Web Services

Jim Fawcett

CSE681 – SW Modeling & Analysis

Spring 2005

References

- Programming Microsoft .Net, Jeff Prosise, Microsoft Press, 2002
- Web Services, Mark Saposnek, Powerpoint presentation available from www.gotdotnet.com

Web Service Definition

- A web service is a set of methods exposed through a web interface.
  - Accessible through HTTP
  - Provides internet access to RPC-like calls that define the service
  - Web service messages are encoded in an XML dialect called Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)
- Service model assumes services are always available

Benefits of the Web Service Model

- Web services use this special architecture because it:
  - Can be used from any platform.
  - Uses a standard, well-know channel.
  - Is routable and will pass through most firewalls.
  - Uses the same security mechanisms as any web site.

Service Oriented Architecture

- Framework provides a set of fundamental operations via web services
  - May also provide local services using Windows services
- All applications based on that framework share the common services
  - Don’t have to recreate the same functionality for each new application
- Can provide those same services to Partner businesses, suppliers, and customers
- Longhorn’s Indigo model is a service oriented architecture

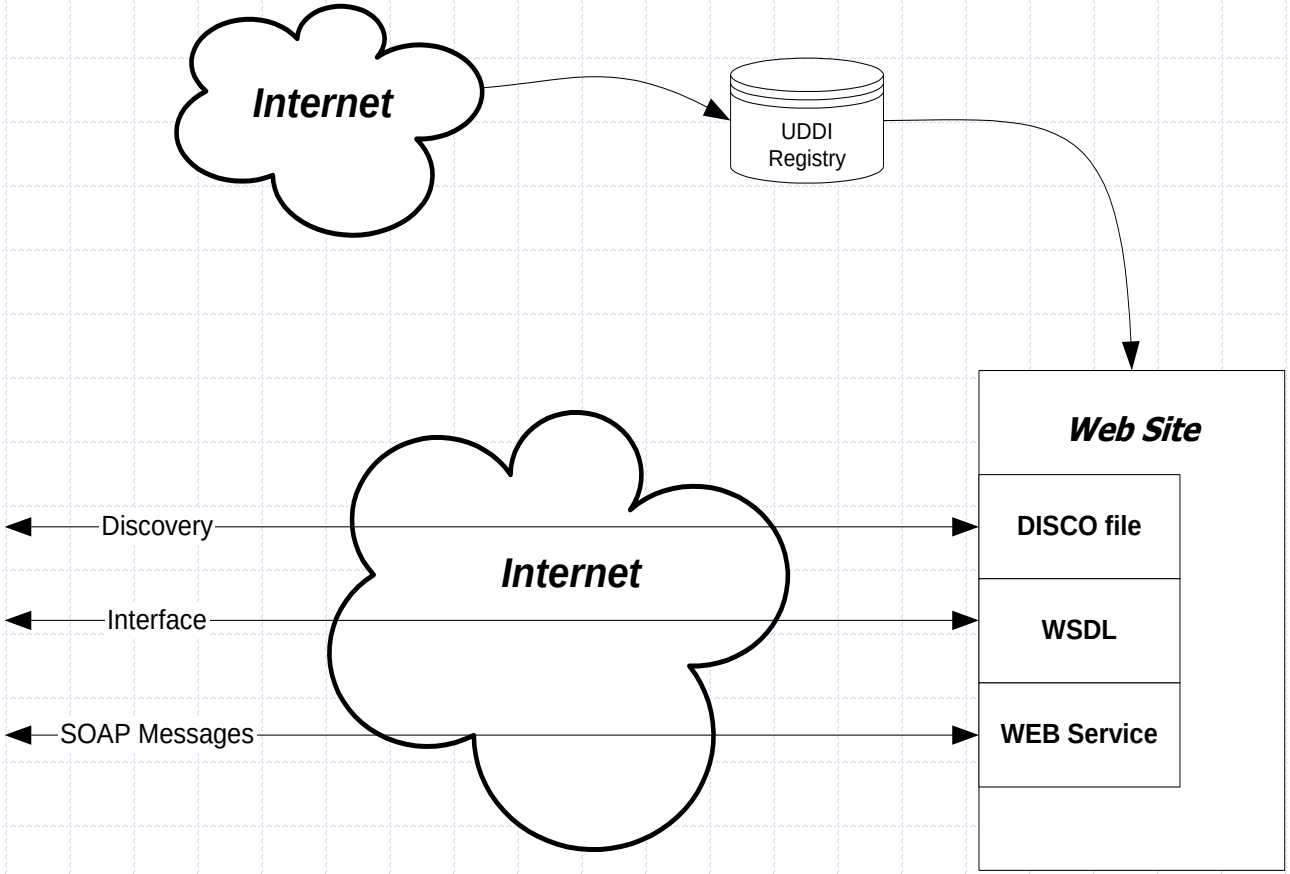
Comparing MicroSoft Web Service with ASP.Net

- ASP.NET
  - Uses ASP pipeline
  - Applic.aspx
  - Applic.aspx.cs
  - Uses Session, …
  - Visual Interface invoked from browser
- Web Service
  - Uses ASP pipeline
  - Applic.asmx
  - Applic.asmx.cs
  - Uses Session, …
  - RPC Interface invoked by ASP or Winform app through proxy

Web Service Protocols

- Web services are based on four protocols:
  - Extensible Markup Language (XML)
    - defines complex data structures
  - Web Service Description Lanaguage (WSDL)
    - Specifies the interface of the web service
  - Discovery Protocol (DISCO)
    - Pointer to all web services on a particular web site
  - Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration (UDDI)
    - Central repository of web service descriptions

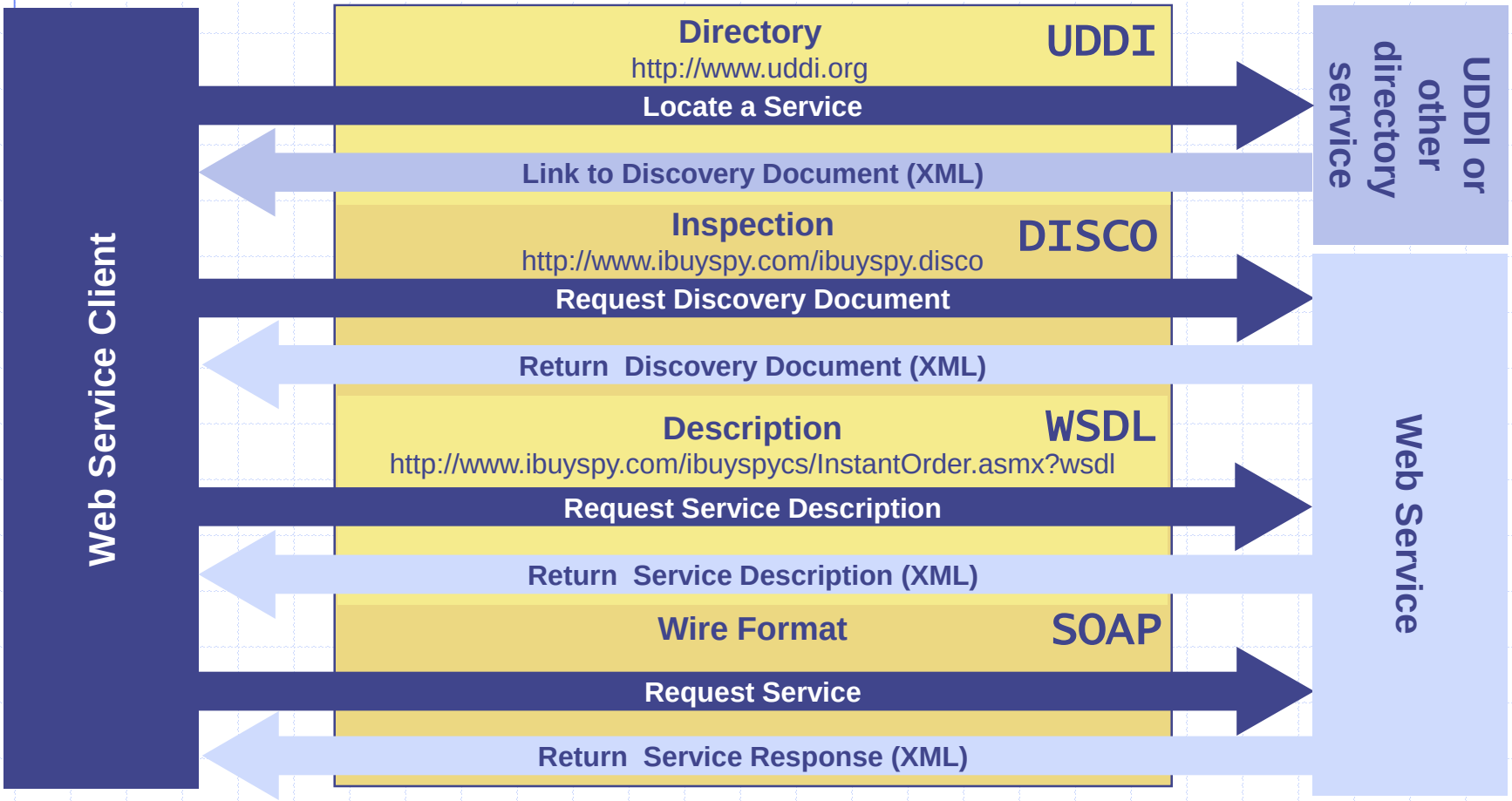
Web Service Structure



C# Web Services, Banerjee, et. al., WROX, 2001

Underlying Technologies

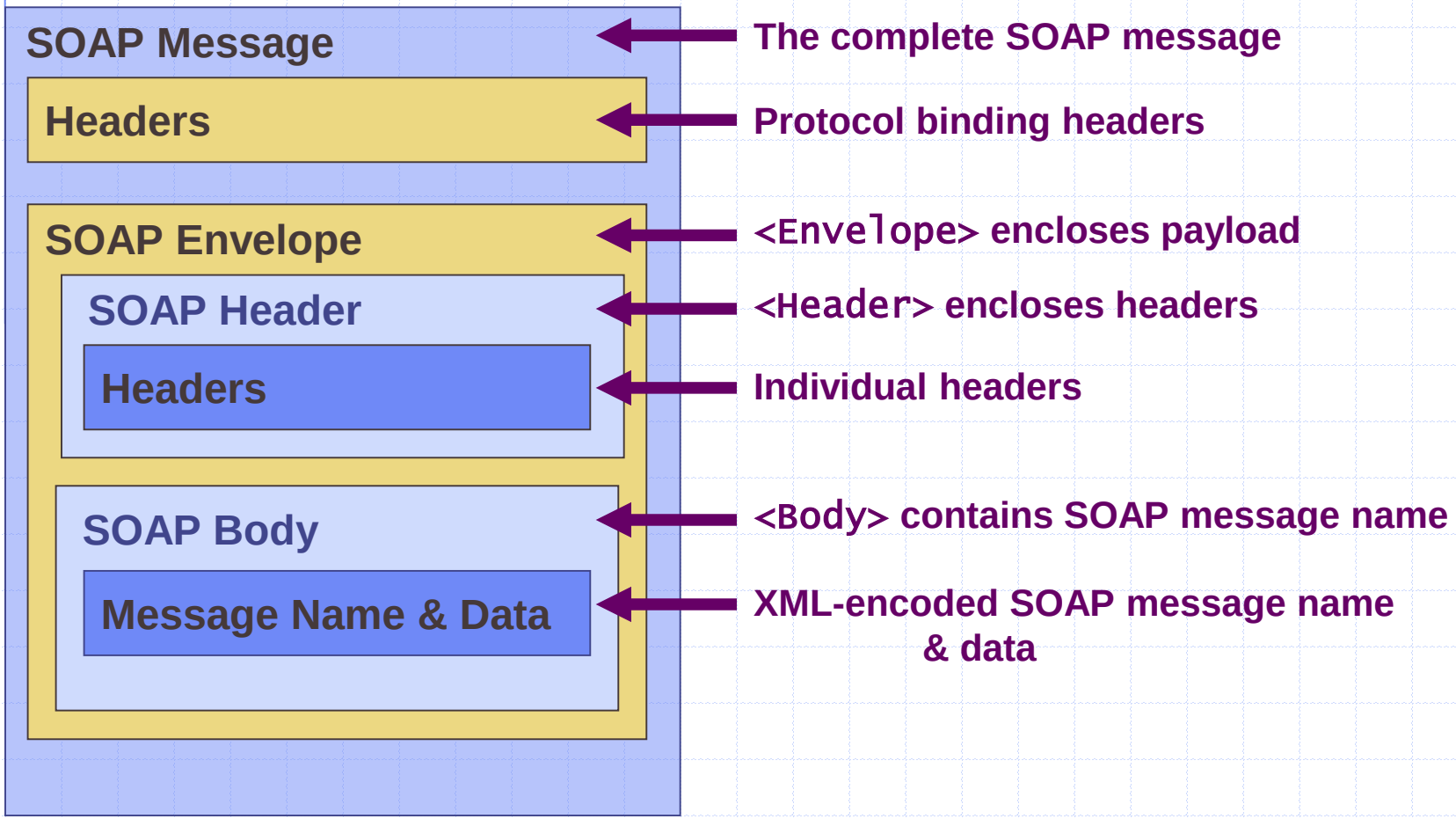
Web Services Stack



SOAP Messages

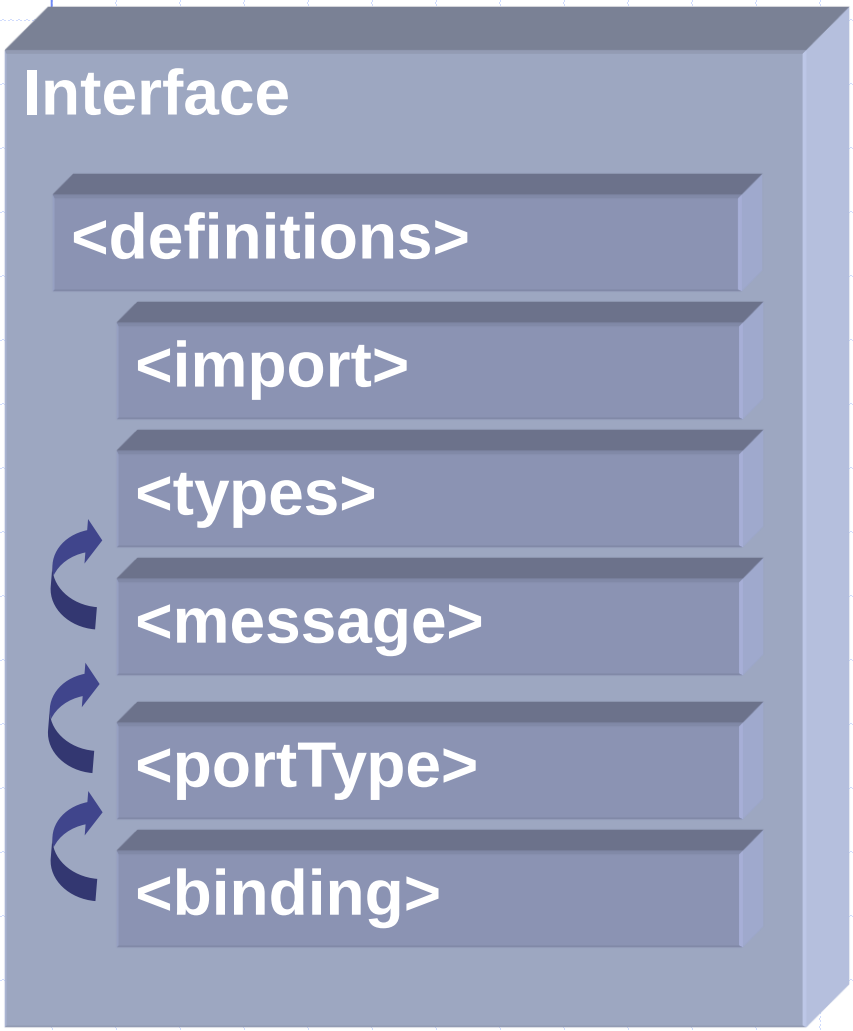
- A SOAP Message can be one of three types:
  - Method call
    - Contains name of method and parameters
  - Method Response
    - Return values
  - Fault Message
    - SOAP fault message if service throws an exception
    - Will get standard HTTP message if transport fails.

SOAP
Message Structure



WSDL

WSDL Schema



- <definitions> are root node of WSDL
- <import> allows other entities for inclusion
- <types> are data definitions - xsd
- <message> defines parameters of a Web Service function
- <portType> defines input and output operations
- <binding> specifies how each message is sent over the wire

UDDI

UDDI Information Model

Provider: Information about the entity who offers a service

0…n

Service: Descriptive information about a particular family of technical offerings

0…n

Binding: Technical information about a service entry point and construction specs

tModel: Descriptions of specifications for services.

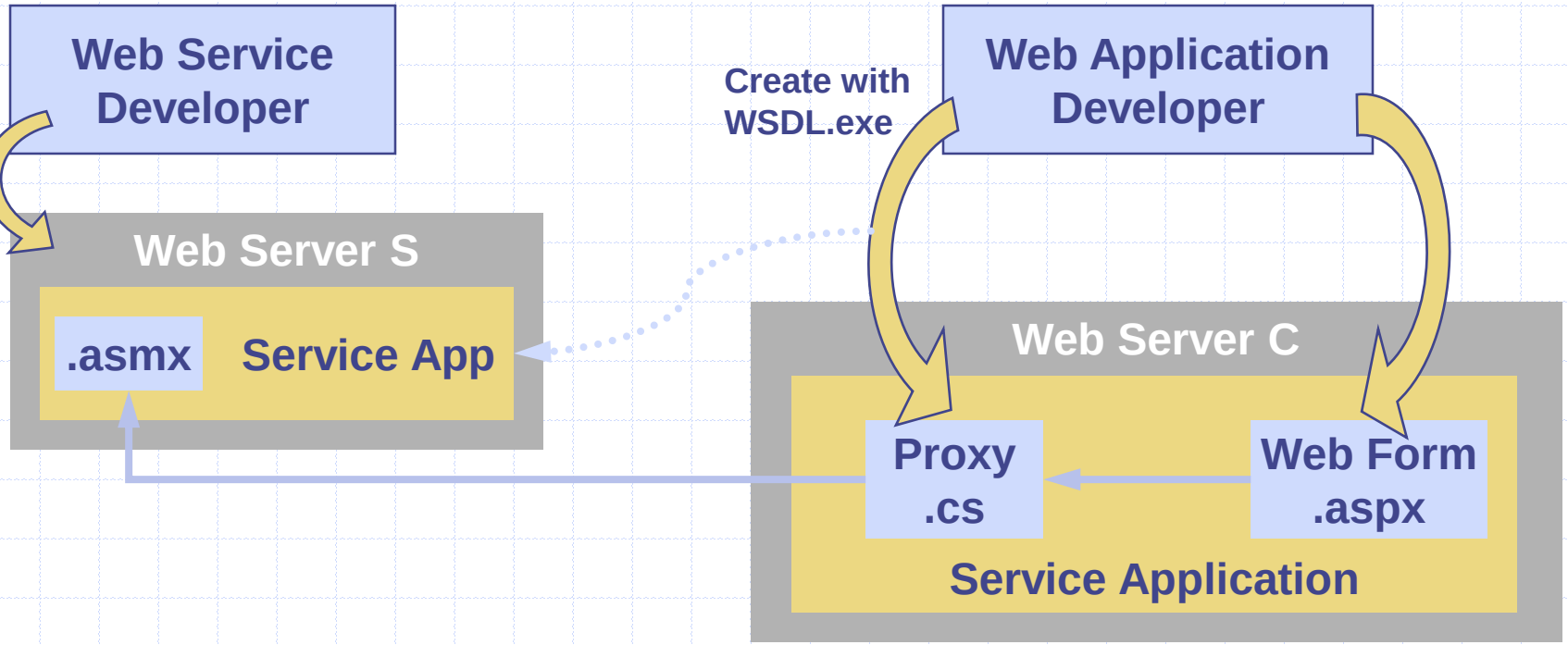
1…n

Bindings contain references to tModels. These references designate the interface specifications for a service.

Structure of a Microsoft WebService

- MyService.asmx, MyService.asmx.cs
  - Page Directive:
    <%@ Webservice Language="C#"
    Class="myService" %>
  - Class [derived from
    System.Web.Services.WebService]
  - Methods decorated with [WebMethod]
- Virtual Directory hosting this Application

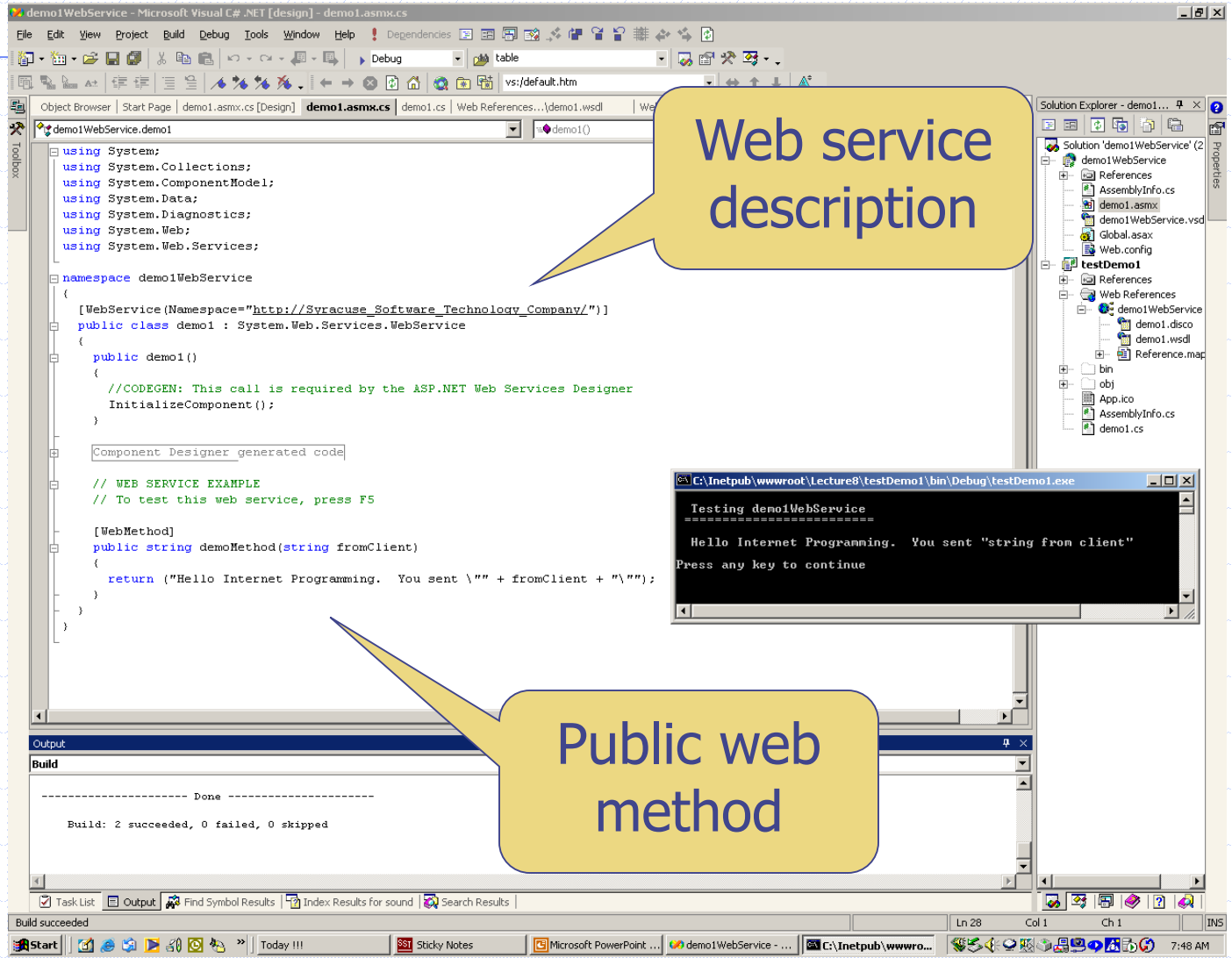
Consuming Web Services



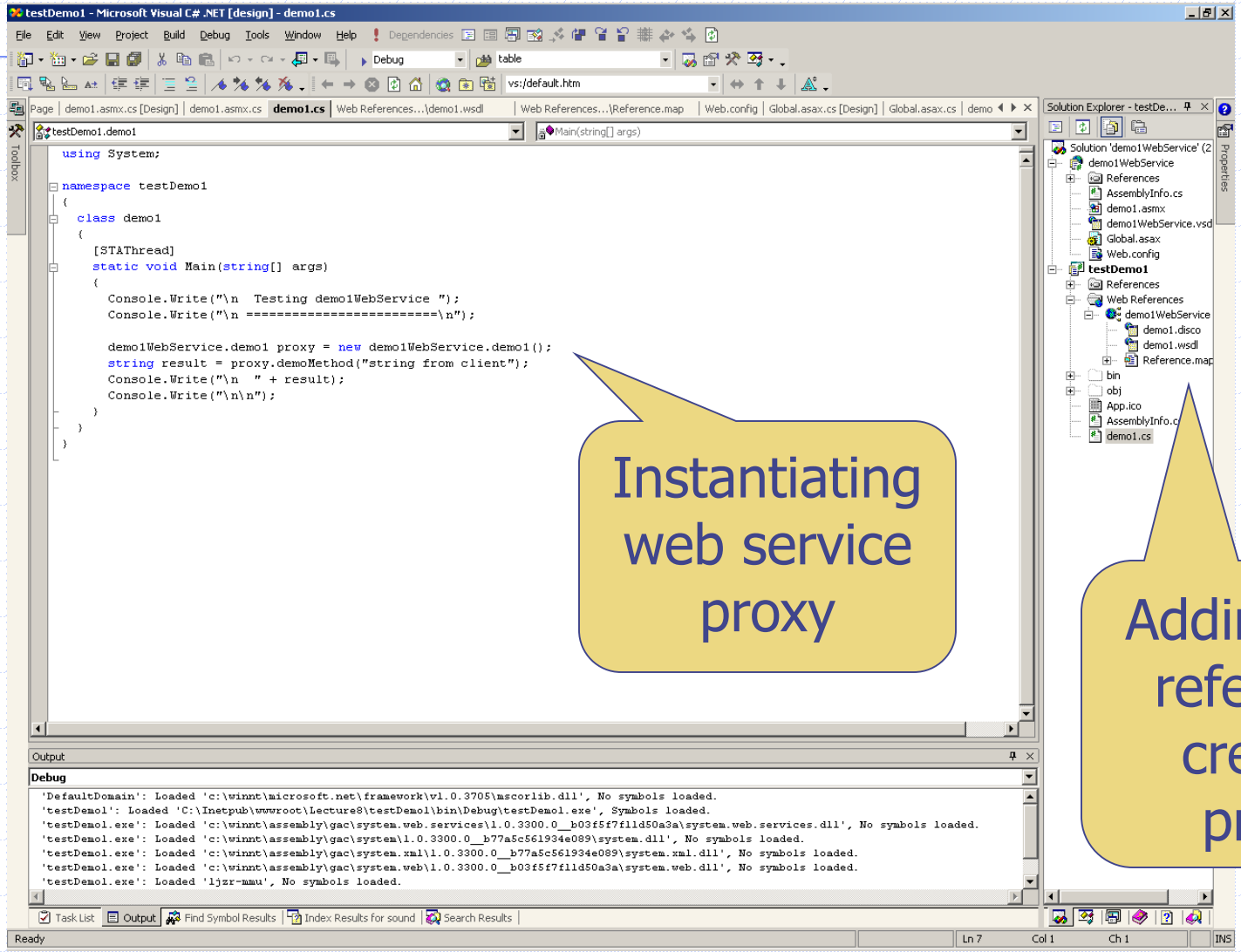
Structure of WebService Client

- myService Proxy code
  - Generated using disco.exe and wsdl.exe (see CalcClient.cs code comments)
- myServiceClient code
  - Ordinary ASP or Winform application
  - myService Proxy = new myService();
  - Result = Proxy.myMethod(args);

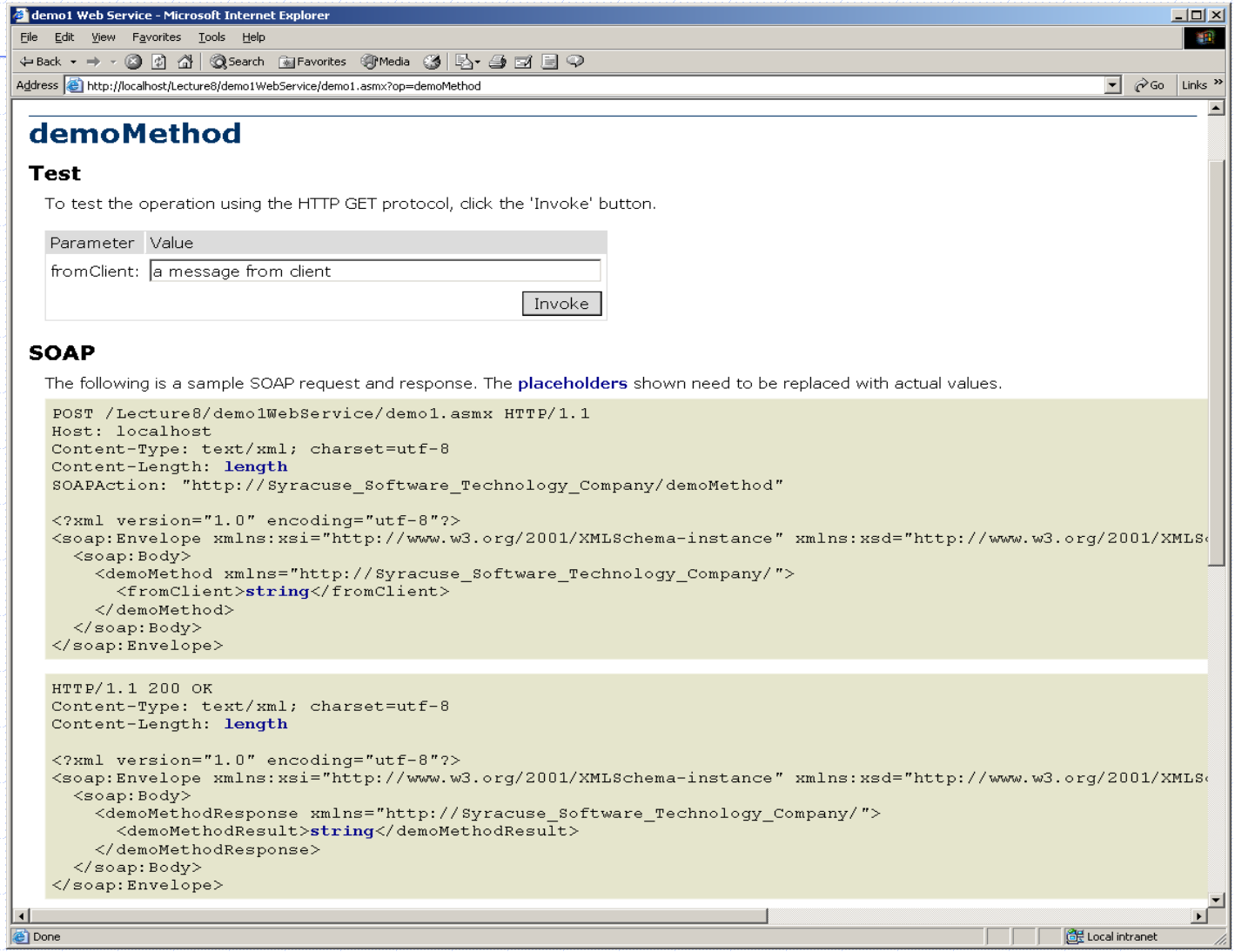
DemoWebService Running



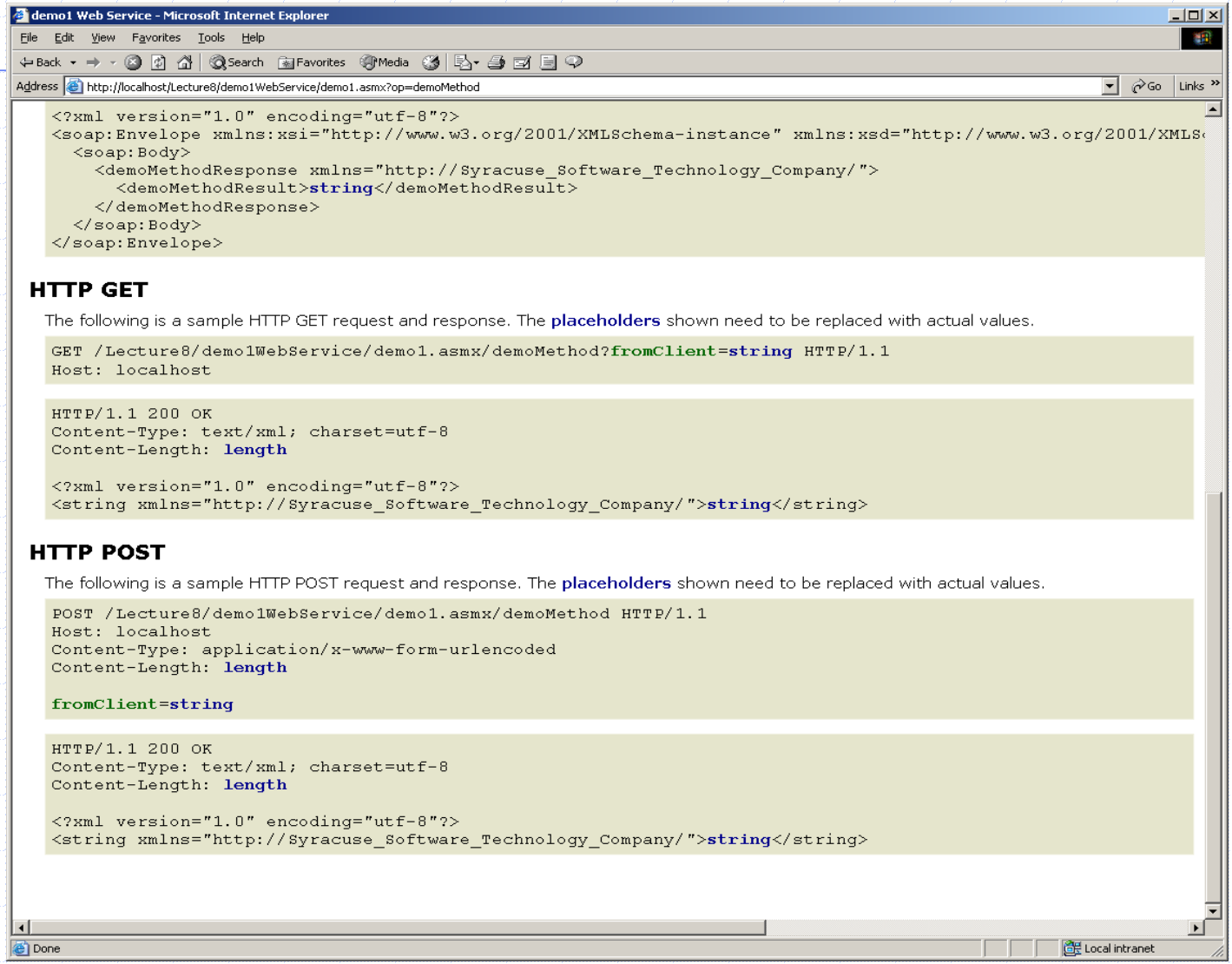
Client of DemoWebService



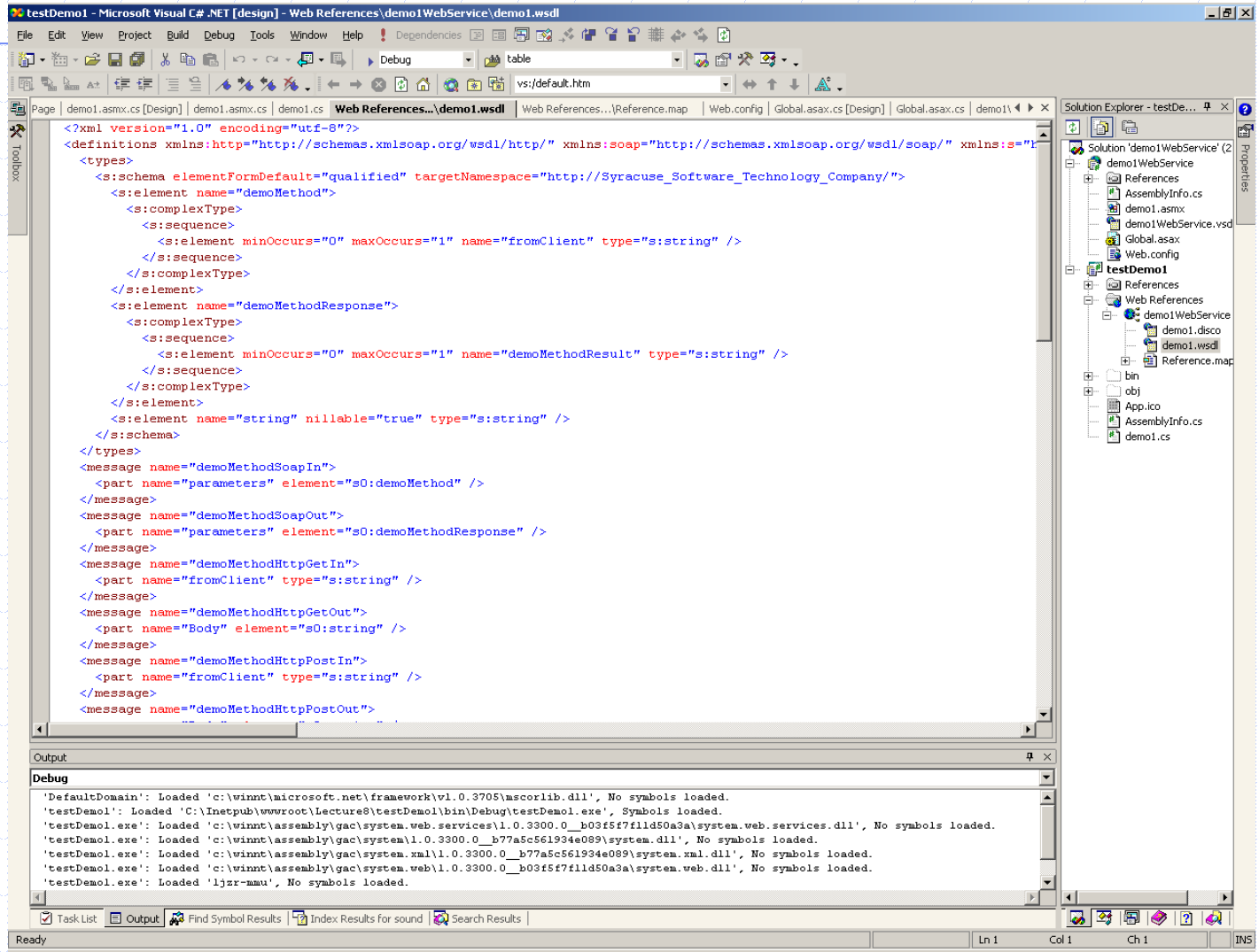
SOAP Request and Response



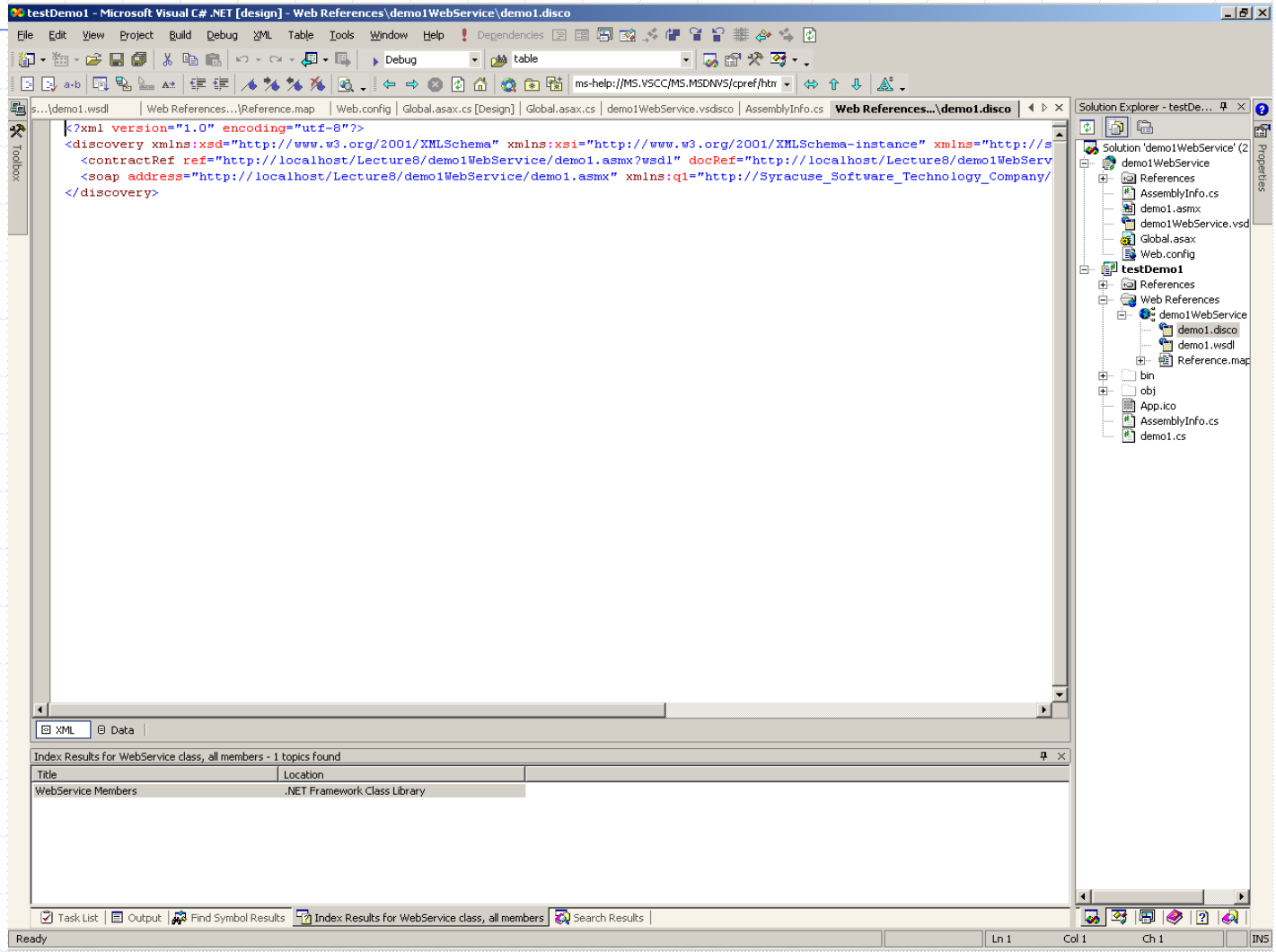
HTTP GET and POST exchanges



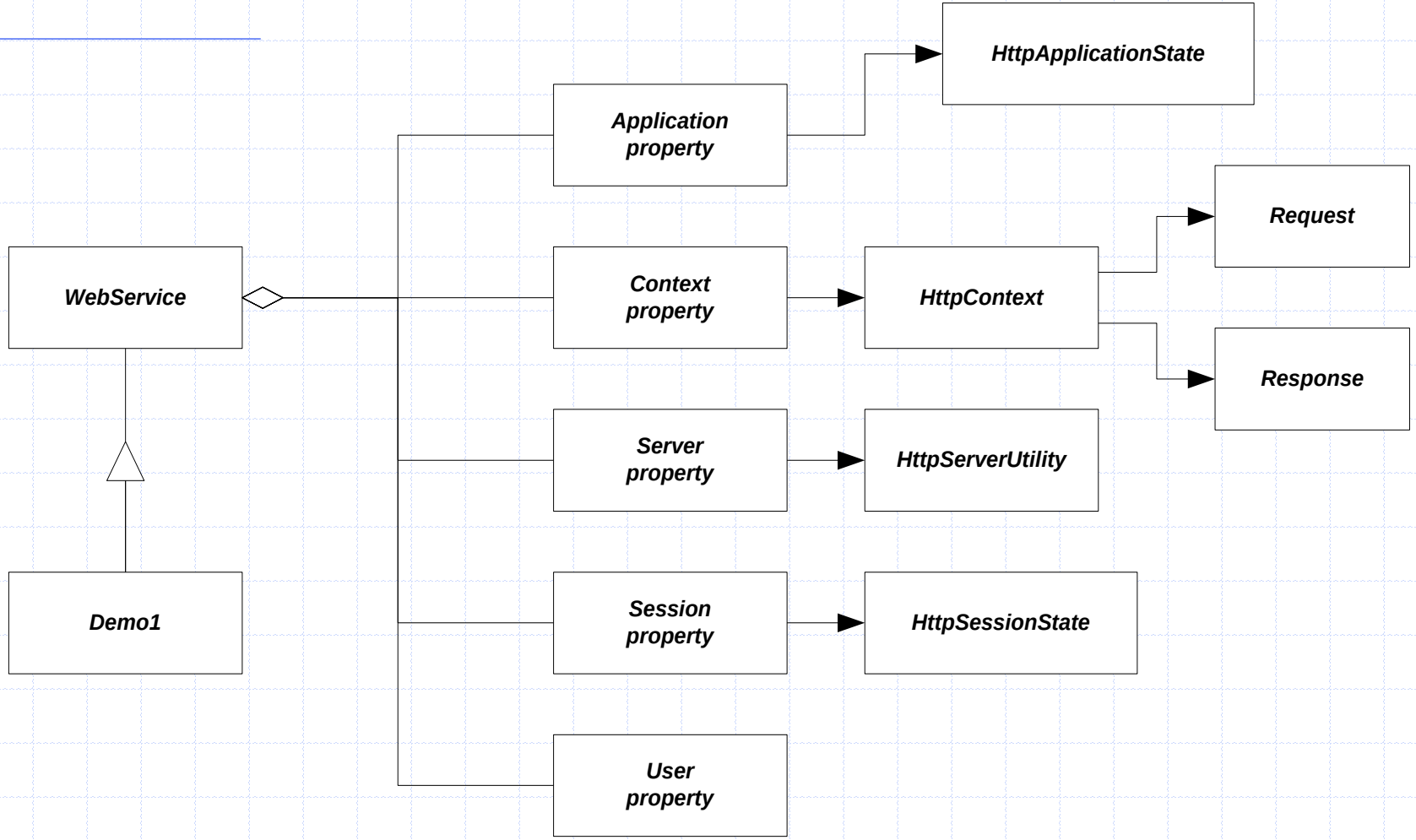
demo1.wsdl


testDemo1 - Microsoft Visual C# .NET [design] - Web References\demo1WebService\demo1.wsdl
File Edit View Project Build Debug Tools Window Help
Debug
table
vs:/default.htm
Page | demo1.asmx.cs [Design] | demo1.asmx.cs | demo1.cs | Web References...\demo1.wsdl | Web References...\Reference.map | Web.config | Global.asax.cs [Design] | Global.asax.cs | demo1\
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<definitions xmlns:http="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/http/" xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" xmlns:s="
<types>
<s:schema elementFormDefault="qualified" targetNamespace="http://Syracuse_Software_Technology_Company/">
<s:element name="demoMethod">
<s:complexType>
<s:sequence>
<s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="fromClient" type="s:string" />
</s:sequence>
</s:complexType>
</s:element>
<s:element name="demoMethodResponse">
<s:complexType>
<s:sequence>
<s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="demoMethodResult" type="s:string" />
</s:sequence>
</s:complexType>
</s:element>
<s:element name="string" nillable="true" type="s:string" />
</s:schema>
</types>
<message name="demoMethodSoapIn">
<part name="parameters" element="s0:demoMethod" />
</message>
<message name="demoMethodSoapOut">
<part name="parameters" element="s0:demoMethodResponse" />
</message>
<message name="demoMethodHttpGetIn">
<part name="fromClient" type="s:string" />
</message>
<message name="demoMethodHttpGetOut">
<part name="Body" element="s0:string" />
</message>
<message name="demoMethodHttpPostIn">
<part name="fromClient" type="s:string" />
</message>
<message name="demoMethodHttpPostOut">
Solution Explorer - testDe...
Solution 'demo1WebService' (2
demo1WebService
References
AssemblyInfo.cs
demo1.asmx
demo1WebService.vsd
Global.asax
Web.config
testDemo1
References
Web References
demo1WebService
demo1.disco
demo1.wsdl
Reference.map
bin
obj
App.ico
AssemblyInfo.cs
demo1.cs
Output
Debug
'DefaultDomain': Loaded 'c:\winnt\microsoft.net\framework\v1.0.3705\mscorlib.dll', No symbols loaded.
'testDemo1': Loaded 'C:\Inetpub\wwwroot\Lecture8\testDemo1\bin\Debug\testDemo1.exe', Symbols loaded.
'testDemo1.exe': Loaded 'c:\winnt\assembly\gac\system.web.services\1.0.3300.0__b03f5f7f11d50a3a\system.web.services.dll', No symbols loaded.
'testDemo1.exe': Loaded 'c:\winnt\assembly\gac\system\1.0.3300.0__b77a5c561934e089\system.dll', No symbols loaded.
'testDemo1.exe': Loaded 'c:\winnt\assembly\gac\system.xml\1.0.3300.0__b77a5c561934e089\system.xml.dll', No symbols loaded.
'testDemo1.exe': Loaded 'c:\winnt\assembly\gac\system.web\1.0.3300.0__b03f5f7f11d50a3a\system.web.dll', No symbols loaded.
'testDemo1.exe': Loaded 'ljzr-mmu', No symbols loaded.
Task List | Output | Find Symbol Results | Index Results for sound | Search Results
Ready
Ln 1 Col 1 Ch 1
INS

demo1.disco


testDemo1 - Microsoft Visual C# .NET [design] - Web References\demo1WebService\demo1.disco
File Edit View Project Build Debug XML Table Tools Window Help
Debug
table
ms-help://MS.VSCC/MS.MSDNVS/cpref/htm
s...\demo1.wsdl | Web References...\Reference.map | Web.config | Global.asax.cs [Design] | Global.asax.cs | demo1WebService.vsdisco | AssemblyInfo.cs | Web References...\demo1.disco
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<discovery xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns="http://s
<contractRef ref="http://localhost/Lecture8/demo1WebService/demo1.asmx?wsdl" docRef="http://localhost/Lecture8/demo1WebServ
<soap address="http://localhost/Lecture8/demo1WebService/demo1.asmx" xmlns:q1="http://Syracuse_Software_Technology_Company/
</discovery>
XML
Data
Index Results for WebService class, all members - 1 topics found
Title
Location
WebService Members
.NET Framework Class Library
Task List
Output
Find Symbol Results
Index Results for WebService class, all members
Search Results
Ready
Ln 1
Col 1
Ch 1
INS
Solution Explorer - testDe...
Solution 'demo1WebService' (2
demo1WebService
References
AssemblyInfo.cs
demo1.asmx
demo1WebService.vsd
Global.asax
Web.config
testDemo1
References
Web References
demo1WebService
demo1.disco
demo1.wsdl
Reference.map
bin
obj
App.ico
AssemblyInfo.cs
demo1.cs
Toolbox
Properties

Web Service Application Structure



WebService Properties

- HttpApplicationState
  - Share state among all users of an application.
- HttpSessionState
  - Share state from page to page for one user.
- HttpContext
  - Provides access to the server Request and Response objects.
- HttpServerUtility
  - Provides CreateObject, Execute, and MapPath methods.
- User
  - Supports authentication of user.

WebMethods

- WebMethod methods can pass many of the C# and CLR types
- User defined objects can also be passed if they are serializable:
  - .Net XML serializer will not serialize non-public members
    - Due to limitations of WSDL language
  - User defined types can only be passed with SOAP. GET and POST won't work.
  - The WSDL contract contains a schema description of any user defined objects passed by a WebMethod

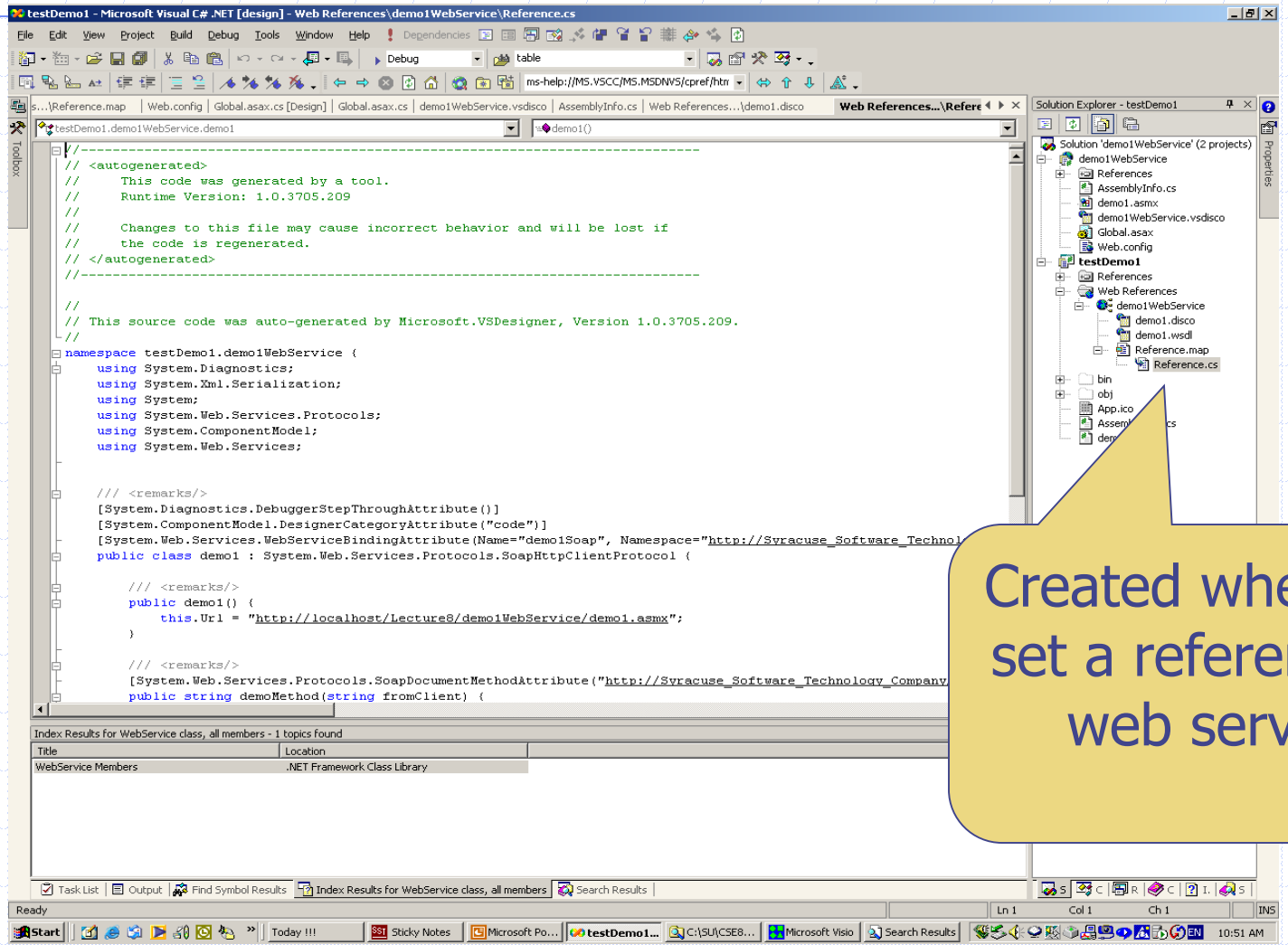
Web Service Clients

- Web Service Clients use Web Service proxies to communicate with the remote service:

```
// create proxy instance
demo1WebService.demo1 proxy = new demo1WebService.demo1();

// use proxy
string result = proxy.demoMethod("string from client");
```

AutoGenerated Proxy



Web Services versus Remoting

- Web Services:
  - Can be used by any platform that understands XML, SOAP, and WSDL.
    - Metadata (types) provided by WSDL
  - Hosted by IIS and inherits ASP's security model.
  - Uses HTTP protocol so accessible by web pages and can pass through most firewalls.
  - Can only pass a limited set of user-defined objects:
    - Can't serialize an object graph or all .Net containers.

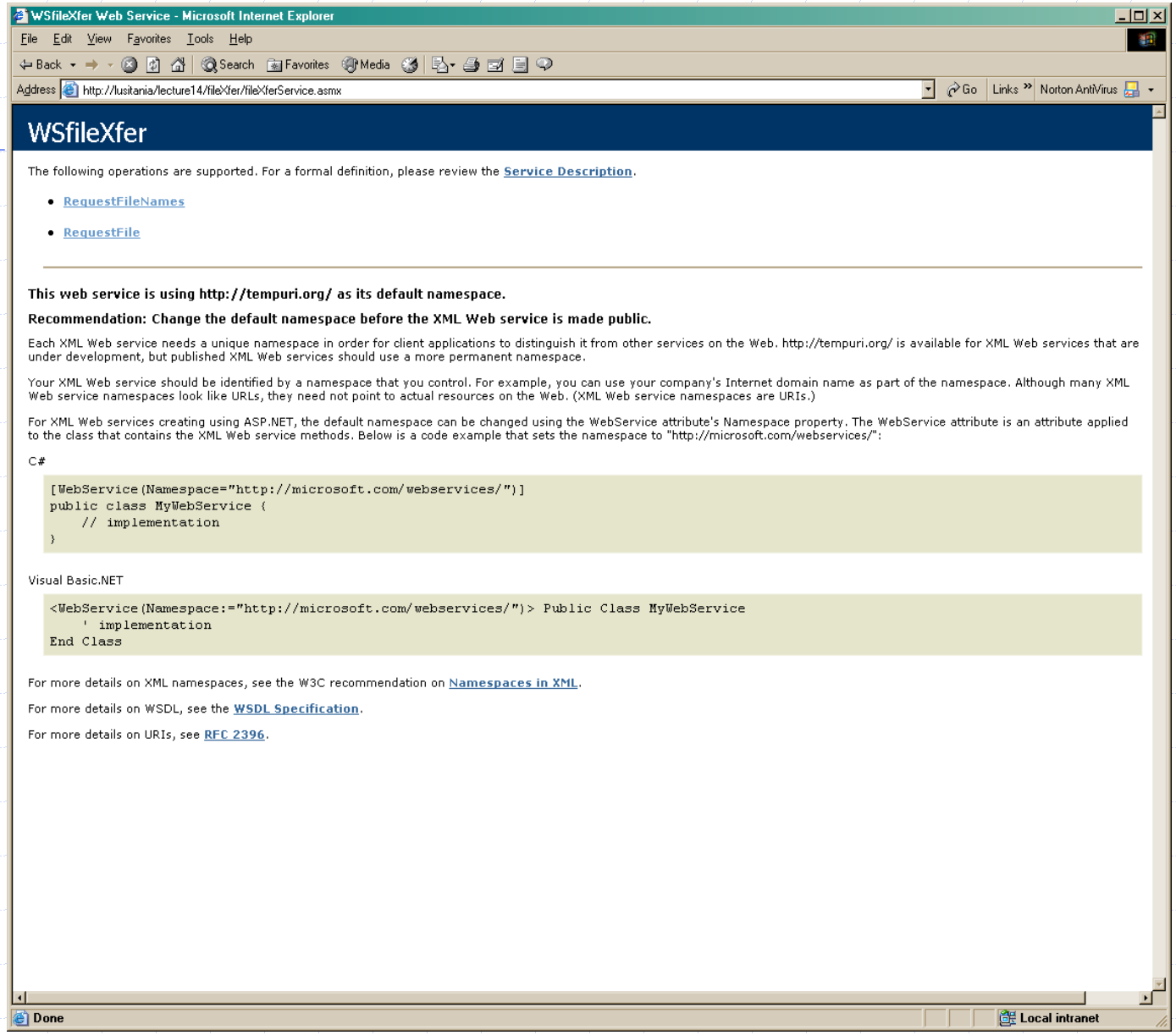
Web Services versus Remoting

- Remoting:
  - Requires .Net platform on client as well as server.
  - Requires custom security (notoriously hard to get right).
  - Metadata provided by assembly.
    - Can pass any .Net type, including object graphs and all .Net containers.
    - Rich, but none portable types.

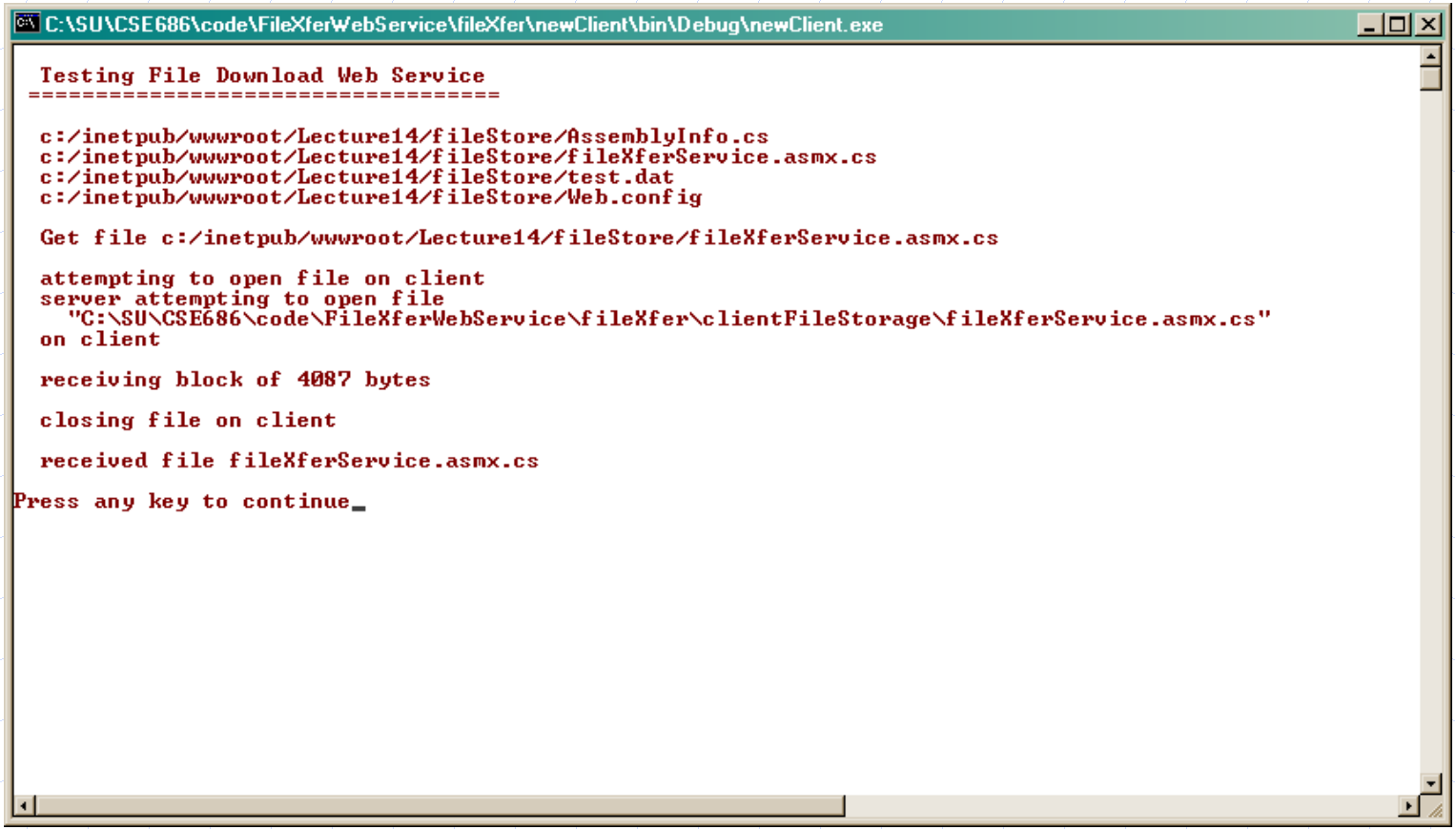
An Example

- FileXferService
  - Public Interface:
    - string[] RequestFileNames();
    - Byte[] RequestFile(string FileName);

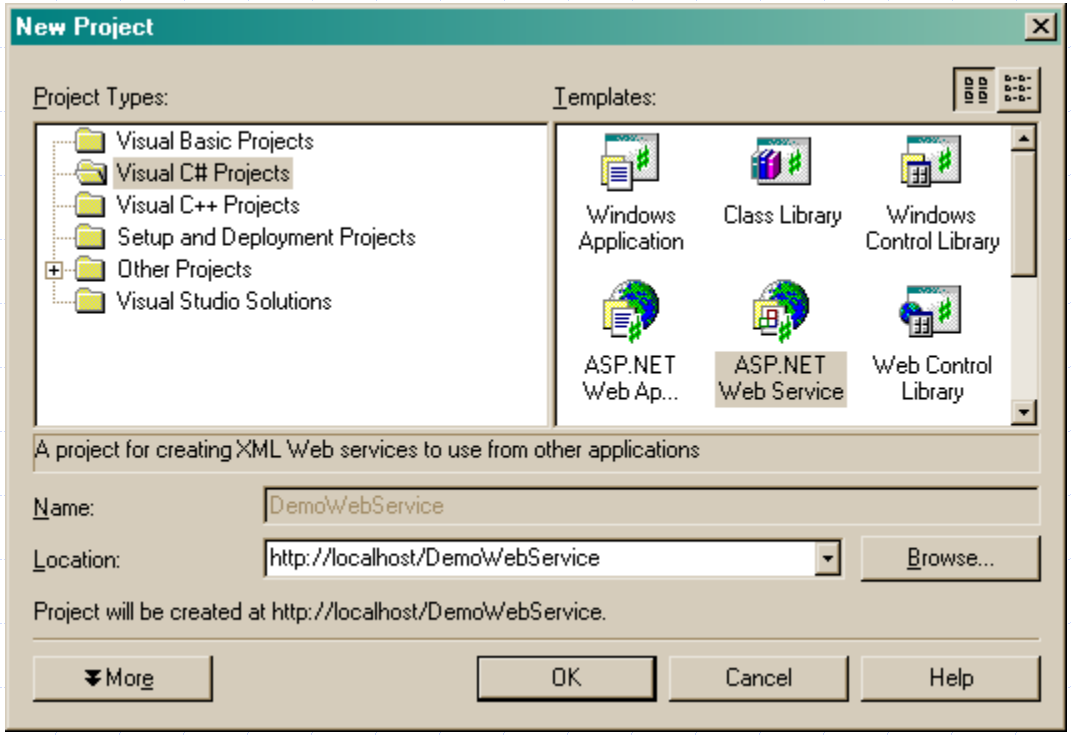
Browser View



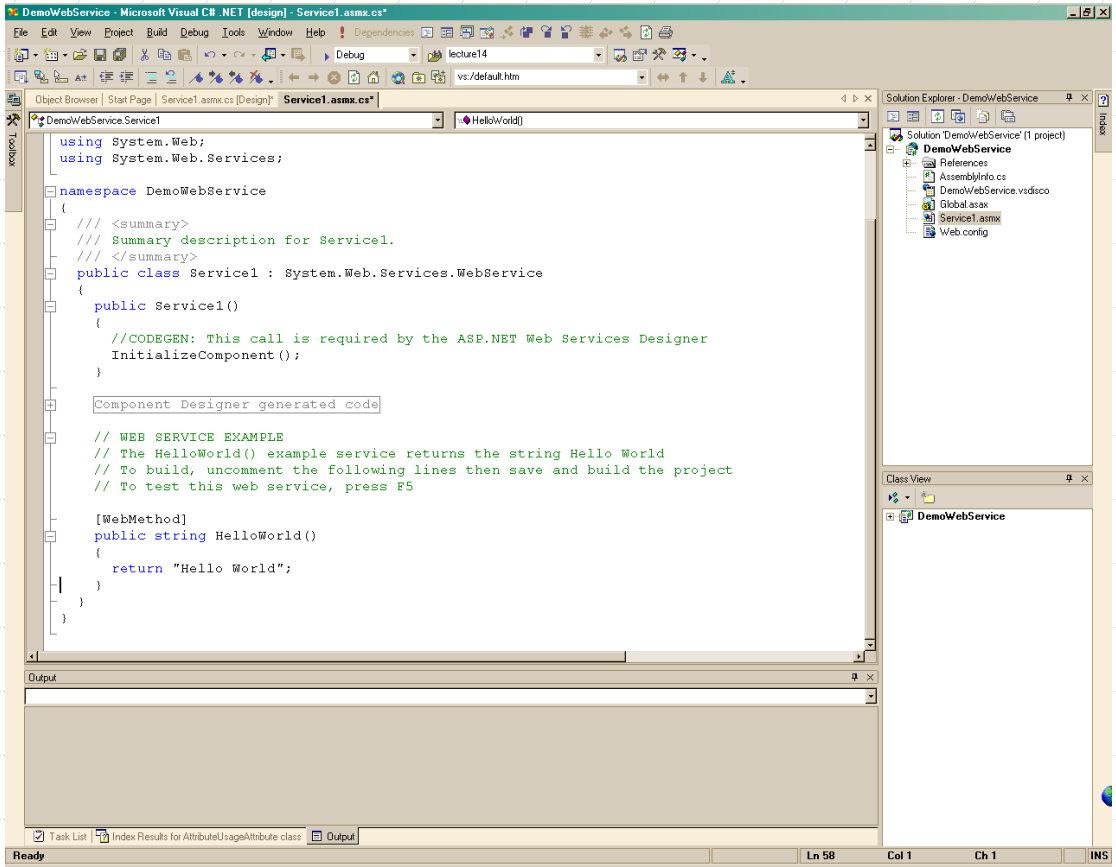
Client Application View



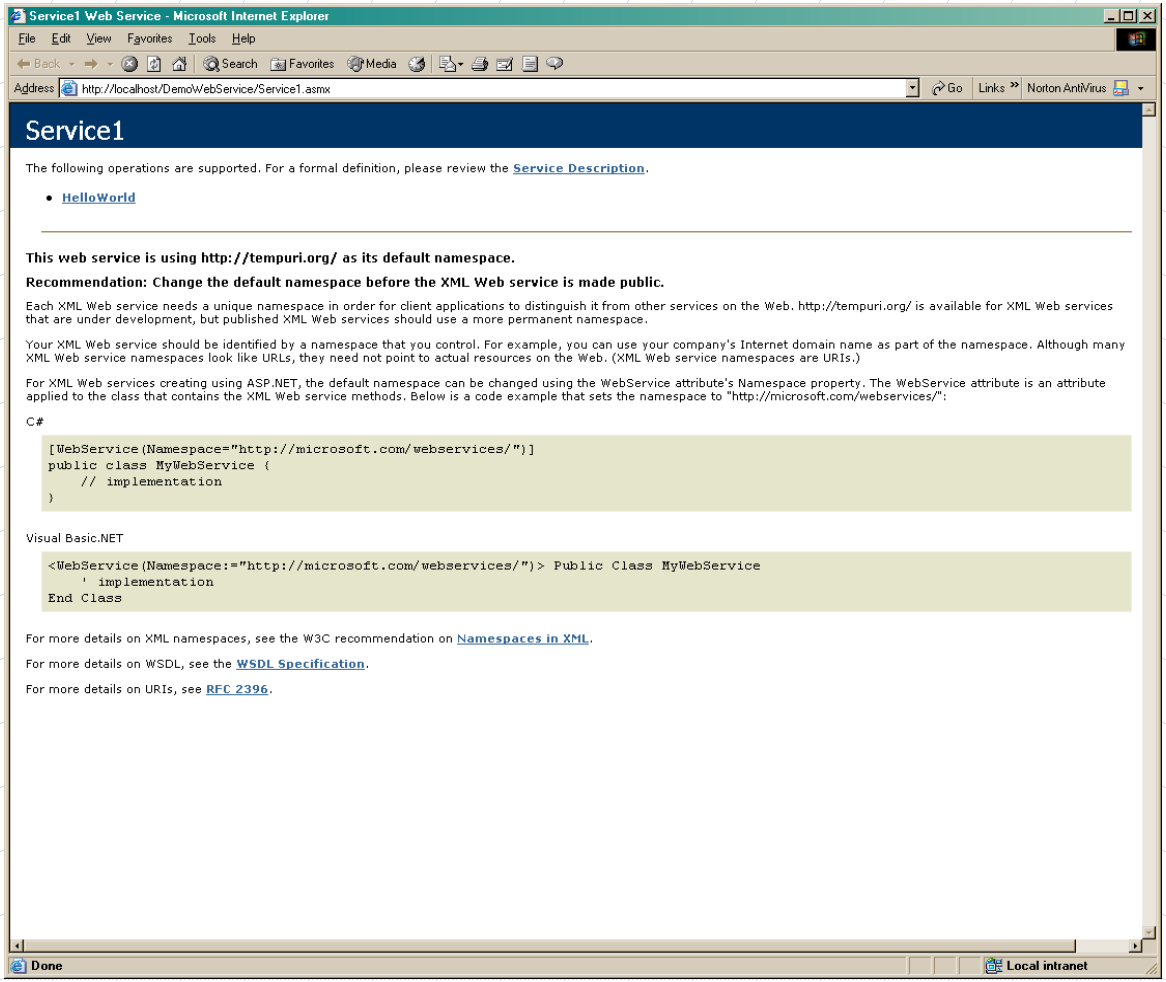
Creating a Web Service Project



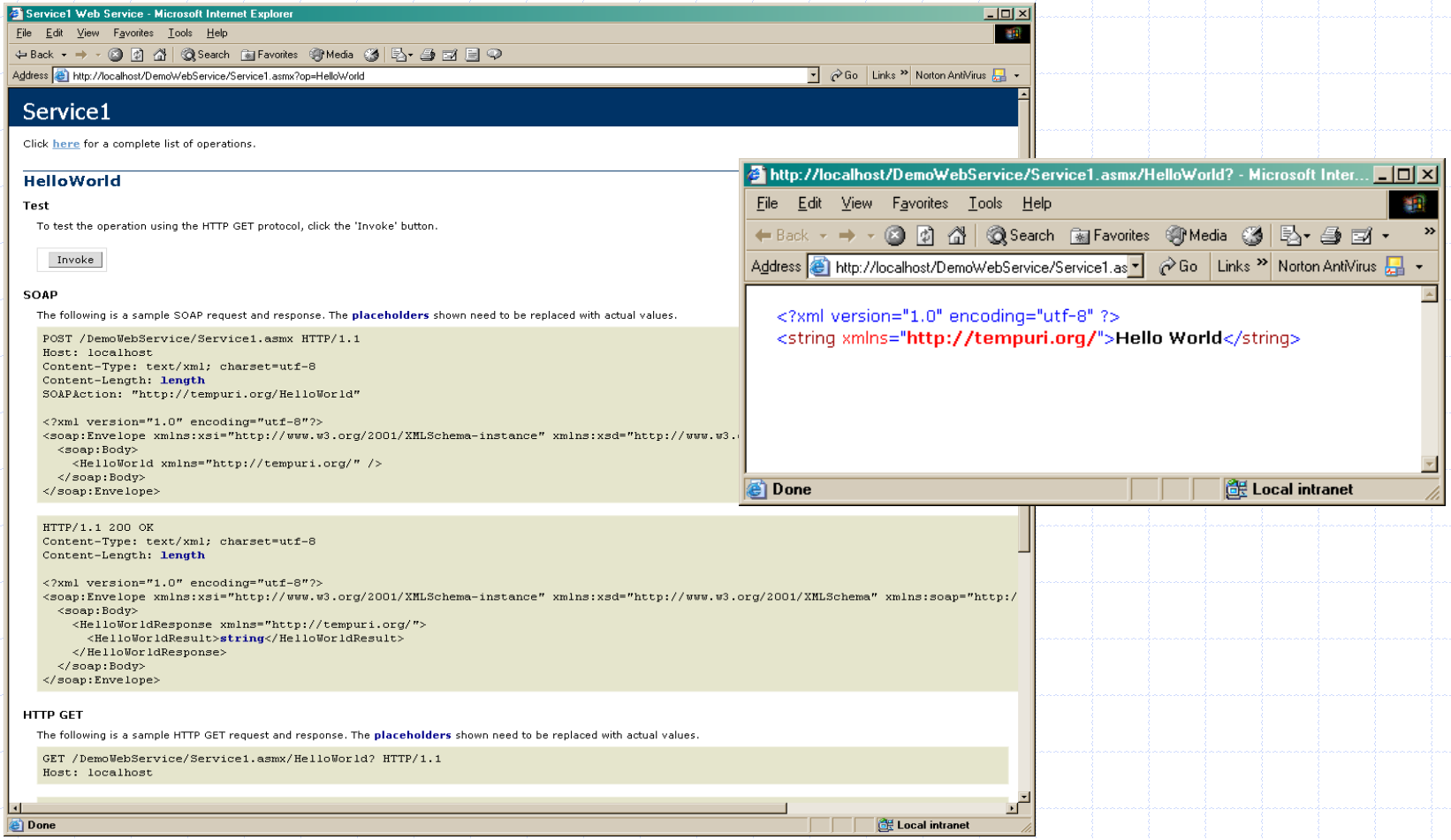
Resulting "Generic" Web Service



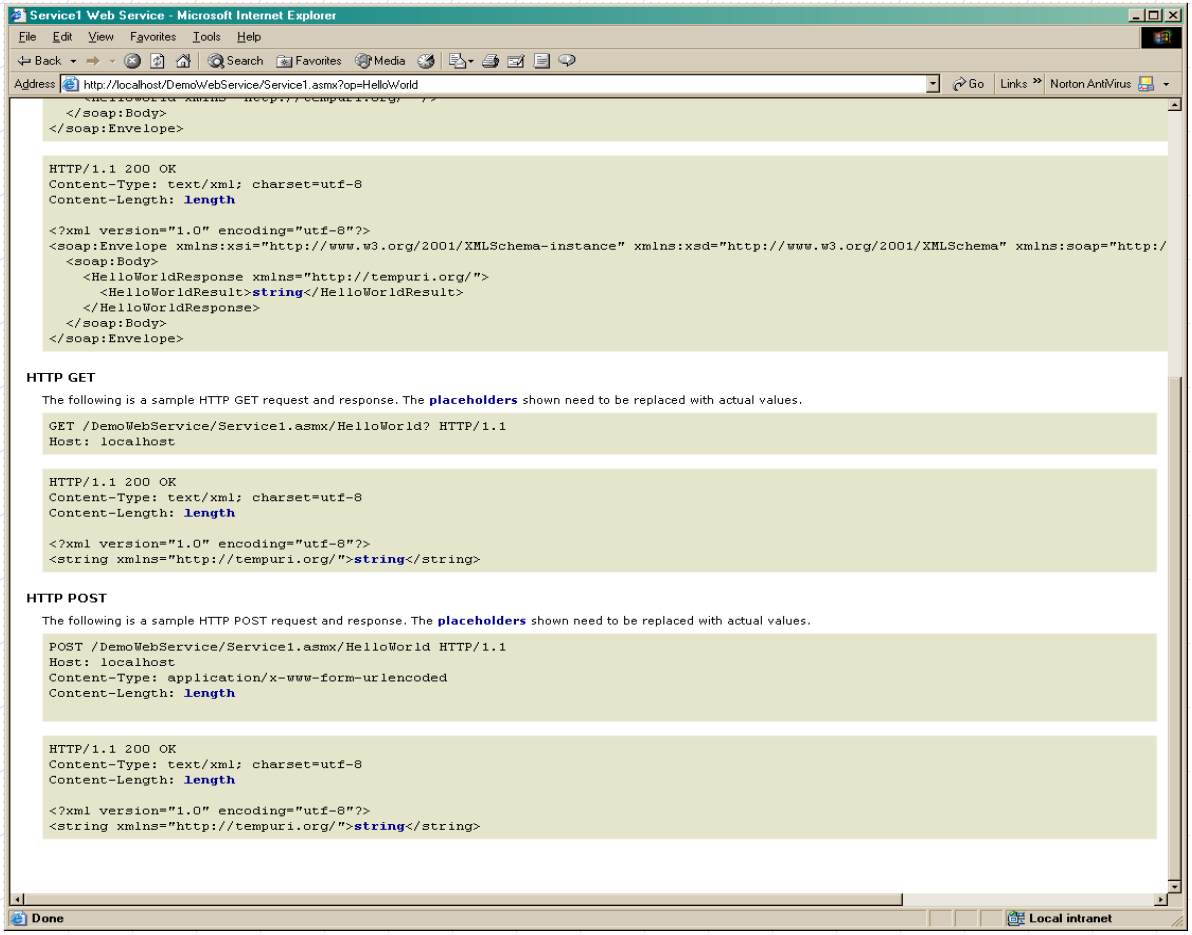
Resulting “Generic” Test



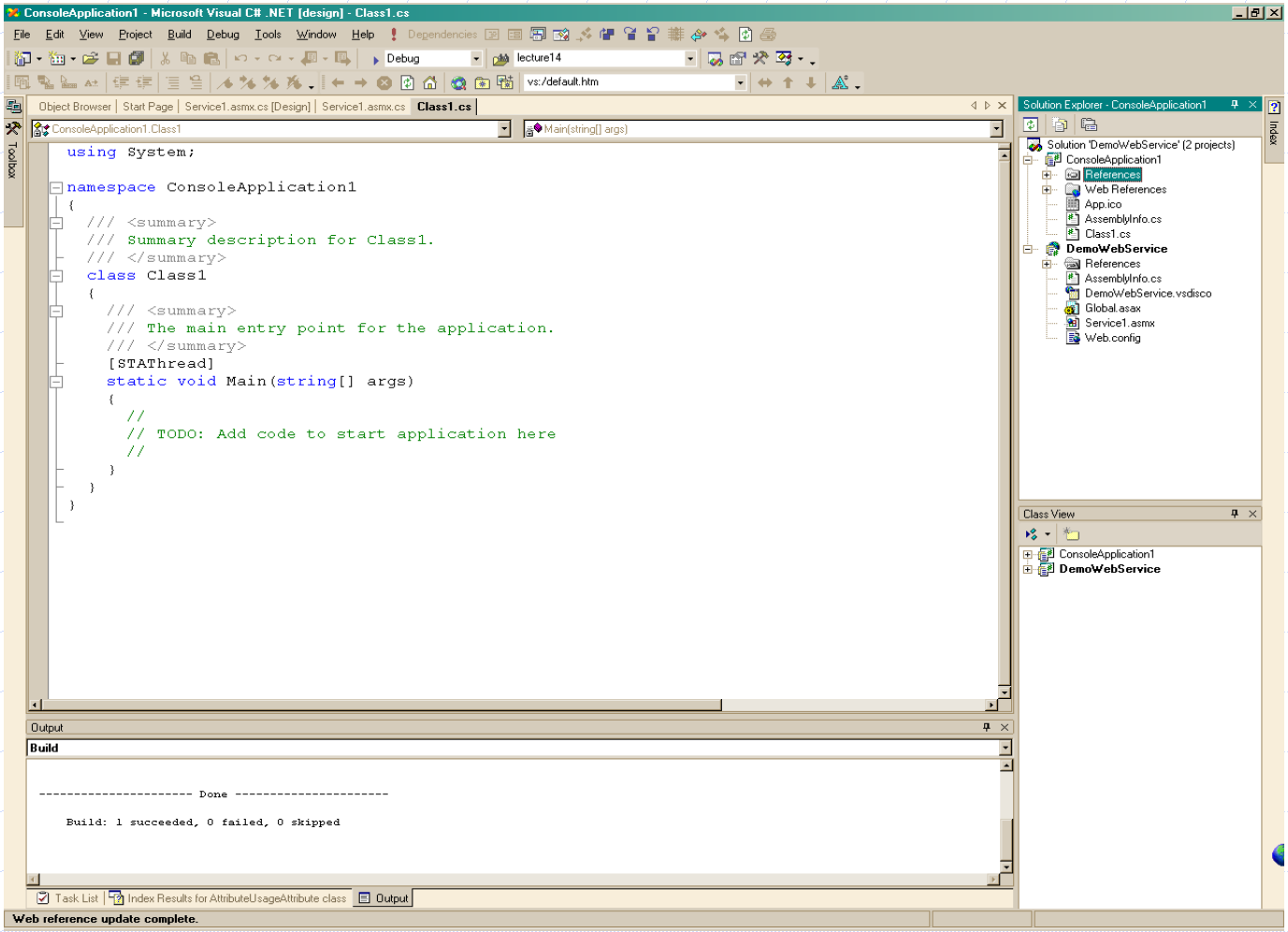
Sample Soap Request



Sample "Generic" HTTP GET and POST

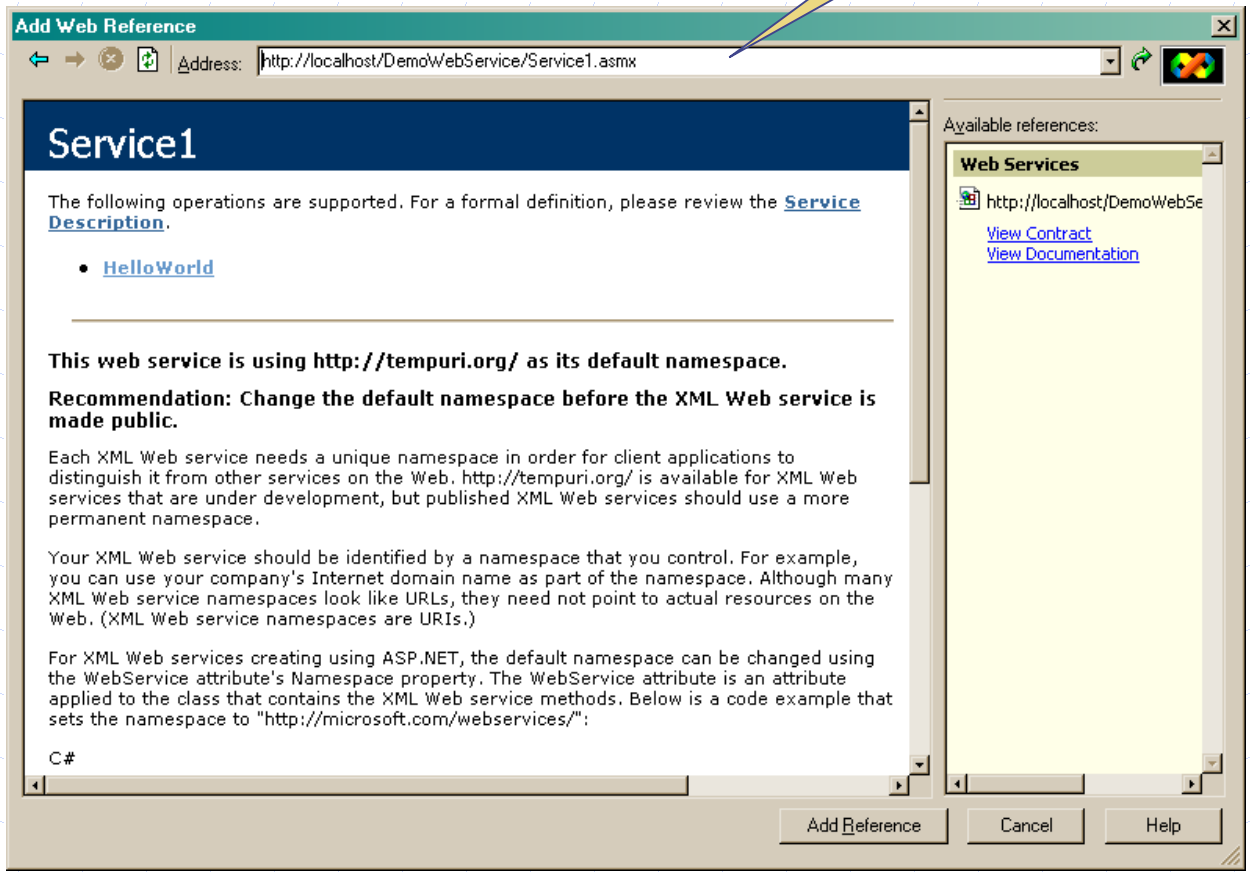


Create Console Client

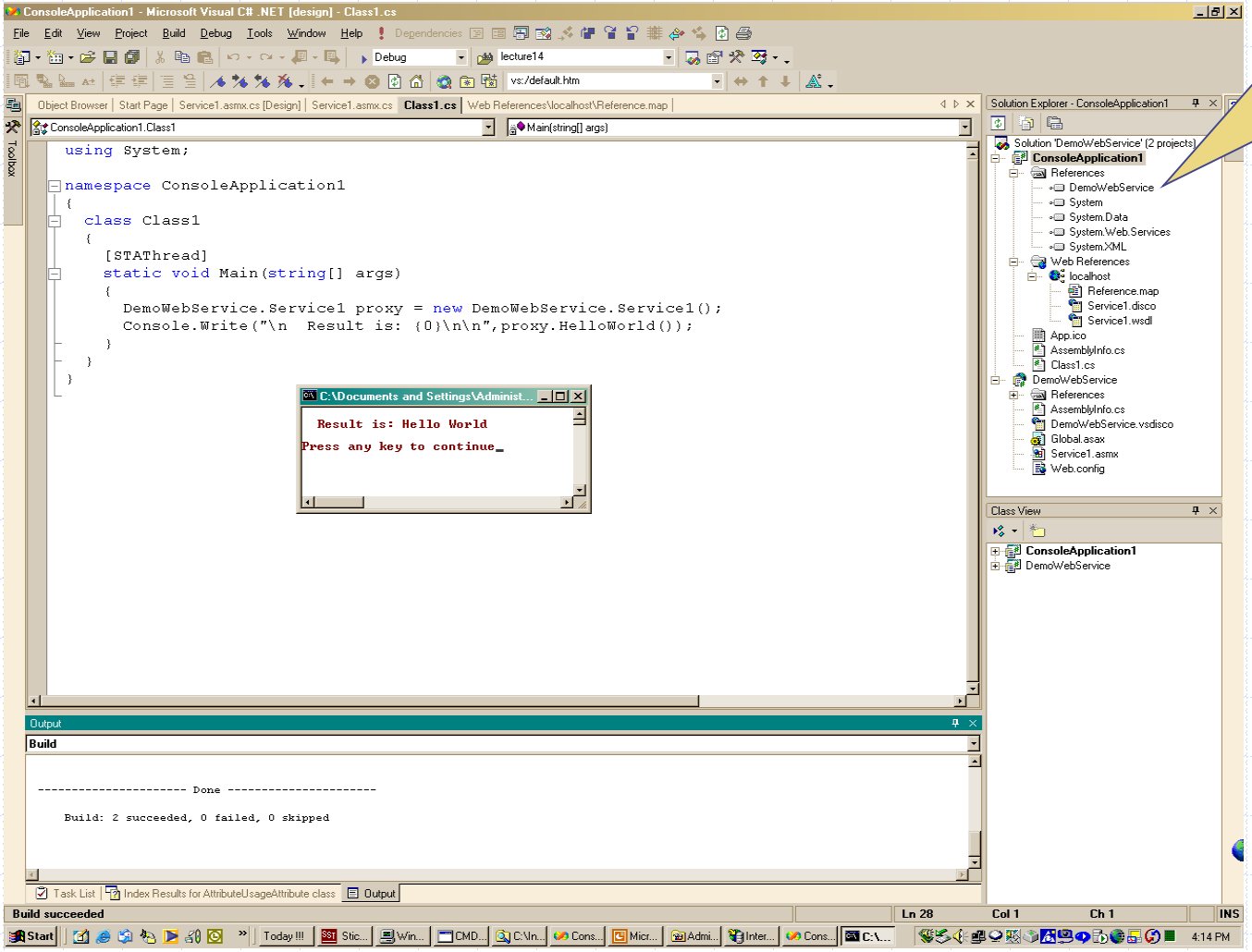


Adding a Web Reference

You have to locate the folder and asmx file, using explorer, then type in path here.



Client Accessing Web Service



Note:
You also need a reference to project so client knows about web service type.

Create Proxy Source Code with WDSL.exe - alternative to adding web reference

Web Services

The End