Lecture 15a

Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) Web Services

OBJECTIVES

In this lecture you will learn:

- What a WCF service is.
- How to create WCF web services.
- How XML, JSON, XML-Based Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) and Representational State Transfer (REST) Architecture enable WCF web services.
- The elements that comprise WCF web services, such as service references, service endpoints, service contracts and service bindings.

OBJECTIVES

- How to create a client that consumes a WCF web service.
- How to use WCF web services with Windows applications and web applications.
- How to use session tracking in WCF web services to maintain state information for the client.
- How to pass user-defined types to a WCF web service.

Outline

1 Introduction

Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) services are a set of technologies for communicating over networks.

WCF uses a common framework for all communication, so you need to learn only one programming model.

A **web service** is **a class** that allows its **methods to be called by methods on other machines** via common data formats and protocols.

1 Introduction (Cont.)

In .NET, method calls are commonly implemented through **Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)** or **Representational State Transfer (REST)**.

- SOAP is an **XML-based protocol** of requests and responses.
- REST uses the web's traditional request/response mechanisms such as **GET and POST requests**.

Requests to and responses from web services created with **Visual Web Developer** are typically **transmitted** via **SOAP** or **REST**, so any client capable of generating and processing **SOAP** or **REST** messages can interact with a web service, regardless of the language in which the web service is written.

1 Introduction (Cont.)

SOAP is an **XML-based** protocol **describing how to mark up requests and responses so that they can be sent via protocols** such as **HTTP**. **SOAP** uses a standardized **XML- based** format to **enclose data in a message** that can be sent between a client and a server.

REST is a network architecture that **uses the web's traditional request/response** mechanisms such as **GET** and **POST** requests. **REST-based** systems **do not require data to be wrapped in a special message format**

2 WCF Services Basics

Microsoft's **Windows Communication Foundation** (**WCF**) encompasses several existing technologies.

Each **WCF** **service** has three **key components**:

- An **address** represents the **service's location**(also known as its **endpoint**), which includes the protocol (for example, HTTP) and network address (for example, www.deitel.com) used to access the service.
- A **binding** specifies **how a client communicates** with the service. (for example, SOAP, REST, and so on). Bindings can also specify other options, such as security constraints.
- A **contract** is an **interface** representing the service's **methods** and their **return types**.

2 WCF Services Basics (Cont.)

The machine on which the web service resides is the **web service host**.

The **client application sends a method call over a network** to the web service **host**, which processes the call and **returns a response**.

Distributed computing advantages. For example, an application **without direct access to data on another system** might be able to retrieve this data via a web service. Similarly, an **application lacking the processing power** necessary to perform specific computations could use a web service to take advantage of another system's superior resources

3 Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)

Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) is a **platform-independent protocol**.

SOAP messages are contain information in XML. Each request and response is packaged in a **SOAP message**- an XML message containing the information that a web service requires to process the message

SOAP-based services **send and receive messages over HTTP connections**.

3 Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) (Cont.)

The **wire format** used to **transmit requests and responses** must support all types passed between the applications.

SOAP types **include** the **primitive types** (e.g., `Integer`), as well as **`DateTime`**, **`XmlNode`** and others.

SOAP **can also transmit arrays** of these types.

3 Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) (Cont.)

When a program invokes a method of a SOAP web service, the **request is packaged in a SOAP message**, enclosed in a **SOAP envelope** and sent to the server.

The web service **parses the XML**, then processes the message's contents. The message **specifies the method** that the client wishes to execute and **the arguments** the client passed to that method

The web service **calls the method with the specified arguments** (if any) and web service **sends the response back** to the client in **another SOAP message**.

The client **parses the response** to retrieve the method's result.

4.1 HTTP get and post Requests

The two most common **HTTP request types** (also known as **request methods**) are **get** and **post**.

A **get** **request** typically gets (or retrieves) information from a server. Common uses of **get** requests are **to retrieve** a document or an image, or to **fetch search results** based on a user-submitted search term.

A **post** **request** typically **posts (or sends) data** to a server.Common uses of **post** requests are to send form data or documents to a server.

4.1 HTTP get and post Requests

Sending Data in a get Request

A **get** request sends information to the server in the URL. For example, in the **URL**

```
www.google.com/search?q=FMI
```

search is the name of Google's server-side form handler, **q** is the **name** of a *variable* in Google's search form and **FMI** is the **value** search term. A **?** separates the **query string** from the rest of the URL in a request. A **name/value** pair is passed to the server with the **name** and the **value** separated by an equals sign (**=**). If more than one **name/value** pair is submitted, each pair is separated by an ampersand (**&**).

4.1 HTTP get and post Requests

Sending Data in a get Request

The server uses data passed in a **query string** to retrieve an appropriate resource from the server. The server then sends a **response** to the client.

A **get** request may be initiated by submitting an **HTML form** whose method attribute is set to "**get**", or by **typing the URL** (possibly containing a query string) directly into the browser's address bar.

A **get** request typically limits the query string to a specific number of characters. For example, Internet Explorer restricts the entire URL to **no more than 2083 characters**

4.1 HTTP get and post Requests

Sending Data in a post Request

A **post** request sends form data as part of the **HTTP** message, not as part of the **URL**. Typically, **large amounts of information** should be sent using the **post** method. The **post** method is also sometimes **preferred** because it **hides** the submitted data from the user by embedding it in an **HTTP** message. If a form submits hidden input values along with user-submitted data, the post method might generate a **URL** like **www.searchengine.com/search**. The form data still reaches the server for processing, but the user does not see the exact information sent.

4.2 Representational State Transfer (REST)

Representational State Transfer (**REST**) is an architectural style for implementing web services.

RESTful web services are implemented using web standards. **Each operation** in a **RESTful** web service is **identified by a unique URL**.

When the server receives a **request**, it **immediately knows what operation to perform**. Such web services **can be used in a program** or **directly from a web browser**.

4.2 Representational State Transfer (REST)

The results of a particular operation **may be cached locally by the browser** when the service is invoked with a get request. This can **make** subsequent requests for the same **operation faster** by loading the result directly from the **browser's cache.**

REST web services typically **return data** in **XML** or **JSON** format, but can **return** other formats, such as **HTML**, **plain text** and **media files**.

5 JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) is an **alternative to XML**.

JSON represents objects as **collections of name/value pairs** represented as `Strings`.

JSON is a simple format that makes **objects easy to read, create and parse**:

{ *propertyName1* : *value1*, *propertyName2* : *value2* }

5 JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) (Cont.)

Arrays are represented in JSON with square brackets:

[*value1* , *value2* , *value3*]

1. To appreciate the simplicity of JSON, examine this array of address-book entries:

```
[   { first: 'Cheryl', last: 'Black' },
    { first: 'James', last: 'Blue' },
   { first: 'Mike', last: 'Brown' },
   { first: 'Meg', last: 'Gold' } ]
```


6 SOAP-Based Web Services

Following are **5 simple steps** to **develop a SOAP web service**.

Create a **WCF Service Application** Project.

Define the **Service Contract** and **Data Contracts** for **user- defined types of parameters** and **return results of web service methods**

Implement the Web Service

Publish and **Test** the web service

Study (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XvJ_ttnnPA
https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms751519(v=vs.110).aspx
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6.1 Publishing SOAP-Based Web Services

6.1 Creating a WCF Web Service

Step 1 Creating the project

To build a SOAP-based web service in Visual Web Developer, create a **WCF Service Application** project.

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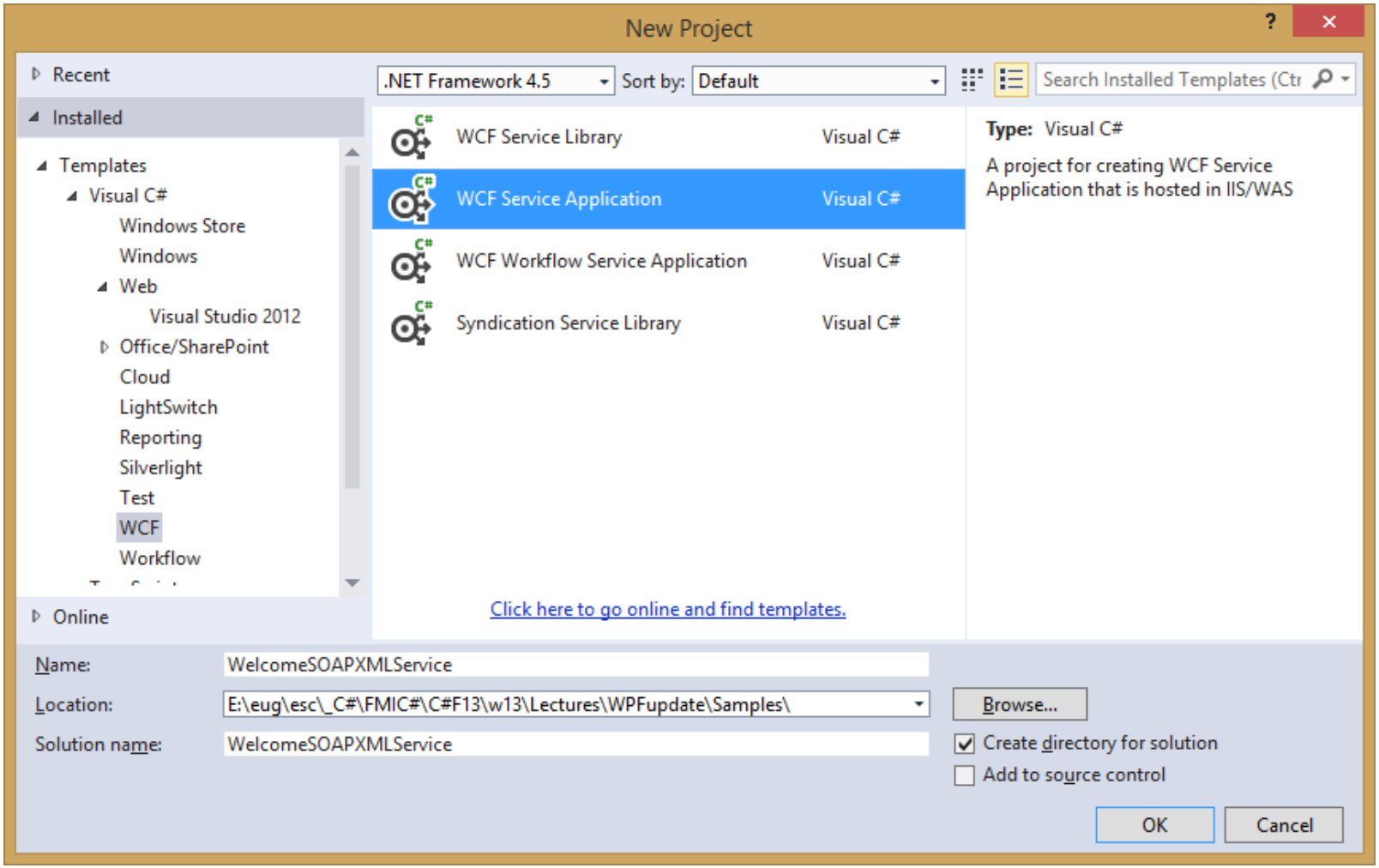

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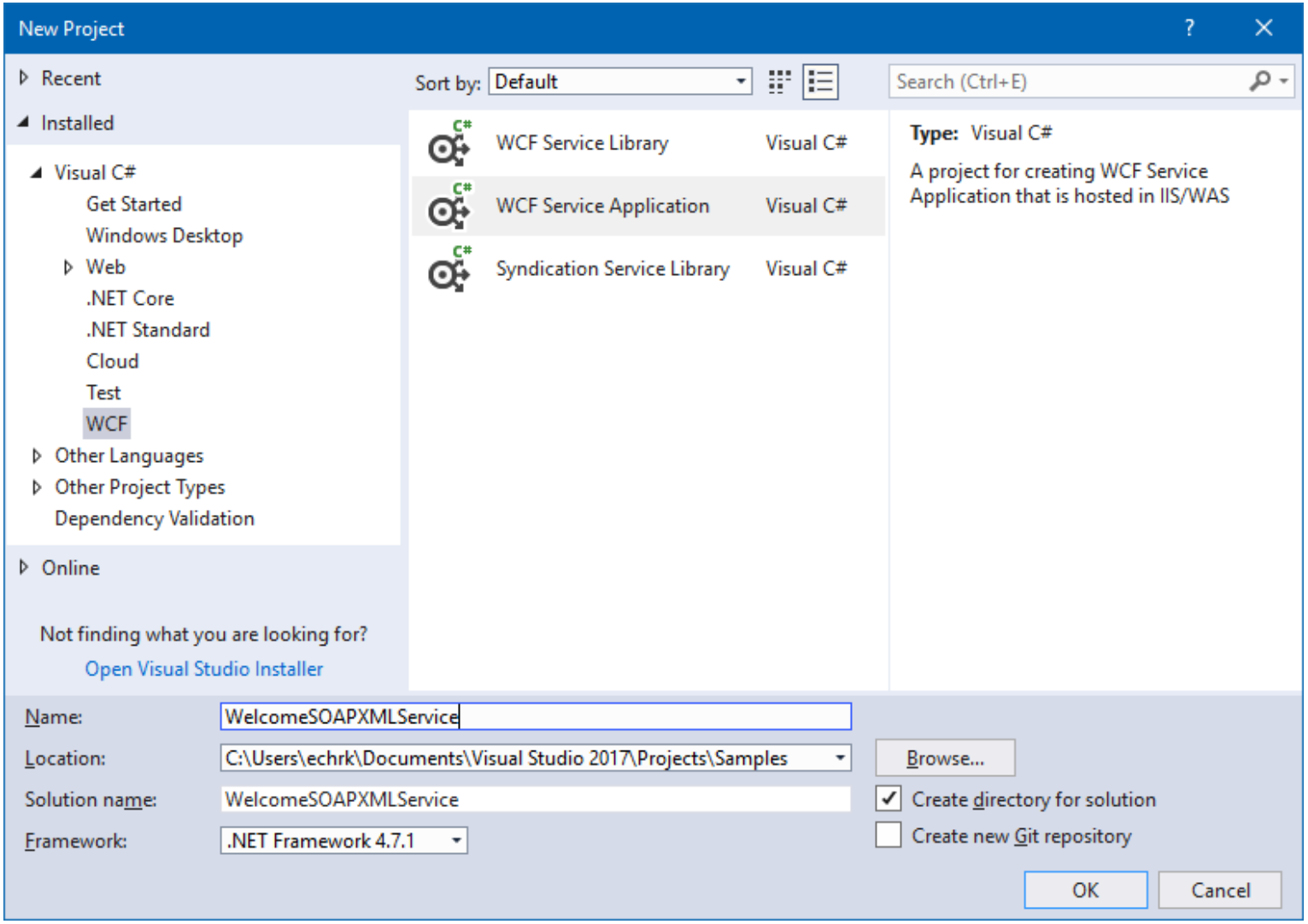

Creating a **WCF Service** in Visual Web Developer.

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6.1 Creating a WCF Web Service

SOAP is the **default protocol** for WCF web services. No special configuration is required for this protocol.

Visual Web Developer generates files for the WCF

- A **default implementation** of the web **service code**,
- a **SVC file** (`Service.svc`), and
- a `Web.config` file.

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Step 2 Define the Service Contract

Examine the newly created project.

The code-behind file `Service1.svc.cs` is displayed by **default**. **Contains the code** for the **web service** in **`class Service1`**.

In the **service class**, you **define the methods** that your WCF web service makes **available to client applications**.

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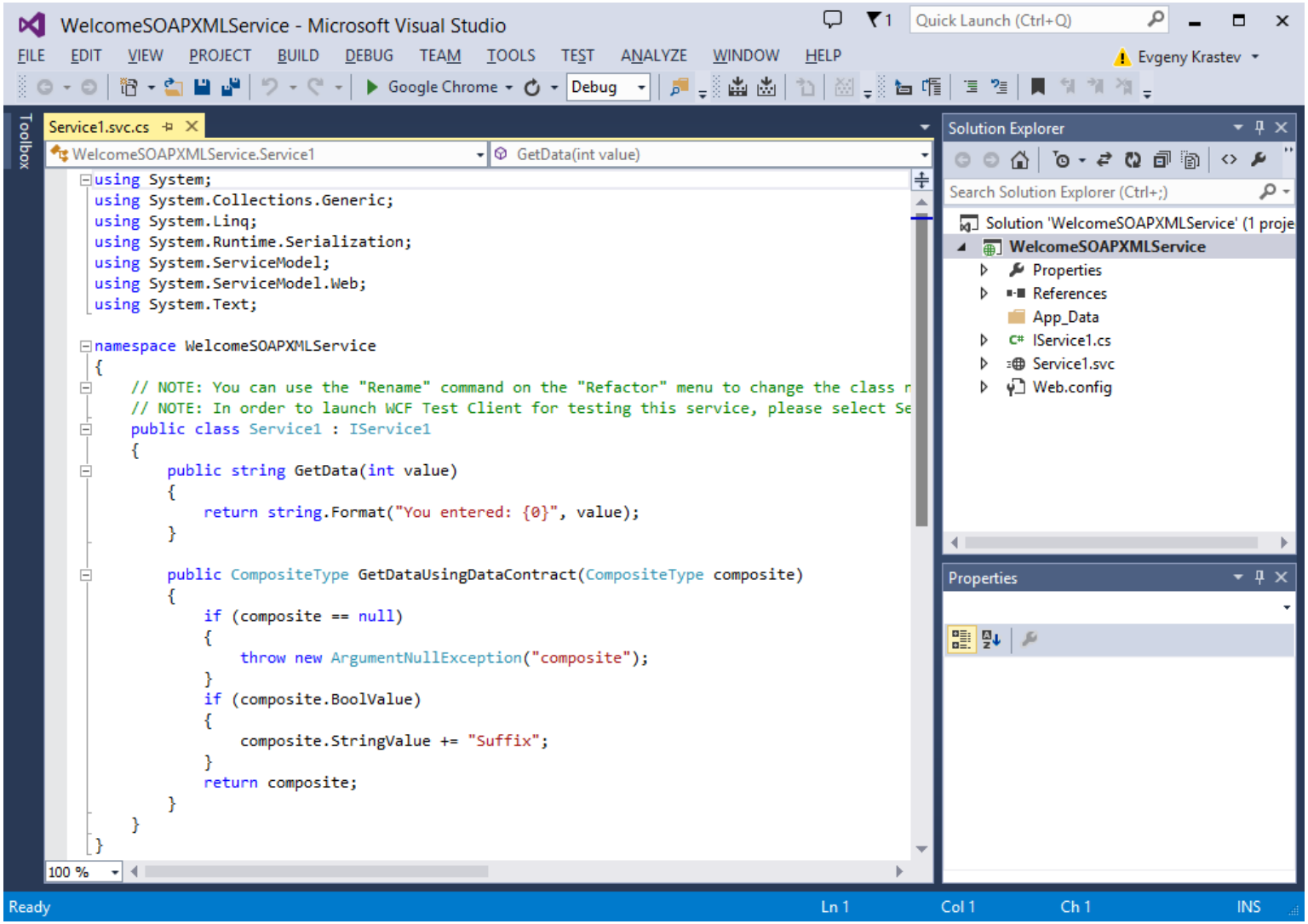

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Step 2 Define the Service Contract

File **Iservice1.cs** defines file **IService1** **`interface`** and class **CompositeType** marked with a **DataContract** **attribute**.

class CompositeType contains **two** sample web service methods **GetData** and **GetDataUsingDataContract**

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```
[ServiceContract]
public interface IService1
{

    [OperationContract]
    string GetData(int value);

    [OperationContract]
    CompositeType GetDataUsingDataContract(CompositeType composite);

    // TODO: Add your service operations here
}
// Use a data contract as illustrated in the sample below to add composite types
[DataContract]
public class CompositeType
{
    bool boolValue = true;
    string stringValue = "Hello ";

    [DataMember]
    public bool BoolValue
    {
        get { return boolValue; }
        set { boolValue = value; }
    }

    [DataMember]
    public string StringValue
    {
        get { return stringValue; }
        set { stringValue = value; }
    }
}
```

The contents of **file IService1.cs** created by default

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Step 2 Define the Service Contract

The code- behind file **Service1** implements the **IService1** `interface.`

IService1 `interface` that **must** be **marked** by **ServiceContract attribute** and the web **service methods must** be **marked** by **OperationContract attribute** .

The **sample** web service **implements** a method **Welcome** that takes a **name** (represented as a **string**) as an argument and appends it to the welcome message that is **returned** (**string**) to the client.

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Step 2 Define the Service Contract

When creating services in Visual Web Developer, you **work** almost exclusively in the **code-behind files**. Accordingly, **modify** and **rename** the name and the contents of the **default code- behind file** as necessary.

For instance, the necessary changes in the sample application are provided in the following slide. **Leave** `Web.config` file **as it is** by **default**.

Start by defining the Service contract **interface** , renamed to **IWelcomeSOAPXMLService**, where the method **Welcome** is defined. Note, the required attribute **ServiceContract** for the **interface** and **OperationContract**, for each one of the **methods** in that interface

Outline

- Figure 15b.1 is a web service interface, which describes the methods and properties the client uses to access the service.

`IWelcomeSOAPXMLService.cs`

```
1  // Fig. 23.1: IWelcomeSOAPXMLService.cs
2  // WCF web-service interface that returns a welcome message through SOAP
3  // protocol and XML data format.
4  using System.ServiceModel;
5
6  [ServiceContract]
7  public interface IWelcomeSOAPXMLService
8  {
9     // returns a welcome message
10    [OperationContract]
11    string Welcome( string yourName );
12 } // end interface IWelcomeSOAPXMLService
```

This namespace is imported to use web service attributes.

The `ServiceContract` attribute **exposes a class** that implements the interface as a WCF web service.

The `OperationContract` attribute **exposes a method** to clients for remote calls.

Fig. 15b.1 | WCF web-service interface that returns a welcome message through SOAP protocol and XML format.

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Step 3 Implement the Web Service

Next, **write the required implementation** of this interface in the **code- behind** file, where the **file** and the **class** are renamed to **WelcomeSOAPXMLService**.

Outline

- Figure 15b.2 defines the class that implements the interface declared as the `ServiceContract`.

`WelcomeSOAPXML Service.svc.cs`

```
1  // Fig. 23.2: WelcomeSOAPXMLService.svc.cs
2  // WCF web service that returns a welcome message using SOAP protocol and
3  // XML data format.
4  public class WelcomeSOAPXMLService : IWelcomeSOAPXMLService
5  {
6     // returns a welcome message
7     public string Welcome( string yourName )
8     {
9        return string.Format( "Welcome to WCF Web Services"
10          + " with SOAP and XML, {0}!", yourName );
11    } // end method Welcome
12 } // end class WelcomeSOAPXMLService
```

Implementing the `Welcome` method.

Fig. 15b.2 | WCF web service that returns a welcome message through the SOAP protocol and XML format.

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Step 3 Implement the Web Service

Examine the markup of the SVC file

```
<%@ ServiceHost Language="C#" Debug="true"
    Service="WelcomeSOAPXMLService.WelcomeSOAPXMLService"
    CodeBehind="WelcomeSOAPXMLService.svc.cs" %>
```


6.1 Publishing SOAP-Based Web Services

Step 4 **Publish** and **Test** the web service

1. Build the solution

   (Build-> Build WelcomeSOAPXMLService)

to ensure that the web service compiles without errors.

2. Right click the

   WelcomeSOAPXMLService.svc

file and select **View in Browser** to **publish** the web service and test it using the **Local IIS** in Visual studio. Therefore, **the web service is running only while the solution is open in VS**.

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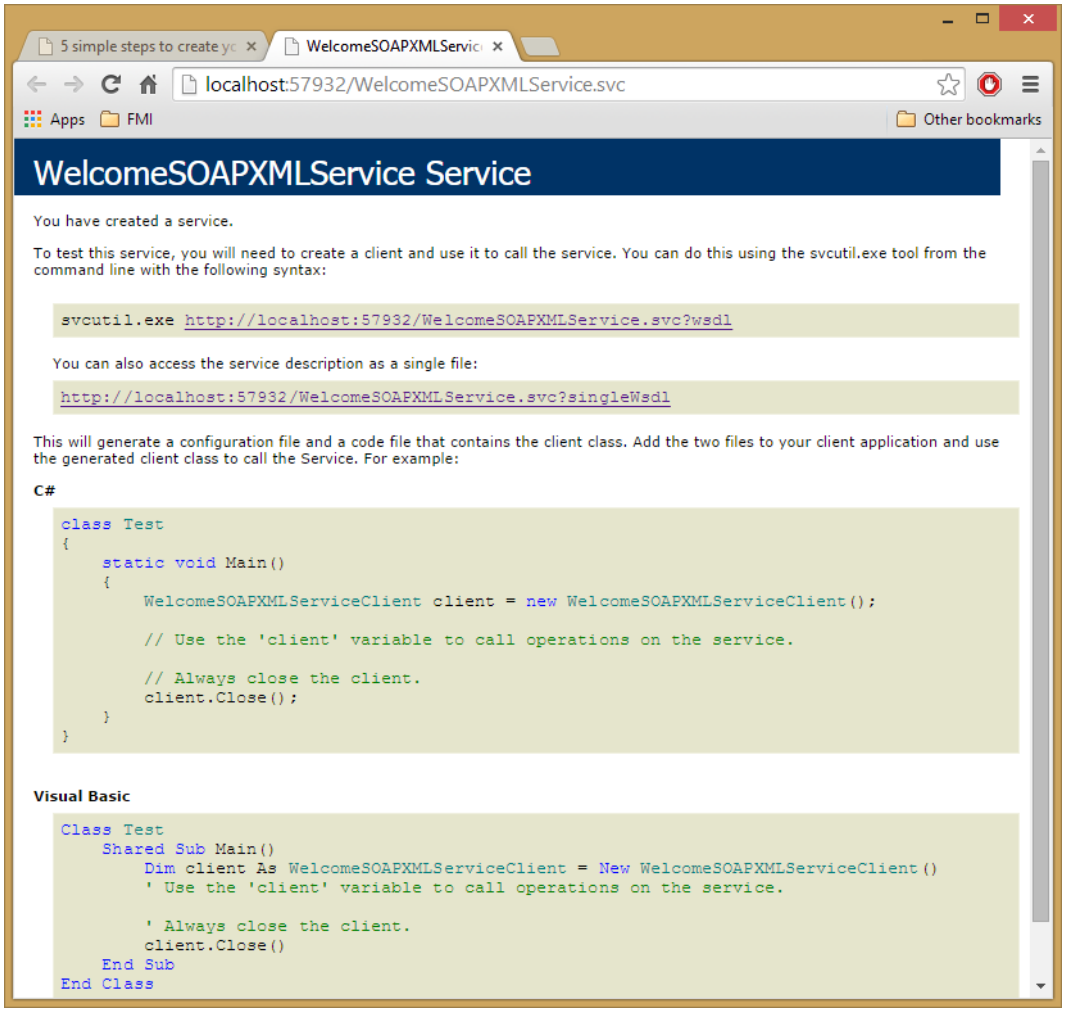

The Service.svc file for the WelcomeSOAPXMLService WCF web service

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Step 4 **Publish** and **Test** the web service

Access the **service information** from a browser using the link displayed in the browser

http://localhost:57932/WelcomeSOAPXMLService.svc

The web service description (**WSDL**) is found using the link

http://localhost:57932/WelcomeSOAPXMLService.svc?singleWsdl

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A **service description** is an XML document that conforms to the **Web Service Description Language** (**WSDL**).

- **WSDL** is an XML vocabulary that defines the methods that a web service makes available.
- The WSDL document also **specifies lower-level information**.

When viewed in a web browser, an **SVC file presents a link to the service's WSDL document**.

Copy the SVC URL (which ends with .svc) from the browser's address field as you'll need it to **discover** the **web service** when building the client application.

- The **WSDL** file specifies the service's configuration information.
- Figure 15b.4 shows the `wsdl:service` element of the of the **WSDL service file** (found at the end of this file) .

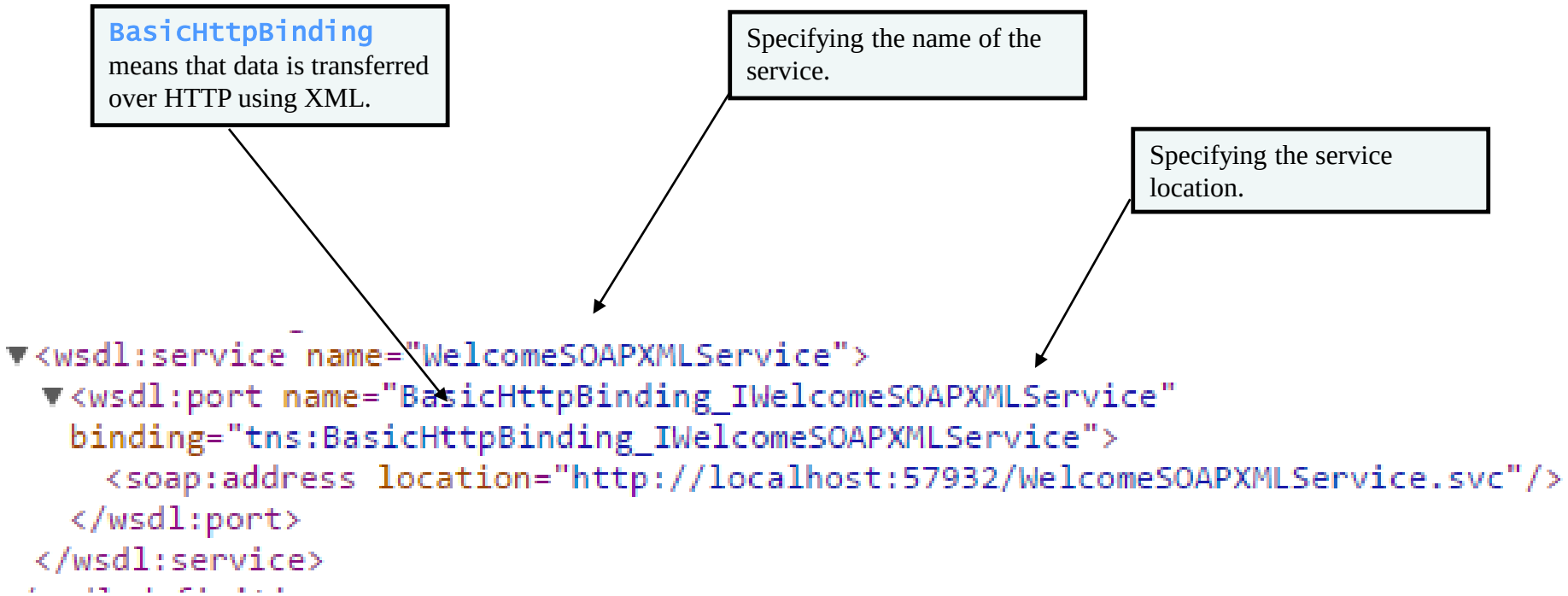

Fig. 15b.4 | Part of the **WSDL service file** `http://localhost:57932/WelcomeSOAPXMLService.svc?singleWsdl`

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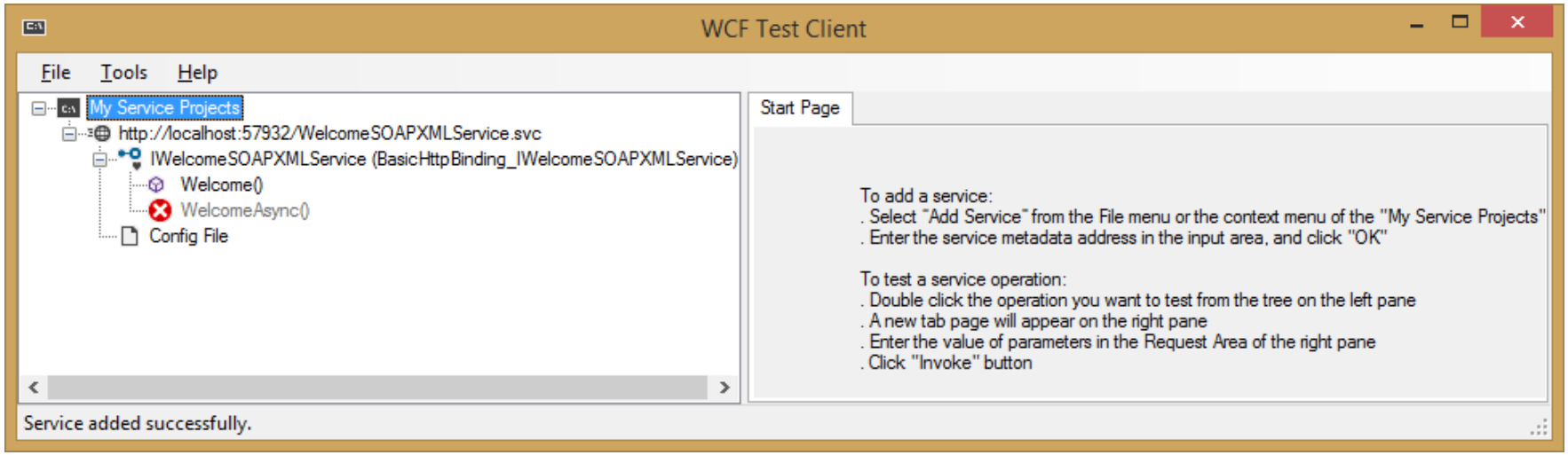
Step 4 Publish and **Test** the web service

Test the web service as follows:

Start without Debugging the **WCF Service Application** project

Double click the web service method to test it



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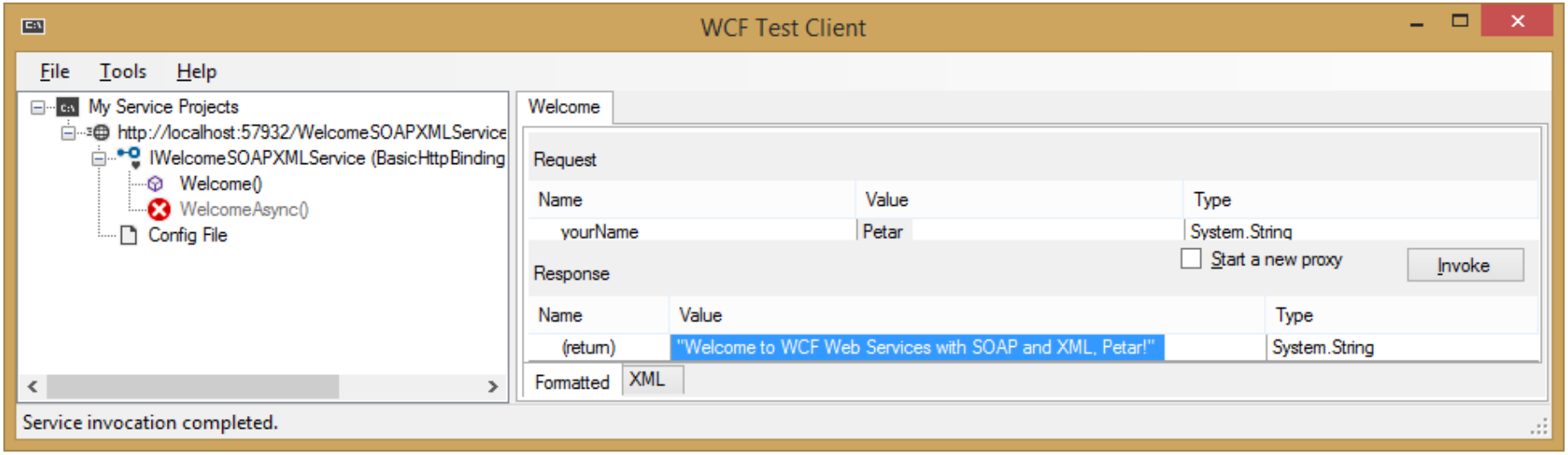
Step 4 Publish and **Test** the web service

Provide values for the arguments of the selected web method and click the button **Invoke** to test the method output

Leave this window open, if you deploy this service on IIS Express



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By default, the ASP.NET Development Server **assigns a random port number** to each website it hosts.

Click on the **Project Properties** in the **Solution Explorer** and **adjust,** if necessary the port number used by the web service.

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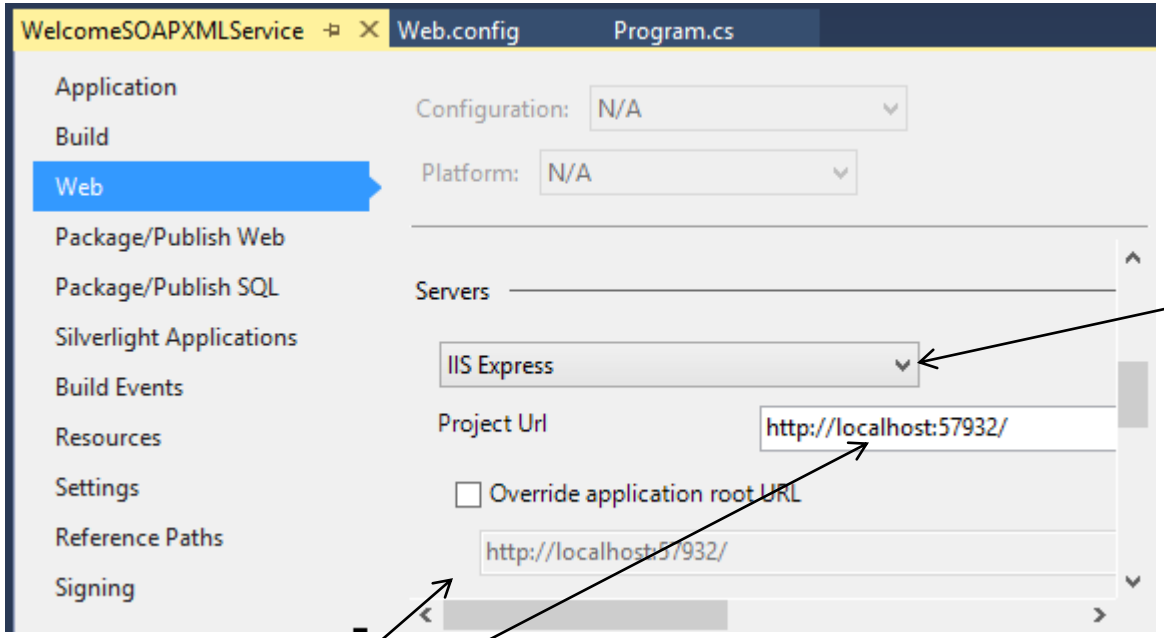


Select the web server for deploying the web service. Here IIS is selected

Set the **Project Url ports property to Port number** that you want to use, which can be any unused TCP port

WCF service Application **Properties** window

6.2 Consuming SOAP-Based Web Services

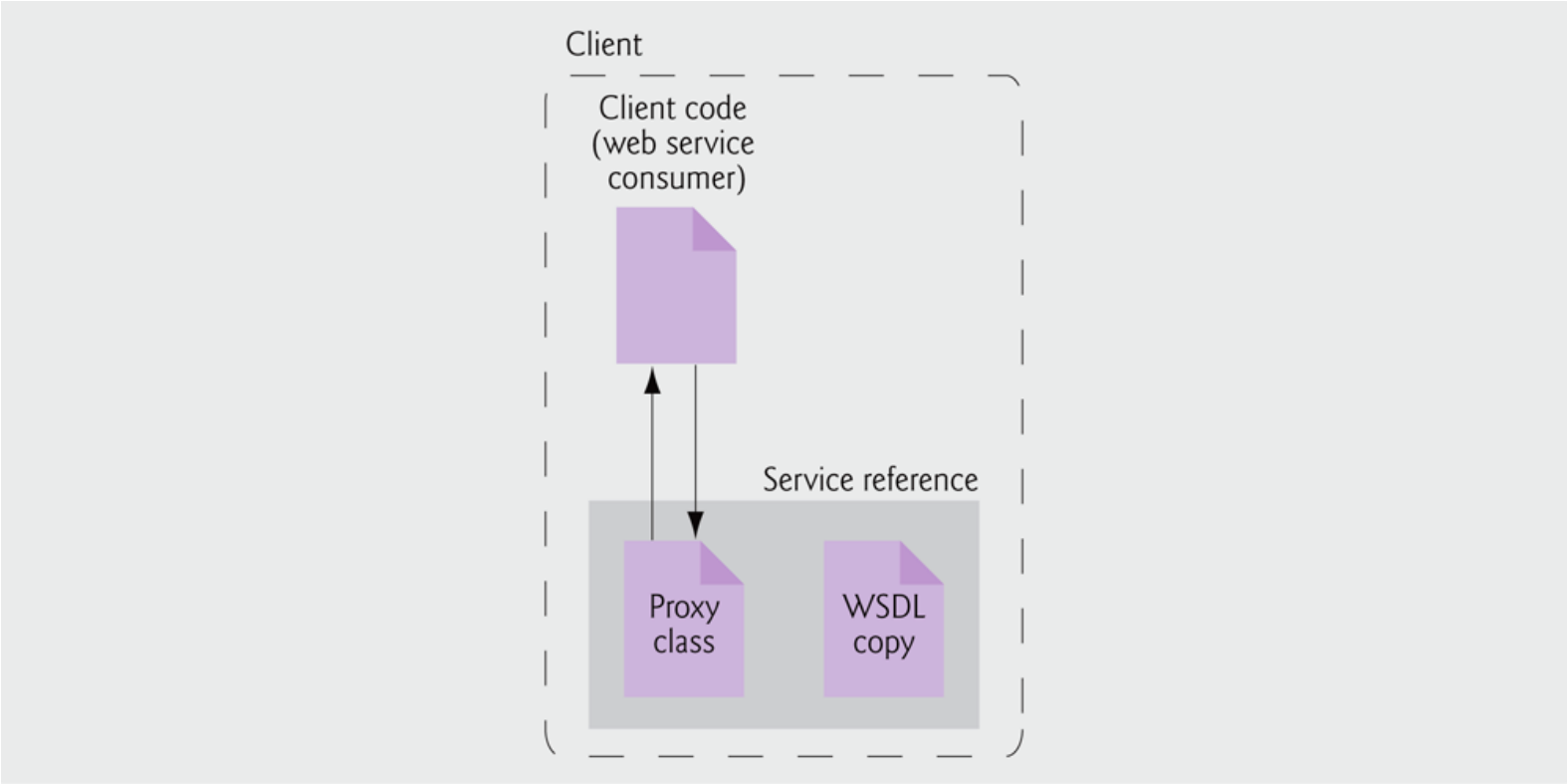
Creating a Client to Consume the **WelcomeSOAPXMLService** is rendered just to **adding a service reference** to the client and **creating an of a proxy class** that represents the web service in the service reference.

The **client application accesses** the web service via an instance of the **proxy class**.

Note: You can consume the same way **freely available web services** published, for instance at

Directory of Public SOAP Web Services

6.2 Consuming SOAP-Based Web Services



NET WCF web service client after a web-service reference has been added.

6.2 Consuming SOAP-Based Web Services

An application that **consumes a SOAP-based web service** actually consists of two parts- **a proxy class** representing the web service and **a client application** that accesses the web service via a proxy object (that is, an instance of the proxy class).

A **proxy class** handles all the "plumbing" required for service method calls (that is, the networking details and the formation of SOAP messages). Whenever the client application calls a web service's method, **the application actually calls a corresponding method in the proxy class**. This method has the same name and parameters as the web service's method that is being called, but formats the call to be sent as a request in a SOAP message.

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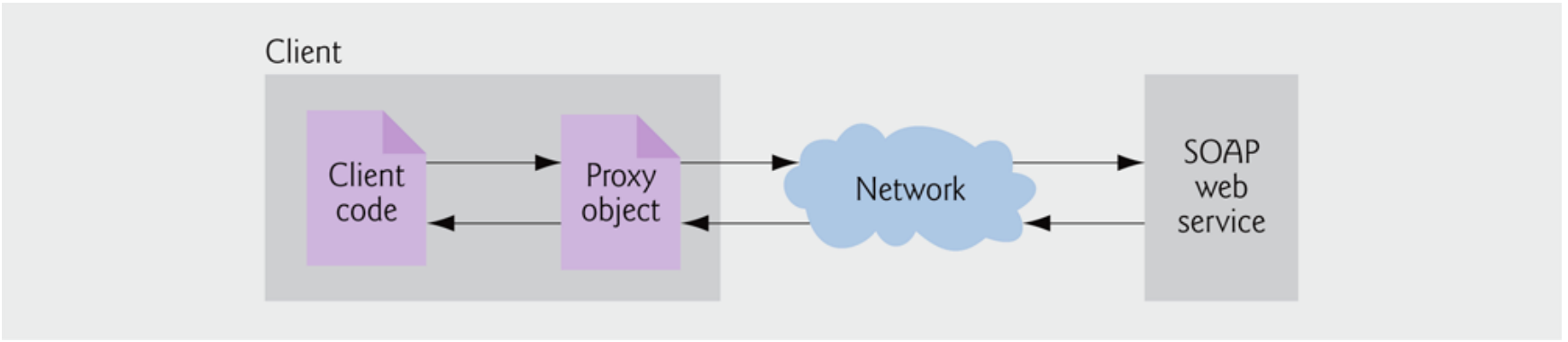

Interaction between a web-service client and a SOAP web service.

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The **web service receives this request** as a **SOAP message**, **executes the method** call and **sends back the result** as another SOAP message. When the **client application receives the SOAP message** containing the response, the **proxy class deserializes** it and **returns the results as the return value** of the web- service method that was called. The following slide depicts the interactions among the client code, proxy class and web service.

The proxy class (**`Reference.cs`**) is not shown in the **Solution Explorer**, unless the button **`Show All files`** is clicked in the **Solution Explorer**

6.2 Consuming SOAP-Based Web Services

Create an application in Visual C# 2017 named `WelcomeSOAPXMLClient`

In case the web service is deployed on **IIS Express (integrated in VS)** then create `WelcomeSOAPXMLClient` *in the same solution* of the web service or keep the window for testing the web service open (**The web service must be running while discovering it**)

For **deploying the web service** on the **local IIS** or **an external host** follow the attached tutorial `DeployWebServiceIMG.pdf`

6.2 Consuming SOAP-Based Web Services

Right click the project name in the **Solution Explorer** and select **Add Service Reference...**

- **Enter the URL** of `WelcomeSOAPXMLService`'s `.svc` file in the **Address** field.
- Change the **Namespace** field to `ServiceReference`.

Click the **Ok** button. The **Solution Explorer** should now contain a **Service References** folder.

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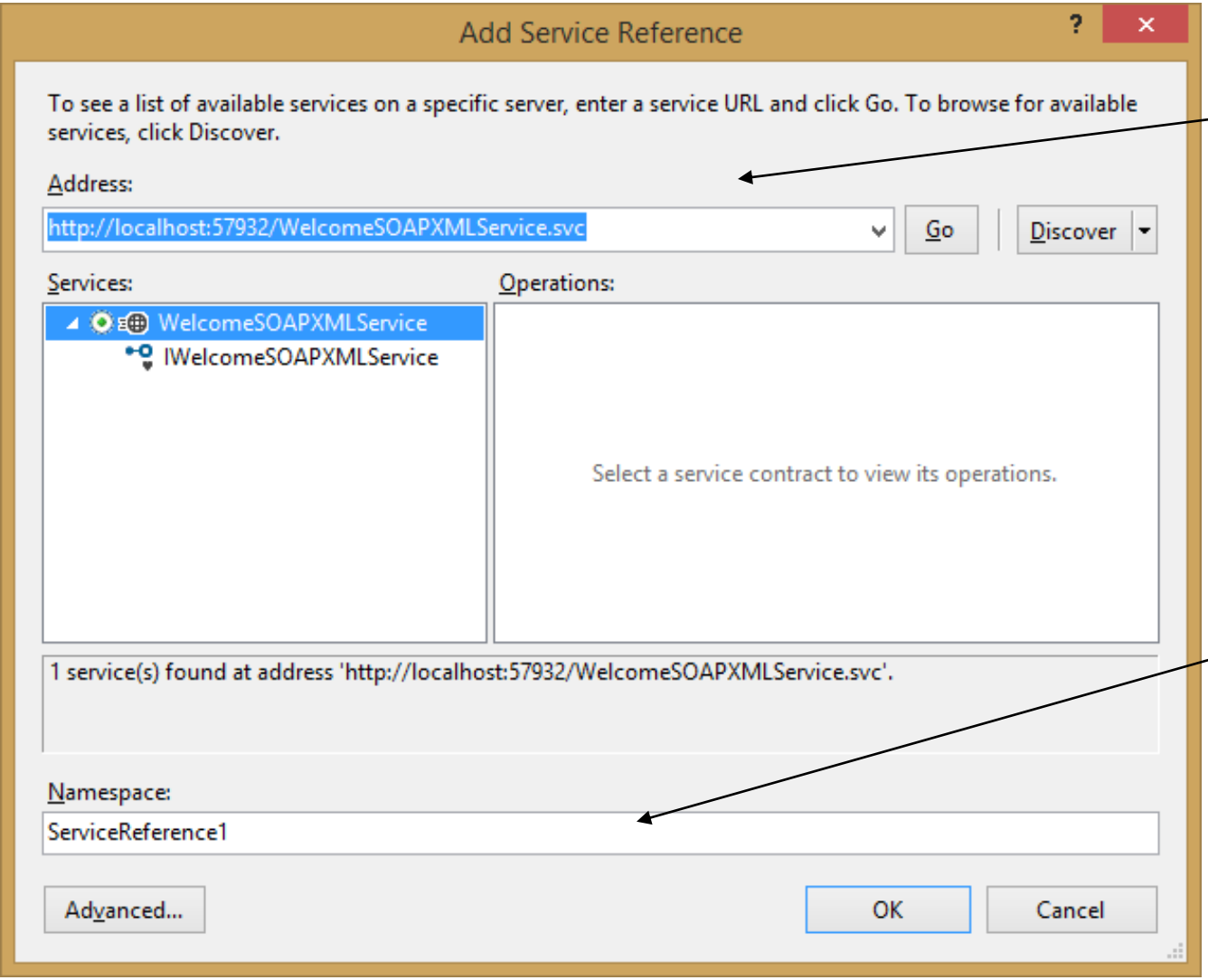
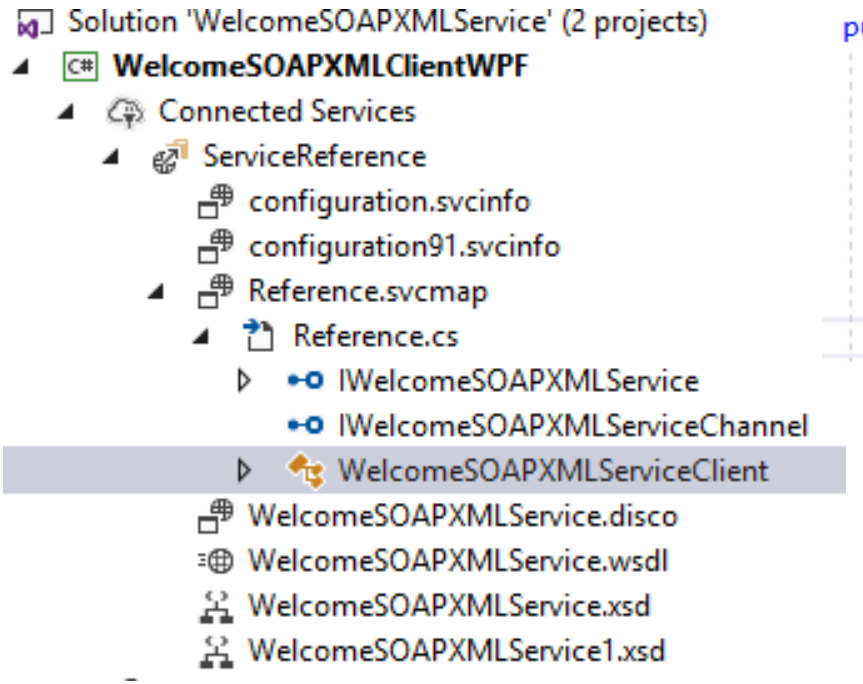


Discover a Web service to consume by a client

Defines the namespace where the proxy class will be created

6.2 Consuming SOAP-Based Web Services

Update the **namespace** in the textbox, for example, to **`ServiceReference`**. It defines the namespace **`WelcomeSOAPXMLClientWPF.ServiceReference`** where the **proxy class** named as **`WelcomeSOAPXMLServiceClient`** will be created.




```
public partial class WelcomeSOAPXMLServiceClient

    0 references
    public WelcomeSOAPXMLServiceClient() {
    }
      2 references
      public string Welcome(string value) {
        return base.Channel.Welcome(value);
    }
```


Outline

- The application in Fig. 15b.10 uses the `WelcomeSOAPXMLService` service to send a welcome message.

`WelcomeSOAPXMLForm.cs`

(1 of 2)

```
1  // WelcomeSOAPXMLForm.cs
2  // Client that consumes WelcomeSOAPXMLService.
3  using System;
4  using System.Windows;
5
6  namespace WelcomeSOAPXMLClient
7  {
8     public partial class WelcomeSOAPXML : Window
9     {
10       // declare a reference to web service
11       private ServiceReference.WelcomeSOAPXMLServiceClient client;
12
13       public WelcomeSOAPXML()
14       {
15          InitializeComponent();
16          client = new ServiceReference.WelcomeSOAPXMLServiceClient();
17       } // end constructor
```

Declaring the web service's proxy object.

Creating the proxy object.

Fig. 15b.10 | Client that consumes `WelcomeSOAPXMLService`. (Part 1 of 2.)

Outline

```
18
19       // creates welcome message from text input and web service
20       private void BtnSubmit_Click( object sender, RoutedEventArgs e )
21       {
22          MessageBox.Show( client.Welcome( TxtYourName.Text ), "Welcome" );
23       } // end method submitButton_Click
24    } // end class WelcomeSOAPXML window
25 } // end namespace WelcomeSOAPXMLClient
```

WelcomeSOAPXML Form.cs

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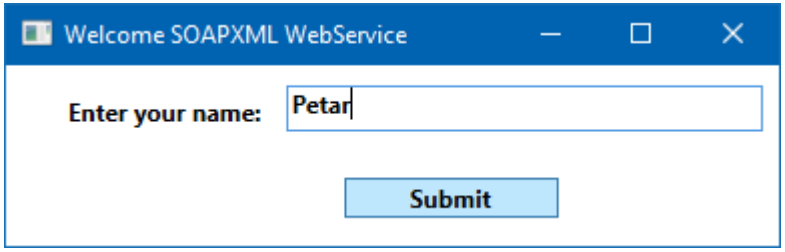
Invoking the web service's `Welcome` method.

a) User inputs name.



b) Message sent from WelcomeSOAPXMLService.

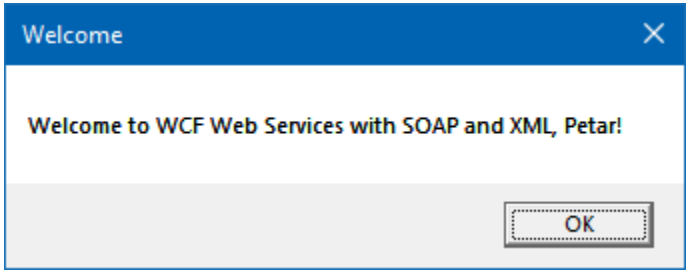


Fig. 15b.10 | Client that consumes `WelcomeSOAPXMLService`. (Part 2 of 2.)

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Note: Remember always to close the client of the web service as

```
((IDisposable)client).Dispose();
```


6.2 Consuming SOAP-Based Web Services

```
//Done with the service, let's close it.
try
{
    if (client.State !=
      System.ServiceModel.CommunicationState.Faulted)
    {
       client.Close();
    }
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
     client.Abort();
}
```


6.3 Using Data Contracts

A ***data contract*** is a formal agreement between a service and a client that abstractly describes the data to be exchanged.

That is, to communicate, the client and the service do not have to share the same types, only the same data contracts.

A data contract precisely defines, for each parameter or return type, what data is serialized (turned into XML) to be exchanged

6.3 Using Data Contracts

Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) uses a **serialization engine** called the **Data Contract Serializer** by default to **serialize and deserialize** data (convert it to and from XML). All .NET Framework **primitive types, such as integers and strings**, as well as certain **types treated as primitives**, such as **DateTime** and **XmlElement**, can be **serialized** with no other preparation and are considered as **having default data contracts**. Many .NET Framework types also have existing data contracts

6.3 Using Data Contracts

New complex types that you create **must have a data contract** defined for them **to be serializable**. By default, the **`DataContractSerializer`** infers the data contract and **serializes all publicly visible types**. **All `public` read/write properties and fields of the type are serialized**.

You can **opt out members from serialization** by using the **`IgnoreDataMember Attribute`**.

6.3 Using Data Contracts

You can also **explicitly create a data contract** by using the **DataContract** and **DataMember** attributes. This is normally done by **applying** the **DataContract** attribute **to the type**. This attribute can be applied to classes, structures, and enumerations.

The **DataMember** attribute **must then be applied to each member of the data contract type** to indicate that it is a *data member*, that is**, it should be serialized**

6.3 Using Data Contracts

```
[ServiceContract]
public interface ISampleInterface
{
    // No data contract is requred since both the parameter
    // and return types are primitive types.
    [OperationContract]
    double SquareRoot(int root);

    // No Data Contract required because both parameter and return
    // types are marked with the SerializableAttribute attribute.
    [OperationContract]
    System.Drawing.Bitmap GetPicture(System.Uri pictureUri);

    // The MyTypes.PurchaseOrder is a complex type, and thus
    // requires a data contract.
    [OperationContract]
    bool ApprovePurchaseOrder(MyTypes.PurchaseOrder po);
}
```


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```
namespace MyTypes
{
    [DataContract]
    public class PurchaseOrder
    {
        private int poId_value;

        // Apply the DataMember Attribute to the property.
        [DataMember]
        public int PurchaseOrderId
        {

            get { return poId_value; }
            set { poId_value = value; }
        }
    }
}
```


6.3 Using Data Contracts

The following notes provide items to consider when creating data contracts:

- ✓The **IgnoreDataMemberAttribute** attribute is **only honored when used with unmarked types**. This includes types that are not marked with one of the attributes- **DataContract**, **Serializable**, **CollectionData, Contract**, or **EnumMember**, or marked as serializable by any other means (such as **IXmlSerializable**).

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You can **apply** the **DataMember** attribute to **fields**, and **properties**.

Member accessibility levels (internal, private, protected, or public) do not affect the data contract in any way.

The **DataMember** attribute is **ignored if it is applied to static members**.

During serialization, **get** property code **is called** for property data members to **get the value of the properties** to be serialized.

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RESTful services are those which follow the REST (Representational State Transfer) architectural style. Before implementing your first RESTful service, lets first understand the concept behind it. As we know that WCF allows us to make calls and exchange messages using SOAP over a variety of protocols i.e. HTTP, TCP, Named Pipes and MSMQ etc. In a scenario, if we are using SOAP over HTTP, we are just utilizing HTTP as a transport. But HTTP is much more than just a transport. So, when we talk about REST architectural style, it dictates that "**Instead of using complex mechanisms like CORBA, RPC or SOAP for communication, simply HTTP should be used for making calls**"

http://www.topwcftutorials.net/2018/02/practical-wcf-restful-service.html

7 REST-Based XML Web Service

Following are 5 simple steps to **develop a RESTFul web service**.

Create a **WCF Service Application** Project.

Define the **Service Contract** and **Data Contracts** for user- defined types of parameters and return results of web service methods

Implement the Web Service

Publish and **Test** the web service

http://www.topwcftutorials.net/2013/09/simple-steps-for-restful-service.html

Alternative ways:

REST Model - Build a REST Service in Visual Studio 2015 Part 1

REST Model - Build a REST Service in Visual Studio 2015 Part 2

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1. Open Visual Studio.

From **File -> New Project**. Select WCF from left and create a new **WCF Service Application**.

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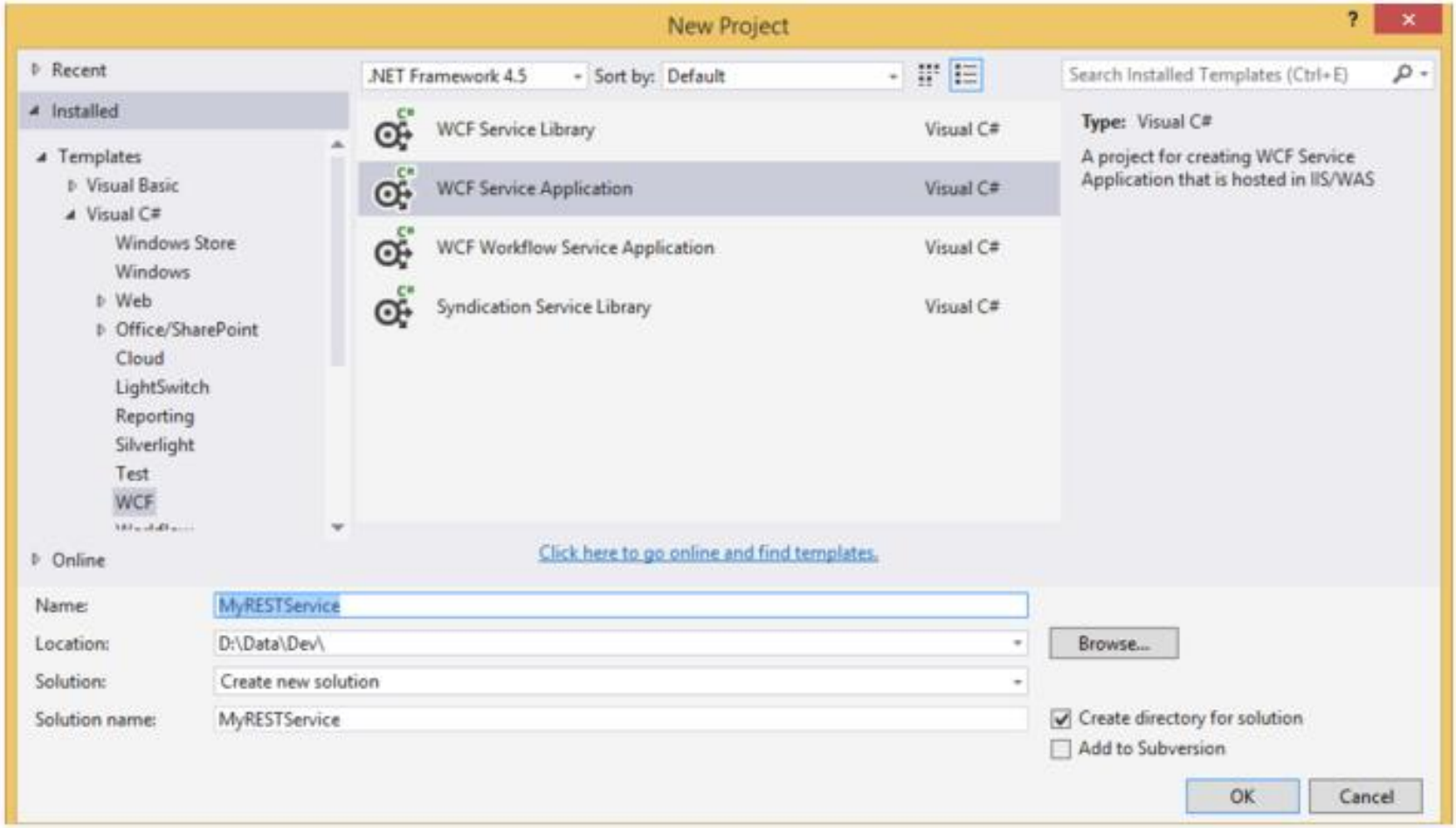

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2. Preparing the data to return

Add a class to newly created project. Name it to Products.cs.

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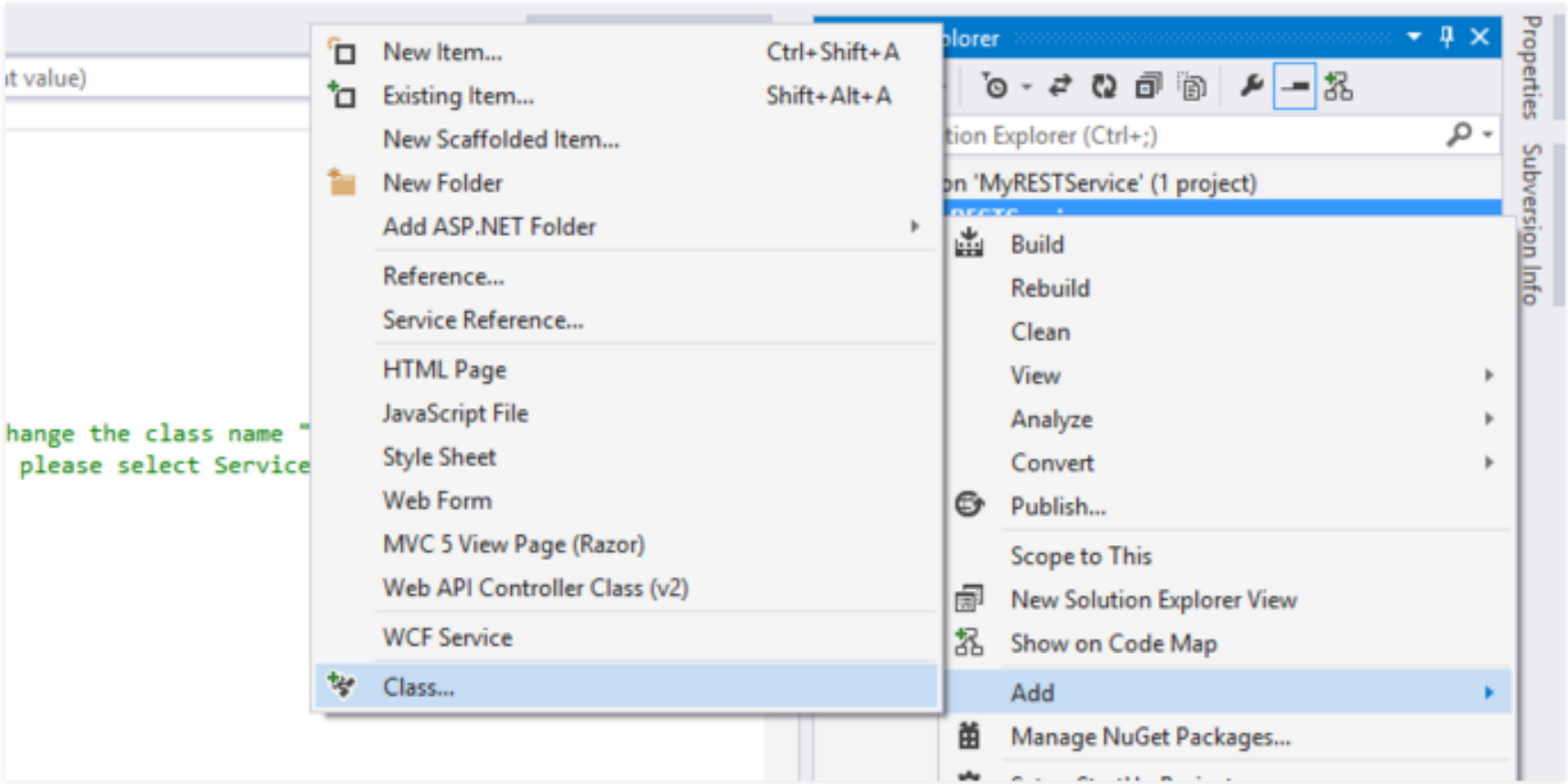

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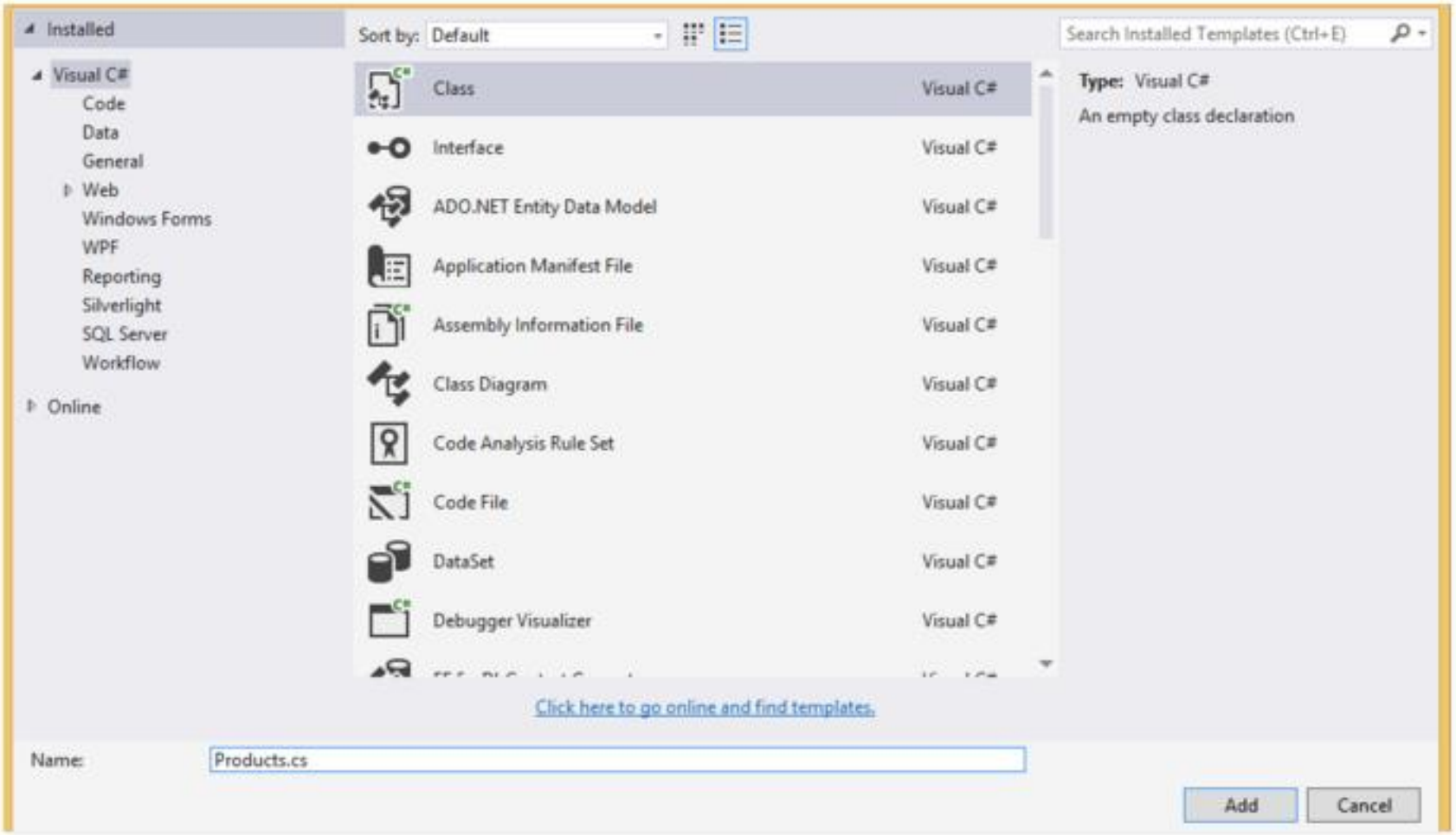

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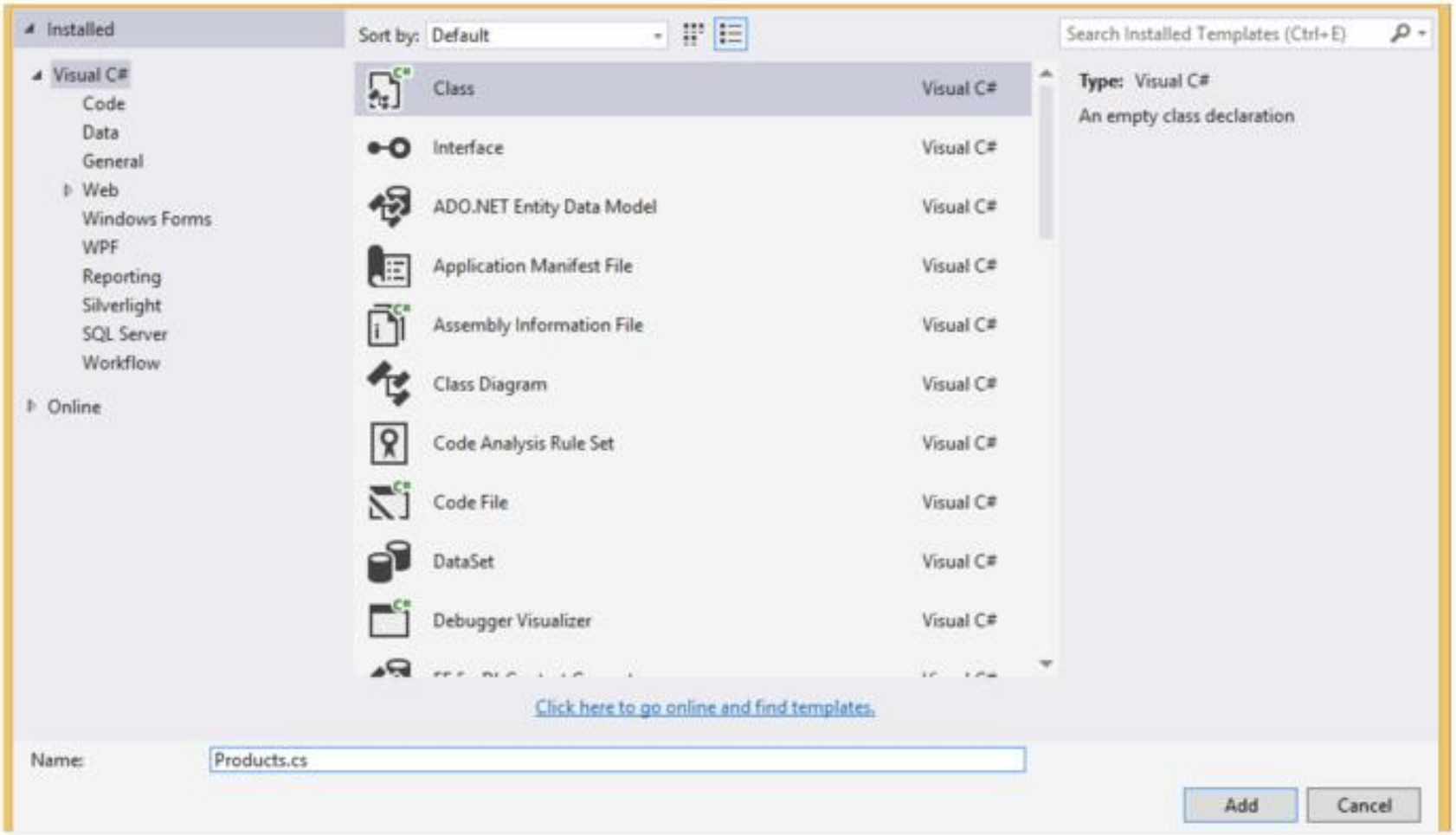

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Now this **`Products.cs`** file will contain two things. The first one is **`Data Contract`** as follows:

Don't forget

```
using System.ServiceModel;
using System.Runtime.Serialization;
```

```
[DataContract]
9 references
public class Product
{
    [DataMember]
    4 references
    public int ProductId { get; set; }
    [DataMember]
    4 references
    public string Name { get; set; }
    [DataMember]
    4 references
    public string CategoryName { get; set; }
    [DataMember]
    4 references
    public int Price { get; set; }
}
```


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The second one is a singleton implemented **`class Products`** that gets products data from a database and return list of products, create an **`Instance`** and lookup its **`ProductList`**. For simplicity, we are preparing data inside this class instead of fetching from the database

```
5 references
public partial class Products
{
    private static readonly Products _instance = new Products();

    1 reference
    private Products() { }

    1 reference
    public static Products Instance
    {
            get { return _instance; }
    }
     1 reference
     public List<Product> ProductList
     {
           get { return products; }
     }
     private List<Product> products = new List<Product>()
     {
            new Product() { ProductId = 1, Name = "Product 1", CategoryName = "Category 1", Price=10},
            new Product() { ProductId = 1, Name = "Product 2", CategoryName = "Category 2", Price=5},
            new Product() { ProductId = 1, Name = "Product 3", CategoryName = "Category 3", Price=15},
            new Product() { ProductId = 1, Name = "Product 4", CategoryName = "Category 1", Price=9}
     };
}
```

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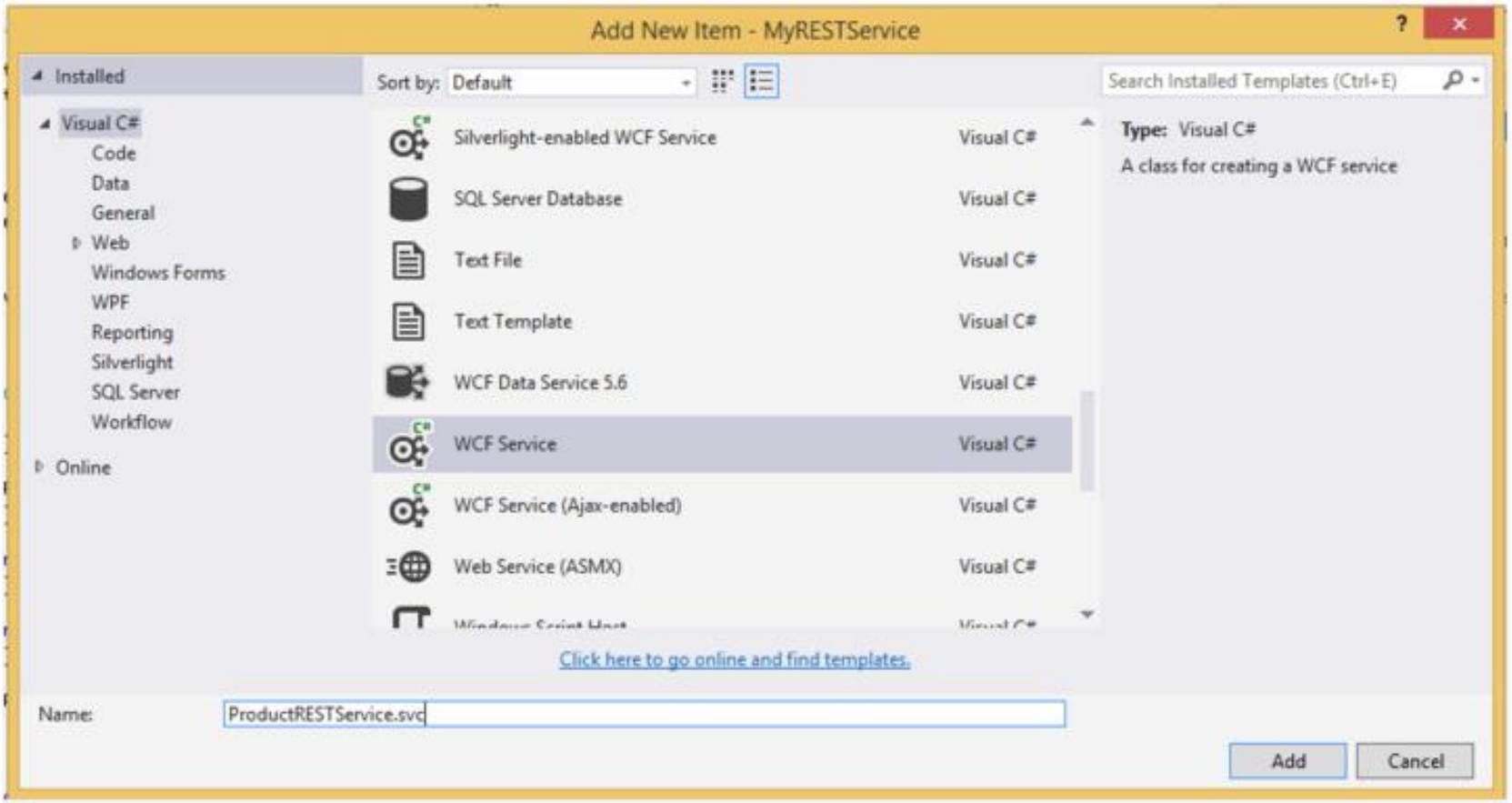
3. Creating Service Contract

Now add a new **WCF Service** to this project as follows:



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It will add contract as well as service file to project. Following is the code for **service contract** i.e. IProductRESTService.cs.

(A web service is added by default to a WCF Application project. Use the "Rename" command on the "Refactor" menu to change the class name "IProductRESTService")

```
namespace MyRESTService
{
    // NOTE: You can use the "Rename" command on the "Refactor" menu to change the interface name "IProductRESTService"
    [ServiceContract]
    1 reference
    public interface IProductRESTService
    {
        [OperationContract]
        [WebInvoke(Method = "GET", ResponseFormat = WebMessageFormat.Xml,
                                   BodyStyle = WebMessageBodyStyle.Bare,
                                   UriTemplate = "GetProductList/")]
        1 reference
        List<Product> GetProductList();
    }
}
```


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IProductRESTService contains only one method i.e. GetProductList. Important points to understand about this method is WebInvoke attribute parameters.

Method = "GET", represents an HTTP GET request.

ResponseFormat = **WebMessageFormat.Xml**, response format will be XML here but we can return JSON as well by changing its value to WebMessageFormat.json.

BodyStyle = **WebMessageBodyStyle.Bare**, indicates **neither the request and nor response are wrapped**. Other possible values for BodyStyle are **Wrapped**, **WrappedRequest**, **WrappedResponse**.

UriTemplate = "GetProductList/", it has two parts, **URL path** and **query**.

Don't forget to add **using System.ServiceModel.Web** at top.

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4. Implementing RESTful Service

In this step we are going to implement the service. Only one method **GetProductList** is defined in the contract, so implementing service class will be as follows:

```
namespace MyRESTService
{
    // NOTE: You can use the "Rename" command on the "Refactor" menu to change the class name "ProductRESTService" in code, s
    // NOTE: In order to launch WCF Test Client for testing this service, please select ProductRESTService.svc or ProductRES
    0 references
    public class ProductRESTService : IProductRESTService
    {
        1 reference
        public List<Product> GetProductList()
        {
            return Products.Instance.ProductList;
        }

    }
}
```

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5. Configure Service and Behavior

The last step is to configure the service and its behaviors using the configuration file **web.config**. Following is the complete **ServiceModel** configuration settings.

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```
<system.serviceModel>
  <services>
    <service name="MyRESTService.ProductRESTService" behaviorConfiguration="serviceBehavior">
        <endpoint address=""
                  binding="webHttpBinding"
                  contract="MyRESTService.IProductRESTService"
                  behaviorConfiguration="web"></endpoint>
    </service>
  </services>
  <behaviors>
    <serviceBehaviors>
      <behavior name="serviceBehavior">
        <serviceMetadata httpGetEnabled="true"/>
          <serviceDebug includeExceptionDetailInFaults="false"/>
      </behavior>
    </serviceBehaviors>
    <endpointBehaviors>
      <behavior name="web">
        <webHttp/>
      </behavior>
    </endpointBehaviors>
  </behaviors>
  <serviceHostingEnvironment multipleSiteBindingsEnabled="true" />
</system.serviceModel>
```


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webHTTPBinding is the binding used for RESTful services.

Now, everything about creating RESTful service is done. You can easily run and test it.

Right click ***ProductRESTService.svc*** file and click "***View in Browser***". You will see the following screen, that means service is fine.

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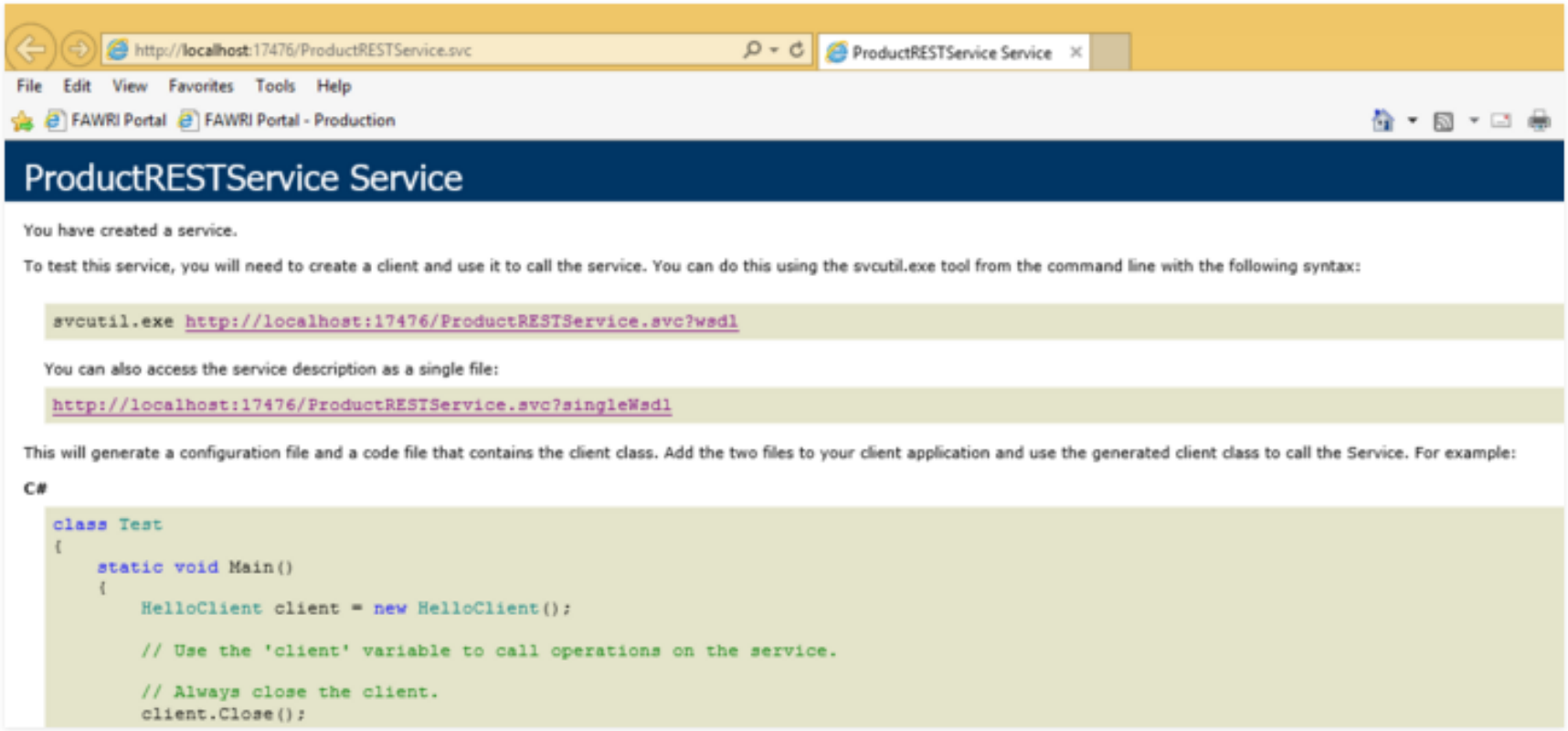

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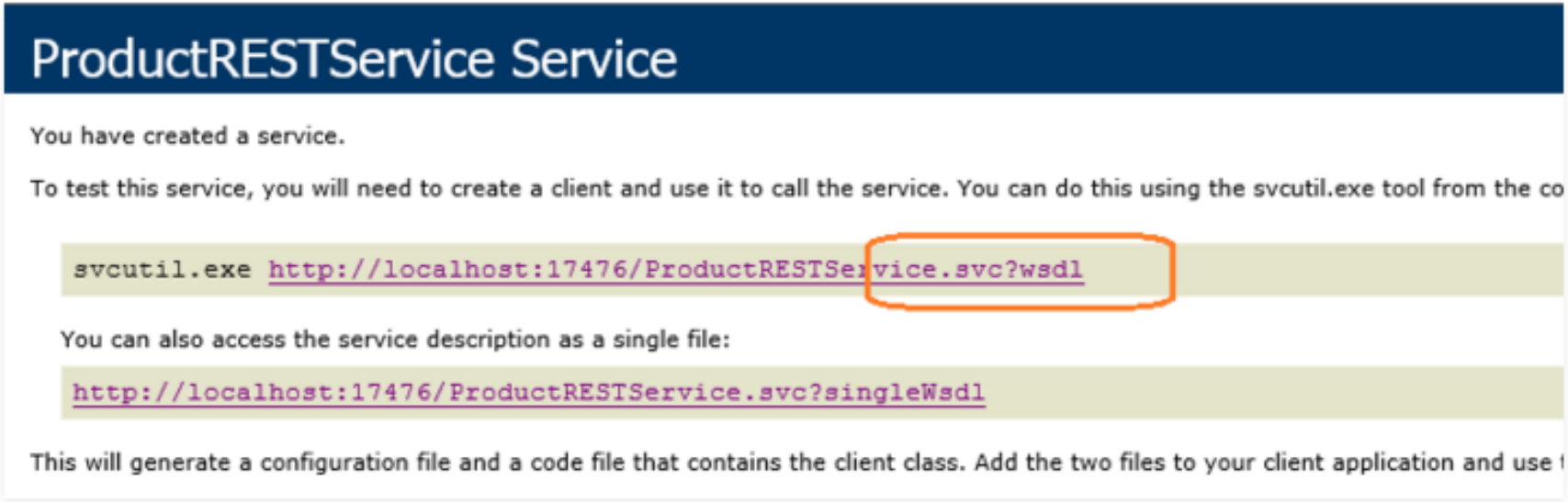
*An important point to consider here is that in **Service Behavior Configuration**, we have setted **httpGetEnabled="true"** for **serviceMetadata** that's why we are getting above service screen with wsdl option.*



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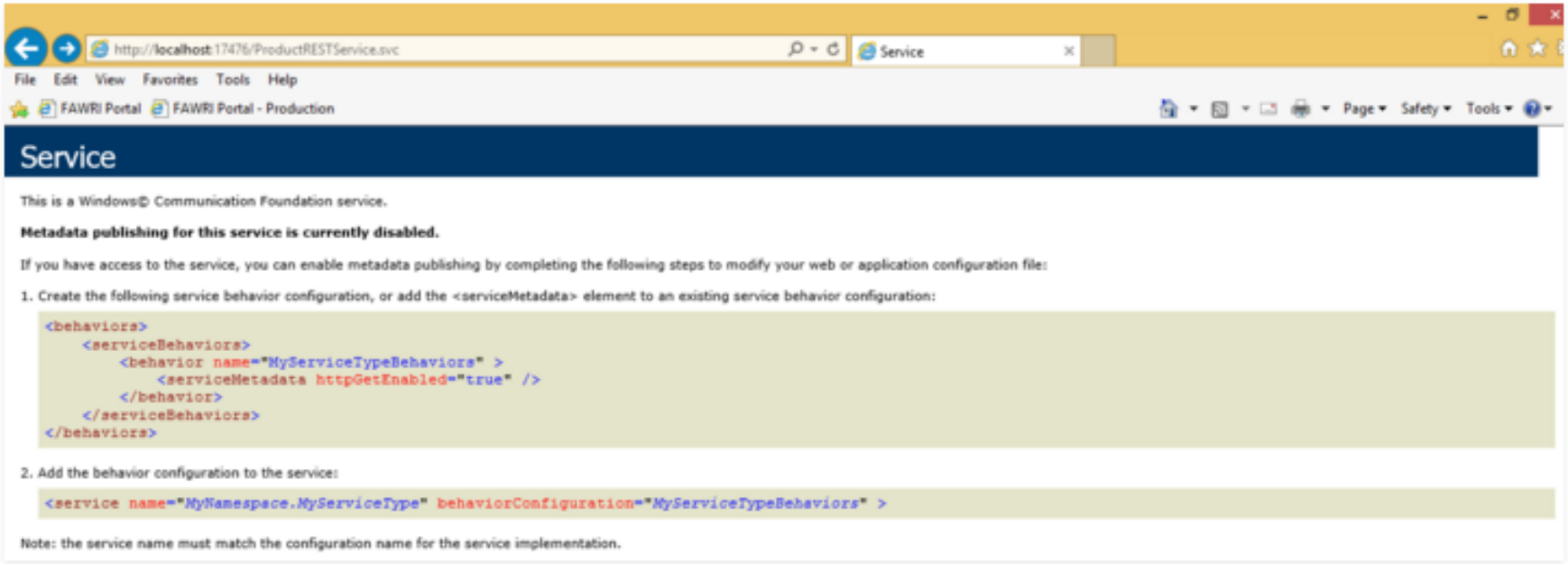
This is what we do normally for SOAP-based services. REST-based services only uses HTTP verbs on a resource, so we can disable WSDL in this case by simply setting ***httpGetEnabled="false"***. Now if we run the service again, we will get the following screen.



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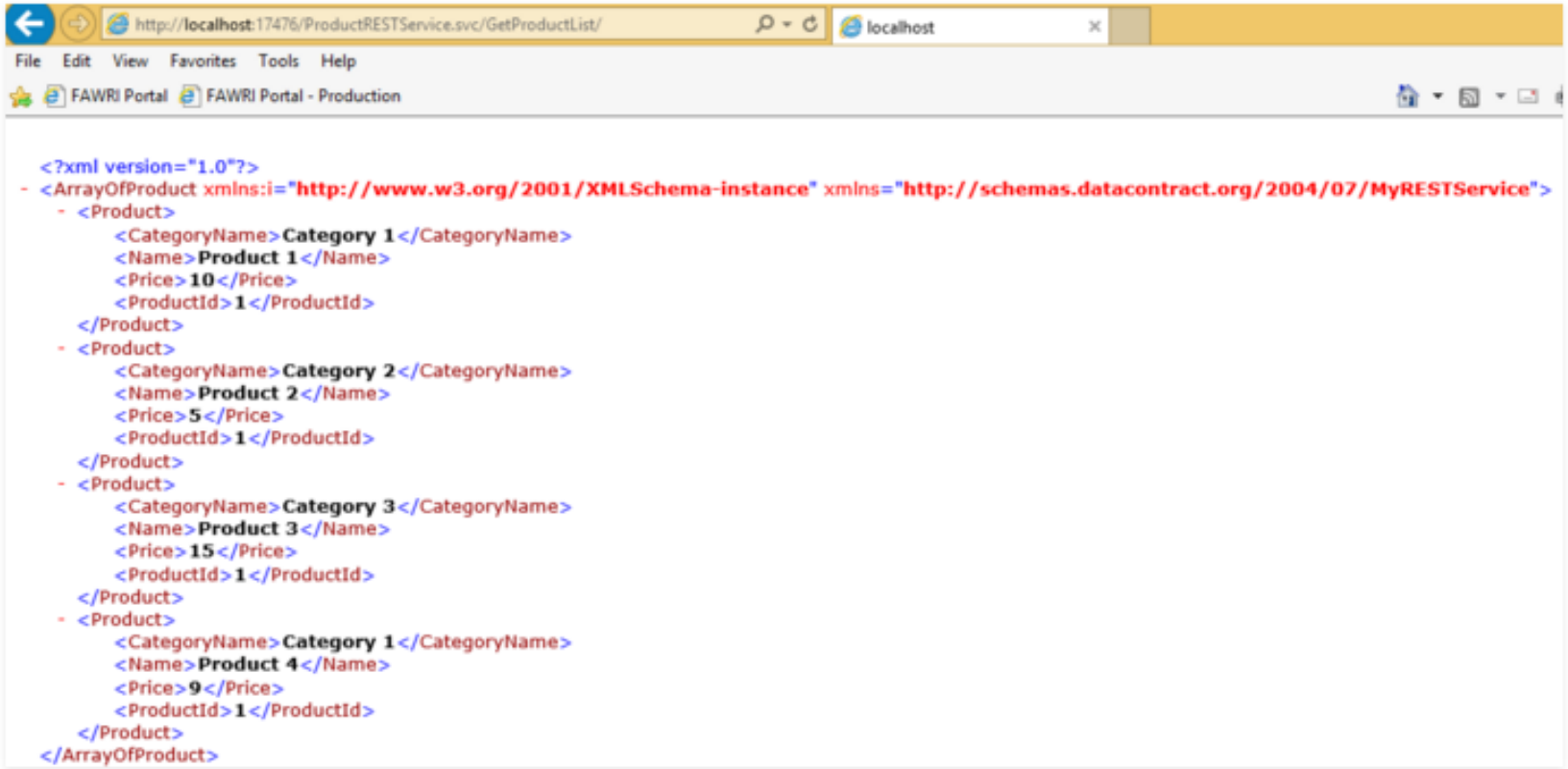
Just modify the URL in browser and add "**GetProductList/**" to it. So, this is the UriTemplate we defined as service contract method.



7.1 Creating a REST-Based XML Web Service

Outline

- Create a new **WCF Service** project.
- `IWelcomeRESTXMLService` interface (Fig. 15b.11) is a modified version of the `IWelcomeSOAPXMLService` interface.

`IWelcomeRESTXMLService.cs`

```
1  // Fig. 23.11: IWelcomeRESTXMLService.cs
2  // WCF web-service interface. A class that implements this interface
3  // returns a welcome message through REST architecture and XML data
4  // format.
5  using System.ServiceModel;
6  using System.ServiceModel.Web;
7
8  [ServiceContract]
9  public interface IWelcomeRESTXMLService
10 {
11    // returns a welcome message
12    [OperationContract]
13    [WebGet( UriTemplate = "/welcome/{yourName}" )]
14    string Welcome( string yourName );
15 } // end interface IWelcomeRESTXMLService
```

The `WebGet` attribute maps a method to a unique URL.

Fig. 15b.11 | WCF web-service interface. A class that implements this interface returns a welcome message through REST architecture and XML data format.

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`WebGet`'s `UriTemplate` property specifies the URI format that is used to invoke the method.

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Outline

- `WelcomeRESTXMLService` (Fig. 15b.12) is the class that implements the `IWelcomeRESTXMLService` interface; it is similar to the `WelcomeSOAPXMLService` class (Fig. 15b.2).

`WelcomeRESTXMLService.cs`

```
1  // Fig. 23.12: WelcomeRESTXMLService.cs
2  // WCF web service that returns a welcome message using REST architecture
3  // and XML data format.
4  public class WelcomeRESTXMLService : IWelcomeRESTXMLService
5  {
6     // returns a welcome message
7     public string Welcome( string yourName )
8     {
9        return string.Format( "Welcome to WCF Web Services"
10          + " with REST and XML, {0}!", yourName );
11    } // end method Welcome
12 } // end class WelcomeRESTXMLService
```

Fig. 15b.12 | WCF web service that returns a welcome message using REST architecture and XML data format.

Outline

- Figure 15b.13 shows part of the default `web.config` file modified to use REST architecture.

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```
1  <system.serviceModel>
2     <services>
3        <service name="WelcomeRESTXMLService"
4           behaviorConfiguration="ServiceBehavior">
5           <!-- Service Endpoints -->
6           <endpoint address="" binding="webHttpBinding"
7              contract="IWelcomeRESTXMLService"
8              behaviorConfiguration="RESTBehavior">
9              <identity>
10                <dns value="localhost"/>
11             </identity>
12          </endpoint>
13          <endpoint address="mex" binding="mexHttpBinding"
14             contract="IMetadataExchange"/>
15       </service>
16    </services>
```

`webHttpBinding` is used to respond to REST-based requests.

The `behaviorConfiguration` defines the endpoint's behavior.

Fig. 15b.13 | `WelcomeRESTXMLService` `Web.config` file. (Part 1 of 2.)

Outline

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```
17    <behaviors>
18       <serviceBehaviors>
19          <behavior name="ServiceBehavior">
20             <serviceMetadata httpGetEnabled="true"/>
21             <serviceDebug includeExceptionDetailInFaults="false"/>
22          </behavior>
23       </serviceBehaviors>
24       <endpointBehaviors>
25          <behavior name="RESTBehavior">
26             <webHttp />
27          </behavior>
28       </endpointBehaviors>
29    </behaviors>
30 </system.serviceModel>
```

Defining `RESTBehavior`, and specifying that clients communicate using HTTP.

Fig. 15b.13 | `WelcomeRESTXMLService` `Web.config` file. (Part 2 of 2.)

Outline

- Figure 15b.13 shows part of the default `web.config` file modified to use REST architecture.

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```
<system.serviceModel>
   <behaviors>
      <serviceBehaviors>
         <behavior>
            <!-- To avoid disclosing metadata information, set the
               value below to false and remove the metadata
               endpoint above before deployment -->
            <serviceMetadata httpGetEnabled="true"/>
            <!-- To receive exception details in faults for debugging
               purposes, set the value below to true.  Set to false
               before deployment to avoid disclosing exception
               information -->
            <serviceDebug includeExceptionDetailInFaults="false"/>
         </behavior>
      </serviceBehaviors>
      <endpointBehaviors>
         <behavior>
            <webHttp/>
         </behavior>
      </endpointBehaviors>
   </behaviors>
   <protocolMapping>
      <add scheme="http" binding="webHttpBinding"/>
   </protocolMapping>
   <serviceHostingEnvironment multipleSiteBindingsEnabled="true"/>
</system.serviceModel>
```

A must to Add:

The nested `webHttp` element specifies that clients communicate with this service using the standard **HTTP** request/response mechanism The `behaviorConfiguration` defines the endpoint's behavior.

Changes the default protocol for communicating with this web service (normally SOAP) to **webHttpBinding, which is used for RESTbased** HTTP requests

Fig. 15b.13 | `WelcomeRESTXMLService` `web.config` file (VS 2010).)

- Compare with SOAP `Web.config`

Uses basicHttpsBinding instead of webHttpBinding

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```
<system.serviceModel>
  <behaviors>
    <serviceBehaviors>
      <behavior>
        <!-- To avoid disclosing metadata information, set the values below to
        <serviceMetadata httpGetEnabled="true" httpsGetEnabled="true"/>
        <!-- To receive exception details in faults for debugging purposes, set
        <serviceDebug includeExceptionDetailInFaults="false"/>
      </behavior>
    </serviceBehaviors>
  </behaviors>
  <protocolMapping>
      <add binding="basicHttpsBinding" scheme="https" />
  </protocolMapping>
  <serviceHostingEnvironment aspNetCompatibilityEnabled="
</system.serviceModel>
```

Changes the default protocol for communicating with this web service (normally SOAP) to **webHttpBinding, which is used for RESTbased** HTTP requests

Fig. 15b.13 | `WelcomeRESTXMLService Web.config` file (VS 2010).)

View in Browser WelcomeRESTXMLService.svc

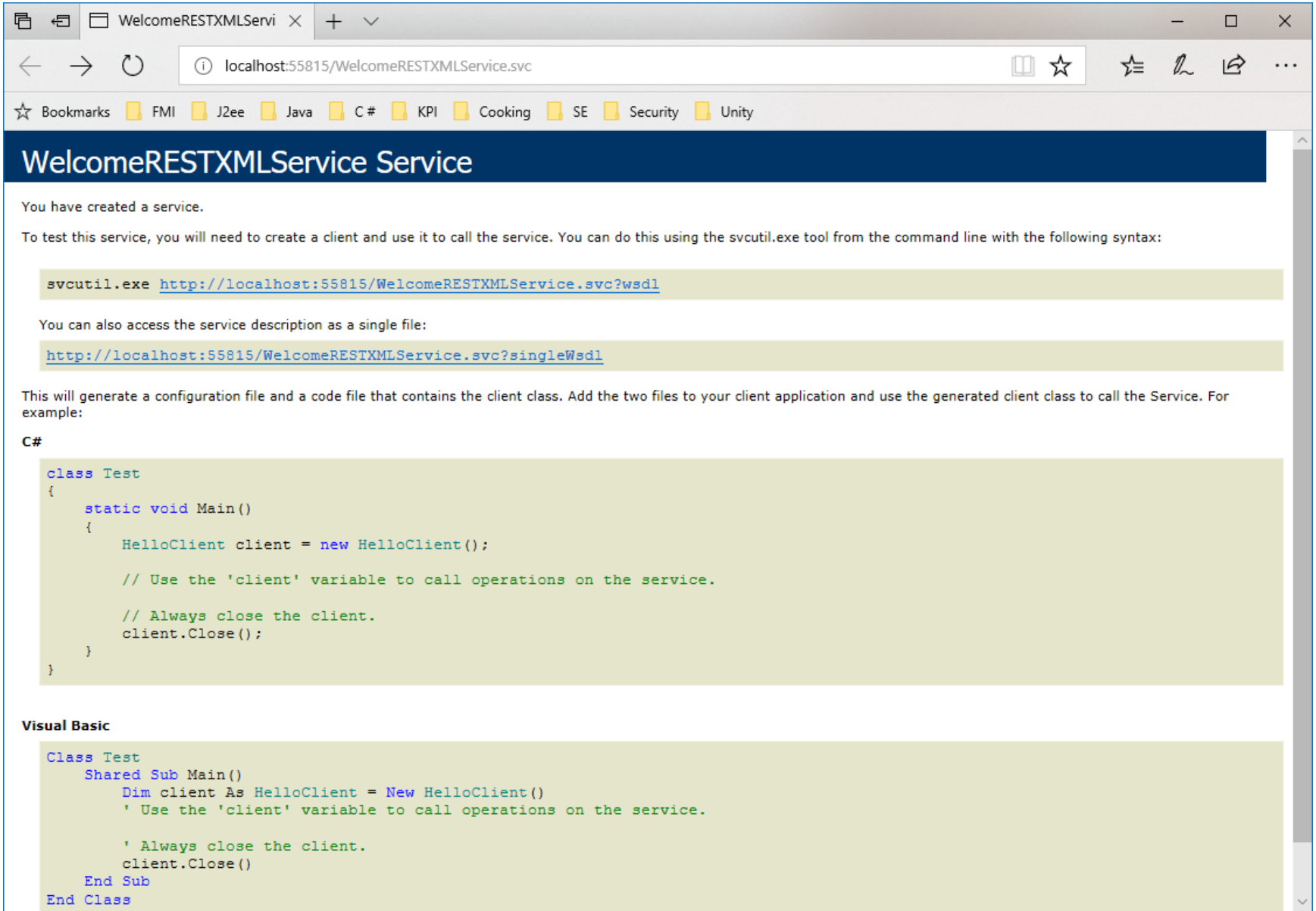

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Figure 15b.14 tests the `WelcomeRESTXMLService`'s `Welcome` method in a web browser by following the URI template.

`http://localhost:55815/WelcomeRESTXLService/Service.svc/welcome/Bruce`.

The browser displays the XML data response from `WelcomeRESTXMLService`.

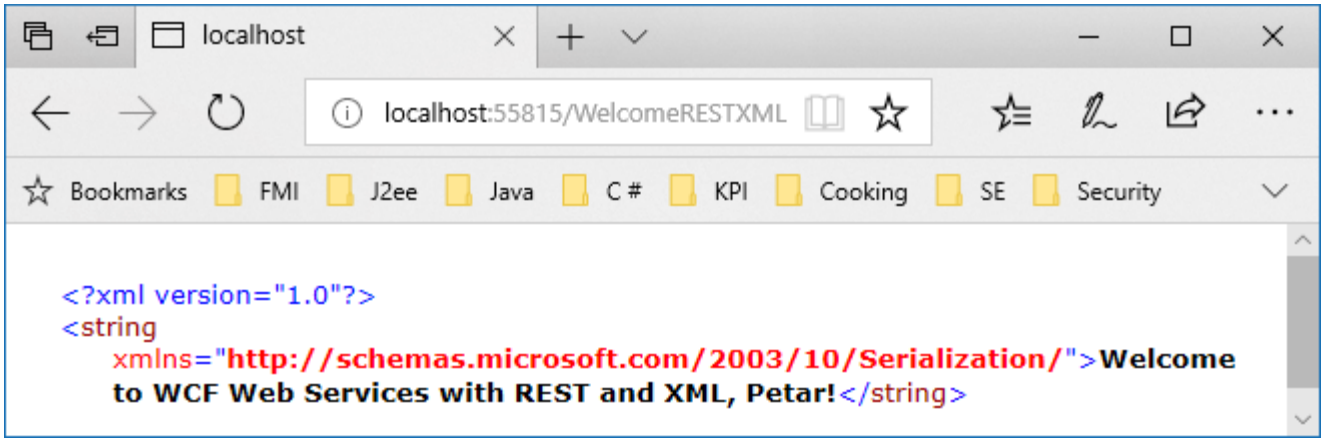

Fig. 15b.14 | Response from `WelcomeRESTXMLService` in XML data format.

7.1 Create a WPF client

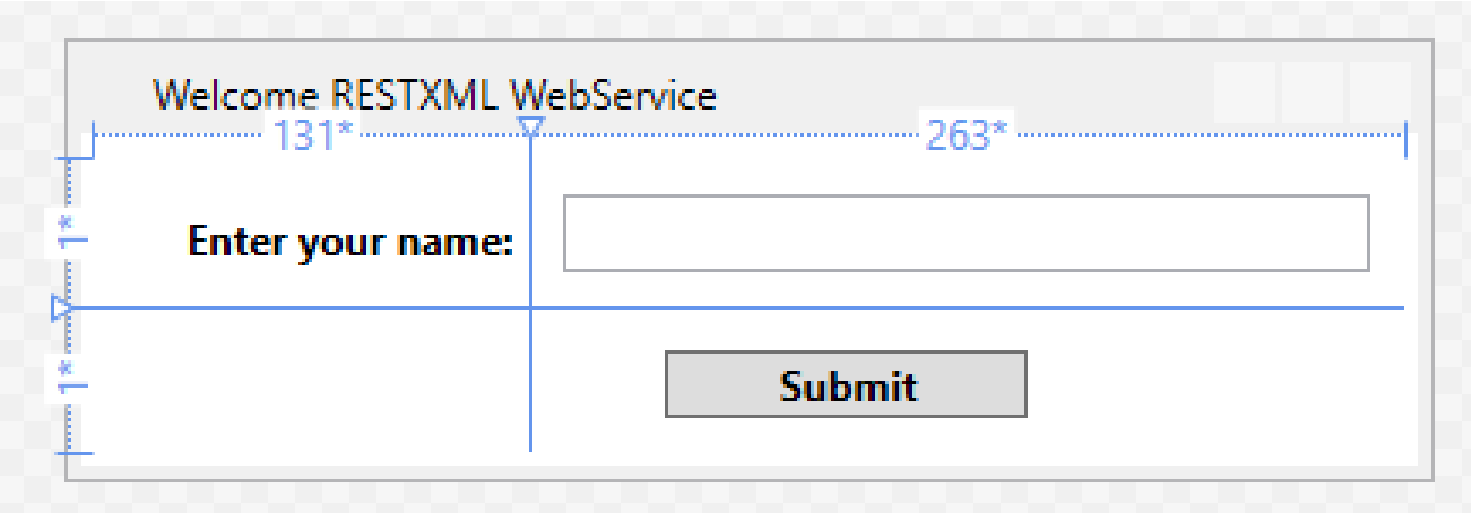

Fig. 15b.14 | Response from `welcomeRESTXMLService` in XML data format.

```
<Window x:Class="WelcomeRESTXMLClientWPF.MainWindow"
        xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/winfx/2006/xaml/presentation"
        xmlns:x="http://schemas.microsoft.com/winfx/2006/xaml"
        xmlns:d="http://schemas.microsoft.com/expression/blend/2008"
        xmlns:mc="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/markup-compatibility/2006"
        xmlns:local="clr-namespace:WelcomeRESTXMLClientWPF“ mc:Ignorable="d"
        Title="Welcome RESTXML WebService" Height="129" Width="402">
    <Grid Height="86" VerticalAlignment="Bottom" Margin="4">
        <Grid.RowDefinitions>
            <RowDefinition Height="*"/>   <RowDefinition Height="*"/>
        </Grid.RowDefinitions>
        <Grid.ColumnDefinitions>
            <ColumnDefinition Width="131*"/> <ColumnDefinition Width="263*"/>
        </Grid.ColumnDefinitions>
        <Button x:Name="BtnSubmit" Content="Submit" HorizontalAlignment="Center“
          Margin="58,13,0,0" Grid.Row="1" VerticalAlignment="Top" Width="107“
          FontWeight="Bold" Height="20" Grid.ColumnSpan="2" Click="BtnSubmit_Click" />
        <Label x:Name="LblEnterName" Content="Enter your name:" HorizontalAlignment="Left“
         Margin="22,10,0,0" VerticalAlignment="Top" Width="125" FontWeight="Bold“
         Grid.ColumnSpan="2" Height="26"/>
        <TextBox x:Name="TxtYourName" Grid.Column="1" HorizontalAlignment="Left“
          Height="23" Margin="10,10,0,0" VerticalAlignment="Top" Width="238“
          FontWeight="Bold"/>
    </Grid>
</Window>
```


Add a web service reference to the client project using `http://localhost:55815/WelcomeRESTXLService/Service.svc` to discover the REST web service

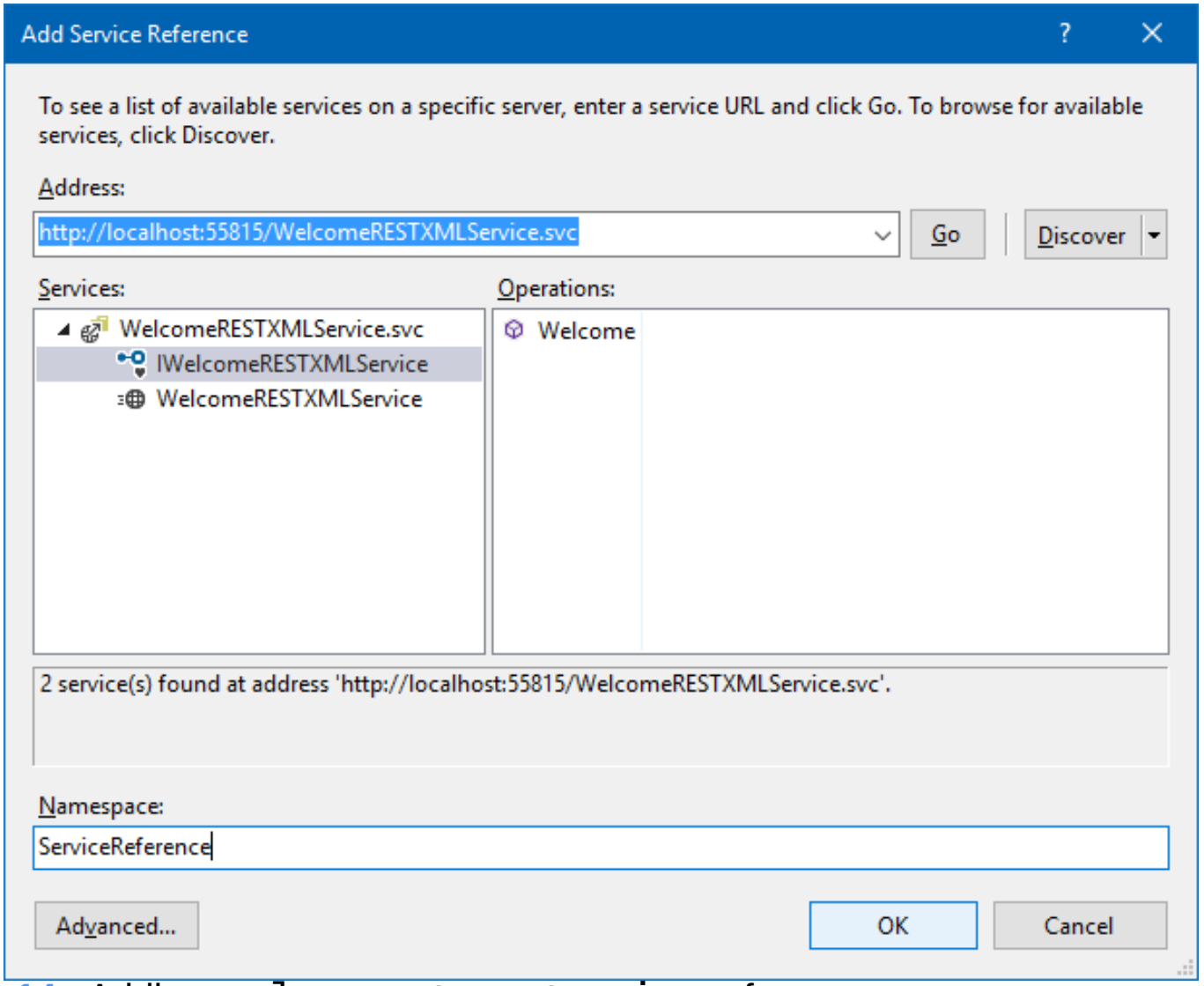

Fig. 15b.14 | Adding `WelcomeRESTXMLService` reference

`WelcomeRESTXMLClientWPF` (Fig. 15b.15) invokes the web service and receive its response.

`WelcomeRESTXML Form.cs`

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```
1  // MainWindow.xaml.cs
2  // Client that consumes the WelcomeRESTXMLService.
3  using System;
4  using System.Net.Http;
5  using System.Windows;
6  using System.Xml.Linq;
7
8  namespace WelcomeRESTXMLClient
9  {
10    public partial class MainWindow : Window
11    {
12       // object to invoke the WelcomeRESTXMLService
13       private HttpClient client = new HttpClient();
14
15       private XNamespace xmlNamespace =
16          XNamespace.Get(
17          "http://schemas.microsoft.com/2003/10/Serialization/" );
```

Using the `System.Net.Http` namespace's `HttpClient`

Fig. 15b.15 | Client that consumes the `WelcomeRESTXMLService`. (Part 1 of 4.)

```
18
19       public MainWindow()
20       {
21          InitializeComponent();
22       } // end constructor
23
24       // get user input and pass it to the web service
25       private async void BtnSubmit_Click( object sender, RoutedEventArgs e )
26       {
27        // send request to WelcomeRESTXMLService
28       string result = await client.GetStringAsync(new Uri(
29       "http://localhost:55815/WelcomeRESTXMLService.svc/welcome/" +
30       TxtYourName.Text));
31       // parse the returned XML
32        XDocument xmlResponse = XDocument.Parse(result);
33          // get the <string> element's value
34          MessageBox.Show(xmlResponse.Element(
35          xmlNamespace + "string").Value, "Welcome");
36       } // end method BtnSubmit_Click
37    } // end of class
38 } // end of namespace
```

WelcomeRESTXMLForm.cs

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The `client`'s `GetStringAsync` method invokes the web service asynchronously.

Parse the `string` element in the response.

Fig. 15b.15 | Client that consumes the `WelcomeRESTXMLService`. (Part 2 of 4.)

Outline

WelcomeRESTXMLClientWPF

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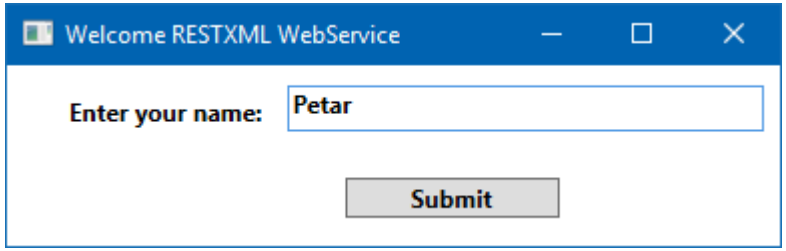
a) User inputs name.



b) Message sent from WelcomeRESTXMLService.

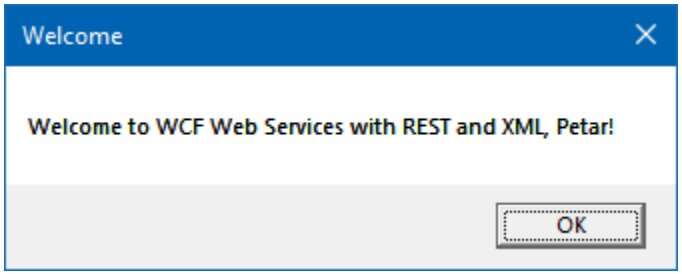


Fig. 15b.15 | Client that consumes the `WelcomeRESTXMLService`. (Part 4 of 4.)

7 Publishing and Consuming REST-Based XML Web Services (Cont.)

The `client`'s `GetStringAsync` method invokes the web service asynchronously.

When the call to the web service completes, the `HttpClient` object returns the XML string with the response.

`XDocument` uses method `Parse` to create a XML document from the response, from which we retrieve the `value` of the element named "`string`".

Outline

- In Fig. 15b.16, we modify the `WelcomeRESTXMLService` to return data in JSON format.

`IWelcomeRESTJSONService.cs`

(1 of 2)

```
1  // Fig. 23.16: IWelcomeRESTJSONService.cs
2  // WCF web-service interface that returns a welcome message through REST
3  // architecture and JSON format.
4  using System.Runtime.Serialization;
5  using System.ServiceModel;
6  using System.ServiceModel.Web;
7
8  [ServiceContract]
9  public interface IWelcomeRESTJSONService
10 {
11    // returns a welcome message
12    [OperationContract]
13    [WebGet( ResponseFormat = WebMessageFormat.Json,
14       UriTemplate = "/welcome/{yourName}" )]
15    TextMessage Welcome( string yourName );
16 } // end interface IWelcomeRESTJSONService
```

Set the `ResponseFormat` property to `WebMessageFormat.Json`.

Fig. 15b.16 | WCF web-service interface that returns a welcome message through REST architecture and JSON format. (Part 1 of 2.)

IWelcomeRESTJSON Service.cs

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```
17
18 // class to encapsulate a string to send in JSON format
19 [DataContract]
20 public class TextMessage
21 {
22    // automatic property message
23    [DataMember]
24    public string Message {get; set; }
25 } // end class TextMessage
```

The `DataContract` attribute exposes the `TextMessage` class for serialization.

The `DataMember` attribute exposes a property of this class for serialization.

Fig. 15b.16 | WCF web-service interface that returns a welcome message through REST architecture and JSON format. (Part 2 of 2.)

8 Publishing and Consuming REST-Based JSON Web Services (Cont.)

For JSON serialization to work properly, the objects being converted to JSON must have `public` properties.

`string`s do not have `public` properties, so a serializable `TextMessage` class was used in this example.

Outline

- Figure 15b.17 shows the implementation of the interface of Fig. 15b.16.

WelcomeRESTJSONService.cs

```
1  // Fig. 23.17: WelcomeRESTJSONService.cs
2  // WCF web service that returns a welcome message through REST
3  // architecture and JSON format.
4  public class WelcomeRESTJSONService : IWelcomeRESTJSONService
5  {
6     // returns a welcome message
7     public TextMessage Welcome( string yourName )
8     {
9        // add welcome message to field of TextMessage object
10       TextMessage message = new TextMessage();
11       message.Message = string.Format( "Welcome to WCF Web Services" +
12          " with REST and JSON, {0}!", yourName );
13       return message;
14    } // end method Welcome
15 } // end class WelcomeRESTJSONService
```

The `Welcome` method returns a `TextMessage` object, automatically serialized in JSON format.

Fig. 15b.17 | WCF web service that returns a welcome message through REST architecture and JSON format.

8 Publishing and Consuming REST-Based JSON Web Services (Cont.)

Test the web service by accessing the `Service.svc` file:

`http://localhost:56429/WelcomeRESTJSONService/Service.svc`

Append the URI template (`welcome`/*yourName*) to the address.

http://localhost:56429/WelcomeRESTJSONService.svc/welcome/Jenna

The service response is a JSON object (Fig. 15b.18).

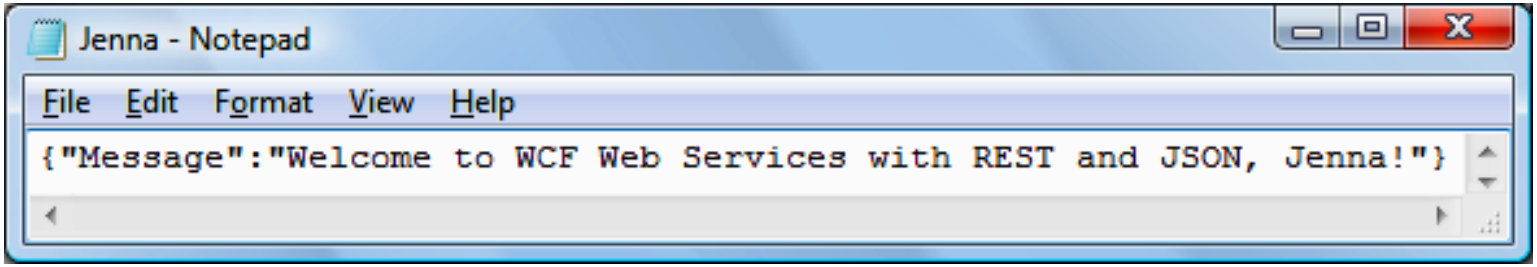

Fig. 15b.18 | Response from `WelcomeRESTJSONService` in JSON data format.

Outline

`WelcomeRESTJSON Form.cs`

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Custom types that are sent to or from a REST web service are converted using **XML** or **JSON serialization**.
In Fig. 15b.19, we consume the JSON web service.
Right click the project name, select

- Add Service Reference to add the REST web service. Discover the web service by http:// localhost:56429/WelcomeRESTJSONService.svc
- Add Reference also to `System.Net.Http` and `System.Runtime.Serialization.Json`

WelcomeRESTJSONClientWPF

```
1  // MainWindow.xaml.cs
2  // Client that consumes WelcomeRESTJSONService.
3  using System;
4  using System.IO;
5  using System.Net.Http;
6  using System.Runtime.Serialization.Json;
7  using System.Text;
8  using System.Windows.Windows;
9
10 namespace WelcomeRESTJSONClientWPF
11 {
12    public partial class MainWindow : Window
13    {
14       // object to invoke the WelcomeRESTJSONService
15       private HttpClient client = new HttpClient();
16
```

Fig. 15b.19 | Client that consumes `WelcomeRESTJSONService`. (Part 1 of 3.)

Outline

WelcomeRESTJSONClientWPF

```
17      public MainWindow()
18      {
19         InitializeComponent();
20       }// end constructor
21      // get user input, pass it to web service, and process response
22      private void BtnSubmit_Click( object sender, RoutedEventArgs e )
23      {  // send request to WelcomeRESTXMLService
24         string result = await client.GetStringAsync(new Uri(
25        "http://localhost:56429/WelcomeRESTJSONService.svc/welcome/" +
26         TxtYourName.Text));
27        //  deserialize response into a TextMessage object
28        DataContractJsonSerializer JSONSerializer =
29                new DataContractJsonSerializer(typeof(TextMessage));
30        TextMessage message =
31                new MemoryStream(Encoding.Unicode.GetBytes(result)));
32        // display Message text
33        MessageBox.Show(message.Message, "Welcome");
34      } // end method submitButton_Click
35
```

Creating an object for performing JSON serialization on `TextMessage` objects.

Using the `GetBytes` method to convert the JSON response to a stream.

Fig. 15b.19 | Client that consumes `WelcomeRESTJSONService`. (Part 2 of 3.)

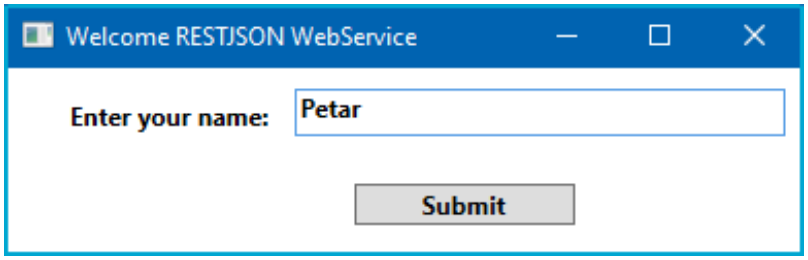
Outline

WelcomeRESTJSONClientWPF

```
36    // TextMessage class representing a JSON object
37    [Serializable]
38    public class TextMessage
39    {
40       public string Message;
41    } // end class TextMessage
42 } // end namespace WelcomeRESTJSONClient
```

The `TextMessage` class maps fields for JSON serialization.

a) User inputs name.



b) Message sent from **`WelcomeRESTJSONService`**.

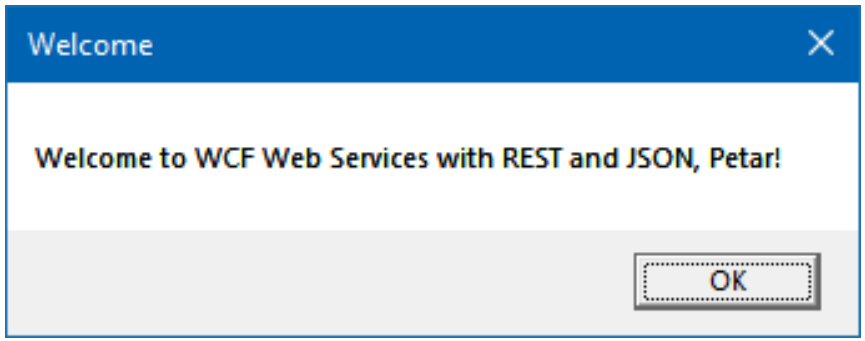


Fig. 15b.19 | Client that consumes `WelcomeRESTJSONService`. (Part 3 of 3.)

9 Blackjack Web Service: Using Session Tracking in a SOAP-Based Web Service

Session tracking eliminates the need for information about the client to be passed between the client and the web service multiple times.

A session variable allows web-service methods to return personalized, localized results.

Outline

- You will now create a WCF web service that follows a simple subset of casino blackjack rules.
- The web service's interface is defined in Fig. 15b.20.

IBlackjackService.cs

```
1  // Fig. 23.20: IBlackjackService.cs
2  // Blackjack game WCF web-service interface.
3  using System.ServiceModel;
4
5  [ServiceContract( SessionMode = SessionMode.Required )]
6  public interface IBlackjackService
7  {
8     // deals a card that has not been dealt
9     [OperationContract]
10    string DealCard();
11
12    // creates and shuffles the deck
13    [OperationContract]
14    void Shuffle();
15
16    // calculates value of a hand
17    [OperationContract]
18    int GetHandValue( string dealt );
19 } // end interface IBlackjackService
```

The service requires sessions to execute correctly.

Fig. 15b.20 | Blackjack game WCF web-service interface.

Outline

- The web-service class (Fig. 15b.21) provides methods to deal a card, shuffle the deck and determine the point value of a hand.

BlackjackService.cs

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```
1  // Fig. 23.21: BlackjackService.cs
2  // Blackjack game WCF web service.
3  using System;
4  using System.Collections.Generic;
5  using System.ServiceModel;
6
7  [ServiceBehavior( InstanceContextMode = InstanceContextMode.PerSession )]
8  public class BlackjackService : IBlackjackService
9  {
10    // create persistent session deck-of-cards object
11    List< string > deck = new List< string >();
12
13    // deals card that has not yet been dealt
14    public string DealCard()
15    {
16       string card = deck[ 0 ]; // get first card
17       deck.RemoveAt( 0 ); // remove card from deck
18       return card;
19    } // end method DealCard
20
```

Setting the `ServiceBehavior`'s `InstanceContextMode` property to `PerSession` creates a new instance of the class for each session.

`DealCard` manipulates the current user's deck by returning the top card's value.

Fig. 15b.21 | Blackjack game WCF web service. (Part 1 of 5)

Outline

```
21    // creates and shuffles a deck of cards
22    public void Shuffle()
23    {
24       Random randomObject = new Random(); // generates random numbers
25
26       deck.Clear(); // clears deck for new game
27
28       // generate all possible cards
29       for ( int face = 1; face <= 13; face++ ) // loop through faces
30          for ( int suit = 0; suit <= 3; suit++ ) // loop through suits
31             deck.Add( face + " " + suit ); // add card (string) to deck
32
33       // shuffles deck by swapping each card with another card randomly
34       for ( int i = 0; i < deck.Count; i++ )
35       {
36          // get random index
37          int newIndex = randomObject.Next( deck.Count - 1 );
38
39          // save current card in temporary variable
40          string temporary = deck[ i ];
41          deck[ i ] = deck[ newIndex ]; // copy randomly selected card
```

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`Shuffle` fills the `List` object with `strings` representing a deck of cards.

Fig. 15b.21 | Blackjack game WCF web service. (Part 2 of 5)

Outline

```
42
43          // copy current card back into deck
44          deck[ newIndex ] = temporary;
45       } // end for
46    } // end method Shuffle
47
48    // computes value of hand
49    public int GetHandValue( string dealt )
50    {
51       // split string containing all cards
52       string[] cards = dealt.Split( '\t' ); // get array of cards
53       int total = 0; // total value of cards in hand
54       int face; // face of the current card
55       int aceCount = 0; // number of aces in hand
56
57       // loop through the cards in the hand
58       foreach ( var drawn in cards )
59       {
60          // get face of card
61          face = Convert.ToInt32(
62             drawn.Substring( 0, drawn.IndexOf( ' ' ) ) );
```

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`Shuffle` fills the `List` object with `string`s representing a deck of cards.

Tokenizing the full hand of cards into an array of cards.

Counting the value of each card.

Fig. 15b.21 | Blackjack game WCF web service. (Part 3 of 5)

```
63
64          switch ( face )
65          {
66             case 1: // if ace, increment aceCount
67                ++aceCount;
68                break;
69             case 11: // if jack add 10
70             case 12: // if queen add 10
71             case 13: // if king add 10
72                total += 10;
73                break;
74             default: // otherwise, add value of face
75                total += face;
76                break;
77          } // end switch
78       } // end foreach
```

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Counting the number of aces.

Counting the value of each card.

Fig. 15b.21 | Blackjack game WCF web service. (Part 4 of 5)

Outline

```
79
80       // if there are any aces, calculate optimum total
81       if ( aceCount > 0 )
82       {
83          // if it is possible to count one ace as 11, and the rest
84          // as 1 each, do so; otherwise, count all aces as 1 each
85          if ( total + 11 + aceCount - 1 <= 21 )
86             total += 11 + aceCount - 1;
87          else
88             total += aceCount;
89       } // end if
90
91       return total;
92    } // end method GetHandValue
93 } // end class BlackjackService
```

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Processing the aces after all the other cards (one ace can be counted as 11).

Fig. 15b.21 | Blackjack game WCF web service. (Part 5 of 5)

9 Blackjack Web Service: Using Session Tracking in a SOAP-Based Web Service (Cont.)

Setting the `ServiceBehavior`'s `InstanceContextMode` property to `PerSession` creates a new instance of the class for each session.

Method `Split` uses a delimiter character to divide a `string` into an array of substrings.

Outline

- Now we use our blackjack web service in a Windows application (Fig. 15b.22).
- You must add a service reference to your project so it can access the web service.

BlackjackForm.cs

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```
1  // Fig. 23.22: BlackjackForm.cs
2  // Blackjack game that uses the BlackjackService web service.
3  using System;
4  using System.Drawing;
5  using System.Windows.Forms;
6  using System.Collections.Generic;
7  using System.Resources;
8
9  namespace BlackjackClient
10 {
11    public partial class BlackjackForm : Form
12    {
13       // reference to web service
14       private ServiceReference.BlackjackServiceClient dealer;
15
```

Declaring the client object representing the dealer.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 1 of 17.)

Outline

```
16      // string representing the dealer's cards
17      private string dealersCards;
18
19      // string representing the player's cards
20      private string playersCards;
21
22      // list of PictureBoxes for card images
23      private List< PictureBox > cardBoxes;
24      private int currentPlayerCard; // player's current card number
25      private int currentDealerCard; // dealer's current card number
26
27      private ResourceManager pictureLibrary =
28         BlackjackClient.Properties.Resources.ResourceManager;
29
30      // enum representing the possible game outcomes
31      public enum GameStatus
32      {
33         PUSH, // game ends in a tie
34         LOSE, // player loses
35         WIN, // player wins
36         BLACKJACK // player has blackjack
37      } // end enum GameStatus
```

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Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 2 of 17.)

Outline

BlackjackForm.cs

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```
38
39       public BlackjackForm()
40       {
41          InitializeComponent();
42       } // end constructor
43
44       // sets up the game
45       private void Blackjack_Load( object sender, EventArgs e )
46       {
47          // instantiate object allowing communication with web service
48          dealer = new ServiceReference.BlackjackServiceClient();
49
50          // put PictureBoxes into cardBoxes List
51          cardBoxes = new List<PictureBox>(); // create list
52          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox1 );
53          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox2 );
54          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox3 );
55          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox4 );
56          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox5 );
57          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox6 );
58          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox7 );
59          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox8 );
60          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox9 );
```

Creating the client object representing the dealer.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 3 of 17.)

Outline

BlackjackForm.cs

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```
61          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox10 );
62          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox11 );
63          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox12 );
64          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox13 );
65          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox14 );
66          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox15 );
67          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox16 );
68          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox17 );
69          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox18 );
70          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox19 );
71          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox20 );
72          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox21 );
73          cardBoxes.Add( pictureBox22 );
74       } // end method BlackjackForm_Load
75
76       // deals cards to dealer while dealer's total is less than 17,
77       // then computes value of each hand and determines winner
78       private void DealerPlay()
79       {
80          // reveal dealer's second card
81          string[] cards = dealersCards.Split( '\t' );
82          DisplayCard( 1, cards[1] );
```

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 4 of 17.)

Outline

BlackjackForm.cs

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```
83
84          string nextCard;
85
86          // while value of dealer's hand is below 17,
87          // dealer must take cards
88          while ( dealer.GetHandValue( dealersCards ) < 17 )
89          {
90             nextCard = dealer.DealCard(); // deal new card
91             dealersCards += '\t' + nextCard; // add new card to hand
92
93             // update GUI to show new card
94             MessageBox.Show( "Dealer takes a card" );
95             DisplayCard( currentDealerCard, nextCard );
96             ++currentDealerCard;
97          } // end while
98
99          int dealersTotal = dealer.GetHandValue( dealersCards );
100         int playersTotal = dealer.GetHandValue( playersCards );
101
```

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 5 of 17.)

Outline

BlackjackForm.cs

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```
102         // if dealer busted, player wins
103         if ( dealersTotal > 21 )
104         {
105            GameOver( GameStatus.WIN );
106         } // end if
107         else
108         {
109            // if dealer and player have not exceeded 21,
110            // higher score wins; equal scores is a push.
111            if ( dealersTotal > playersTotal ) // player loses game
112               GameOver( GameStatus.LOSE );
113            else if ( playersTotal > dealersTotal ) // player wins game
114               GameOver( GameStatus.WIN );
115            else // player and dealer tie
116               GameOver( GameStatus.PUSH );
117         } // end else
118      } // end method DealerPlay
119
```

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 6 of 17.)

Outline

BlackjackForm.cs

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```
120    // displays card represented by cardValue in specified PictureBox
121    public void DisplayCard( int card, string cardValue )
122    {
123       // retrieve appropriate PictureBox
124       PictureBox displayBox = cardBoxes[ card ];
125
126       // if string representing card is empty,
127       // set displayBox to display back of card
128       if ( string.IsNullOrEmpty( cardValue ) )
129       {
130          displayBox.Image =
131             ( Image ) pictureLibrary.GetObject( "cardback" );
132          return;
133       } // end if
134
135       // retrieve face value of card from cardValue
136       string face =
137          cardValue.Substring( 0, cardValue.IndexOf( ' ' ) );
138
```

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 7 of 17.)

Outline

```
139         // retrieve the suit of the card from cardValue
140         string suit =
141            cardValue.Substring( cardValue.IndexOf( ' ' ) + 1 );
142
143         char suitLetter; // suit letter used to form image-file name
144
145         // determine the suit letter of the card
146         switch ( Convert.ToInt32( suit ) )
147         {
148            case 0: // clubs
149               suitLetter = 'c';
150               break;
151            case 1: // diamonds
152               suitLetter = 'd';
153               break;
154            case 2: // hearts
155               suitLetter = 'h';
156               break;
157            default: // spades
158               suitLetter = 's';
159               break;
160         } // end switch
```

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Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 8 of 17.)

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```
161
162         // set displayBox to display appropriate image
163         displayBox.Image = ( Image ) pictureLibrary.GetObject(
164            "_" + face + suitLetter );
165      } // end method DisplayCard
166
167      // displays all player cards and shows
168      // appropriate game status message
169      public void GameOver( GameStatus winner )
170      {
171         string[] cards = dealersCards.Split( '\t' );
172
173         // display all the dealer's cards
174         for ( int i = 0; i < cards.Length; i++ )
175            DisplayCard( i, cards[ i ] );
176
177         // display appropriate status image
178         if ( winner == GameStatus.PUSH ) // push
179            statusPictureBox.Image =
180               ( Image ) pictureLibrary.GetObject( "tie" );
181         else if ( winner == GameStatus.LOSE ) // player loses
```

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 9 of 17.)

Outline

BlackjackForm.cs

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```
182            statusPictureBox.Image =
183               ( Image ) pictureLibrary.GetObject( "lose" );
184         else if ( winner == GameStatus.BLACKJACK )
185            // player has blackjack
186            statusPictureBox.Image =
187               ( Image ) pictureLibrary.GetObject( "blackjack" );
188         else // player wins
189            statusPictureBox.Image =
190               ( Image ) pictureLibrary.GetObject( "win" );
191
192         // display final totals for dealer and player
193         dealerTotalLabel.Text =
194            "Dealer: " + dealer.GetHandValue( dealersCards );
195         playerTotalLabel.Text =
196            "Player: " + dealer.GetHandValue( playersCards );
197
198         // reset controls for new game
199         stayButton.Enabled = false;
200         hitButton.Enabled = false;
201         dealButton.Enabled = true;
202      } // end method GameOver
203
```

Displaying the final point totals of both the dealer and the player.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 10 of 17.)

Outline

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```
204    // deal two cards each to dealer and player
205    private void dealButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
206    {
207       string card; // stores a card temporarily until added to a hand
208
209       // clear card images
210       foreach ( PictureBox cardImage in cardBoxes )
211          cardImage.Image = null;
212
213       statusPictureBox.Image = null; // clear status image
214       dealerTotalLabel.Text = string.Empty; // clear dealer total
215       playerTotalLabel.Text = string.Empty; // clear player total
216
217       // create a new, shuffled deck on the web-service host
218       dealer.Shuffle();
219
220       // deal two cards to player
221       playersCards = dealer.DealCard(); // deal first card to player
222       DisplayCard( 11, playersCards ); // display card
223       card = dealer.DealCard(); // deal second card to player
224       DisplayCard( 12, card ); // update GUI to display new card
225       playersCards += '\t' + card; // add second card to player's hand
```

The **Deal** button clears the `PictureBox`es and `Label`s for a new game.

Shuffling the deck and dealing two cards to each player.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 11 of 17.)

Outline

```
226
227         // deal two cards to dealer, only display face of first card
228         dealersCards = dealer.DealCard(); // deal first card to dealer
229         DisplayCard( 0, dealersCards ); // display card
230         card = dealer.DealCard(); // deal second card to dealer
231         DisplayCard( 1, string.Empty ); // display card face down
232         dealersCards += '\t' + card; // add second card to dealer's hand
233
234         stayButton.Enabled = true; // allow player to stay
235         hitButton.Enabled = true; // allow player to hit
236         dealButton.Enabled = false; // disable Deal Button
237
238         // determine the value of the two hands
239         int dealersTotal = dealer.GetHandValue( dealersCards );
240         int playersTotal = dealer.GetHandValue( playersCards );
241
242         // if hands equal 21, it is a push
243         if ( dealersTotal == playersTotal && dealersTotal == 21 )
244            GameOver( GameStatus.PUSH );
245         else if ( dealersTotal == 21 ) // if dealer has 21, dealer wins
246            GameOver( GameStatus.LOSE );
247         else if ( playersTotal == 21 ) // player has blackjack
248            GameOver( GameStatus.BLACKJACK );
```

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Shuffling the deck and dealing two cards to each player.

Evaluating both the dealer's and player's hands.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 12 of 17.)

Outline

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```
249
250         // next dealer card has index 2 in cardBoxes
251         currentDealerCard = 2;
252
253         // next player card has index 13 in cardBoxes
254         currentPlayerCard = 13;
255      } // end method dealButton
256
257      // deal another card to player
258      private void hitButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
259      {
260         string card = dealer.DealCard(); // deal new card
261         playersCards += '\t' + card; // add new card to player's hand
262
263         DisplayCard( currentPlayerCard, card ); // display card
264         ++currentPlayerCard;
265
266         // determine the value of the player's hand
267         int total = dealer.GetHandValue( playersCards );
268
```

Each time a player clicks **Hit**, the program deals the player one more card.

Evaluating the player's hand, and having the dealer decide whether to draw a card.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 13 of 17.)

Outline

```
269         // if player exceeds 21, house wins
270         if ( total > 21 )
271            GameOver( GameStatus.LOSE );
272         else if ( total == 21 ) // if player has 21, dealer's turn
273         {
274            hitButton.Enabled = false;
275            DealerPlay();
276         } // end if
277      } // end method hitButton_Click
278
279      // play the dealer's hand after the player chooses to stay
280      private void stayButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
281      {
282         stayButton.Enabled = false; // disable Stay Button
283         hitButton.Enabled = false; // disable Hit Button
284         dealButton.Enabled = true; // enable Deal Button
285         DealerPlay(); // player chose to stay, so play the dealer's hand
286      } // end method stayButton_Click
287   } // end class BlackjackForm
288} // end namespace BlackjackClient
```

BlackjackForm.cs

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Evaluating the player's hand, and having the dealer decide whether to draw a card.

Clicking the **Stay** button disables the **Hit** and **Stay** buttons, then calls method `DealerPlay`.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 14 of 17.)

`BlackjackForm.cs`

a) Initial cards dealt to the player and the dealer when the user presses the Deal button.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 15 of 17.)

b) Cards after the player presses the Hit button once, then the Stay button. In this case, the player wins the game with a higher total than the dealer.

c) Cards after the player presses the Hit button once, then the Stay button. In this case, the player busts (exceeds 21) and the dealer wins the game.

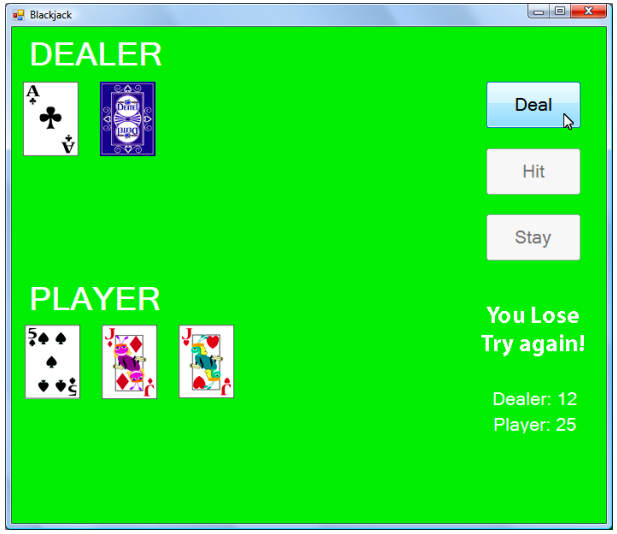
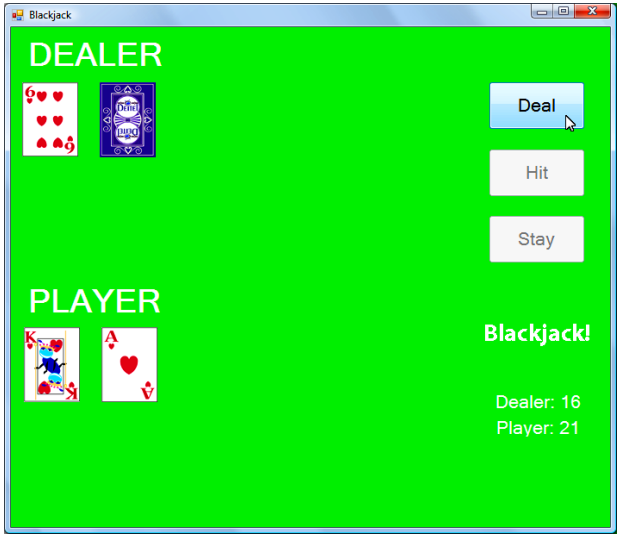


Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 16 of 17.)

d) Cards after the player presses the Deal button. In this case, the player wins with Blackjack because the first two cards are an ace and a card with a value of 10 (a jack in this case).



e) Cards after the player presses the Stay button. In this case, the player and dealer push—they have the same card total.

Fig. 15b.22 | Blackjack game that uses the `BlackjackService` web service. (Part 17 of 17.)

Outline

- You can easily use web services in ASP.NET web applications.
- Figure 15b.23 presents the interface for an airline reservation service.

IReservation Service.cs

```
1  // Fig. 23.23: IReservationService.cs
2  // Airline reservation WCF web-service interface.
3  using System.ServiceModel;
4
5  [ServiceContract]
6  public interface IReservationService
7  {
8     // reserves a seat
9     [OperationContract]
10    bool Reserve( string seatType, string classType );
11 } // end interface IReservationService
```

Fig. 15b.23 | Airline reservation WCF web-service interface.

Outline

- Add the `Tickets.mdf` database and corresponding LINQ to SQL classes to create a `DataContext` class.
- Figure 15b.24 presents the code-behind file for the web service..

`ReservationService.cs`

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```
1  // Fig. 23.24: ReservationService.cs
2  // Airline reservation WCF web service.
3  using System.Linq;
4
5  public class ReservationService : IReservationService
6  {
7     // create ticketsDB object to access Tickets database
8     private TicketsDataContext ticketsDB = new TicketsDataContext();
9
10    // checks database to determine whether matching seat is available
11    public bool Reserve( string seatType, string classType )
12    {
13       //  LINQ query to find seats matching the parameters
14       var result =
15          from seat in ticketsDB.Seats
16          where ( seat.Taken == false ) && ( seat.SeatType == seatType )
17             && ( seat.SeatClass == classType )
18          select seat;
```

Creating a `DataContext` object for database interaction.

Retrieving available seat numbers that match the query.

Fig. 15b.24 | Airline reservation WCF web service. (Part 1 of 2.)

Outline

ReservationService.cs

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```
19
20       // get first available seat
21       Seat firstAvailableSeat = result.FirstOrDefault();
22
23       // if seat is available seats, mark it as taken
24       if ( firstAvailableSeat != null )
25       {
26          firstAvailableSeat.Taken = true; // mark the seat as taken
27          ticketsDB.SubmitChanges(); // update
28          return true; // seat was reserved
29       } // end if
30
31       return false; // no seat was reserved
32    } // end method Reserve
33 } // end class ReservationService
```

The query result's `FirstOrDefault` method returns the first available seat or a `null` value.

Reserving a seat and submitting changes to the database.

Fig. 15b.24 | Airline reservation WCF web service. (Part 2 of 2.)

Outline

- Figure 15b.25 presents the code for an ASP.NET page through which users can select seat types.
- Remember to add a service reference to the `ReservationService`.

`ReservationClient.aspx`

(1 of 3)

```
1  <%-- Fig. 23.25: ReservationClient.aspx                        --%>
2  <%-- Web Form that allows users to reserve seats on a plane. --%>
3  <%@ Page Language="C#" AutoEventWireup="true"
4     CodeFile="ReservationClient.aspx.cs" Inherits="ReservationClient" %>
5
6  <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"
7     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
8
9  <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" >
10 <head runat="server">
11    <title>Ticket Reservation</title>
12 </head>
13 <body>
14    <form id="form1" runat="server">
15    <div>
```

Fig. 15b.25 | ASPX file that takes reservation information. (Part 1 of 3.)

Reservation Client.aspx

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```
16      <asp:Label ID="instructionsLabel" runat="server"
17         Text="Please select the seat type and class to reserve:">
18      </asp:Label>
19      <br /><br />
20      <%-- seat options --%>
21      <asp:DropDownList ID="seatList" runat="server"
22         Height="22px" Width="100px">
23         <asp:ListItem>Aisle</asp:ListItem>
24         <asp:ListItem>Middle</asp:ListItem>
25         <asp:ListItem>Window</asp:ListItem>
26      </asp:DropDownList>
27           
28      <%-- class options --%>
29      <asp:DropDownList ID="classList" runat="server" Width="100px">
30         <asp:ListItem>Economy</asp:ListItem>
```

A `DropDownList` displays the seat types from which users can select.

A `DropDownList` provides choices for the class type.

Fig. 15b.25 | ASPX file that takes reservation information. (Part 2 of 3.)

Outline

Reservation Client.aspx

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```
31          <asp:ListItem>First</asp:ListItem>
32       </asp:DropDownList>
33            
34       <%-- submits selections to server --%>
35       <asp:Button ID="reserveButton" runat="server" Height="24px"
36          OnClick="reserveButton_Click"
37          Text="Reserve" Width="102px" />
38       <br /><br />
39       <asp:Label ID="errorLabel" runat="server" ForeColor="#C00000"
40          Height="19px" Width="343px"></asp:Label>
41    </div>
42    </form>
43 </body>
44 </html>
```

A `DropDownList` provides choices for the class type.

Fig. 15b.25 | ASPX file that takes reservation information. (Part 3 of 3.)

Outline

- Figure 15b.26 presents the code-behind file for the ASP.NET page.

ReservationClient.aspx.cs

(1 of 2)

```
1  // Fig. 23.26: ReservationClient.aspx.cs
2  // ReservationClient code-behind file.
3  using System;
4
5  public partial class ReservationClient : System.Web.UI.Page
6  {
7     // object of proxy type used to connect to ReservationService
8     private ServiceReference.ReservationServiceClient ticketAgent =
9        new ServiceReference.ReservationServiceClient();
10
11    // attempt to reserve the selected type of seat
12    protected void reserveButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
13    {
14       // if the ticket is reserved
15       if ( ticketAgent.Reserve( seatList.SelectedItem.Text,
16          classList.SelectedItem.Text ) )
17       {
```

Creating a `ReservationServiceClient` proxy object.

Calling the web service's `Reserve` method and determining whether a seat was reserved.

Fig. 15b.26 | `ReservationClient` code-behind file. (Part 1 of 2.)

Outline

ReservationClient.aspx.cs

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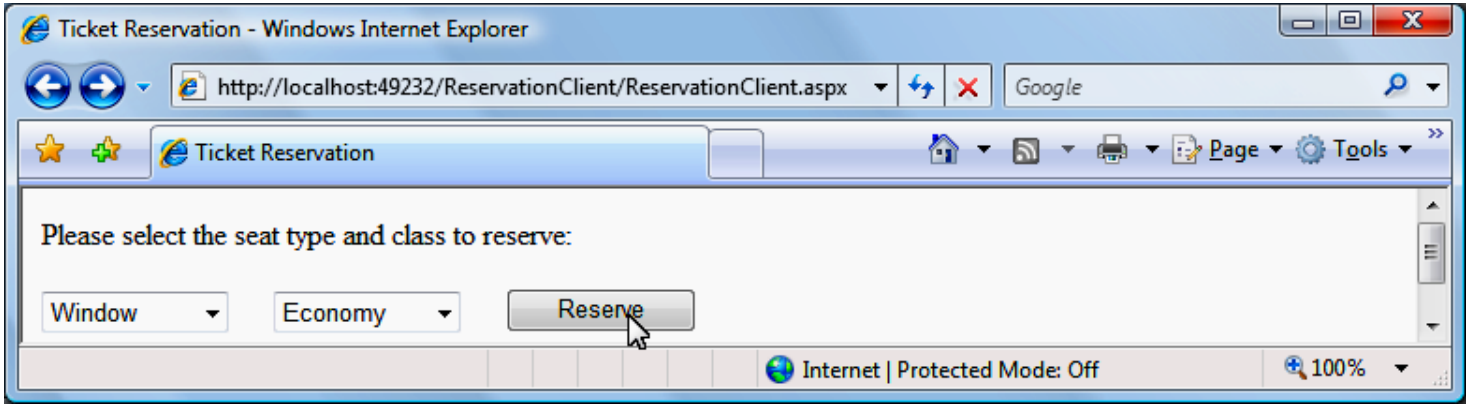
```
18          // hide other controls
19          instructionsLabel.Visible = false;
20          seatList.Visible = false;
21          classList.Visible = false;
22          reserveButton.Visible = false;
23          errorLabel.Visible = false;
24
25          // display message indicating success
26          Response.Write( "Your reservation has been made. Thank you." );
27       } // end if
28       else // service method returned false, so signal failure
29       {
30          // display message in the initially blank errorLabel
31          errorLabel.Text = "This type of seat is not available. " +
32             "Please modify your request and try again.";
33       } // end else
34    } // end method reserveButton_Click
35 } // end class ReservationClient
```

Fig. 15b.26 | `ReservationClient` code-behind file. (Part 2 of 2.)

10 Airline Reservation Web Service: Database Access and Invoking a Service from ASP.NET (Cont.)

a) Selecting a seat.



b) Seat is reserved successfully.

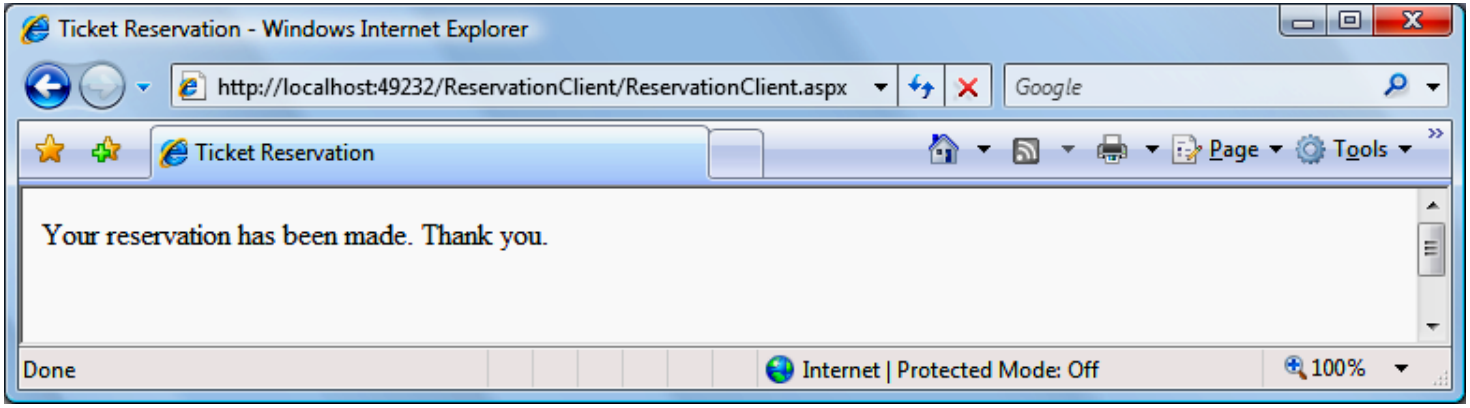
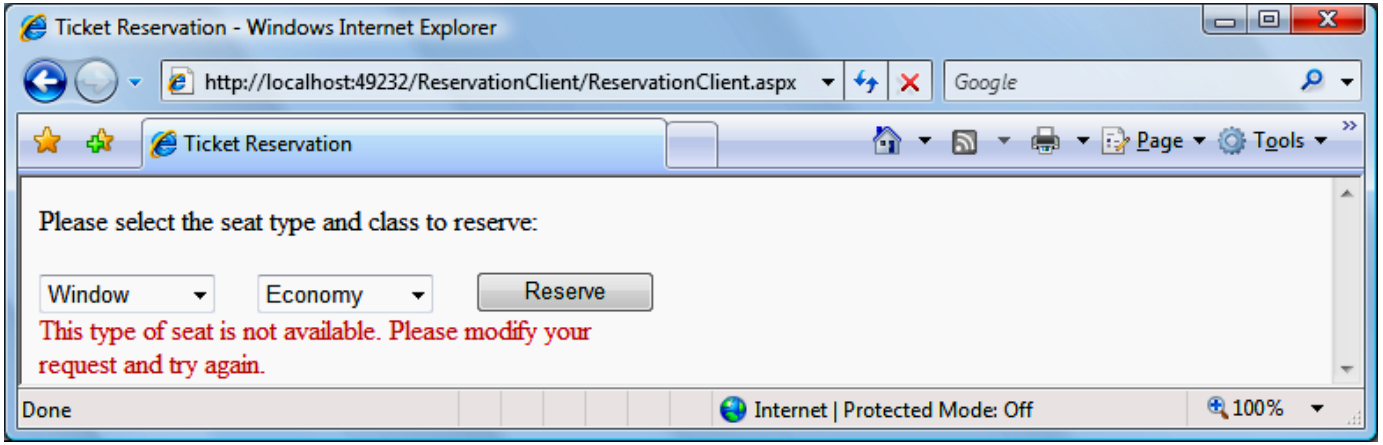


Fig. 15b.27 | Ticket reservation web-application sample execution. (Part 1 of 2.)

10 Airline Reservation Web Service: Database Access and Invoking a Service from ASP.NET (Cont.)

c) Attempting to reserve another seat.



d) No seats match the requested type and class.

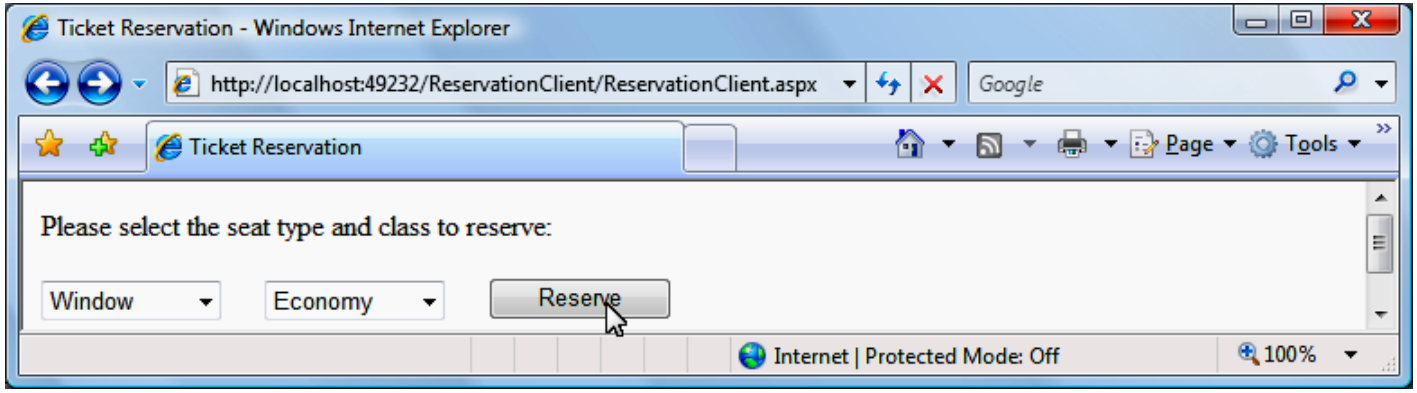


Fig. 15b.27 | Ticket reservation web-application sample execution. (Part 2 of 2.)

11 Equation Generator: Returning User-Defined Types

This section presents an `EquationGenerator` web service.

The service generates random arithmetic equations of type `Equation`.

The client uses user-inputted information to request an equation.

The difficulty level is a `string` because variables for `UriTemplate` path segments must be of type `string`.

Outline

Equation.cs

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```
1  // Fig. 23.28: Equation.cs
2  // Class Equation that contains information about an equation.
3  using System.Runtime.Serialization;
4
5  [DataContract]
6  public class Equation
7  {
8     // automatic property to access the left operand
9     [DataMember]
10    private int Left { get; set; }
11
12    // automatic property to access the right operand
13    [DataMember]
14    private int Right { get; set; }
15
16    // automatic property to access the result of applying
17    // an operation to the left and right operands
18    [DataMember]
19    private int Result { get; set; }
20
```

Fig. 15b.28 | Class `Equation` that contains information about an equation. (Part 1 of 5.)

Equation.cs

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```
21    // automatic property to access the operation
22    [DataMember]
23    private string Operation { get; set; }
24
25    // required default constructor
26    public Equation()
27       : this( 0, 0, "add" )
28    {
29       // empty body
30    } // end default constructor
31
32    // three-argument constructor for class Equation
33    public Equation( int leftValue, int rightValue, string type )
34    {
35       Left = leftValue;
36       Right = rightValue;
37
```

The parameterless constructor calls the three-argument constructor with default values.

This constructor takes the left and right operands and the arithmetic operation as arguments.

Fig. 15b.28 | Class `Equation` that contains information about an equation. (Part 2 of 5.)

```
38       switch ( type ) // perform appropriate operation
39       {
40          case "add": // addition
41             Result = Left + Right;
42             Operation = "+";
43             break;
44          case "subtract": // subtraction
45             Result = Left - Right;
46             Operation = "-";
47             break;
48          case "multiply": // multiplication
49             Result = Left * Right;
50             Operation = "*";
51             break;
52       } // end switch
53    } // end three-argument constructor
54
55    // return string representation of the Equation object
56    public override string ToString()
57    {
58       return string.Format( "{0} {1} {2} = {4}", Left, Operation,
59          Right, Result );
60    } // end method ToString
```

Equation.cs

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This constructor takes the left and right operands and the arithmetic operation as arguments.

Fig. 15b.28 | Class `Equation` that contains information about an equation. (Part 3 of 5.)

Equation.cs

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```
61
62    // property that returns a string representing left-hand side
63    [DataMember]
64    private string LeftHandSide
65    {
66       get
67       {
68          return string.Format( "{0} {1} {2}", Left, Operation,
69             Right );
70       } // end get
71       set
72       {
73          // empty body
74       } // end set
75    } // end property LeftHandSide
76
```

Fig. 15b.28 | Class `Equation` that contains information about an equation. (Part 4 of 5.)

Equation.cs

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```
77    // property that returns a string representing right-hand side
78    [DataMember]
79    private string RightHandSide
80    {
81       get
82       {
83          return Result.ToString();
84       } // end get
85       set
86       {
87          // empty body
88       } // end set
89    } // end property RightHandSide
90 } // end class Equation
```

Fig. 15b.28 | Class `Equation` that contains information about an equation. (Part 5 of 5.)

Outline

- Figures 15b.29–15b.30 present the `EquationGeneratorService`'s interface and class for creating randomly generated `Equation`s.
- Modify the `Web.config` file to enable REST support as well.

`IEquationGeneratorService.cs`

```
1  // Fig. 23.29: IEquationGeneratorService.cs
2  // WCF REST service interface to create random equations based on a
3  // specified operation and difficulty level.
4  using System.ServiceModel;
5  using System.ServiceModel.Web;
6
7  [ServiceContract]
8  public interface IEquationGeneratorService
9  {
10    // method to generate a math equation
11    [OperationContract]
12    [WebGet( UriTemplate = "equation/{operation}/{level}" )]
13    Equation GenerateEquation( string operation, string level );
14 } // end interface IEquationGeneratorService
```

Defining the REST request for an equation with a certain operation and difficulty level.

Fig. 15b.29 | WCF REST service interface to create random equations based on a specified operation and difficulty level.

Outline

EquationGeneratorService.cs

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```
1  // Fig. 22.30: EquationGeneratorService.cs
2  // WCF REST service to create random equations based on a
3  // specified operation and difficulty level.
4  using System;
5
6  public class EquationGeneratorService : IEquationGeneratorService
7  {
8     // method to generate a math equation
9     public Equation GenerateEquation( string operation, string level )
10    {
11       // calculate maximum and minimum number to be used
12       int maximum =
13          Convert.ToInt32( Math.Pow( 10, Convert.ToInt32( level ) ) );
14       int minimum =
```

GenerateEquation's parameters represent the mathematical operation and the difficulty level.

Fig. 15b.30 | WCF REST service to create random equations based on a specified operation and difficulty level. (Part 1 of 2.)

EquationGeneratorService.cs

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```
15          Convert.ToInt32( Math.Pow( 10, Convert.ToInt32( level ) - 1 ) );
16
17       Random randomObject = new Random(); // generate random numbers
18
19       // create Equation consisting of two random
20       // numbers in the range minimum to maximum
21       Equation newEquation = new Equation(
22          randomObject.Next( minimum, maximum ),
23          randomObject.Next( minimum, maximum ), operation );
24
25       return newEquation;
26    } // end method GenerateEquation
27 } // end class EquationGeneratorService
```

The `Equation` is automatically serialized as an XML response.

Fig. 15b.30 | WCF REST service to create random equations based on a specified operation and difficulty level. (Part 2 of 2)

Outline

- The `MathTutor` application (Fig. 15b.31) uses the web service to create its `Equation` objects.

`MathTutorForm.cs`


```
1  // Fig. 23.31: MathTutorForm.cs
2  // Math tutor using EquationGeneratorServiceXML to create equations.
3  using System;
4  using System.Net;
5  using System.Windows.Forms;
6  using System.Xml.Linq;
7
8  namespace MathTutorXML
9  {
10    public partial class MathTutorForm : Form
11    {
12       private string operation = "add"; // the default operation
13       private int level = 1; // the default difficulty level
14       private string leftHandSide; // the left side of the equation
15       private int result; // the answer
16       private XNamespace xmlNamespace =
17          XNamespace.Get( "http://schemas.datacontract.org/2004/07/" );
18
19       // object used to invoke service
20       private WebClient service = new WebClient();
```

Defining the `WebClient` that is used to invoke the web service.

Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 1 of 8.)

Outline

MathTutorForm.cs

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```
21
22       public MathTutorForm()
23       {
24          InitializeComponent();
25
26          // add DownloadStringCompleted event handler to WebClient
27          service.DownloadStringCompleted
28             += new DownloadStringCompletedEventHandler(
29             service_DownloadStringCompleted );
30       } // end constructor
31
32       // generates new equation when user clicks button
33       private void generateButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
34       {
35          // send request to EquationGeneratorServiceXML
36          service.DownloadStringAsync( new Uri(
37             "http://localhost:49732/EquationGeneratorServiceXML" +
38             "/Service.svc/equation/" + operation + "/" + level ) );
39       } // end method generateButton_Click
40
```

Invoking the `EquationGeneratorService` asynchronously.

Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 2 of 8.)

```
41       // process web-service response
42       private void service_DownloadStringCompleted(
43          object sender, DownloadStringCompletedEventArgs e )
44       {
45          // check if any errors occurred in retrieving service data
46          if ( e.Error == null )
47          {
48             // parse response and get LeftHandSide and Result values
49             XDocument xmlResponse = XDocument.Parse( e.Result );
50             leftHandSide = xmlResponse.Element(
51                xmlNamespace + "Equation" ).Element(
52                xmlNamespace + "LeftHandSide" ).Value;
53             result = Convert.ToInt32( xmlResponse.Element(
54                xmlNamespace + "Equation" ).Element(
55                xmlNamespace + "Result" ).Value );
56
57             // display left side of equation
58             questionLabel.Text = leftHandSide;
59             okButton.Enabled = true; // enable okButton
60             answerTextBox.Enabled = true; // enable answerTextBox
61          } // end if
62       } // end method client_DownloadStringCompleted
63
```

MathTutorForm.cs

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The `DownloadStringCompleted` event handler parses the XML response and displays the equation.

Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 3 of 8.)

Outline

MathTutorForm.cs

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```
64       // check user's answer
65       private void okButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
66       {
67          if ( !string.IsNullOrEmpty( answerTextBox.Text ) )
68          {
69             // get user's answer
70             int userAnswer = Convert.ToInt32( answerTextBox.Text );
71
72             // determine whether user's answer is correct
73             if ( result == userAnswer )
74             {
75                questionLabel.Text = string.Empty; // clear question
76                answerTextBox.Clear(); // clear answer
77                okButton.Enabled = false; // disable OK button
78                MessageBox.Show( "Correct! Good job!", "Result" );
79             } // end if
80             else
81             {
82                MessageBox.Show( "Incorrect. Try again.", "Result" );
83             } // end else
84          } // end if
85       } // end method okButton_Click
```

Checking whether the user provided the correct answer.

Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 4 of 8.)

MathTutorForm.cs

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```
86
87       // set the operation to addition
88       private void additionRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
89          EventArgs e )
90       {
91          if ( additionRadioButton.Checked )
92             operation = "add";
93       } // end method additionRadioButton_CheckedChanged
94
95       // set the operation to subtraction
96       private void subtractionRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
97          EventArgs e )
98       {
99          if ( subtractionRadioButton.Checked )
100            operation = "subtract";
101      } // end method subtractionRadioButton_CheckedChanged
102
```

Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 5 of 8.)

Outline

MathTutorForm.cs

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```
103     // set the operation to multiplication
104     private void multiplicationRadioButton_CheckedChanged(
105        object sender, EventArgs e )
106     {
107        if ( multiplicationRadioButton.Checked )
108           operation = "multiply";
109     } // end method multiplicationRadioButton_CheckedChanged
110
111     // set difficulty level to 1
112     private void levelOneRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
113        EventArgs e )
114     {
115        if ( levelOneRadioButton.Checked )
116           level = 1;
117     } // end method levelOneRadioButton_CheckedChanged
118
119     // set difficulty level to 2
120     private void levelTwoRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
121        EventArgs e )
122     {
123        if ( levelTwoRadioButton.Checked )
124           level = 2;
125     } // end method levelTwoRadioButton_CheckedChanged
```

Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 6 of 8.)

Outline

```
126
127       // set difficulty level to 3
128       private void levelThreeRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
129          EventArgs e )
130       {
131          if ( levelThreeRadioButton.Checked )
132             level = 3;
133       } // end method levelThreeRadioButton_CheckedChanged
134    } // end class MathTutorForm
135} // end namespace MathTutorXML
```

MathTutorForm.cs

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a) Generating a level 1 addition equation.

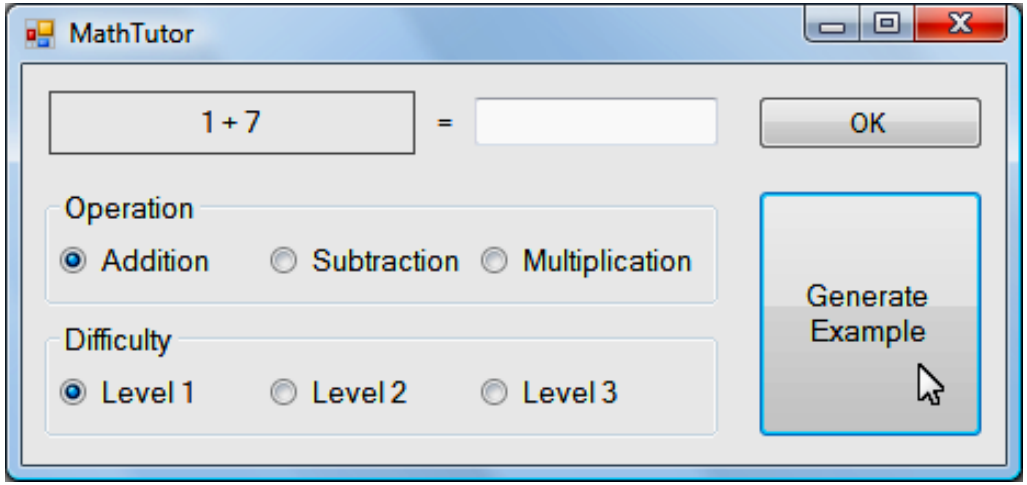
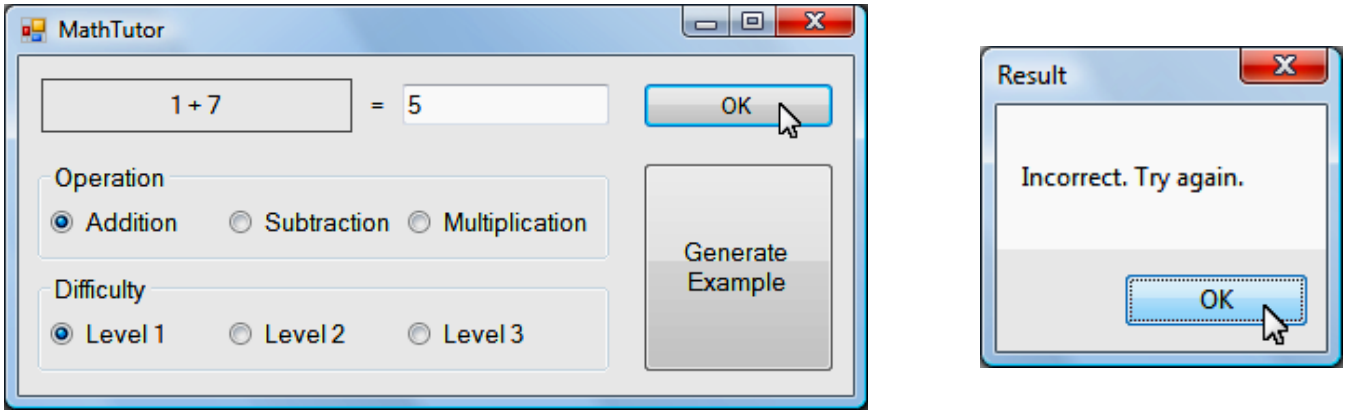


Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 7 of 8.)

b) Answering the question incorrectly.



c) Answering the question correctly.

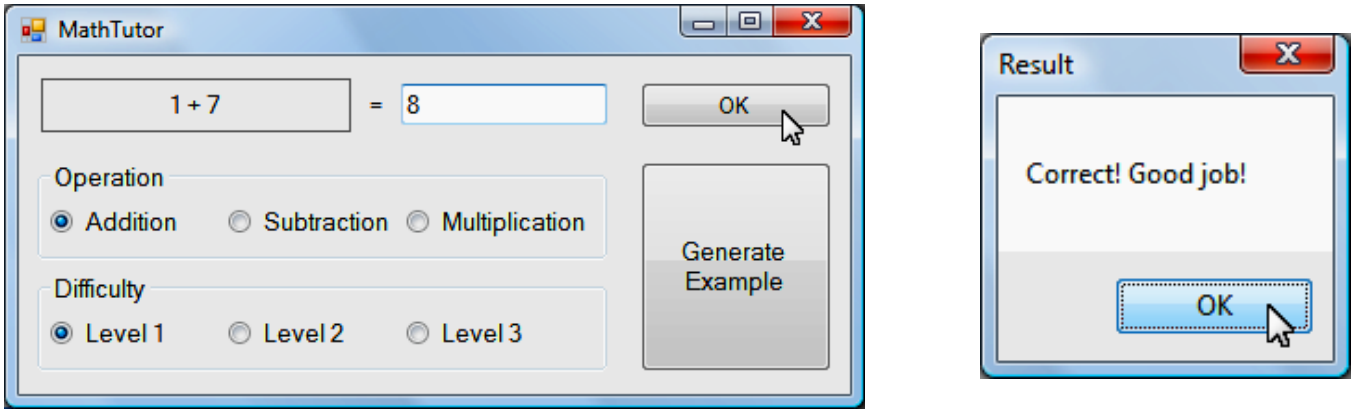


Fig. 15b.31 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceXML` to create equations. (Part 8 of 8.)

`MathTutorForm.cs`

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Outline

- Figure 15b.32 is a modified `IEquationGeneratorService` interface that returns an Equation in JSON format.

`IEquation GeneratorService .cs`

```
1  // Fig. 23.32: IEquationGeneratorService.cs
2  // WCF REST service interface to create random equations based on a
3  // specified operation and difficulty level.
4  using System.ServiceModel;
5  using System.ServiceModel.Web;
6
7  [ServiceContract]
8  public interface IEquationGeneratorService
9  {
10    // method to generate a math equation
11    [OperationContract]
12    [WebGet( ResponseFormat = WebMessageFormat.Json,
13       UriTemplate = "equation/{operation}/{level}" )]
14    Equation GenerateEquation( string operation, string level );
15 } // end interface IEquationGeneratorService
```

Using the `ResponseFormat` property to specify a JSON response.

Fig. 15b.32 | WCF REST service interface to create random equations based on a specified operation and difficulty level.

Outline

- A modified `MathTutor` application (Fig. 15b.33) accesses the `EquationGenerator` web service.

`MathTutorForm.cs`

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```
1  // Fig. 23.33: MathTutorForm.cs
2  // Math tutor using EquationGeneratorServiceJSON to create equations.
3  using System;
4  using System.IO;
5  using System.Net;
6  using System.Runtime.Serialization.Json;
7  using System.Text;
8  using System.Windows.Forms;
9
10 namespace MathTutorJSON
11 {
12    public partial class MathTutorForm : Form
13    {
14       private string operation = "add"; // the default operation
15       private int level = 1; // the default difficulty level
16       private Equation currentEquation;  // represents the Equation
17
```

Fig. 15b.33 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceJSON` to create equations. (Part 1 of 8.)

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```
18       // object used to invoke service
19       private WebClient service = new WebClient();
20
21       public MathTutorForm()
22       {
23          InitializeComponent();
24
25          // add DownloadStringCompleted event handler to WebClient
26          service.DownloadStringCompleted
27             += new DownloadStringCompletedEventHandler(
28             service_DownloadStringCompleted );
29       } // end constructor
30
31       // generates new equation when user clicks button
32       private void generateButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
33       {
34          // send request to EquationGeneratorServiceJSON
35          service.DownloadStringAsync( new Uri(
36             "http://localhost:50103/EquationGeneratorServiceJSON" +
37             "/Service.svc/equation/" + operation + "/" + level ) );
38       } // end method generateButton_Click
39
```

Requesting an equation from the web service.

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```
40       // process web-service response
41       private void service_DownloadStringCompleted(
42          object sender, DownloadStringCompletedEventArgs e )
43       {
44          // check if any errors occurred in retrieving service data
45          if ( e.Error == null )
46          {
47             // deserialize response into an Equation object
48             DataContractJsonSerializer JSONSerializer =
49                new DataContractJsonSerializer( typeof( Equation ) );
50             currentEquation =
51                ( Equation ) JSONSerializer.ReadObject( new
52                MemoryStream( Encoding.Unicode.GetBytes( e.Result ) ) );
53
54             // display left side of equation
55             questionLabel.Text = currentEquation.LeftHandSide;
56             okButton.Enabled = true; // enable okButton
57             answerTextBox.Enabled = true; // enable answerTextBox
58          } // end if
59       } // end method client_DownloadStringCompleted
60
```

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Creating an object to deserialize `Equation`s from JSON format.

Converting JSON responses into `Equation` objects.

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```
61       // check user's answer
62       private void okButton_Click( object sender, EventArgs e )
63       {
64          if ( !string.IsNullOrEmpty( answerTextBox.Text ) )
65          {
66             // determine whether user's answer is correct
67             if ( currentEquation.Result ==
68                Convert.ToInt32( answerTextBox.Text ) )
69             {
70                questionLabel.Text = string.Empty; // clear question
71                answerTextBox.Clear(); // clear answer
72                okButton.Enabled = false; // disable OK button
73                MessageBox.Show( "Correct! Good job!", "Result" );
74             } // end if
75             else
76             {
77                MessageBox.Show( "Incorrect. Try again.", "Result" );
78             } // end else
79          } // end if
80       } // end method okButton_Click
81
```

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```
82       // set the operation to addition
83       private void additionRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
84          EventArgs e )
85       {
86          if ( additionRadioButton.Checked )
87             operation = "add";
88       } // end method additionRadioButton_CheckedChanged
89
90       // set the operation to subtraction
91       private void subtractionRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
92          EventArgs e )
93       {
94          if ( subtractionRadioButton.Checked )
95             operation = "subtract";
96       } // end method subtractionRadioButton_CheckedChanged
97
98       // set the operation to multiplication
99       private void multiplicationRadioButton_CheckedChanged(
100         object sender, EventArgs e )
101      {
102         if ( multiplicationRadioButton.Checked )
103            operation = "multiply";
104      } // end method multiplicationRadioButton_CheckedChanged
```

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```
105
106      // set difficulty level to 1
107      private void levelOneRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
108         EventArgs e )
109      {
110         if ( levelOneRadioButton.Checked )
111            level = 1;
112      } // end method levelOneRadioButton_CheckedChanged
113
114      // set difficulty level to 2
115      private void levelTwoRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
116         EventArgs e )
117      {
118         if ( levelTwoRadioButton.Checked )
119            level = 2;
120      } // end method levelTwoRadioButton_CheckedChanged
121
```

Fig. 15b.33 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceJSON` to create equations. (Part 6 of 8.)

Outline

```
122      // set difficulty level to 3
123      private void levelThreeRadioButton_CheckedChanged( object sender,
124         EventArgs e )
125      {
126         if ( levelThreeRadioButton.Checked )
127            level = 3;
128      } // end method levelThreeRadioButton_CheckedChanged
129   } // end class MathTutorForm
130} // end namespace MathTutorJSON
```

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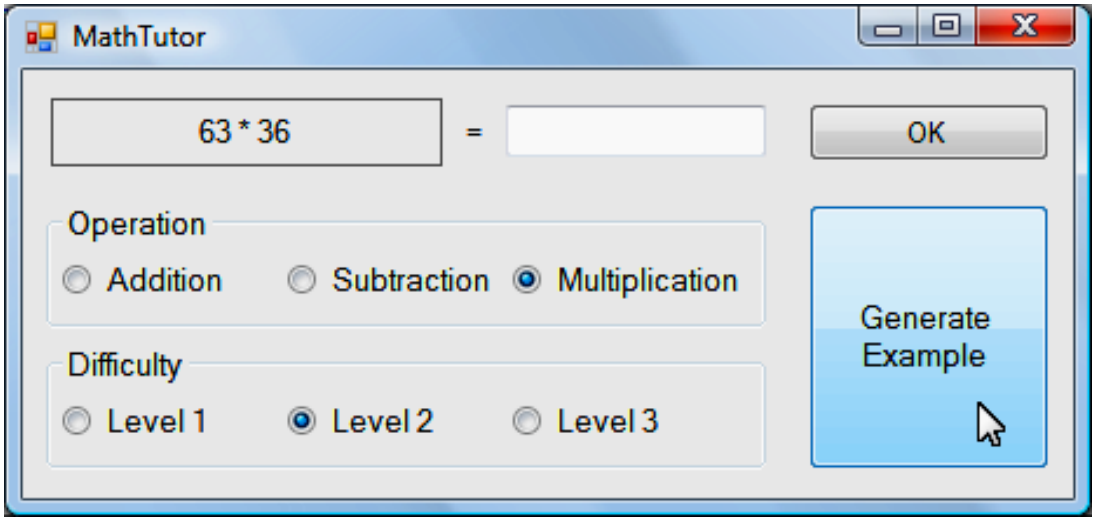
a) Generating a level 2 multiplication equation.



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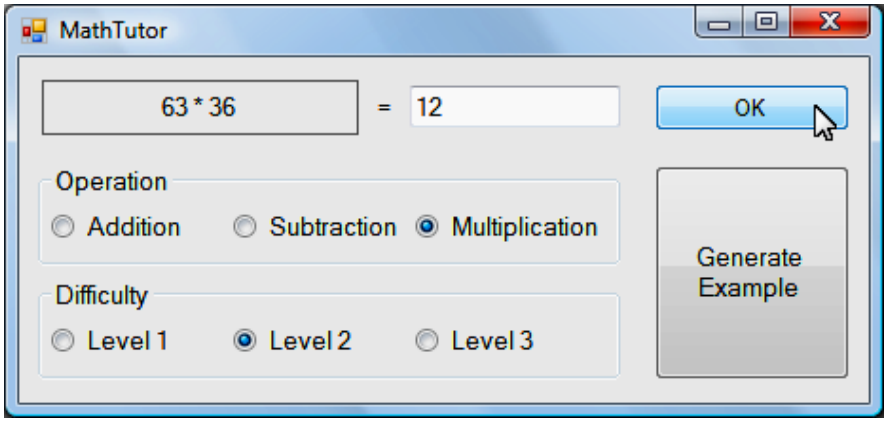
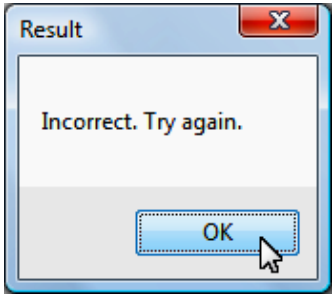
b) Answering the question incorrectly.





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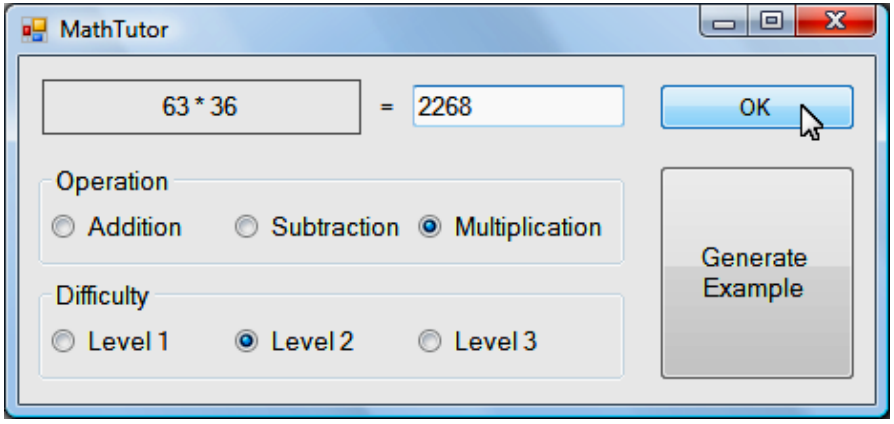
c) Answering the question correctly.



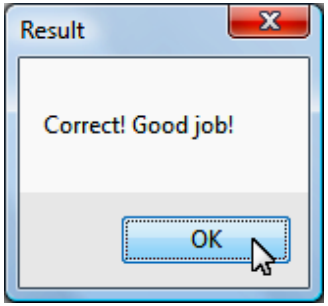


Fig. 15b.33 | Math tutor using `EquationGeneratorServiceJSON` to create equations. (Part 8 of 8.)

Outline

- A JSON representation of an `Equation` object is shown in Fig. 15b.34.

Equation.cs

```
1  // Fig. 23.34: Equation.cs
2  // Equation class representing a JSON object.
3  using System;
4
5  namespace MathTutorJSON
6  {
7     [Serializable]
8     class Equation
9     {
10       public int Left = 0;
11       public string LeftHandSide = null;
12       public string Operation = null;
13       public int Result = 0;
14       public int Right = 0;
15       public string RightHandSide = null;
16    } // end class Equation
17 } // end namespace MathTutorJSON
```

Fig. 15b.34 | `Equation` class representing a JSON object.