Software Reuse

Software Design Architecture Lab # 11

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- Code reuse is the use of existing software to build new software. It is one of the holy grails of modern software development. APIs provide a mechanism to enable code reuse.
- In the early years of software development, it was common for a company to have to write all of the code for any application they produced.
- If the program needed to read GIF images or parse a text file, the company would have to write all that code in-house. Nowadays, with the proliferation of good commercial and open source libraries

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- software development has become much more modular, with the use of distinct components that form the building blocks of an application and talk together via their published APIs.
- The benefit of this approach is that you don't need to understand every detail of every software component, in the same way that for the earlier house building analogy you can delegate many details to professional contractors.
- It also allows you to concentrate on your core business logic instead of having to spend time **reinventing the wheel**.

Software Reuse Examples

- Api(Application Programming Interfaces).
  Google Apis(Maps, Cloud, Firebase, Drive … etc)

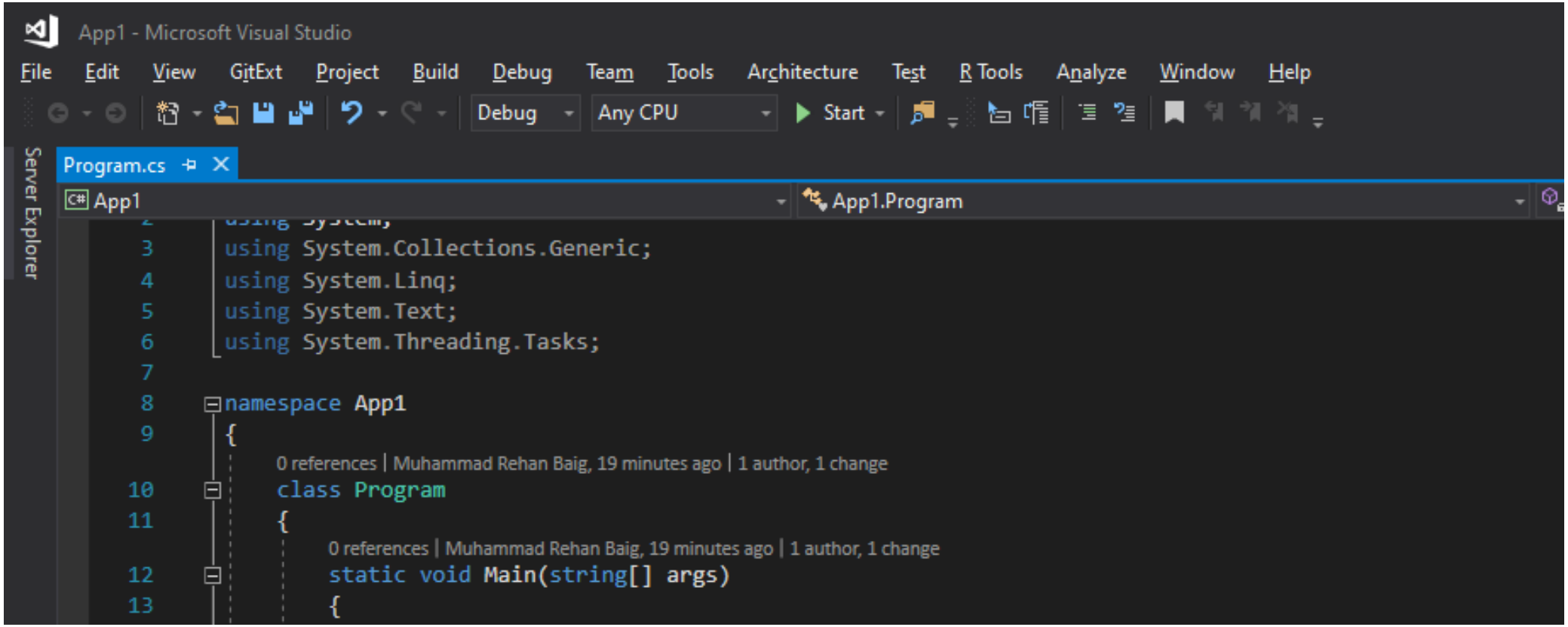
- Shared Libraries
- Plugins
- Extensions: eg: (NewtonSoft Json) we have used in previous lectures task

Creating Reusable Software Example

- In our example scenario we are building shared library project that performs basic calculation.
- We will create two projects.
- 1st project contains calculation class that can be used for accounting in the project.
- We will use this project in our 2nd project as DLL shared library for calculation purpose.

Example Step by Step

Step1 – Creating Project 1



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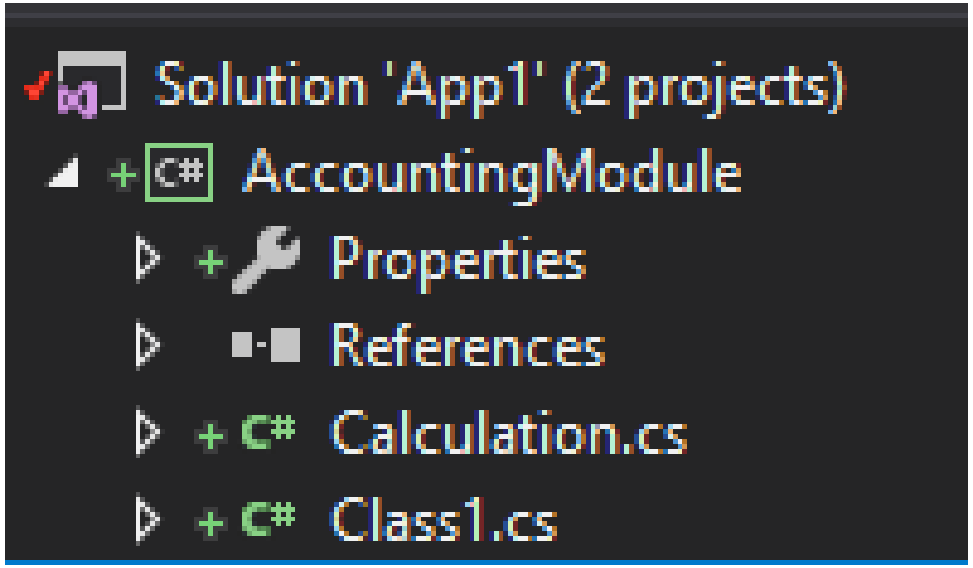

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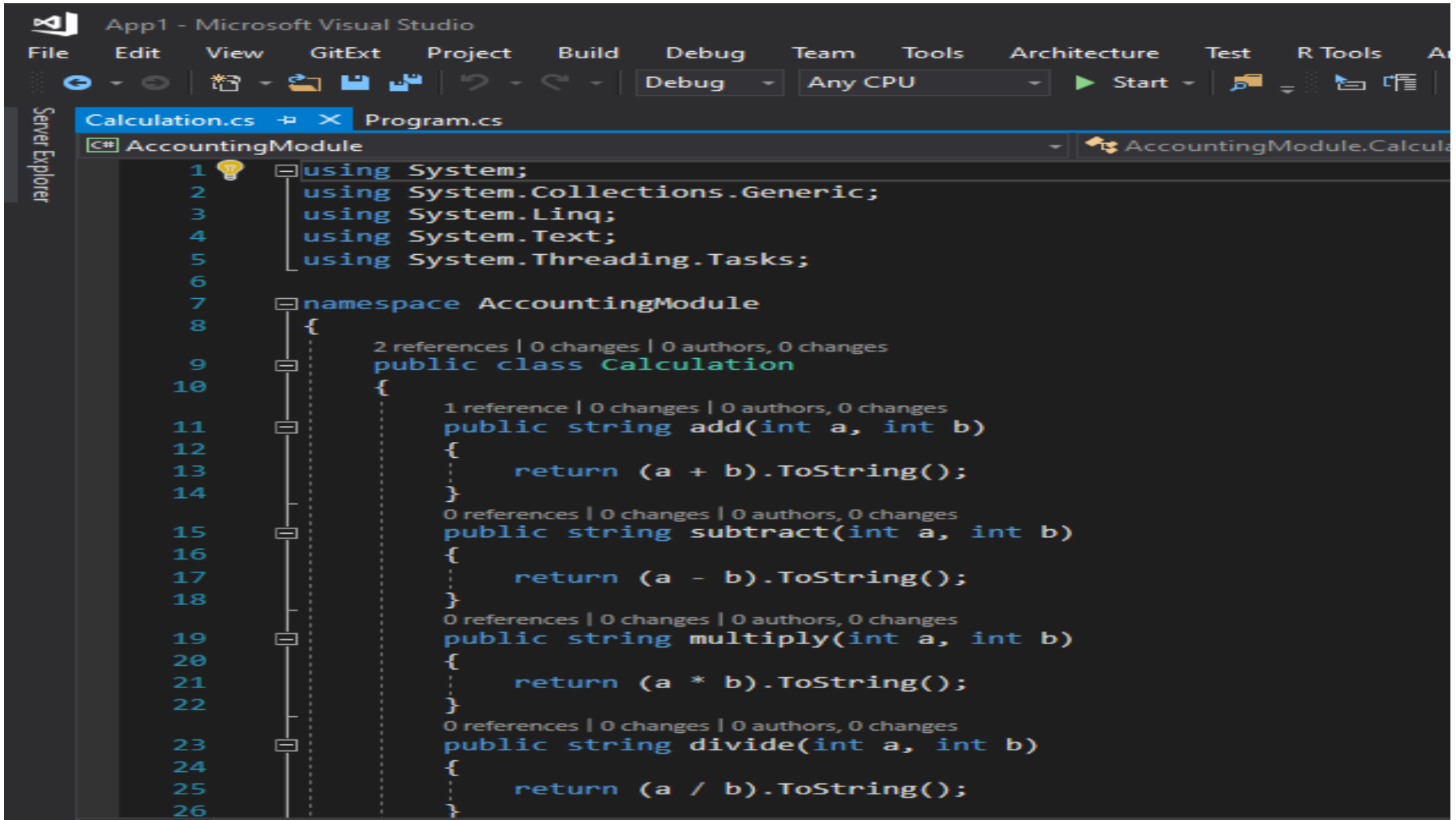
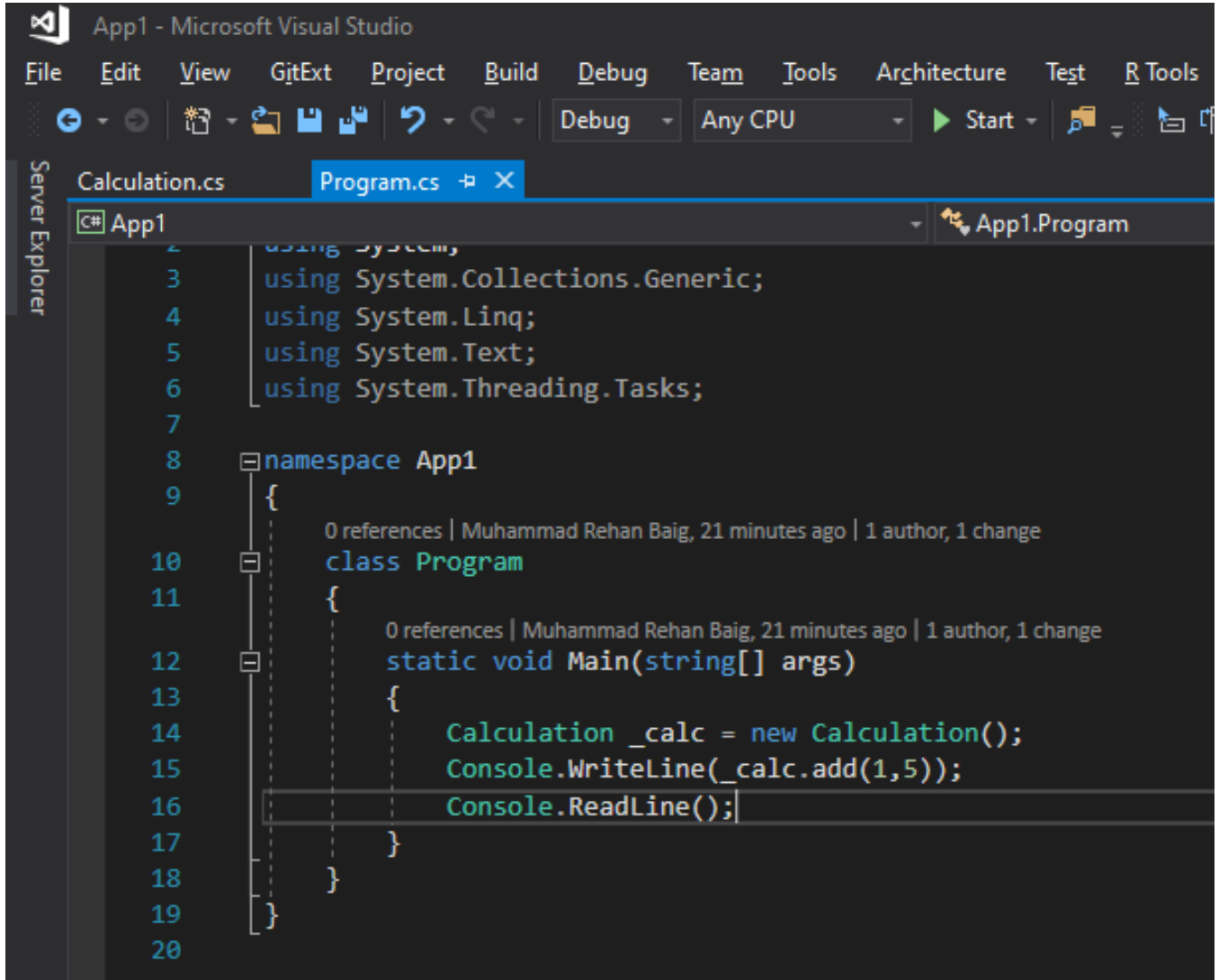
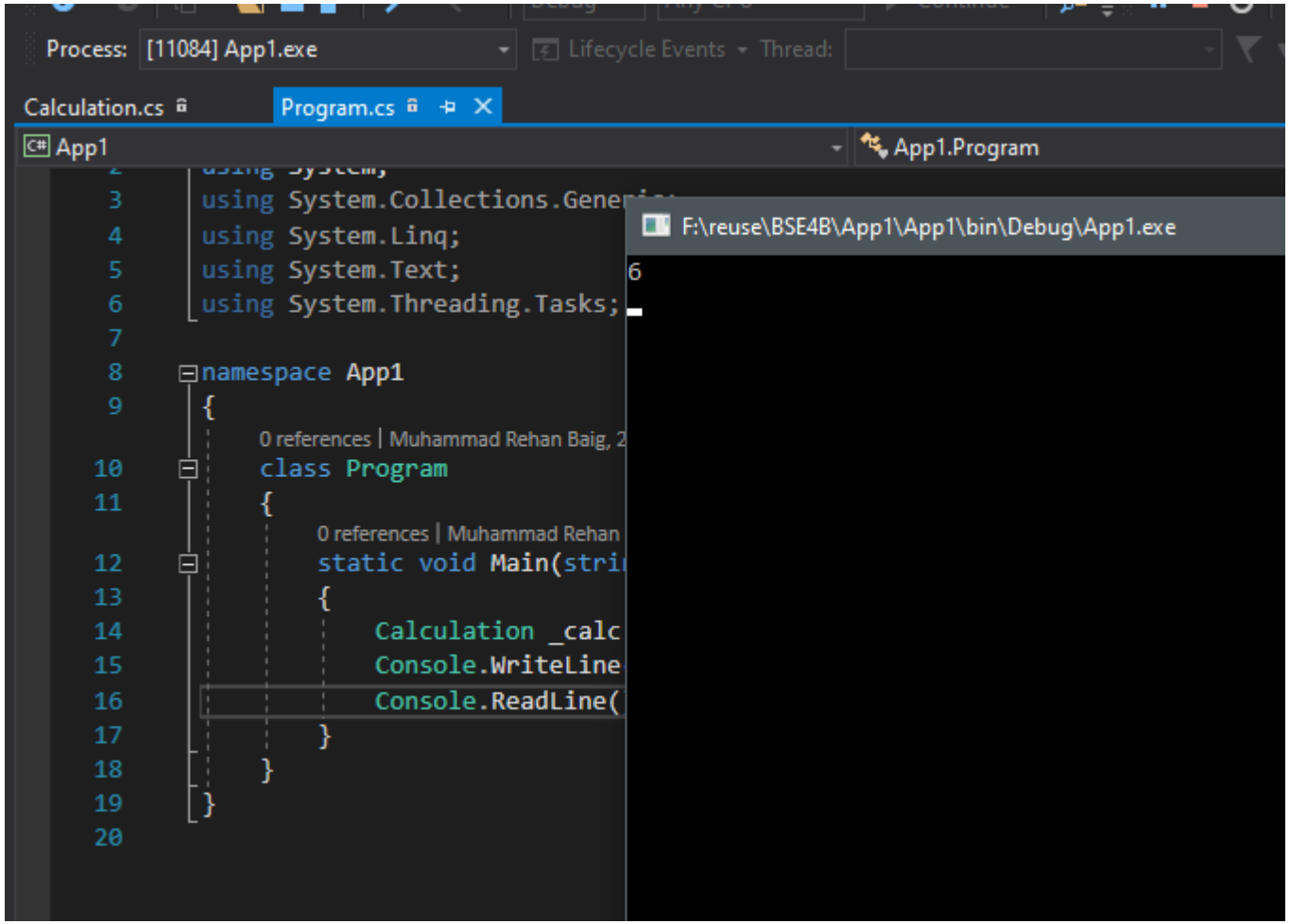


Step3 – Consuming App1 Accounting Calculation



Output


Process: [11084] App1.exe
Lifecycle Events
Thread:
Calculation.cs
Program.cs
App1
App1.Program
using System.Collections.Gener
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;
namespace App1
{
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class Program
{
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static void Main(stri
{
Calculation _calc
Console.WriteLine
Console.ReadLine(
}
}
}
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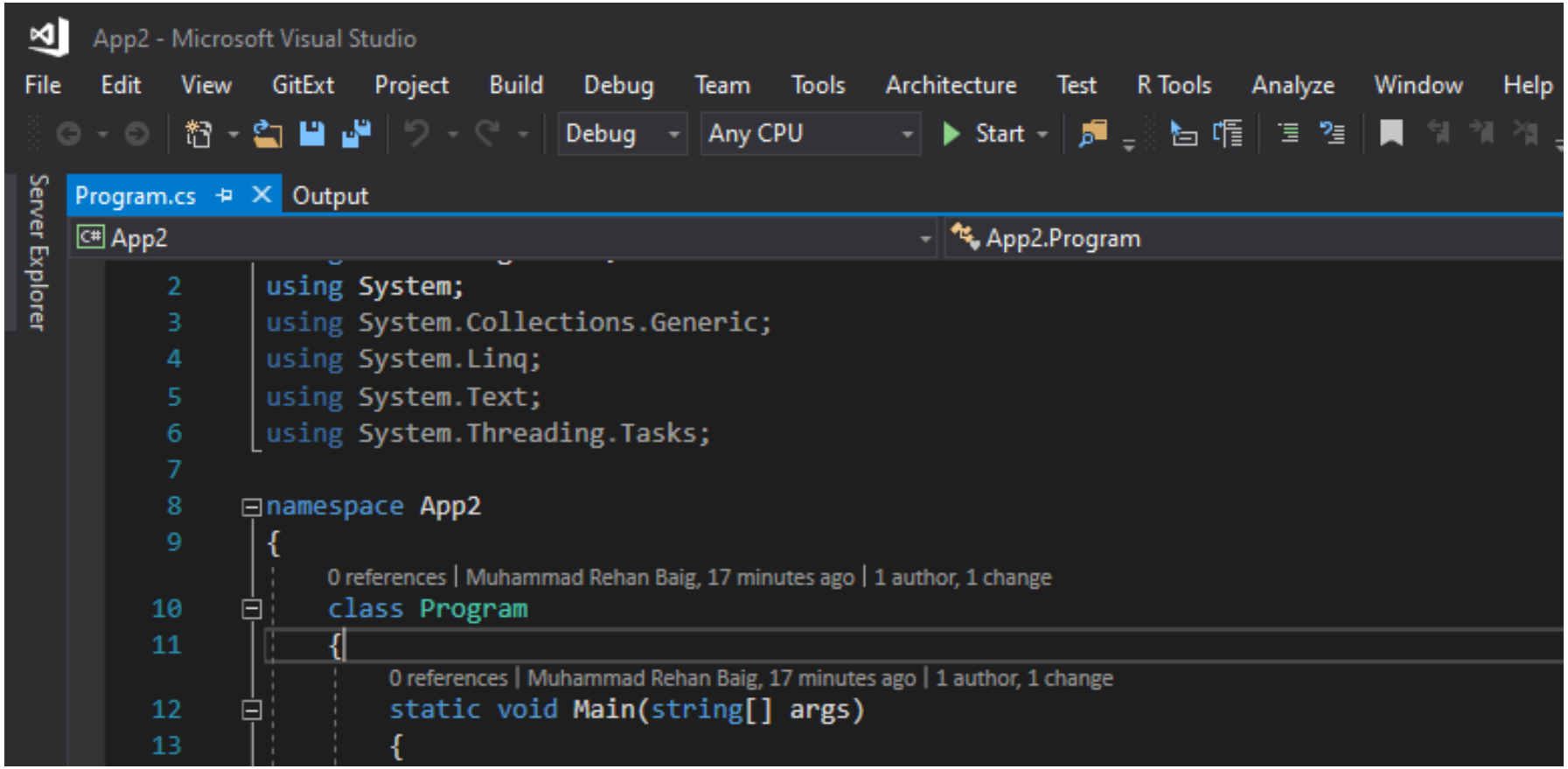
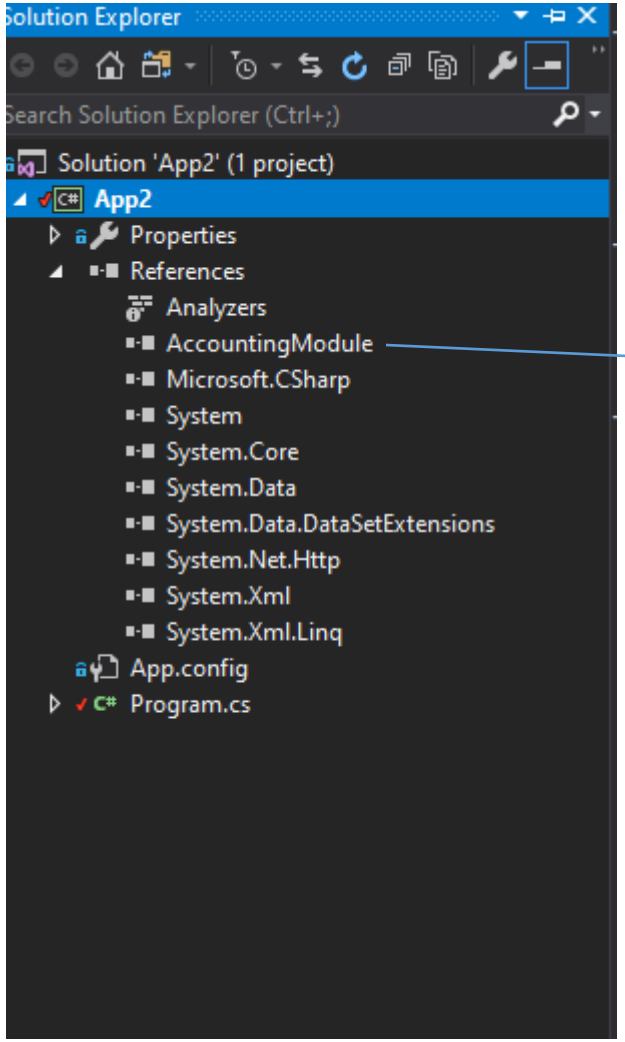
Step4 – Creating 2nd Project

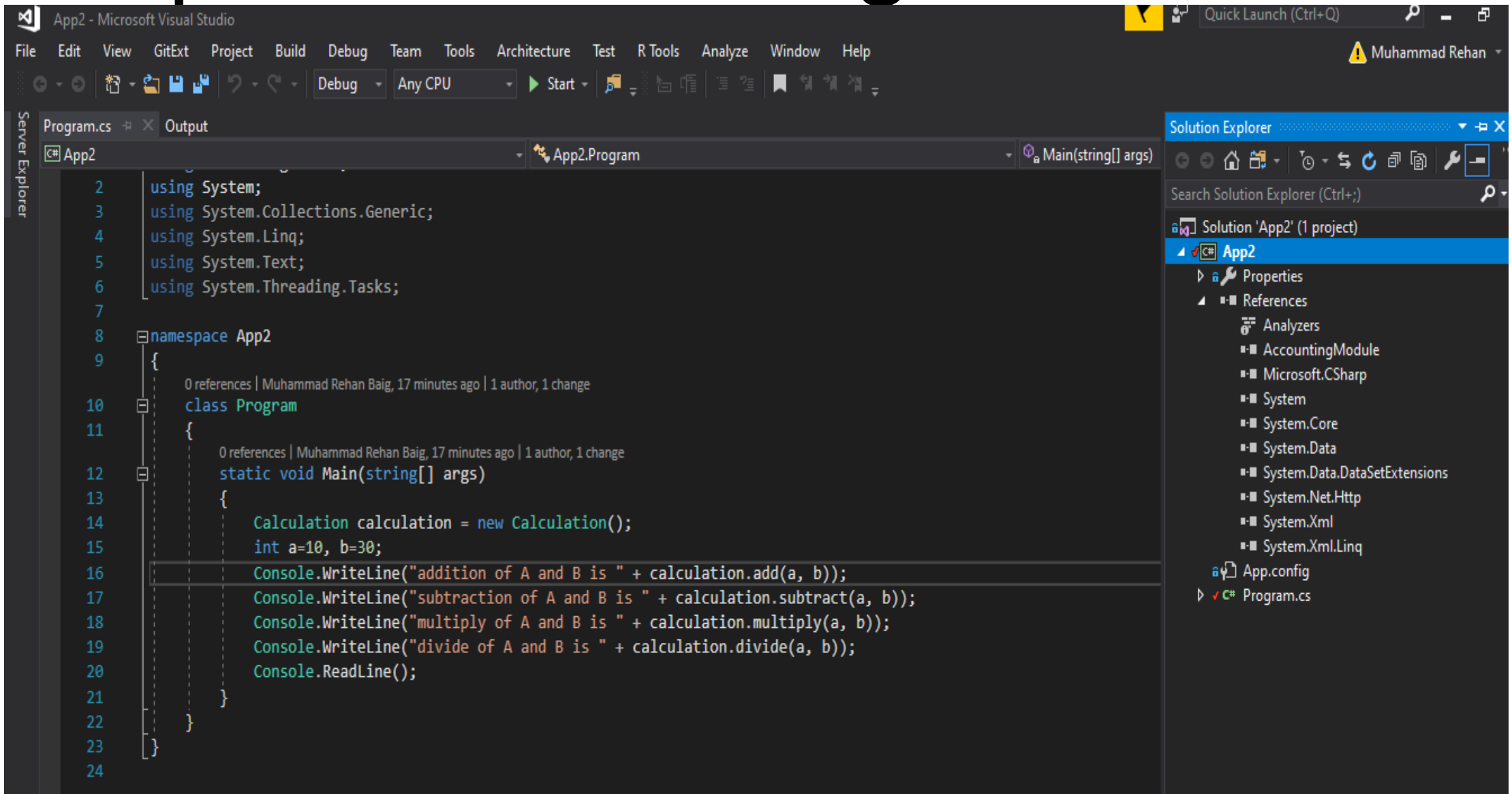


Step5 – Adding DLL (References) for Reuse of Calculation class



Adding Accounting from Project 1
As a Reference DLL
Shared Library

Step5 – Reuse Existing Code



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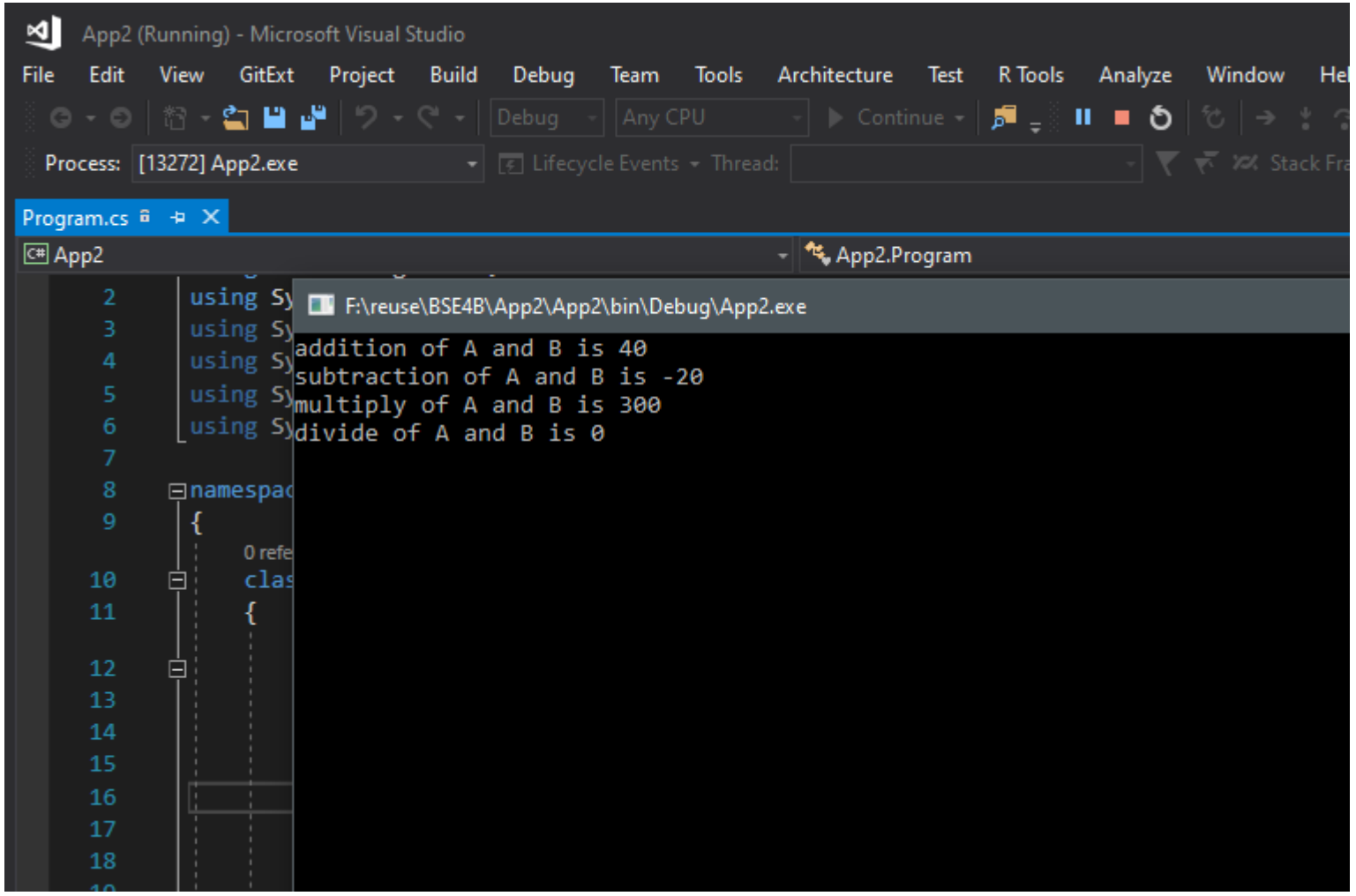
App2 (Running) - Microsoft Visual Studio
File Edit View GitExt Project Build Debug Team Tools Architecture Test R Tools Analyze Window
Debug
Any CPU
Continue
Process: [13272] App2.exe
Lifecycle Events
Thread:
Program.cs
App2
App2.Program
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addition of A and B is 40
subtraction of A and B is -20
multiply of A and B is 300
divide of A and B is 0

Tasks

1. **Create** Reusable Code/Software for generating Marksheet of a student.
   (Hint: Use Project 1 for calculation and Grading purpose)
2. Consume Google Maps Api in Html Webpage.