

Web Services / GDI+

C# Programming

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Part I

Web Services

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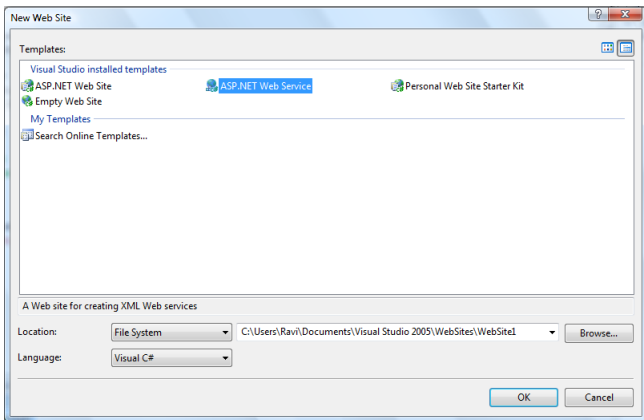
- A **web service** is a standardized way for applications to communicate over a network
- Communication is in the form of XML
- Data is sent using a protocol called SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol)
- API is specified using WDSL (Web Services Description Language)
- There are a bunch of details in setting up communication
- We will not need to worry about these

Web Services in .NET

- Developing, deploying, and consuming web services in .NET is remarkably simple
- All the details for network communication (marshalling and unmarshalling data in XML) are taken care of automatically
- Creating a web service to process requests feels just like writing a normal class with methods
- Communicating with a web service feels just like invoking methods on an object – the object just happens to be remote

Creating Web Services

- To create and test a web service on your local machine, you need IIS (Internet Information Services)
- File → New Web Site



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- Notice that each method that is exposed by the web service is labeled with [WebMethod]
- Compiling and running the project exposes the web service locally for testing
- Eg,
`http://localhost:49324/WebService1/Service.asmx`
- Navigating to this page in a browser yields in a web interface for testing the web service's methods
- You can pass parameters to methods that require it
- Invoking the methods returns the XML that gets returned in response to the query

Deploying Web Services

- Deploying a web service requires little more than copying the .asmx and .cs files onto your server
- In this class, we will not get any practice deploying web services onto remote servers

Consuming Web Services

- To connect to a web service from a .NET application, you need to add a reference to it
- In the Solution Explorer, right-click the References folder and click Add Web Reference
- In the URL box, enter the location of the web service you want to communicate with – this should end with `.asmx`

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`http://www.ravichugh.com/webservices/WeatherService.asmx`

Consuming Web Services

- Once we've added our web reference, let's say it's called `com.ravichugh.www`, we can instantiate the web service and invoke its methods

```
com.ravichugh.www.WeatherService webSvc =  
    new com.ravichugh.www.WeatherService();  
String temp =  
    webSvc.GetTemperatureCityState("Philadelphia", "PA");
```

- Note that there can be several types of exceptions that can be thrown when dealing with network connections
- So you should add some exception handling code
- There can also be delays with network communication, so it is usually a good idea to invoke these web service requests in separate threads

Part II

GDI+

GDI+

- GDI+ (Graphics Device Interface) is a set of Windows libraries for drawing 2D graphics
- The `System.Drawing` namespace provides managed access to these libraries
- The `Graphics` class allows drawing of rectangles, ellipses, and other basic 2D drawing functions

Graphics

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