Building End-to-End Multi-Client Service Oriented Applications – Angular Edition

Module 09
Client Access
moving to the client side



Highlights

- Client Contracts & Entities
- WCF Proxies
 - SOAP Headers
- Dependency Injection
- Service Factory

Client-side Contracts

- Already established client-side Entities
 - Used to deserialize SOAP message into
- Business service contracts work with business entities
 - Need client-side service contracts
 - Will look just like business contracts, but return client entities
 - Can also have "Task-based" async operations

WCF Proxies

- Wrap access to the Channel Factory
 - Implement client service contract
- Client uses them like normal objects
- Will put thread's identity name into SOAP header
 - Remember service pulled it out
 - Custom base class will hide all the code
- Exported through MEF
 - Already abstracted to interface
 - DI-requirements already met

SOAP Header Usage

- Proxy classes use "OutgoingMessageHeaders" collection
 - Remember, services used "IncomingMessageHeaders"
- Need to put current identity's Name into header
 - Will get it from current thread principal
 - In a desktop app, will be identity of desktop user
 - In a web app, will be identity established through the authentication scheme used (forms authentication will use user logged into app)
- Want this passed with every call so service can pull it out later
 - Don't want to explicitly declare it in every operation
 - Don't want client to have to do it manually
 - Answer: custom base class!

Service Factory

- Abstract factory pattern (yet again)
- Allows obtainment of a proxy on-demand
 - Injection of proxies may not accommodate all clients
 - MVC controller-actions are stateless
 - WPF ViewModels are stateful
 - Proxy may be left open unnecessarily
- Factory class injected instead
- Same exact pattern used in data repository factory and business engine factory

Summary

- Nicely encapsulated client layer
 - Included client-side contracts and entities
 - WCF service proxies and factory
 - All set up for DI
- Unit tests confirmed DI access and connectivity to host
- Any client can now reference the client projects and access services

End of module