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

Module 02 SOA & Technology



Service Oriented Architectures & Applications

- "The decomposition of a system into autonomous or nearly autonomous units of responsibility and exposure."
 - Decomposition can take various forms (functional, volatility-based)
 - Either case, services "orchestrate/manage" and "expose" functionality
- SO-Applications are based on loosely-coupled services
 - Standards & protocols couple services together
 - Technologies sit behind them
- A SO-Application is essentially an API exposing functionality to the outside world through a set of standards and protocols
- SOA evolved from previous programming paradigms

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Service Oriented Programming

Objects & Components are <u>managed</u> and encapsulated behind autonomous services, each with its own set of responsibilities.

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- Needs a good "glue" technology to handle cumbersome plumbing for ancillary technologies.
- Need to accommodate interoperability.

Enter WCF & Web API!

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Characteristics of Services

Simple:

- Retrieve product record for given ID
 - In this case, service simply exposes API for simple data access

Complex:

- Process Order
 - Receive packaged information for order (cart info, customer, billing)
 - Update data records for product inventory and customer history
 - Process customer credit card information
 - Build invoice and email to customer

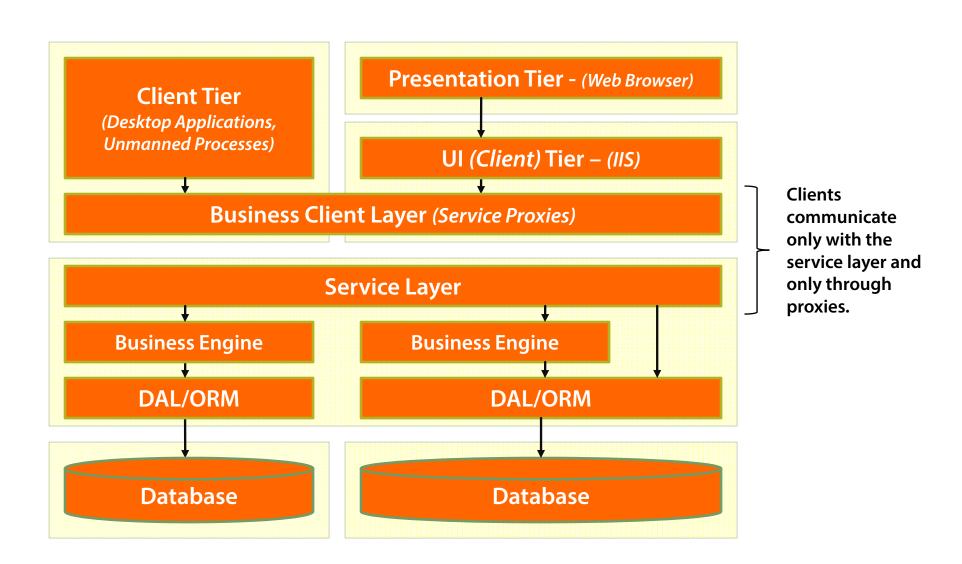
Either case should be simple to call from client

- Provide the API of the back-end to the client
- Single point of entry for client

Characteristics of Services

- Have all the characteristics of a full-blown application
 - Should be fault-handled
 - Should always leave system in consistent state (transactional)
 - Should be secure
 - Should handle threading properly
- A black-box unit of work access-point

A Typical Architecture



Service Technologies

WCF

- Still the preferred technology for writing rich services
- Provides robust model for exposing services and rich option-set
- Still has interoperability limitations to poorly-tooled clients

Web API

- Less rich in offered service characteristics
- Promotes a REST-oriented design
- Offers great interoperability
- Most good systems will combine both

Other Technologies I will be using

- SQL Server
- Entity Framework (code-first)
- Managed Extensibility Framework
- ASP.NET MVC
- Angular JS
- Bootstrap
- Windows Presentation Foundation
- Assorted libraries throughout
 - Moment (date handling in JS)
 - MahApps (WPF styling)
 - Fluent Validation (rules engine)

End of module

ALL THIS AND AN APP TOO!