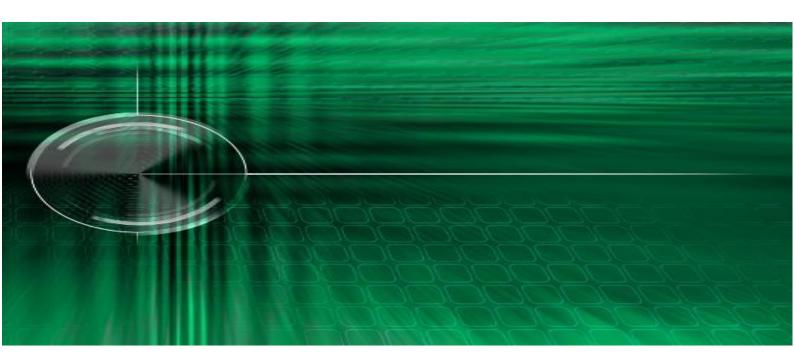


## **TUTORIAL**

# Development and Deployment of JAX-WS Web Services using ApacheCXF and Mule ESB



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## **Abstract**

Service-oriented architecture (SOA) is a set of principles and methodologies for designing and developing software in the form of interoperable services. These services are usually representing business functionalities that are built as software components which can be reused for different purposes. SOA could be considered as a paradigm shift and a new architectural view for the system design. This tutorial explains the development of services using Apache-CXF engine. In addition, the tutorial explains how to deploy services in Mule ESB and how to create consumers (clients) for these services in an easy and standard way.

**Keywords:** Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), Enterprise Service Bus (ESB), JMS (Java messaging system)

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## 1. Introduction

Service-oriented architecture (SOA) is a set of principles and methodologies for designing and developing software in the form of interoperable services. These services are usually representing business functionalities that are built as software components which can be reused for different purposes.

SOA appears when you are thinking of integration, different applications that are built on different technologies and platforms can be integrated using SOA. For example, several departments within an organization can develop and deploy SOA services in different implementation languages; their clients (other departments or even external clients) will benefit from a well-defined interface to access them and this will also enable the service reuse in different applications.

Developing or deploying SOA services is not sufficient to enable the integration between different platforms, it could be considered as the initial step which is a mandatory one. The key technology that plays the major role for enabling the integration is the Enterprise Service Bus (ESB). ESB might be defined as a set of rules and principles for integrating numerous applications together over a buslike infrastructure. The core concept of the ESB architecture is that you integrate different applications by putting a communication bus between them and then enable each application to talk to the bus. In this design ESB is used as a container in which services are deployed.

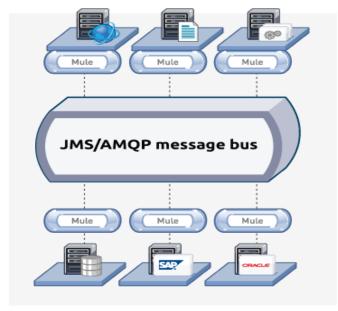


Figure 1 Mule structure

The concept of ESB was born out of the need to switch from the concept pointto-point integration in which the integration between software components is done in a customized way based on the application, the integration is scattered within the code and that for sure causes a very hard to management and a big difficulty in code maintaining and extendibility.

All of the ESB products available enable users to integrate their applications in this bus-based architecture, but differ in the way that they do it and the capabilities that they offer like routing, transformation,...etc

Figure 1 explains the basic idea of one of the most famous ESB tools, namely the Mule ESB. Each service deployed in the ESB can communicate with other services by passing messages formatted as IMS messages to the bus and the bus is capable of routing these messages to the endpoint service. More information about Mule can be easily found through its web site [1]

This tutorial uses Mule standalone ESB v3.3 for the following reasons:

- 1. It is easy to learn
- 2. It is a simple and lightweight integration platform
- 3. It provides various methods for implementing and consuming Java based web services
- 4. It supports different web services protocols like SOAP and REST
- 5. It is free (open source) and has a very rich documentation

## 2. ESB Installation and Configuration

One of the most common methods for developing and deploying Mule-based web services is to use Eclipse+MuleIDE environment for development and to install Mule standalone on your target server then deploy your service in it.

Mule ESB provides very easy installation steps for its standalone version:

Mule standalone 1. Download the from following link http://www.mulesoft.org/download-mule-esb-community-edition Note that we are here using an ubuntu-based server, so we'll download the .tar.gz file for Mule standalone

#### Other Downloads

Name	Description	MD5	Size	Download
Mule ESB standalone runtime (without Mule Studio)	Download if you are: Comfortable editing XML directly Not looking for a graphical modeling and testing environment Have already created and tested a Mule application and you need to deploy in a separate Mule ESB standalone runtime	264f696c16e060c231cf0f5c2c0bc893 6b8cf6b4acb56e4f590ec661f627da8d	80 MB 80 MB	.zip .tar.gz
Mule ESB Jar only	Single jar containing all Mule classes, useful for embedding into a non-Maven based application	d19c44a7982cf6dc86fd8d46209e99fb	4 MB	.jar
Profiler pack	Unpack on top of your Mule installation to easily connect to the YourKit profiler	58feed6812580b2589a0a383630fbb5f 0dda8a4e5a26fdeafea0bd48f17dd61c	5 MB 5 MB	.tar.gz .zip
Scripting pack	Unpack on top of your Mule installation to get some JSR-223 scripting engines	f13b81f10c27b9b3c529a18fc1e190a7 78372ddd86fa1a6d26cbe19b0c6f070c	5.1 MB 5.1 MB	.tar.gz .zip
Source code (download)	Download the source code. Committer access over HTTPS + WebDAV is suitable for all users (including behind firewalls), although tends to be slower than SVN+SSH access.			
Source code (browse)	Browse the source repository in your browser			

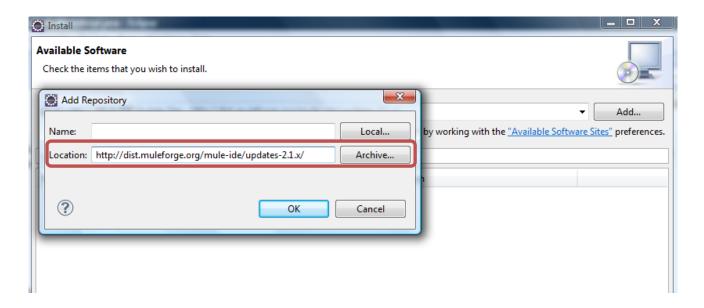
- 2. Extract the .tar.gz file in a path like /home/user/MuleESB
- 3. Add an environmental variable called MULE\_HOME which points to the installation path (/home/user/MuleESB) This is done by adding the following line to your /etc/environment file MULE\_HOME=/home/user/MuleESB
- 4. Add \$MULE\_HOME/bin to the PATH environmental variable. This is done by adding the following line to your /etc/environment file PATH=\$PATH:/home/user/MuleESB

For the development purpose, the following tools are needed:

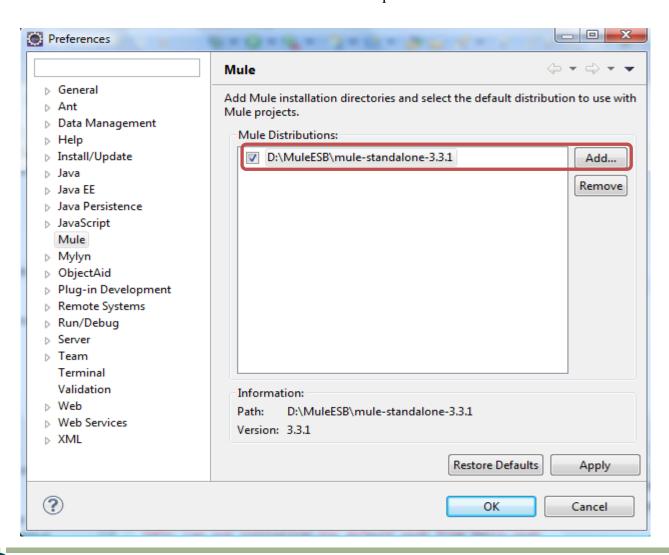
- 1. Install Java JDK SE Standard Edition 1.6.0\_26 or above
- 2. Install Eclipse version 3.4 or above(Eclipse Juno for JavaEE is preferred)
- 3. Download the Mule standalone from the following link http://www.mulesoft.org/download-mule-esb-community-edition Note that here we'll download the .zip version such that we'll use it for our development in a Windows environment.
- 4. Extract the .zip file in a path like D:\MuleESB
- 5. Install Mule IDE Eclipse plug-in

Mule IDE plug-in can be installed from inside Eclipse through the following steps:

- Help > Install New Software
- ii. Add the mule repository link as below
- Click OK then click Finish iii.



- 6. Configure the Mule installation path from inside Eclipse as follow:
  - Window > Preferences > Mule i.
  - ii. Add the Mule installation path



## 3. Service Developing and Deploying in Mule

Mule provides three ways to build a web service:

- 1. Using the JAX-WS front end to build a code-first web service employing the standard JAX-WS annotations with the JAXB data binding
- 2. Using the JAX-WS front end to build a WSDL-first web service
- 3. Using the "simple" front end in CXF to create a web service from simple **POJOs**

Apache CXF is an open source services framework which helps the developer to build and develop services using frontend programming APIs, like JAX-WS and JAX-RS. These services can speak a variety of protocols such as SOAP, XML/HTTP, RESTful HTTP, or CORBA and work over a variety of transports such as HTTP, JMS or JBI.

Building Web Services with Apache CXF and JAX-WS as a frontend programming API is the most common method especially for Java experts who are willing to build their services in java.

The service development method explained in this tutorial is the first one in which the web service is implemented in Java with the JAX-WS API front end then it is deployed in the Mule server to generate the WSDL file of the service from which the web service client is generated using Apache CXF wsdl2java tool.

Mule incorporates a vast amount of concepts but based on our scope, we'll just focus on the basic and main concepts that must be understood before going on in this tutorial:

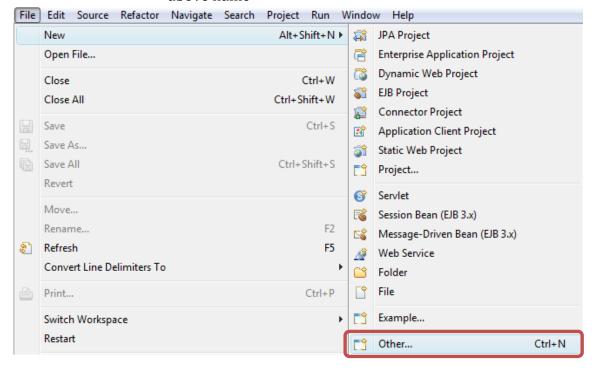
- 1. The main concept of the mule is the "flow" which defines how the message in received and how it is processed and finally how it is exposed to the end user. The mule flow with all of its components is described in the mule configuration files.
- 2. Mule Configuration files (mule-config.xml) are files in which Mule is told how to receive messages, how to route them to different components and how to transform messages etc.
- 3. The <inbound-endpoint> element specifies how the flow receives messages. The address attribute of the <inbound-endpoint> element contains an URI that specifies the protocol and address of the endpoint. The exchange-pattern attribute specifies the exchange pattern used when interacting with the message.

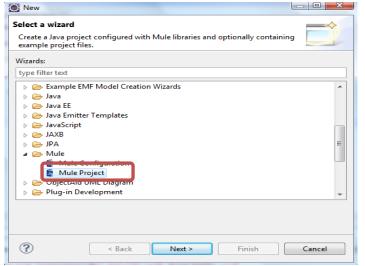
## 3.1. Hello Service Example

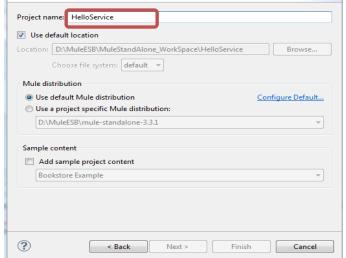
The following steps will explain the steps required for developing, deploying and creating the client for a very simple Hello service in a clear and systematic way.

#### 3.1.1. Service

- 1. From Eclipse file > new > others
- 2. Select Mule > Mule Project
- 3. Click Next and set your project name "HelloService"
- 4. After the above steps you'll have a new Mule project created with the above name







- 5. create a new package with the name "org.example" and add two java files "HelloWorld.java" and "HelloWorldImpl.java"
  - i. The HelloWorld.java is a java interface that contains the interface of the service operations:

```
package org.example;
import javax.jws.WebService;
@WebService
public interface HelloWorld {
    String sayHi(String text);
```

The HelloWorldImpl.java is the implementation for that interface ii. and it is considered the service class that implements the service operations

```
package org.example;
import javax.jws.WebService;
@WebService(endpointInterface = "org.example.HelloWorld",
            serviceName = "HelloWorld")
public class HelloWorldImpl implements HelloWorld {
    public String sayHi(String text) {
        return "Hello " + text;
    }
}
```

Here the **@WebService** annotation is used to describe the **endpointInterface** which is the entry point of the Mule flow and the **serviceName** which is the class that is responsible for processing the message using one of its operations- Here it is the **sayHi** operation.

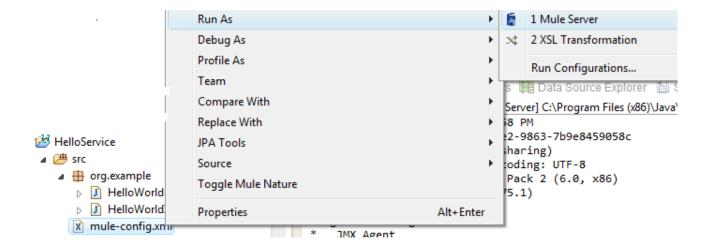
> You should now write the **mule-config.xml**, but you must note that a lot of errors occur in this step as this file is highly dependent on the Mule version. Here's the file used with Mule v3.3

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<mule xmlns:http="http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/http"</pre>
xmlns:doc="http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/documentation"
xmlns="http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/core"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:cxf="http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/cxf"
xmlns:stdio="http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/stdio"
xmlns:spring="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
xsi:schemaLocation='
http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/http
http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/http/current/mule-http.xsd
http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans-current.xsd
http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/core
http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/core/current/mule.xsd
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http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/cxf/current/mule-cxf.xsd
http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/stdio
http://www.mulesoft.org/schema/mule/stdio/3.2/mule-stdio.xsd " version="CE-
3.3.1">
<flow name="helloService">
<http:inbound-endpoint address="http://localhost:63081/hello" exchange</pre>
pattern="request-response">
<cxf:jaxws-service serviceClass="org.example.HelloWorld"/>
</http:inbound-endpoint>
<component class="org.example.HelloWorldImpl" />
</flow>
</mule>
```

the above frame describes the Mule flow, we are interested here with the following attributes:

- address: this is the http entry point of the flow, this will be used later to be able to run the service through the web browser and to be able to get the wsdl file.
- ii. exchange-pattern: determines how endpoint handles the messages, it is here request-response which means that this flow receives the message and responds to the service caller.
- iii. serviceClass: this is the class that contains the implementation of the service operations
- iv. class: this is the service component class which is here the interface of the service
- 6. Run the Mule server to invoke the service and to get the wsdl file that describes the service:

Right click the mule-config.xml file > Run As > Mule Server



7. The wsdl file that describes the web service will be available now by typing this URL in your browser: http://localhost:63081/hello?wsdl

Note that in some browsers like firefox you might not see the wsdl file, in this case you just need to right click the web page and choose "view page source"

The displayed wsdl file will be as follow:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?><wsdl:definitions name="HelloWorldService"</pre>
targetNamespace="http://example.org/"
xmlns:ns1="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
xmlns:tns="http://example.org/" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <wsdl:types>
<xs:schema elementFormDefault="unqualified" targetNamespace="http://example.org/"</pre>
version="1.0" xmlns:tns="http://example.org/"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
<xs:element name="sayHi" type="tns:sayHi"/>
<xs:element name="sayHiResponse" type="tns:sayHiResponse"/>
<xs:complexType name="sayHi">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="arg0" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
<xs:complexType name="sayHiResponse">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="return" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:schema>
  </wsdl:types>
  <wsdl:message name="sayHi">
    <wsdl:part element="tns:sayHi" name="parameters">
    </wsdl:part>
  </wsdl:message>
  <wsdl:message name="sayHiResponse">
    <wsdl:part element="tns:sayHiResponse" name="parameters">
    </wsdl:part>
```

```
</wsdl:message>
  <wsdl:portType name="HelloWorld">
    <wsdl:operation name="sayHi">
      <wsdl:input message="tns:sayHi" name="sayHi">
    </wsdl:input>
      <wsdl:output message="tns:sayHiResponse" name="sayHiResponse">
    </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
 </wsdl:portType>
  <wsdl:binding name="HelloWorldServiceSoapBinding" type="tns:HelloWorld">
    <soap:binding style="document"</pre>
transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
    <wsdl:operation name="sayHi">
      <soap:operation soapAction="" style="document"/>
      <wsdl:input name="sayHi">
        <soap:body use="literal"/>
      </wsdl:input>
      <wsdl:output name="sayHiResponse">
        <soap:body use="literal"/>
      </wsdl:output>
    </wsdl:operation>
 </wsdl:binding>
  <wsdl:service name="HelloWorldService">
    <wsdl:port binding="tns:HelloWorldServiceSoapBinding" name="HelloWorldPort">
      <soap:address location="http://localhost:63081/hello"/>
    </wsdl:port>
  </wsdl:service>
</wsdl:definitions>
```

From the wsdl file above you'll need to know the following:

- i. < wsdl:operation > tag which determines the operations defined in your service
- ii. < wsdl:port > tag which defines how you bind with the service in the client project
- iii. <soap:address> tag which defines the URL of the http end point of the service. In case of your service deployed on a remote server, you must change your local host with the server IP

You must now save the wsdl file with a name like hello.wsdl. you can do that by simply clicking **file > Save Page As** from your web browser.

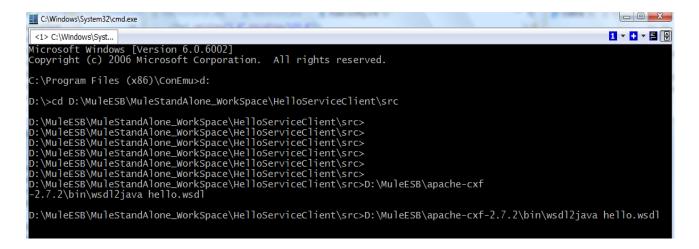
## 3.1.2. Client

For the service client, you'll need to follow these steps:

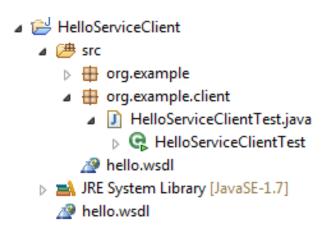
1. Create a new java project from Eclipse with the name "HelloServiceClient"

- 2. Copy the previously saved hello will in both the project directory and in the src directory of the client project
- 3. To create your client helper libraries from the wsdl file, you'll need to run the wsdl2java tool provided by Apache CXF web service engine. You can easily download apache CXF from [2] then extract it in your Mule path for instance
- 4. Open a terminal (command window) and go to the client project path then run the following command from the src directory

#### <wsdl2java path>\wsdl2java hello.wsdl



- 5. After following the above steps, you should see a new package "org.example" created in your client project, this package contains the wrapper classes for your service. These classes enable the developer to interface with the service with java objects without going into the hassle of the communication protocol and format of the messages sent to services wither SOAP, REST, JMS or any other protocol.
- 6. Create a new package with the name "org.example.client" and add a new java file "HelloServiceClientTest.java". The project structure now should be as follow:



7. The "HelloServiceClientTest.java" will be as follow:

```
package org.example.client;
import org.example.*;
public class HelloServiceClientTest {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
      HelloWorldService service = new HelloWorldService();
      HelloWorld hello = service.getHelloWorldPort();
      System.out.println(hello.sayHi("Ahmed"));
}
```

The above code is very straight forward, you just need to create an object "hello" and this object is able to access all of the service operations. The two lines used to define the hello object are standard for every service implemented with CXF, so if you implemented a service XYZ, you will have a class with the name XYZService and you'll have a function getXYZPort().

8. Run the client application by right clicking the project and choose

#### **Run As > Java Application**

This client application sends the name "Ahmed" to the service operation sayHi() which responds with the string "Hello Ahmed" appears in the console page

```
<terminated> HelloServiceClientTest [Java Application] C:\Program Files (x86)\Java\jre7\bin\javaw.exe (Mar 11, 2013 2:30:18 PM)
Mar 11, 2013 2:30:18 PM org.example.HelloWorldService <clinit> INFO: Can not initialize the default wsdl from hello.wsdl
Hello Ahmed
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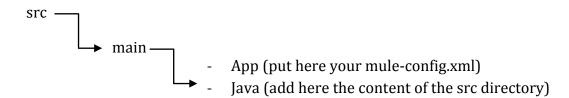
Note that the service must be run first before running the client as described above in step 6 in section 3.1.1

#### Deploying Web Service in Mule 3.2.

Deploying services in Mule is done in different ways. The method that is covered here is called hot deployment, in which your service is packaged as a zip file and deployed in Mule server such that it can invoke it when it starts up.

To be able to perform this hot deployment, you should follow these steps:

1. You must organize your project in the following structure



- 2. If your project is dependent on external jar files, you must install these jars in maven repository using the following steps:
  - Create a folder in your local maven repository folder like this C:\Users\agamal\.m2\repository\com\sibjars
  - ii. Copy your jars in this path
  - iii. Run the following commands

mvn install:install-file -DgroupId=com.sibjars -DartifactId=sofia -Dversion=1.0 -Dpackaging=jar -Dfile=D:\MuleESB\ServiceAdaptationLayer\sofia\_kp.jar

mvn install:install-file -DgroupId=com.sibjars -DartifactId=jdom -Dversion=1.0 -Dpackaging=jar -Dfile=D:\MuleESB\ServiceAdaptationLayer\jdom.jar

mvn install:install-file -DgroupId=com.sibjars -DartifactId=comm -Dversion=1.0 -Dpackaging=jar -Dfile=D:\MuleESB\ServiceAdaptationLayer\comm.jar

Where:

- i. -Dgroup is the path inside the repository
- ii. -DartifactId is any arbitrary name, I've used the name of the jar
- iii. -Dfile points to the jar file path

- 3. Copy your service project in another path as a backup then create a **pom.xml** file in your service project directory
- 4. The pom.xml file is the file used by a tool called "Maven" this is a project management tool that can be used to build the Mule project as a zip file with all info included to be run on a remote server. The structure of the pom.xml file is out of this tutorial scope, for more info about that you can check Maven web site [3]
- 5. The pom.xml has a standard structure for building Mule projects. You will not need to change anything in the file except if you want to add an extra dependency for your project like external jar files, as in step 6
- 6. Add the dependency of these jar files in the pom.xml file as follow:

```
<dependency>
     <groupId>com.sibjars
     <artifactId>comm</artifactId>
     <version>1.0</version>
</dependency>
```

7. The pom.xml file should be as follow:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
  http://maven.apache.org/maven-v4 0 0.xsd">
   <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
   <groupId>org.mule.examples/groupId>
   <artifactId>HelloService</artifactId>
   <version>1.0</version>
   <name>HelloService</name>
   <packaging>mule</packaging>
   <description>This example shows how build the Hello Service for the tutorial
  </description>
   cproperties>
     <muleVersion>3.3.1</muleVersion>
   </properties>
   <dependencies>
     <dependency>
       <groupId>org.mule
       <artifactId>mule-core</artifactId>
       <version>${muleVersion}</version>
</dependency>
```

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.mule.modules
    <artifactId>mule-module-spring-config</artifactId>
    <version>${muleVersion}</version>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.mule.transports/groupId>
    <artifactId>mule-transport-vm</artifactId>
    <version>${muleVersion}</version>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.mule.modules/groupId>
    <artifactId>mule-module-cxf</artifactId>
    <version>${muleVersion}</version>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.mule.modules
    <artifactId>mule-module-client</artifactId>
    <version>${muleVersion}</version>
  </dependency>
  <!-- Better testing of XML -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.mule.tests/groupId>
    <artifactId>mule-tests-functional</artifactId>
    <version>${muleVersion}</version>
    <scope>test</scope>
  </dependency>
           <dependency>
                 <groupId>com.sibjars
                 <artifactId>sofia</artifactId>
                 <version>1.0</version>
           </dependency>
           <dependency>
                 <groupId>com.sibjars
                 <artifactId>idom</artifactId>
                 <version>1.0</version>
           </dependency>
           <dependency>
                 <groupId>com.sibjars
                 <artifactId>comm</artifactId>
                 <version>1.0</version>
           </dependency>
  </dependencies>
```

```
<repositories>
  <repository>
   <id>codehaus</id>
   <name>Codehaus Maven 2.x Release Repository</name>
   <url>http://repository.codehaus.org</url>
   <snapshots>
     <enabled>false</enabled>
   </snapshots>
  </repository>
  <repository>
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   <name>Codehaus Maven 2.x Snapshots Repository</name>
   <url>http://snapshots.repository.codehaus.org</url>
   <snapshots>
     <enabled>true</enabled>
   </snapshots>
   <releases>
     <enabled>false</enabled>
   </releases>
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   <name>Apache Maven Plugins Snapshot Repository</name>
   <url>http://people.apache.org/maven-snapshot-repository</url>
   <snapshots>
     <enabled>true</enabled>
   </snapshots>
   <releases>
     <enabled>false</enabled>
   </releases>
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</pluginRepositories>
<build>
  <defaultGoal>install</defaultGoal>
  <finalName>${project.artifactId}</finalName>
  <plugins>
   <plugin>
     <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
     <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
      <version>2.3.2</version>
```

```
<configuration>
        <source>1.6</source>
        <target>1.6</target>
        <encoding>ISO-8859-1
       </configuration>
     </plugin>
     <plugin>
       <groupId>org.mule.tools
       <artifactId>maven-mule-plugin</artifactId>
       <version>1.7</version>
       <extensions>true</extensions>
       <configuration>
         <copyToAppsDirectory>true</copyToAppsDirectory>
       </configuration>
     </plugin>
   </plugins>
 </build>
 </project>
```

- 8. To run the **pom.xml** file, you will just need to install Maven tool, then run the following command "mvn package" in the path of your mule project which contains the pom.xml file
- 9. A folder with the name "target" is created; this folder includes a zip file with the name HelloService.zip. Copy this zip file in the app directory of the Mule server (local or remotely installed installed on ubuntu server). In our case, you will copy the .zip file in
  - "/home/user/MuleESB/mule-standalone-3.3.1/apps" for remote Mule server or in "D:\MuleESB\mule-standalone-3.3.1\apps" for the localhost Mule server
- 10. Go to **\$MULE\_HOME\bin** and run the mule server by typing "./mule"
- 11. You will get a message with successfully deployed services and the server will run.
- 12. Accessing the deployed service is dependent on the deployment type local or remote:
  - If you deployed your HelloService locally, you will just run your client from Eclipse as described above. Note that youwill not to run the service from Eclipse in this case as it is already running after step 10
  - If you deployed the service in the remote Mule server that is running in the ubuntu server, you will need to change the <soap:address> of your wsdl file to be
    - "http:10.130.200.30:63081/hello" where 10.130.200.30 is your server IP address. In this case you will need to re-generate

the client helper classes using wsdl2java tool as your wsdl has been changed (Refer to the client generation steps)

## 4. Summary

This tutorial provided a step-by-step approach for the development, consumption, and deployment of web services using the Apache-CXF technology in conjunction with the Mule ESB. A simple example was used to explain the different steps in details with an emphasis on the tips and tricks of using Mule, which sometimes may cause confusion especially for the beginners of using Mule.

## 5. References

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## 6. Abbreviations

Service Oriented Architecture
Enterprise Service Bus
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
Java Message Service