How to build a SOAP service in Java by "code-first" approach and deploy it on Apache Tomcat server with Apache CFX support from with eclipse IDE

Prerequisities

Java

This tutorial was prepared for jdk 11. You can download it from Oracle or you can use OpenJDK.

IDE

Thera are some options available on the market. This tutorial works for: Eclipse or Spring Tools 4 ready-to-use distribution package. The scenario described can be repeated with the use of IntelliJ, however in a quite different way.

Eclipse

Download Eclipse from https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/packages/ and unzip it in a working folder. In particular you can download: Eclipse IDE 2021-03 R Packages / Eclipse IDE for Enterprise Java Developers from https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/packages/release/2021-03/r/eclipse-ide-enterprise-java-and-web-developers

This package includes Eclipse Web Tools Platform 3.21 (WTP) – set of tools used to build web services.

WTP requires 64-bit Java 11 or a newer "LTS" release to be run properly (there are none so far). WTP 3.21 is the current supported release (at this tutorial writing).

You can check, what is really installed selecting Help/About Eclipse IDE and then clicking on WTP icon in the popup window.

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Eclipse IDE 2021-03 R Packages / Eclipse IDE for Enterprise Java Developers lacks of Spring Tools 4 for Eclipse that support development of application based of Spring/SpringBoot framework. They are not necessary to go on with this tutorial. However you can install and update these tools from Eclipse Marketplace (search for Spring Tools 4).

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Download Spring Tools 4 as ready-to-use distribution package from <u>https://spring.io/tools</u> (for Windows, the download is a self-extracting JAR archive - double click and it will expand itself on disc).

This distribution package lacks of Web Tools Platform (WTP). Installation and updates of WTP can be performed from Eclipse Marketplace (search for Web Developer Tools)

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Apache CXF

To get use of the latest improvements of Apache CXF framework you should download it from <u>https://cxf.apache.org/download.html</u> web site.

Select binary distribution and unzip it in a working folder. In particular you can download apache-cxf-3.4.3.tar.gz (it was the latest one):

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Apache Tomcat

Download Apache Tomcat from http://tomcat.apache.org/ and unzip it in a working folder. In particular you can download:



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Implementation

eclipse

Run eclipse with JDK 11. If you have various JDK present in your system please make sure, that you are using the correct one.

Under windows you can prepare shortcut with the following parameters:

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Start in: drive letter: eclipse installation directory

The important setting is to pass –vm option to eclipse with a full path to javaw.exe (otherwise eclipse will use default path to java).

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Add Apache Tomcat server. This can be done through click on link under Server tab in the eclipse workspace (if there are no servers yet) or at any time by a wizard "New/Other/Server"

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Create new Dynamic Web Project. Name it, modify default configuration for Apache Tomcat (in order to make Apache CXF dependency)

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Configure workspace (if you wish to see the project structure):



Create new classes:

1. Define Info class in model package



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2. Define InfoService class in service package

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package service;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
import model.Info;
public class InfoService {
    private List<Info> il = new
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    public List<Info> getAllInfo() {
        return il;
    }
    public void addInfo(Info info) {
            il.add(info);
    }
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If needed, refresh project tree by pressing F5 (for some reasons sometimes packages are displayed not in correct place, but after refreshing problem disappear).

Now you can create and deploy a new web service (depoyable on Tomcat v9.0, with Apache CXF support, SOAP 1.2, wsdl without separate xsd). Please remember, that in "code first" approach the implementation of the class working as a service must be finished (at least the signatures of the methods must be in a final form). Otherwise you will need to regenerate service description every time the code of the class is changed. This may cause some troubles (!).

In order to generate and deploy a new service please select InfoService class (this makes things easier). After that start a wizard: New/Other/Web Services/Web Service.

On the way please remember to set "Web service runtime" in configuration section to **Apache CXF** (by default it is set to Apache Axis)

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Wizard will ask for the methods in InfoService class which are going to be used as service's methods. Select them accordingly (wizard will insert proper annotations inside class' source code).

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Next you will be asked about details of WSDL generation and SOAP binding. After that you can start server.

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Please observe what is written in Console. If everything is all right, tou will see "java2ws ...".



After pressing Start the server will be started. This will open new sockets and thus the Firewall might pop up an alert window.

If you continue you will see the window by which you can register the service in UDDI registry. But this registry is not running thus leave the available options unchecked.

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Look at "Apache CXF console". If everything was all right you see the following output. This means that java2ws worked correctly and all supporting classes were generated. These classes will be placed in service.javaws package, the generated wsdl will be in /wsdl folder.



Additionally web.xml and cxf-beans.xml will be generated (described hereafter).

Please note – the content of WebContent folder will be deployed on Apache Tomcat (If you wish you can export your project as a war file and deploy this war file by hand).

Please note as well that there is no class in the project with main method. And this is correct. Indeed there is no application to run as stand alone app. The service will be deployed on Apache Tomcat container.

Most probably you will see the error in "Tomcat v9.0 server at local host" console:

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The reason is that the content of WebContent/WEB-INF/bean-cxf.xml (which was generated automatically) has been designed for an older version of Apache CXF. In a newer versions of this library all the /META-INF/cxf/cxf-extension-XYZ.xml files were removed (see: <u>https://cxf.apache.org/docs/30-migration-guide.html</u>). Therefore the /WEB-INF/cxf-beans.xml file must be updated by removing one highlighted line:



Sometimes eclipse xsd validator shows errors in the web.xml line:

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<web-app xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee
http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee/web-app_4_0.xsd" version="4.0">
but indeed it is correct line.
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You can play a little saving cxf-beans.xml and web.xml – at certain moment eclipse will accept that line.

In troubles you could try to change it into:

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<web-app xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee
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end revert changes.

Now restart your application and server:

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If you see opened browser with 404 - dont worry. Actually this is not an error. Just the environment tries to show in a browser home page of your Dynamic Web Application. But this is a service, not a web app. You should access its functions from the endpoints.

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Information about all exposed endpoints can be found under: http://localhost:8080/TestingSOAP/services/

If you move a mouse over WSDL link, you will see, in the footnote, the address where wsdl file is served: http://localhost:8080/TestingSOAP/services/InfoServicePort?wsdl

All the paths of the service are configured in the deployment descriptor /WEB-INF/web.xml and in the file /WEB-INF/cxf-beans.xml



SoupUI

If you want to test your service you can run some tools offered by eclipse (like Web Service Explorer) or you can build client application by yourself. Bu there is another option. You can run SoapUI tool.



SoapUI Open Source Version 5.5.0 can be downloaded from https://www.soapui.org/

https://www.soapui.org/downloads/latest-release/

Latest SoapUI Open Source Downloads (Version 5.5.0)



Good option is to download zip version (it can run from a local folder).

Now you can create SoupUI project and sent the requests from it to the service





Remarks

Sometimes the eclipse wizards are not working. The source of troubles can be java2wsdl run by Apache CXF. Sometimes Apache Tomcat can not start, most often because of wrong configuration. For example – your eclipse may run different jre than declared runtime in your project (this happens often if in one system there are several jdk installed). Or your project has not correct path for Apache CXF library (by the way – eclipse for Java EE has all plugins needed to build Dynamic Web Projects, if you run STS based on eclipse – some plugins may not be installed). Thus please check all the requirements and dependencies.

Sometimes Apache Tomcat cannot start. The reasons might be: system firewall (especially on Windows 10), occupied port (by some other services) etc. Try to trace the problems according to these hints.