

JAX-WS – Creating Java-based SOAP and WS-* Services

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JAX-WS Motivation

- Java API for XML Web Services
 - Currently version 2.2
- Create a standard Java approach to creating and consuming SOAP/WSDL web services
- Based on annotations
- Work with WS-I Basic Profile
- Work with JAX-B (Java API for XML Binding)
- Replaced the (broken) JAX-RPC specification



Two approaches

- Code first:
 - Create Java code, annotate
 - Run Java2WS to create WSDL / XSD etc
- Contract first:
 - Create (or re-use) WSDL / XSD etc
 - run WSDL2Java to create the Java artefacts



Tool names and syntax ARE NOT part of the spec

- In theory, tools should work with other spec implementations
 - Since the created artefacts should be portable
- In practise, I've never tested this
 - Java2WS is equivalent to wsgen
 - WSDL2Java is equivalent to wsimport



Code first (annotated POJOs)

- Start with a **P**lain **O**ld **J**ava **O**bject
- Create annotations that document the service definition, binding approach, etc



Common Annotations

- `@WebService`
- `@SOAPBinding`
- `@WebMethod`
- `@WebParam`
- `@OneWay`
- `@HandlerChain`



WebService

Applies to class or interface

All parameters are optional

@WebService

```
(name = "OrderService",  
serviceName = "OrderProcess",  
portName = "OrderProcessPort",  
targetNamespace = "http://freo.me/order",  
wsdlLocation="path to existing wsdl")
```



WebService continued

`@WebService(endpointInterface =
“me.freo.OrderProcess”)` applies to class only

This allows you to create an interface defining the service/WSDL and a separate implementation. This is especially important for WSDL first operation



SOAPBinding

Applies to class or interface

```
@SOAPBinding(  
    style=SOAPBinding.Style.DOCUMENT,  
    use=SOAPBinding.Use.LITERAL,  
    parameterStyle=  
        SOAPBinding.ParameterStyle.WRAPPED)
```

My hint: ALWAYS use Doc/Lit/Wrapped

see <http://pzf.fremantle.org/2007/05/handlign.html>

Second hint: this is the default so don't use
`@SOAPBinding!`



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WebMethod

Applies to Method

```
@WebMethod(  
    action="MySOAPAction", // optional  
    operationName="myWSDLop",  
    exclude=true) // do NOT expose this  
                // inherited method
```



OneWay

- Applies to a method that is marked `@WebMethod`
- Indicates that there is no response expected
- Assuming this is over HTTP, there should just be a HTTP 202 Accepted response
- Over JMS, no response message expected



WebParam

- A way of defining the mapping between the XML/SOAP message and the Java Parameters

```
@WebParam(  
    name="nameOfXMLElement",  
    partName="nameOfWSDLPart",  
    targetNamespace="xmlNamespace",  
    mode="IN | OUT | INOUT",  
    header=true | false)
```



Java2WS tooling

```
java2ws -databinding <jaxb or aegis> -frontend <jaxws or simple>  
-wsdl -wrapperbean -client -server -ant -o <output-file>  
-d <resource-directory> -classdir <compile-classes-directory>  
-cp <class-path> -soap12 -t <target-namespace>  
-beans <ppathname of the bean definition file>*  
-address <port-address> -servicename <service-name>  
-portname <port-name> -createxsdimports -h -v -verbose  
-quiet {classname}
```



Options

Option	Interpretation
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-?, -h, -help	Displays the online help for this utility and exits.
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-o	Specifies the name of the generated WSDL file.
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--databinding	Specify the data binding (aegis or jaxb). Default is jaxb for jaxws frontend, and aegis for simple frontend.
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-frontend	Specify the frontend to use. jaxws and the simple frontend are supported.
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Options (continued)

- wsdl Specify to generate the WSDL file.
- wrapperbean Specify to generate the wrapper and fault bean
- client Specify to generate client side code
- server Specify to generate server side code
- ant Specify to generate an Ant build.xml script
- cp Specify the SEI and types class search path of directories and zip/jar files.
- soap12 Specifies that the generated WSDL is to include a SOAP 1.2 binding.
- t Specifies the target namespace to use in the generated WSDL file.
- servicename Specifies the value of the generated service element's name attribute.
- v Displays the version number for the tool.



Options (continued)

- verbose Displays comments during the code generation process.
- quiet Suppresses comments during the code generation process.
- s The directory in which the generated source files(wrapper bean ,fault bean ,client side or server side code) are placed.
- classdir The directory in which the generated sources are compiled into. If not specified, the files are not compiled.

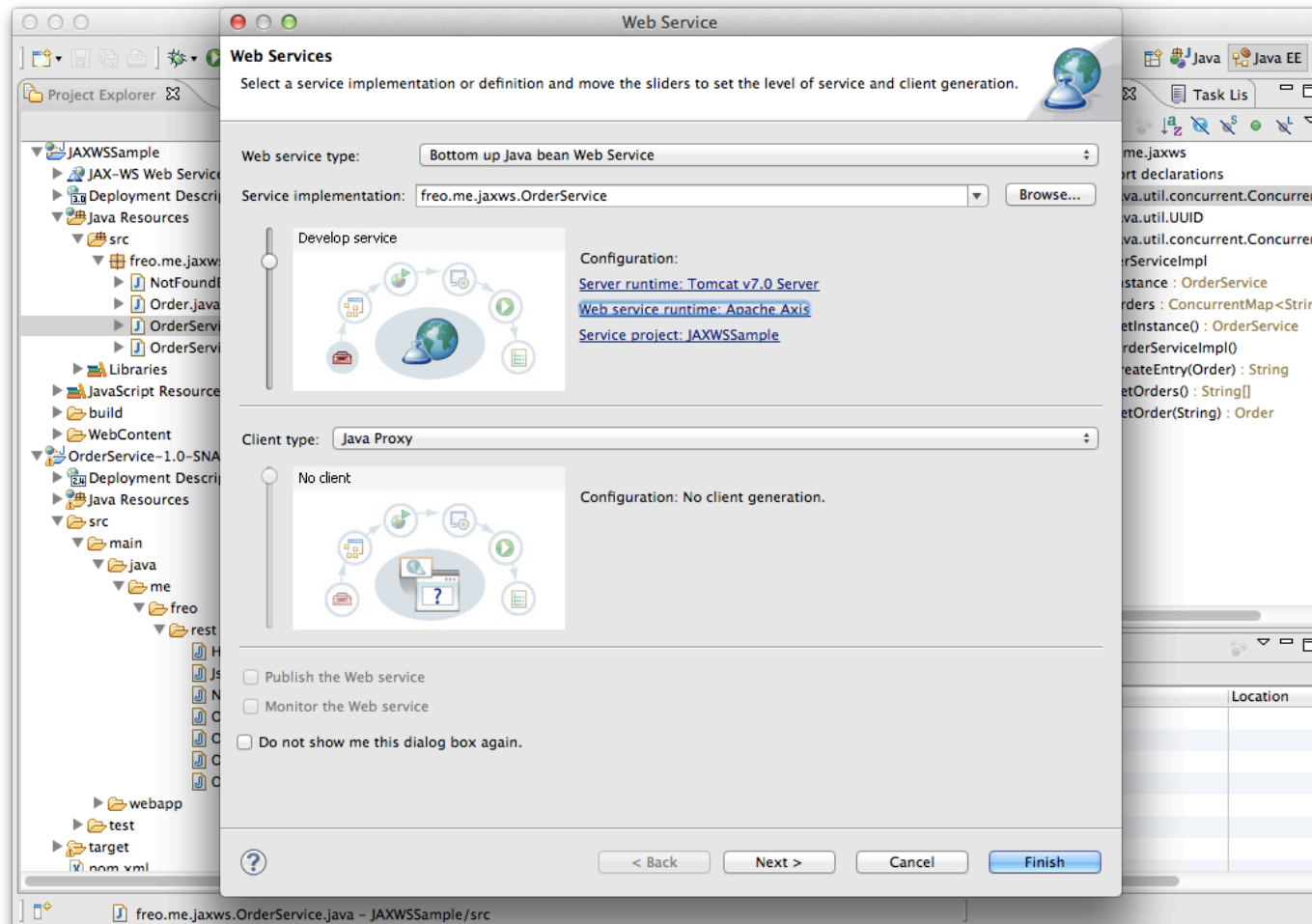


Options (continued)

- portname Specify the port name to use in the generated wsdl.
- address Specify the port address.
- beans Specify the pathname of a file defining additional Spring beans to customize databinding configuration.
- createxsdimportsOutput schemas to separate files and use imports to load them instead of inlining them into the wsdl.
- d The directory in which the resource files are placed, wsdl file will be placed into this directory by default
- classname Specifies the name of the SEI class.



But you can ignore that!



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HandlerChain

@HandlerChain(file = "handlers.xml")

Handlers.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<handler-chains xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
  <handler-chain>
    <handler>
      <handler-name>Transform</handler-name>
      <handler-class>org.freo.jaxws.handlers.Transform</handler-class>
    </handler>
    <handler>
      <handler-name>Log</handler-name>
      <handler-class>org.freo.jaxws.handlers.Logger</handler-class>
    </handler>
  </handler-chain>
</handler-chains>
```



WSDL first

- Again there is a tool for this
- You might want to create a service
 - Contract-first (design the WSDL, then implement)
 - Implement a standard WSDL
 - Re-architect an existing service
 - Copy a competitor's service (though this is a thorny issue!)
- Very likely you need to call a service



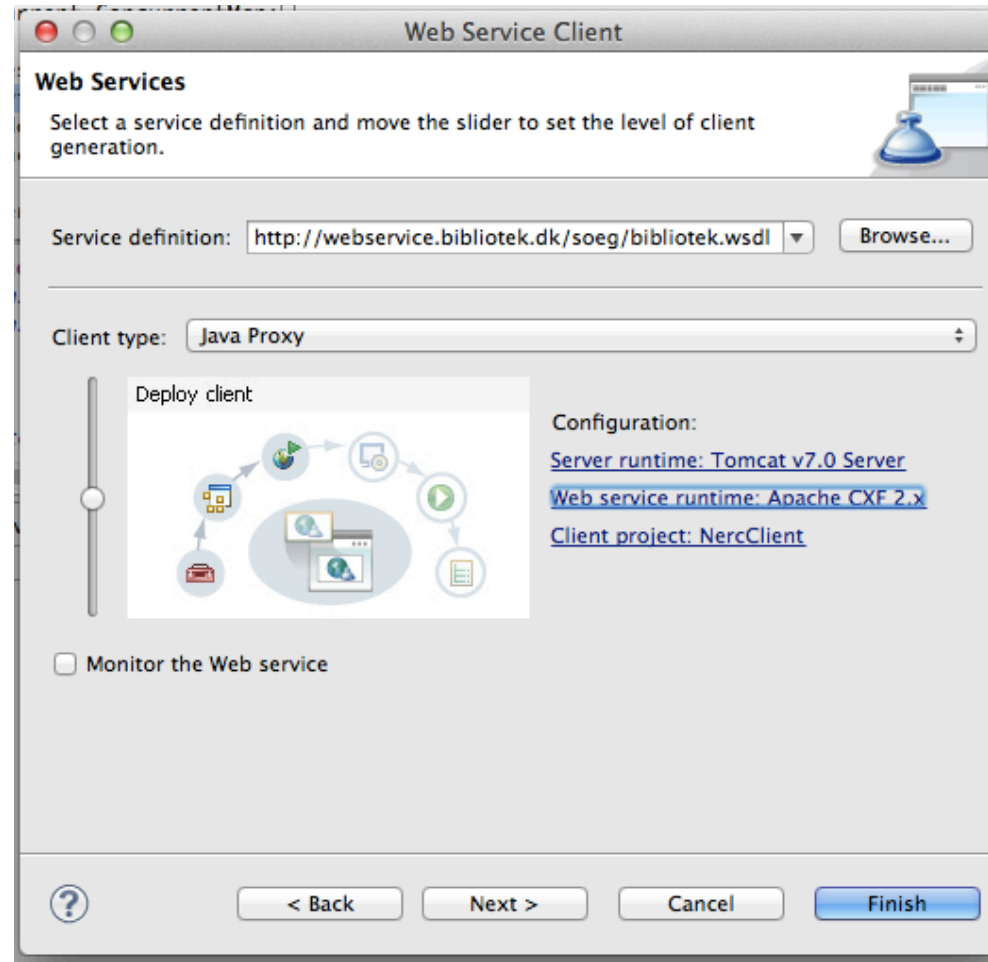
WSDL2Java

```
wsdl2java -fe | -frontend <front-end-name> -db | -databinding <data-binding-name>
-wv <wsdl-version> -p <[wsdl-namespace =]package-name>* -sn <service-name>
-b <binding-file-name>* -reserveClass <class-name>* -catalog <catalog-file-name>
-d <output-directory> -compile -classdir <compile-classes-directory> -impl -server
-client -all -autoNameResolution -allowElementReferences | -aer<=true>
-defaultValues<=class-name-for-DefaultValueProvider> -ant
-nexclude <schema-namespace [= java-package-name]>* -exsh <(true, false)> -
noTypes
-dns <(true, false)> -dex <(true, false)> -validate -keep
-wsdlLocation <wsdlLocation> -xjc<xjc-arguments>* -
asyncMethods<[=method1,method2,...]>*
-bareMethods<[=method1,method2,...]>* -
mimeMethods<[=method1,method2,...]>* -noAddressBinding
-faultSerialVersionUID <fault-serialVersionUID> -exceptionSuper
<exceptionSuper>
-mark-generated -h | -? | -help -version | -v -verbose | -V -quiet | -q | -Q -wsdlList
<wsdlurl>
```



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Again do this via the Eclipse tooling!



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Resources

- The Labs
- The Spec
 - <http://jcp.org/aboutJava/communityprocess/mrel/jsr224/index3.html>
- The CXF documentation
 - <http://cxf.apache.org/docs/a-simple-jax-ws-service.html>
- The Reference Implementation
 - <http://jax-ws.java.net/>

