

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

A Company is wanting to expand their infrastructure, and one of the initiatives is to create a scalable service fabric for their client facing web service. Create a service fabric cluster containing 1 node and deploy a web service application which will return a row from the dataset.

## OVERVIEW

Microsoft Azure Service Fabric gives the user the ability to easily package and deploy applications and services. As well, Service Fabric clusters provide high scalability and reliability for these applications and services. Service Fabric is highly customizable. For instance, you can create a cluster that has multiple VMs each being a node, or you can have a single VM with multiple nodes attached. Applications can be deployed quickly once a Service Fabric cluster is created, unlike traditional deployments where a VM needs to be created every time.

## STEPS

1. Install Service Fabric SDK
2. Create Service Fabric Cluster
3. Create sample application
4. Deploy application to Service Fabric Cluster
5. Run application web service

## DATA

<https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/age-adjusted-death-rates-for-the-top-10-leading-causes-of-death-united-states-2013>

## HARDWARE

Windows 7 64 bit on Core I5-6300HQ

## SOFTWARE

- Service Fabric SDK
- Microsoft Visual Studio

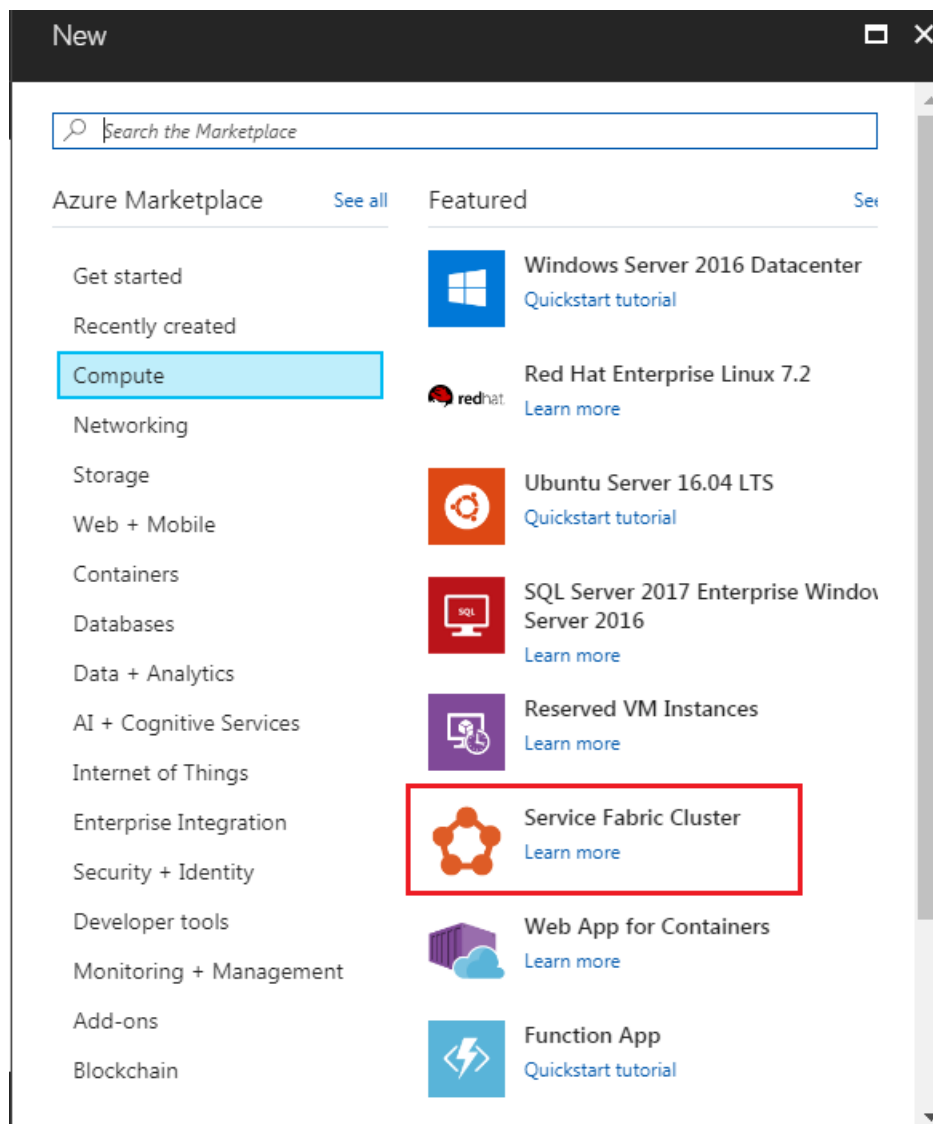
## LESSONS LEARNED PROS/CONS

- Customizable and fast deployment can alleviate the problems of standing up VMs for every need
- In my experience, can be a bit tricky to implement properly

Github link: <https://github.com/mck-isaac/azurefinal>

Install the Service Fabric SDK from Microsoft. The SDK allows for the development of Service Fabric services and applications. <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/service-fabric/service-fabric-get-started>

Next, create a Service Fabric cluster using Azure Portal. Click New > Compute > Service Fabric Cluster



This will bring up the setup. In the Basics section, fill in the cluster information:

Create Service Fabric cluster

Basics  
Basic cluster settings

1 Basics  
Configure basic settings

2 Cluster configuration  
Set up cluster configuration

3 Security  
Configure security settings

4 Summary  
Review, view template, create

\* Cluster name ⓘ  
isaacfinalproj ✓  
.eastus.cloudapp.azure.com

\* Operating system  
WindowsServer 2016-Datacenter-with-Co... ▾

Default VM credentials

\* User name ⓘ  
isaac ✓

\* Password ⓘ  
..... ⓘ ✓

\* Confirm password  
..... ⓘ ✓

\* Subscription  
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\* Resource group  
☒ Create new ☐ Use existing  
isaacFinal ✓

\* Location  
East US ▾

OK

Next is the Cluster Configuration. There can be multiple different node type setups if there is a need to have different types of VMs within the cluster.

Cluster configuration

Configure node types and diagnostics

Node types

Node types define the scale sets that will be used to manage your cluster. You specify between 1 and 3 in the portal. [Learn more about node types](#)

\* Node type count

1

2

3

\* Node type 1 (Primary)

isaacNode (5xStandard\_D1\_v2)

>

+ Show optional settings

OK

Node type configuration

Node type 1 (Primary)

\* Node type name

isaacNode

✓

Durability tier

Bronze

▼

Virtual machine size

Select VM size

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>

☐ Single node cluster

Initial VM scale set capacity

5

Custom endpoints

8081,8082

✓

☐ Enable reverse proxy

☐ Configure advanced settings

OK

Choose a size

Browse the available sizes and their features

Minimum vCPUs

1

Minimum memory (GiB)

0

★ Recommended | [View all](#)

D1\_V2 Standard ★

1 vCPU

3.5 GB

4 Data disks

2x500 Max IOPS

50 GB Local SSD

Load balancing

83.33 USD/MONTH (ESTIMATED)

D2\_V2 Standard ★

2 vCPUs

7 GB

8 Data disks

4x500 Max IOPS

100 GB Local SSD

Load balancing

166.66 USD/MONTH (ESTIMATED)

D3\_V2 Standard ★

4 vCPUs

14 GB

16 Data disks

8x500

Select

In the Security settings, a key vault needs to be used in order to generate and store the certificates that the cluster will be using:

Security

Configure cluster security settings

Configuration Type

☒ Basic

☐ Custom

In 'Basic' mode, a certificate will be created for you in the key vault of your choice. If you would like to use an existing certificate or would like additional certificate options, choose 'Custom' instead.

\* Key vault

isaacV

>

\* Certificate name

isaacCertificate

✓

When creating the key vault, be sure the box for Enable access to Azure Virtual Machines for deployment is checked.

Create key vault

✕

\* Name

isaacV

✓

Subscription

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▼

\* Resource Group

☒ Create new

☐ Use existing

isaacFina

✓

Location

East US

▼

Pricing tier

Standard

>

Access policies

1 principal selected

>

Access policies

✕

✕

Refresh

Click to hide advanced access policies

☒ Enable access to Azure Virtual Machines for deployment ⓘ

☐ Enable access to Azure Resource Manager for template deployment ⓘ

☐ Enable access to Azure Disk Encryption for volume encryption ⓘ

+ Add new

...

 Lim, Isaac  
USER

...

Download the certificate from the vault and be sure to install it on the client machine:

The screenshot shows the 'isaacCertificate' management interface. The main table lists certificates with columns for Version, Thumbprint, Status, Activation Date, and Expiration Date. The 'CURRENT VERSION' is highlighted. The sidebar on the right shows the 'Certificate Version' details for a specific certificate, including a 'Download Public X.509' button (highlighted with a red box), Properties (Created/Updated dates), Certificate Identifier (a URL), and Settings (Set activation date? checkbox).

VERSION	THUMBPRINT	STATUS	ACTIVATION DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
CURRENT VERSION				
e234c7ba775d4701a1...	A20C7FE2F9236D0ABCA...	✓ Enabled	2/10/2018	2/10/2019

**Certificate Version: e234c7ba775d4701a14f8ea03e12683b**

Save Discard **Download Public X.509**

**Properties**

Created 2/10/2018, 7:48:20 PM

Updated 2/10/2018, 7:48:20 PM

**Certificate Identifier**

<https://isaacv.vault.azure.net/certificates/isaacCertificate/e234c7ba775d4701a14f8ea03e12683b>

**Settings**

Set activation date? ☒

This deployment takes some time as it is creating 5 VMs to make up the cluster.

The 'Summary' dialog box displays deployment details. It starts with a 'Validation passed' message. The details are organized into sections: Basics (Subscription, Resource group, Location), Settings (Cluster name, User name, Node type count, Create application log storage), and Node types (Node type 1 (Primary), Virtual machine size, Custom endpoints). A final message at the bottom states: 'You will need your new certificate to connect to your cluster. You can view and download your certificate at [this link](#).'

**Summary**

**Validation passed**

**Basics**

Subscription McKesson Deep Dive Training (6)

Resource group isaacFinal

Location East US

**Settings**

Cluster name isaacfinalproj

User name isaac

Node type count 1

Create application log storage On

**Node types**

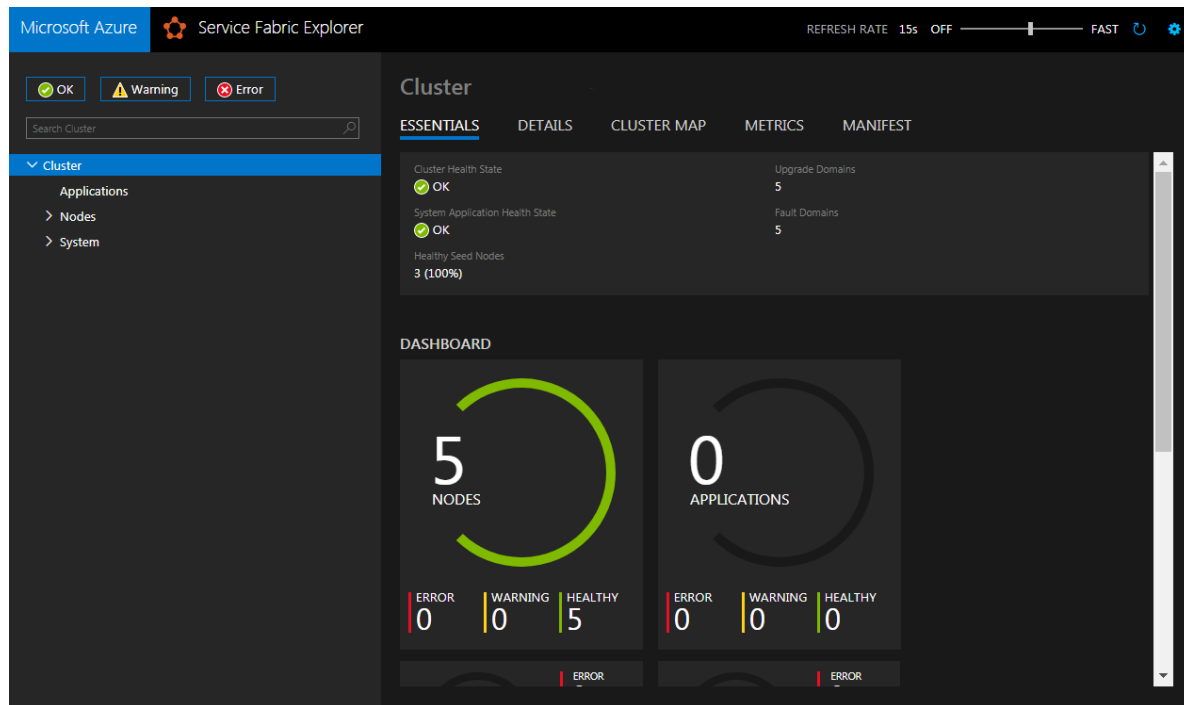
Node type 1 (Primary) isaacNode (5xStandard\_D1\_v2)

Virtual machine size Standard\_D1\_v2

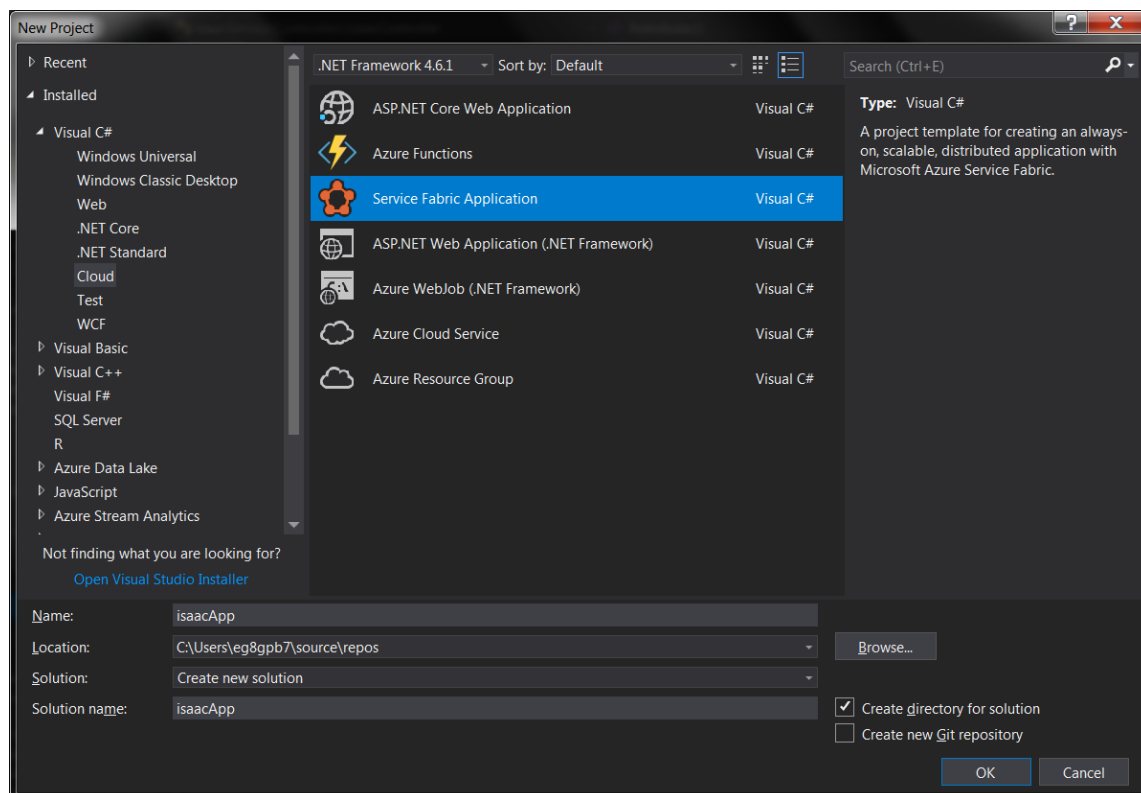
Custom endpoints 8081,8082

**You will need your new certificate to connect to your cluster. You can view and download your certificate at [this link](#).**

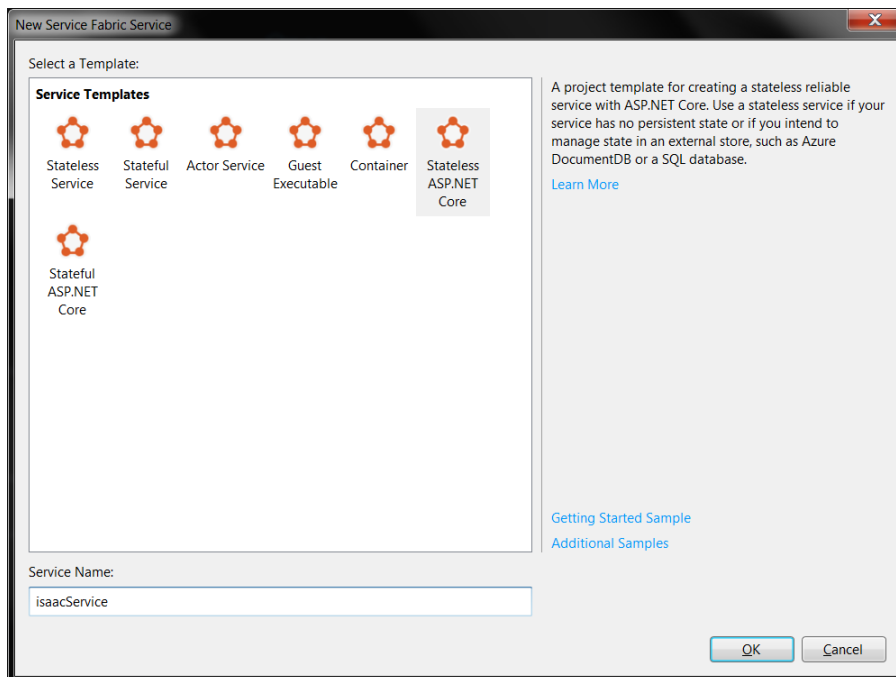
Once the cluster is deployed, the explorer can be accessed from the browser using port 19080.  
<https://isaacfinalproj.eastus.cloudapp.azure.com:19080/Explorer>



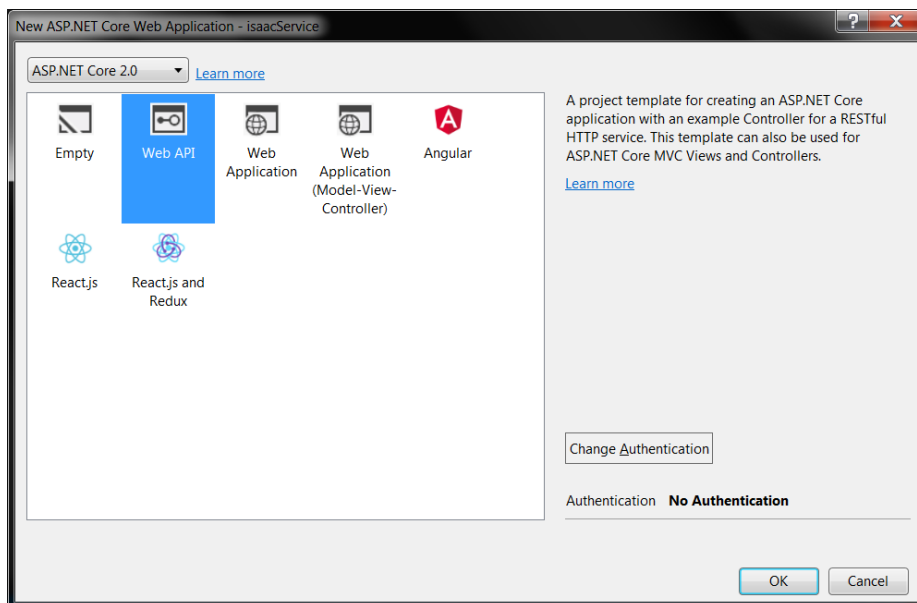
To create the application, go to Visual Studio. File > New > Project:



Next it will prompt to create the Service Fabric service, choose Stateless ASP.NET Core:

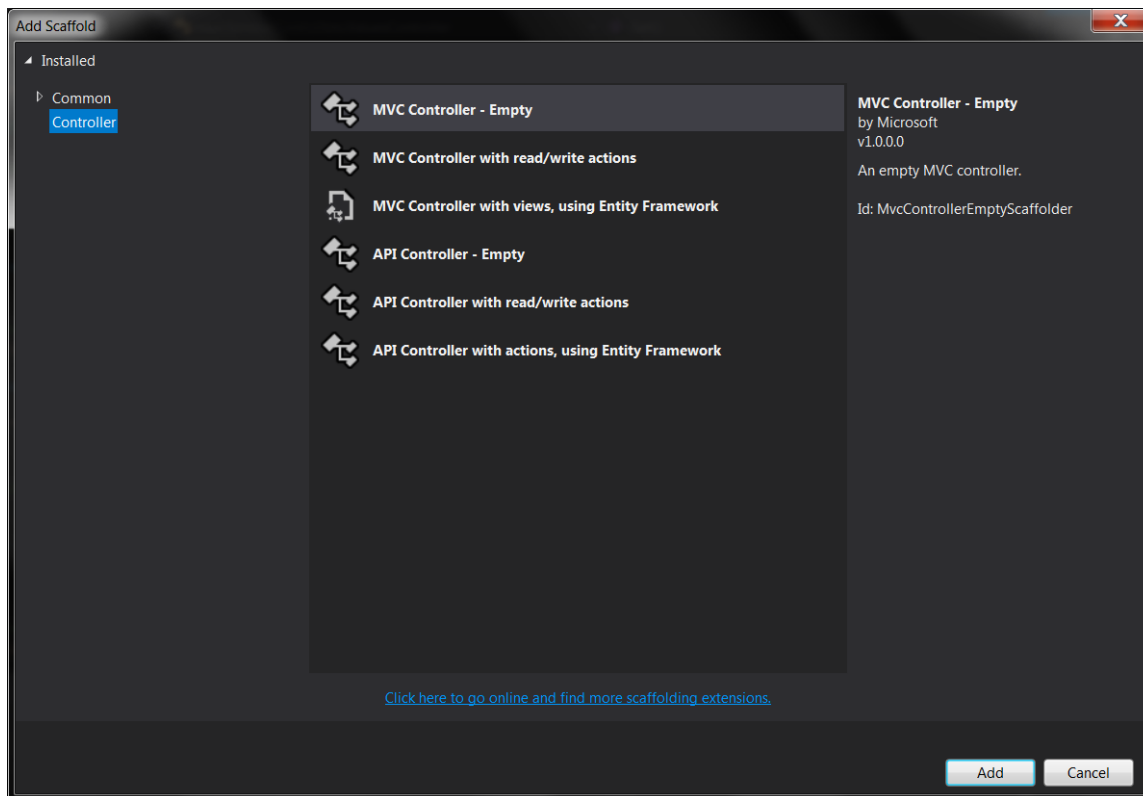


Also choose what kind of Web App, Web API:





This takes some time to create the project. Create a new Controller to access the data. Expand the service application (isaacService) > right click on Controllers folder > Add > Controller. Create an MVC Controller:



The relevant code is below that will read the dataset and return a random record as a JSON object.

```
namespace isaacService.Controllers
{
    class Cause
    {
        public String Year { get; set; }
        public String Name { get; set; }
        public String State { get; set; }
        public String Deaths { get; set; }
        public String Age { get; set; }
    }
    [Route("api/[Controller]")]
    public class isaacController : Controller
    {
        List<Cause> causes = new List<Cause>();

        public IActionResult IndexIsaac()
        {
            var fileName = @"NCHS_-_Leading_Causes_of_Death__United_States.csv";
            var file = System.IO.File.ReadLines(fileName).ToList();
            int count = file.Count();
            Random rnd = new Random();
        }
    }
}
```

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int skip = rnd.Next(0, count);
string line = file.Skip(skip).First();
String[] contents = line.Split('|');

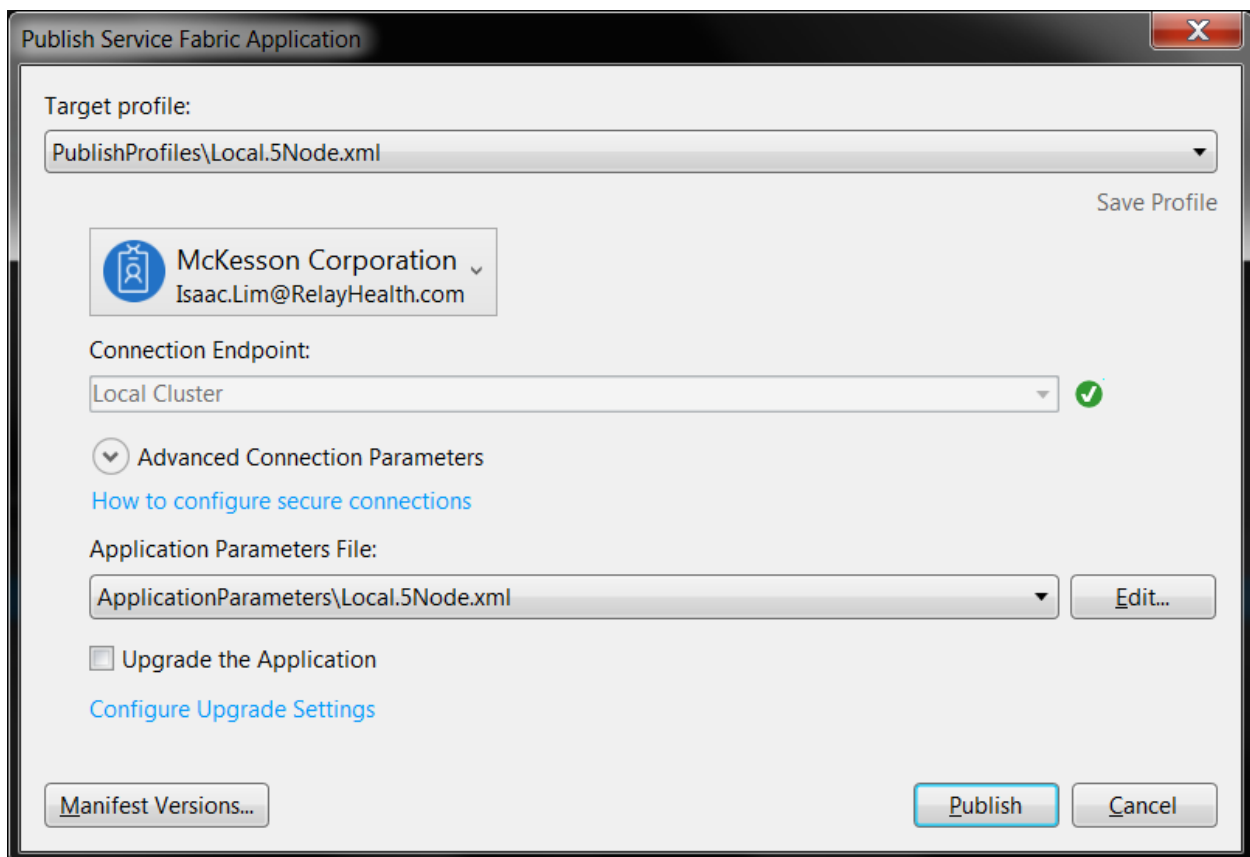
Cause cause = new Cause()
{
    Year = contents[0],
    Name = contents[2],
    State = contents[3],
    Deaths = contents[4],
    Age = contents[5]
};

causes.Add(cause);

return new JsonResult(causes);
}

```

Right click on the Solution and click Build Solution. When that builds successfully, right click on the app (isaacApp) and click Publish:



Here is a sample of the data used:

1	Year	113 Cause Name	Cause Name	State	Deaths	Age-adjusted Death Rate
2	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Alabama	2313	52.2
3	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Alaska	294	55.9
4	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Arizona	2214	44.8
5	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Arkansas	1287	47.6
6	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	California	9198	28.7
7	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Colorado	1519	39
8	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Connecticut	1034	29.3
9	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Delaware	267	35.3
10	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	District of Columbia	161	28.4
11	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Florida	5961	35.7
12	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Georgia	3078	41.5
13	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Hawaii	293	24.3
14	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Idaho	597	48.3
15	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Illinois	4125	33.7
16	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Indiana	2309	38.4
17	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Iowa	1123	35.2
18	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Kansas	1126	40.7
19	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Kentucky	1730	43.3
20	1999	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	Unintentional Injuries	Louisiana	1940	44.7

The display of on the web service would have been the contents of one of those rows picked at random.

If everything is setup correctly, the service is deployed across the 5 nodes, and the controller is now accessible. Unfortunately for my case, I was not able to get this configured 100% correctly. I had multiple issues, mainly dealing with the site certificates. I could not get it to work, and that lead the result not being able to be displayed.