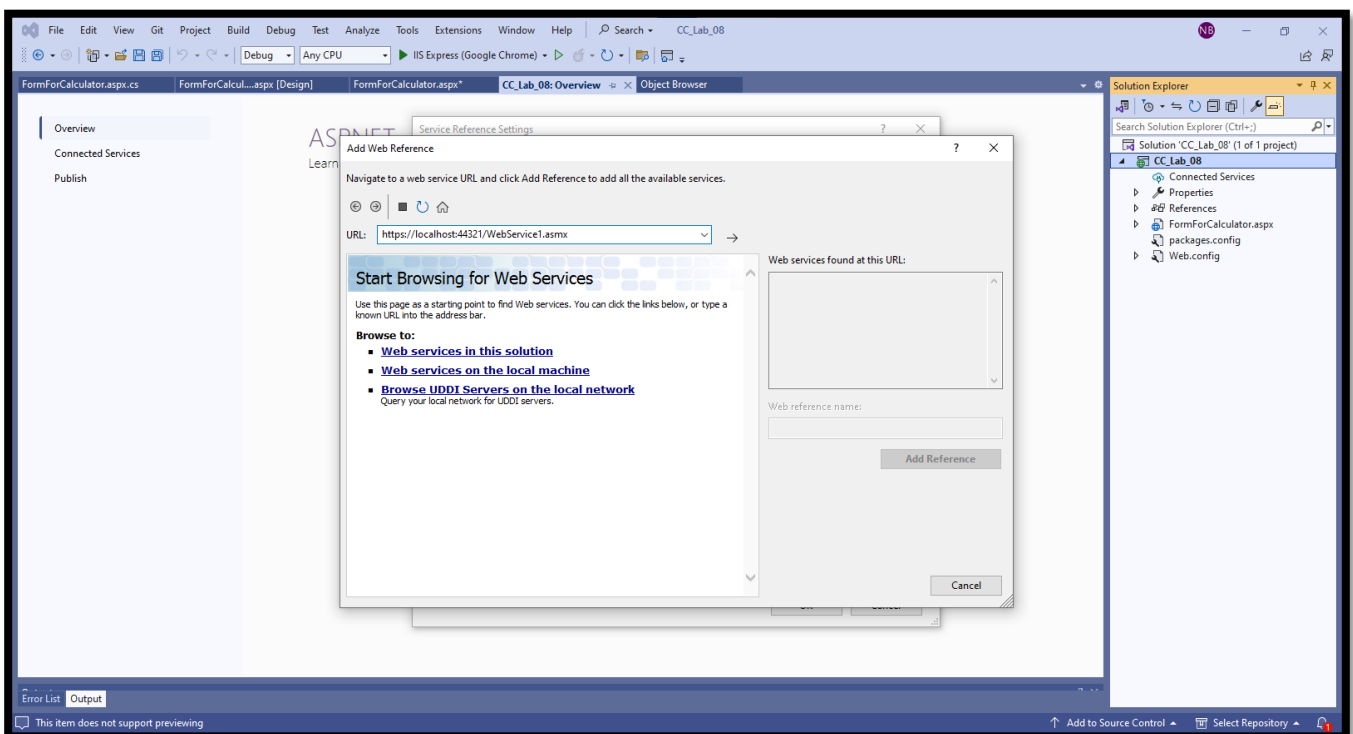
- After clicking on the Add Web Reference tab, it will show the following window. Now this is a very important step, when adding the web reference to the ASP.Net web Application. Since you see "URL" option in the following window, on that window we need to paste or type the Web Service URL address.



- For adding the URL, run the Web Service we created and copy the URL as shown below:

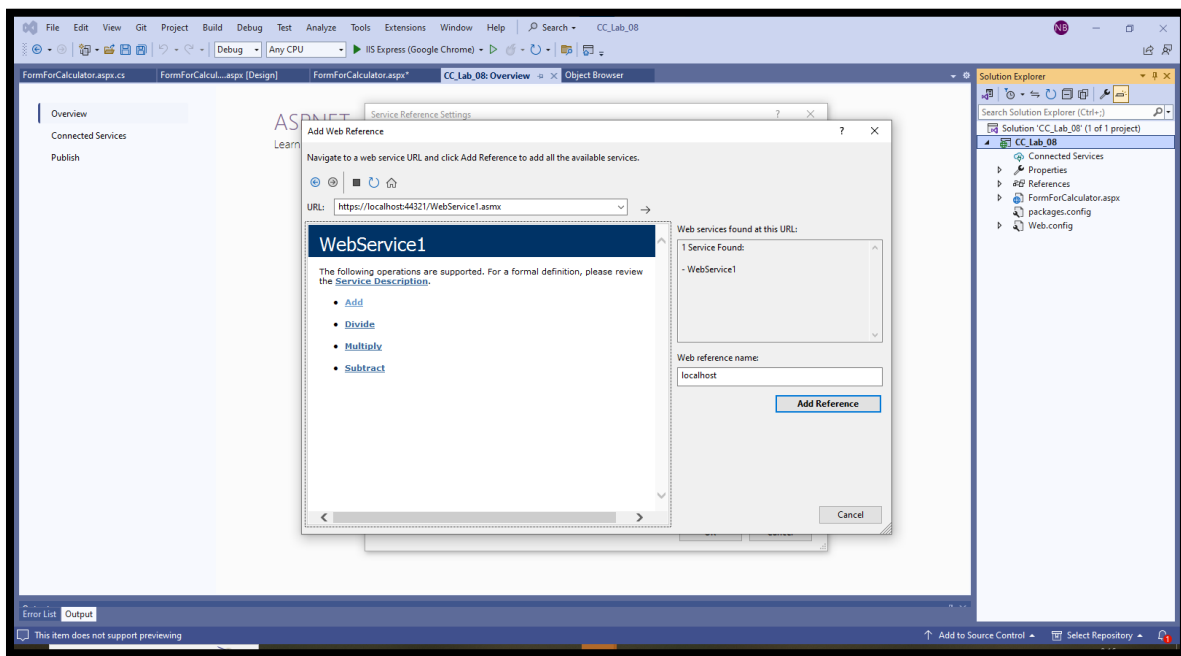


- As you clearly see there, in the preceding window, it displays the methods named "Add", "Divide", "Multiplier" and "Subtract", as we created in our Web Service, now just you need to copy the preceding URL and paste it into the previous Step's window URL option, then the Step 4 window will look as in the following:

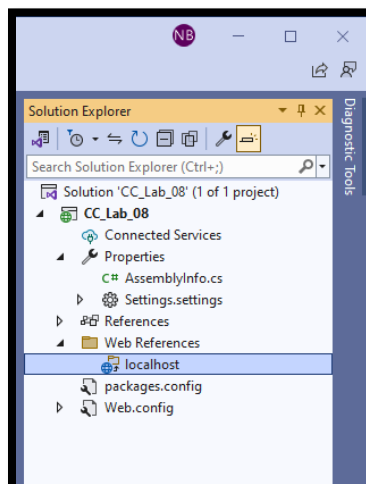


- After pasting the URL in the preceding window box, click on right headed arrow button, it will discover the Web Services available related to that URL address and you see that in that related URL one Web Service is found message is displayed along with the Web Service name, "Web Service 1" in the preceding right hand side window.

The Name of the Web Service is "WebService 1" because I have given the class name as Web Service, that's why the name is Web Service 1, in your case it might be different or the class name is anything so you can use any name for Web Service so don't be confused about it. In the right hand corner of the window you have seen the option for the Web reference name; the web reference name is anything you wish and this name will be added in your ASP.Net Web Application as allies name for Web Service. In my article I have given the web reference name as "local host".

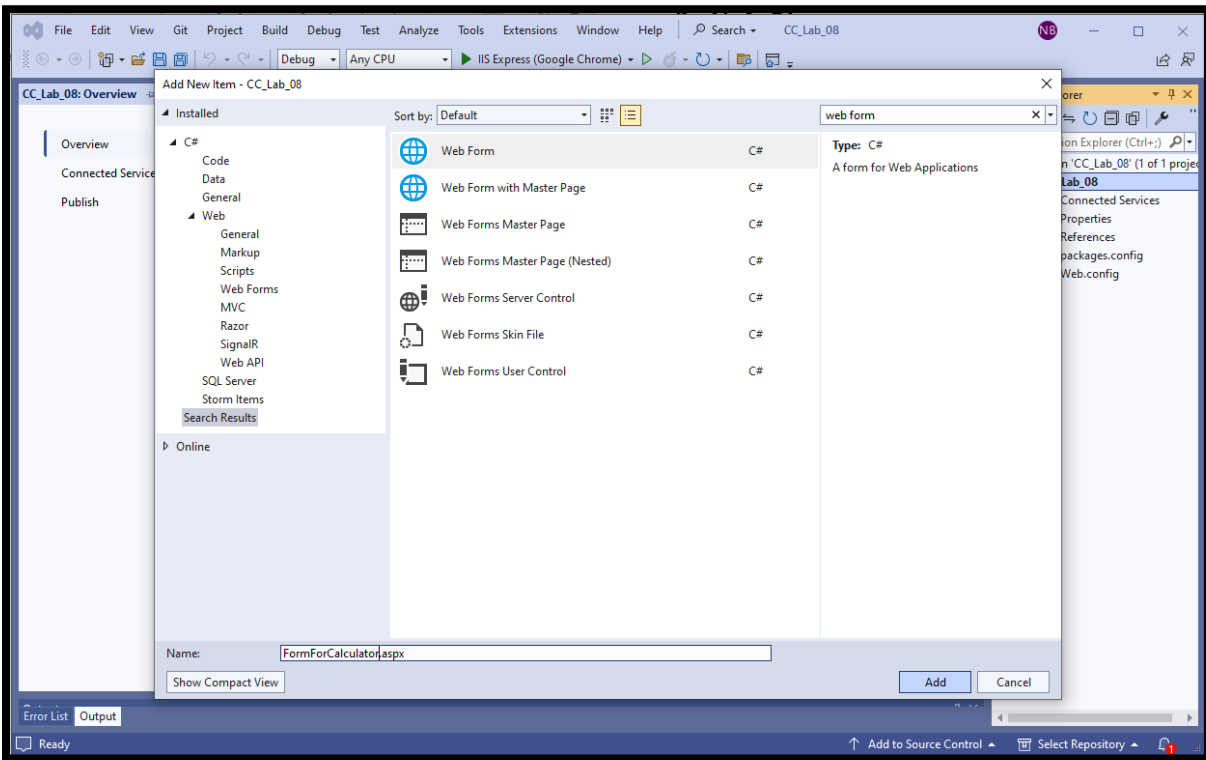


- Then after adding the Web Service reference in the ASP.Net web application the Solution Explorer will look as in the following:

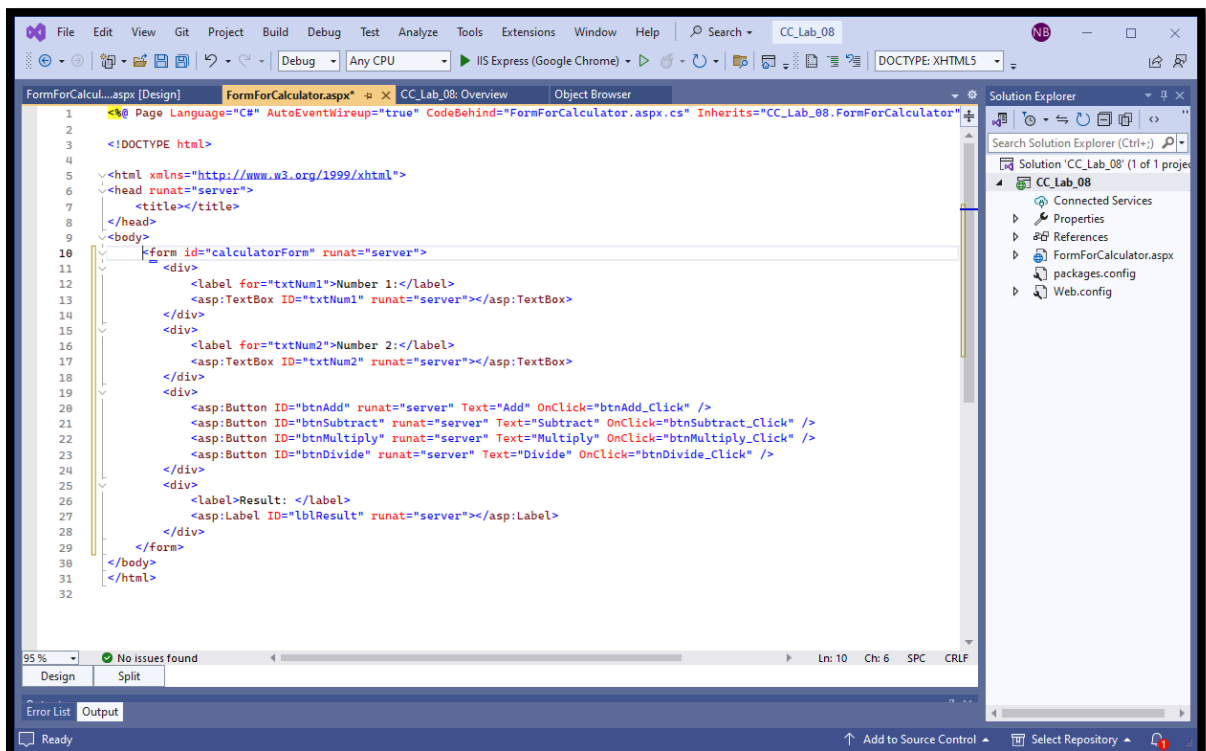


Step 3: Add a simple web form in Visual Studio 2022

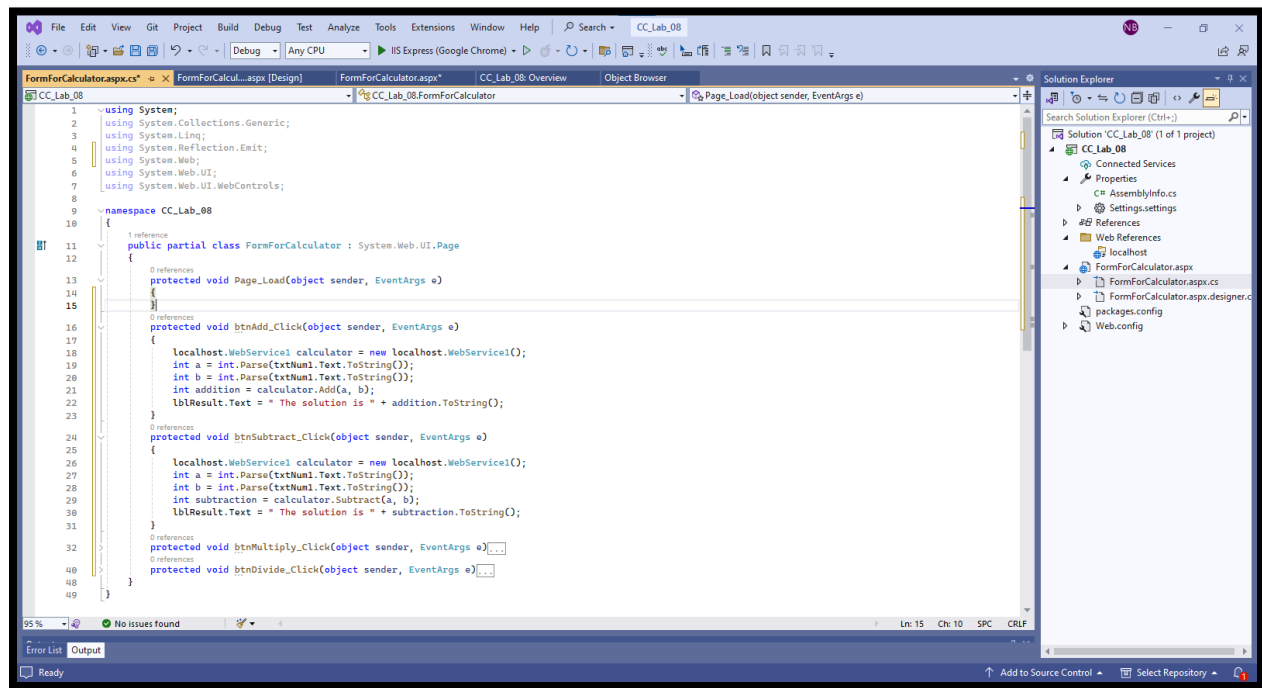
- Right-click on your project in Solution Explorer, click on add > new item. In the new opened window, search “web form”, name it “FormForCalculator” and then add it.



- Then add the required textboxes, buttons and labels onto the created web form.

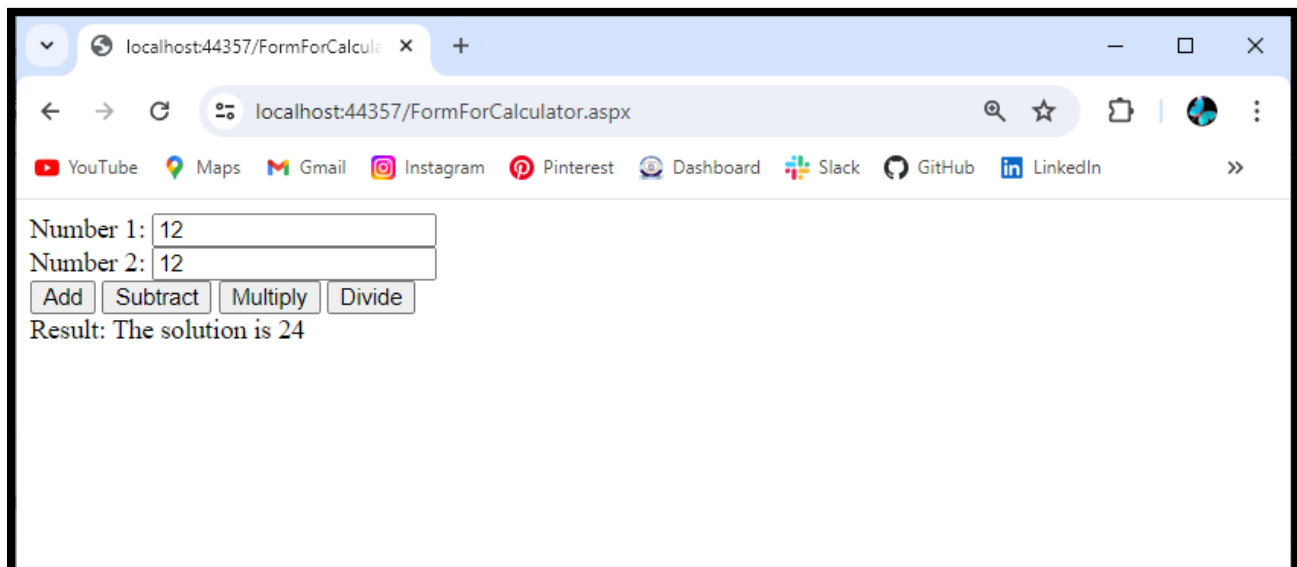


- Now implement the functionality behind the buttons in the functions named in “On Click” via consuming web service. For this open .aspx.cs file of the web form.



Step 3: Run the application

- Run the Application by pressing F5 function key.



2. Time Boxing

| Activity Name | Activity Time | Total Time |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Login Systems + Setting up Visual studio Environment | 3 mints + 5 mints | 8 mints |
| Walk through Theory & Tasks | 60 mints | 60 mints |
| Implement Tasks | 80 mints | 80 mints |
| Evaluation Time | 30 mints | 30 mints |
| Total Duration | | 178 mints |

3. Objectives

After completing this lab the student should be able to:

- a. *Learn to integrate external functionalities into ASP.NET applications by consuming web services.*
- b. *Understand the vital role of web service consumption in enabling seamless communication between different software applications.*
- c. *Acquire the skills to create service references and implement service clients for consuming web services in ASP.NET applications.*

4. Lab Tasks/Practical Work

1. Develop a web service in ASP.NET to retrieve current weather data based on location. Then build an ASP.NET web application to consume the weather service and display current weather information for a given location.
2. Design and implement a web service that solves quadratic equations using different method (atleast 3), then build an ASP.NET web application to consume this service.