

Windows Communication Foundation Using C# (VS 2012)

Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) is Microsoft's new framework for building distributed systems. It unifies and builds on the diverse set of existing distribution mechanisms, which include ASP.NET Web services and .NET remoting. WCF enables developers to produce highly configurable, secure, reliable and transactional services using a single simplified programming model. And since WCF supports the WS-* series of Web service standards, it enables simple interoperation with other platforms and technologies.

This 3 day course provides a thorough grounding in this important technology. The first chapter covers the essential concepts and shows how to implement WCF services and clients. The "ABC" of address, binding and contracts are covered in detail. Service contracts and data contracts are elaborated, and instance management is covered. The course includes a discussion of error handling and security and concludes with coverage of the WCF Routing Service. A large number of working examples and lab exercises are provided. The course uses .NET 4.5 and Visual Studio 2012.

Course Objectives:

- Learn what WCF is, and how it unites existing distribution mechanisms.
- Gain an understanding of addressing and binding in WCF services.
- Use service contracts and data contracts.
- Implement WCF services and clients.
- Perform configuration in both code and configuration files.
- Understand faults and handle errors in WCF applications.
- Implement security in WCF applications.
- Understand the WCF Routing Service.

Audience: .NET Programmers who wish to use WCF to create and consume web services.

Prerequisites: Students should have a good working knowledge of building .NET applications with C#. Knowledge of building distributed systems and Web services will also be an advantage.

Number of Days: 3 days

1 WCF Essentials

What is WCF? WCF Services Service Orientation WCF = ABC

Address, Binding, Contract

Hosting Services A Service Contract

Visual Studio WCF Test Host Closing the Test Host Manually

Self-Hosting ServiceHost Class WCF Clients Channels Channel Factory Base Address

Host Life Cycle

Base Address Uri Class

Configuration Files Simplified Host Code Proxy Initialization Metadata Exchange

Behaviors

A Service in a Browser



Standard Endpoints WCF Architecture

ServiceHost and Channel Factory Service Contexts and Instances

2 Addresses and Bindings

Addresses Transports Bindings

Message Exchange Patterns

Security

Choosing a Binding HTTP Bindings

TCP and Named Pipe Bindings

MSMQ Bindings

Importance of BasicHttpBinding

Working with Endpoints

Default Endpoints & Bindings

Helper Methods

ServiceDescription Class

Multiple Endpoints Configuration File

Simple Host Code

3 Service Contracts

Service Contracts at Class Level Service Contracts at Interface Level Benefits of Interface Level Definition A Service with Multiple Contracts

ServiceContractAttribute Attributes in WSDL Viewing WSDL Files Contract Inheritance Operation Overloading

Enabling Operation Overloading Operation Overloading Client

4 Instance Management

Behaviors

WCF Behaviors

Configuring Behaviors in Code

WCF Instancing Models Per-Call Instancing Per-Session Instancing Sessions and Threading Singleton Instancing Which Model to Use?

Windows Forms WCF Clients

5 Data Contracts

Data Contracts

XSD for Data Contract

Arrays

Array in XML Schema

Array in Proxy Generic Collections

Generic Collections in XML Schema

Generic Collections in Proxy
Enumerations in Data Contracts

Employee Client Program Saving and Restoring

Serialization in WCF and .NET

SOAP Serialization

DataContract Serialization

JSON Serialization Using XmlSerializer Restoring Data Versioning

New and Missing Members New Client of Old Service

Round Trip

Required Members OnDescrializing Event

6 More about Service Contracts

Versioning Service Contracts

Version 1 Service Version 2 Service New Operations Version 3 Service

Version 1 Client/Version 3 Service Version 2 Client/Version 2 Service Version 3 Client/Version 3 Service

Message Exchange Patterns

Request-Reply Oneway / Duplex

Callbacks

Invoking a Callback Callback on a Client Asynchronous Proxies Threading Considerations

Task-Based Asynchronous Patterns

Task-Based Client

WebSockets

7 Handling Errors

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Errors in Distributed Systems Errors in .NET and WCF Service Library Code



Client Code

Client Exception Handling

Fault Exceptions

Exception Details in Faults

Exception Details

Exception Dialog

Fault Contracts

Custom Faults

Faulted Channels

8 WCF Security

Services and Security

Security Aspects of Services

Transfer Security

Transport Security

Configuring Transport Security

Host and Client Security Configuration

Client's Security Configuration

Message Security

Configuring Message Security

Other Security Modes

Certificates

Managing Certificates

Exception Details

Client Certificate Configuration

Sending Credentials

Username Credentials

9 WCF Routing Service

Service Contract and Implementation

Service Configuration

Hosting the Service

Client Application

Configuring the Router

Router Configuration File

Routing Contracts

Message Filters

EndpointName Message Filter

EndPointName Router Configuration

Incoming Endpoints and the Client

Error Handling

WCF Routing Scenarios

10 Appendix A – Learning Resources

11. Appendix B. Hosting in IIS 7.5

Internet Information Services

Installing IIS 7.5

WCF with IIS 7.5

.NET Framework Version

Registering ASP.NET

A Service Contract

A Website for the Service

WCF ServiceTemplate

Service Configuration

Referencing the Class Library

Examining the Service in the Browser

WCR Clients

Creating WCF Clients

Service as an IIS Application

Converting to an Application

Configuring as an Application

Moving a WCF Solution