Practical No 7

Aim: Implement typical service using WCF

Theory:

WCF stands for Windows Communication Foundation. It is a framework for building, configuring, and deploying network-distributed services. Earlier known as Indigo, it enables hosting services in any type of operating system process.

Difference between WCF and Web service

WCF	Web Service
ServiceContract and OperationContract	WebService and WebMethod attributes
attributes are used for defining WCF	are used for defining web service.
service.	
Supports various protocols like HTTP,	Supports only HTTP, HTTPS protocols.
HTTPS, TCP, Named Pipes and MSMQ.	
Hosted in IIS, WAS (Windows	Hosted only in IIS.
Activation Service), Self-hosting,	
Windows Service.	
Supports security, reliable messaging,	Support security but is less secure as
transaction and AJAX and REST	compared to WCF.
supports.	
Supports DataContract serializer by using	Supports XML serializer by using
System.Runtime.Serialization.	System.Xml.Serialization.
Supports One-Way, Request-Response	Supports One-Way and Request-
and Duplex service operations.	Response service operations
WCF are faster than Web Services.	Web Services are slower than WCF
Hash Table can be serialized.	Hash Table cannot be serialized. It can
	serializes only those collections which
	implement IEnumerable and ICollection.
Unhandled Exceptions does not return to	Unhandled Exceptions returns to the
the client as SOAP faults. WCF supports	client as SOAP faults.
better exception handling by using	
FaultContract.	
Supports XML, MTOM, Binary message	Supports XML and MTOM (Message
encoding	Transmission Optimization Mechanism)
	message encoding.
Supports multi-threading by using	Doesn't support multi-threading.
ServiceBehaviour class.	

Steps:

- 1. Open Visual Studio and open Project.
- 2. In Project Types, select Web and in Templates select WCF Service Application. Give it name as

MyService and click on OK button.

- **3. Delete the selected two files** from Solution Explorer placed on right hand side. Actually we are going to delete these files, because this is default WCF Service file and we want to create our own WCF Web Service.
- 4. Now to create our own WCF web service.

Right click on MyService -> Add -> New Item

- 5. Select WCF Service in Templates. Give it name as arithmeticOperation and click on Add button
- **6.** Now **open** the **both** selected **files** by clicking on both **one by one** alternatively.
- 7. Now open larithmeticOperation.cs file.
- 8. Now replace the void DoWork() interface by following two new interfaces. After that press Ctrl+S to save the changes.

```
double Sum(double a,
double b); double
Multi(double a, double
b);
```

- 9. Now open arithmeticOperation.svc page
- 10. As we can see it contains the DoWork() method already, that interface we have deleted in previous file and we replaced this by two new interfaces. So we will use those two interfaces as method in this file. After add following code press Ctrl+S to save the changes.

```
public double Sum(double a, double b)
{
    double
    result = a +
    b; return
    result;
}

public double Multi(double a, double b)
{
    double
    result = a *
    b; return
    result;
```

}

11. Now **right click on arithmeticOperation.svc** file name **in Solution Explorer** and

click on Set As Start Page.

- **12.**Now **right click on MyService** in Solution Explorer and **select Build** to build the project.
- **13.** Now **click on run button** to run the project.

Source code:

Service1.cs:

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Runtime.Serialization;
using System.ServiceModel;
using System.Text;

namespace Mywcfservice
{
    // NOTE: You can use the "Rename" command on the "Refactor" menu to change the interface name "IService1" in both code and config file together.
    [ServiceContract]
    public interface IService1
    {
        [OperationContract]
        double Sum(double a, double b);
    }
}
```

Service1.svc

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Runtime.Serialization;
using System.ServiceModel;
using System.Text;

namespace Mywcfservice
{
    // NOTE: You can use the "Rename" command on the "Refactor" menu to change the class name "Service1" in code, svc and config file together.
    // NOTE: In order to launch WCF Test Client for testing this service, please select Service1.svc or Service1.svc.cs at the Solution Explorer and start debugging.
    public class Service1 : IService1
    {
        public double Sum(double a, double b)
        {
            double result = a + b; return result;
        }
}
```

```
}
```

Output:

