IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services 5 Provider Information Service Developer's Guide



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Preface

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Introduction to web services

What are web services?

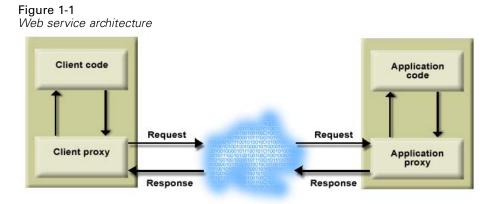
At a high level, a **web service** is a set of functionality distributed across a network (LAN or the Internet) using a common communication protocol. The web service serves as an intermediary between an application and its clients, providing both a standardized information structure and a standardized communication protocol for interaction between the two. Where other methods of distributed application architecture rely on a single programming language being used on both the application and its clients, a web service allows the use of loosely coupled services between non-homogenous platforms and languages. This provides a non-architecture-specific approach allowing, for example, Java services to communicate with C# clients, or vice-versa.

Advantages to implementing application functionality as web services include the following:

- Software written in different languages (Java or C#) running on different platforms (UNIX or Windows) can exchange services and data
- Application functionality can be accessed by a variety of clients. For example, both a thin-client interface and a rich-client interface can take advantage of the web service operations.
- Updates to the service are immediately available to all service clients

Web service system architecture

Web services are deployed and made publicly available using an application server, such as JBoss Application Server, WebSphere®, or Oracle WebLogic Server. The published web services are hosted by this application server to handle application requests, access permissions, and process load. A high-level architecture of how web services are implemented is displayed in the following diagram.



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The client code supplies input to an operation offered by a proxy class. The proxy class generates a request containing a standardized representation of the input and sends it across the network to the application. A proxy class on the server receives the request and unmarshals the contents into objects for processing by the application. Upon completing the operation, the application supplies a proxy with the output. The proxy creates a standardized representation of that output and sends the response back to the client. The client proxy unmarshals the response into native objects for subsequent processing by the client code.

Standardizing the format of the information passing between the client and the application allows a client written in one programming language to communicate with an application written in another. The proxy classes, which are automatically generated from a web service description by a variety of toolkits, handle the translation between native programming objects and the standardized representation. For more information, see the topic Proxies on p. 6.

Web service protocol stack

A web service implementation depends on technologies often organized in a layered stack. The implementation itself defines a standard protocol for each technology layer, with each layer depending on the layers appearing below it in the stack.

Figure 1-2

Web service protocol stack



Beginning at the bottom of the stack, the Transport layer defines the technology standards for communication, allowing information to move across the network. HTTP or HTTPS are often used as the standard for the transport layer.

The Packaging layer rests on top of Transport and defines the standard for structuring information for transport across the network. The SOAP format is commonly used, which offers an XML structure for packaging the data. For more information, see the topic Simple Object Access Protocol on p. 3.

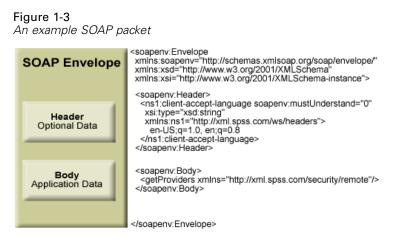
The topmost layer is Description and identifies the standards used by the layers below it in the stack, as well as providing the definition of the interface available for client use. The most common means of conveying this information is through the use of a WSDL file. For more information, see the topic Web Service Description Language on p. 3.

Simple Object Access Protocol

The Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) is a way to pass information between applications in an XML format. SOAP messages are transmitted from the sending application to the receiving application, typically over an HTTP session. The actual SOAP message is made up of the Envelope element, which contains a Body element and an optional Header element.

- Envelope. This mandatory element is the root of the SOAP message, identifying the transmitted XML as being a SOAP packet. An envelope contains a body section and an optional header section.
- Header. This optional element provides an extension mechanism indicating processing information for the message. For example, if the operation using the message requires security credentials, those credentials should be part of the envelope header.
- Body. This element contains the message payload, the raw data being transmitted between the sending and receiving applications. The body itself may consist of multiple child elements, with an XML schema typically defining the structure of this data.

A SOAP packet and the corresponding XML is structured in the following way:



Web Service Description Language

A Web Service Description Language (WSDL) file provides an XML-based map of what functionality the published web service allows, separating the implementation in the service from the interface. The WSDL defines the following:

- The access location of the web service
- Operations the web service exposes
- Parameters the exposed operations accept
- Any request or response messages associated with the operations

The WSDL provides the information necessary to generate a client-side proxy in the desired programming language.

In accordance with the WSDL specification (*http://www.w3.org/TR/wsdl*) adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium, information in the WSDL is organized into the following sections:

- Types. Content definitions for web service operation input and output. For more information, see the topic Types on p. 4.
- Messages. Input and output definitions for the web service operations. For more information, see the topic Messages on p. 5.
- PortTypes. Groups of operations offered by the web service. For more information, see the topic Port types on p. 5.
- Bindings. Protocols and formats for the web service operations. For more information, see the topic Bindings on p. 5.
- Services. Endpoints at which the web service functionality can be accessed. For more information, see the topic Services on p. 6.

Types

The types element of a WSDL file contains the data type definitions employed by messages processed by the web service. These definitions use XML to organize the information relevant to the type element being defined. Consider the following type definitions:

<wsdl:types>

```
<schema targetNamespace="http://xml.spss.com/security/remote"
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
<element name="getProviders">
<complexType />
</element>
<element name="getProvidersResponse">
<complexType>
<sequence>
<lelement name="providerInfo[unbounded]" type="tns1:providerInfo" />
</sequence>
</complexType>
</element>
</schema>
</wsdl:types>
```

This section defines two elements, *getProviders* and *getProvidersResponse*. The former is an empty element. The latter contains a sequence of *providerInfo* child elements. These children are all of the *providerInfo* type, which is defined elsewhere.

In practice, the WSDL file typically references type element definitions found in an external XML schema. For instance, the following definition uses *security-remote.xsd* to define type elements.

```
<wsdl:types>
<xs:schema>
<xs:import namespace="http://xml.spss.com/security/remote"
schemaLocation="security-remote.xsd"/>
</xs:schema>
</wsdl:types>
```

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Messages

The message elements of a WSDL file defines the input or output parameters for operations available in the web service. Each message can consist of one or more parts, with the parts similar to the parameters of a function call in a traditional programming language. Consider the following two message definitions:

```
<wsdl:message name="getProvidersResponse">
<wsdl:part element="tns2:getProvidersResponse" name="parameters" />
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="getProvidersRequest">
<wsdl:message name="getProvidersRequest">
</wsdl:message>
```

The *getProvidersResponse* message contains a single part, corresponding to the *getProvidersResponse* element defined in the types section of the WSDL file. Similarly, the *getProvidersRequest* message also contains a single part, as defined by the *getProviders* element in the types section. For more information, see the topic Types on p. 4.

Port types

The portType element of a WSDL file defines the actual interface to the web service. A port type is simply a group of related operations and is comparable to a function library, module, or class in a traditional programming language. The definition specifies the parameters for the operations, as well as any values returned. The parameters and return values correspond to messages defined elsewhere in the WSDL file. Consider the following port type definition:

```
<wsdl:portType name="ProviderInformation">
<wsdl:operation name="getProviders">
<wsdl:input message="impl:getProvidersRequest" name="getProvidersRequest" />
<wsdl:output message="impl:getProvidersResponse" name="getProvidersResponse" />
</wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:portType>
```

The *ProviderInformation* port type consists of a single operation, *getProviders*. Input to this operation corresponds to the *getProvidersRequest* message. The operation returns information in the structure defined by the *getProvidersResponse* message. For more information, see the topic Messages on p. 5.

Bindings

The binding element of a WSDL file binds the interface defined by the port type to transport and messaging protocols. Consider the following binding definition:

```
<wsdl:binding name="ProviderInformationSoapBinding" type="impl:ProviderInformation">
<wsdlsoap:binding style="document" transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" />
<wsdl:operation name="getProviders">
<wsdlsoap:operation soapAction="" />
<wsdl:input name="getProvidersRequest">
<wsdl:operation soapAction="" />
<wsdlsoap:body namespace="http://xml.spss.com/security/remote" use="literal" />
```

```
</wsdl:input>
<wsdl:output name="getProvidersResponse">
<wsdlsoap:body namespace="http://xml.spss.com/security" use="literal" />
</wsdl:output>
</wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>
```

In this case, the transport attribute of the wsdlsoap:binding element defines HTTP as the transport protocol. Both the *getProviders* and *getProvidersReponse* operations in the interface are bound to the SOAP messaging protocol.

Services

The service element of a WSDL file identifies the network location at which the service interface can be accessed. Consider the following service definition:

```
<wsdl:service name="ProviderInformationService">
<wsdl:port binding="impl:ProviderInformationSoapBinding" name="ProviderInformation">
<wsdlsoap:address location="http://pes_server:8080/security-ws/services/ProviderInformation" />
</wsdl:port>
</wsdl:service>
```

In this example, the operations comprising the *ProviderInformation* port type can be accessed at:

http://pes_server:8080/security-ws/services/ProviderInformation

Proxies

Proxies serve as bridges between the client and the web service. A client-side proxy marshals the input objects into a standardized representation which is sent to the web service. A server-side proxy unmarshals the information into input objects for the service operations. The results of the operation are marshalled into standard representations and returned to the client. The client proxy unmarshals the response information into objects for any additional processing by the client.

Creating a proxy is the first step when developing a web service client; the proxy is the translation-unit between your application and the web service the application is using. Fortunately, many development environments include tools for automatically generating the client proxy from the web service WSDL file, allowing the client developer to focus on the client application code instead of transport and packaging protocols.

The proxy classes generated from a WSDL file depend on the tool used. For Java, the *wsdl2java* tool, which is part of the Apache Axis project, can be used. This tool produces a Java class for each type in the WSDL. Each port type results in a Java interface. A binding creates a stub class, and a WSDL service yields a service interface with a locator implementation. These generated classes and interfaces can be called directly from a client application written in Java to access the web service functionality.

An alternative Java proxy tool is *wsimport*, which is part of JAX-WS. The general structure of the generated classes is similar to that created by the Axis tool, but there are some differences. For example, instead of using arrays for input fields and returned items, the code generated from

the *wsimport* tool uses List collections. In addition, if an input type matches an output type for a method, the *wsimport* tool uses a Holder class for the parameter.

In contrast, on the .NET platform, the *wsdl.exe* tool is often used to generate a web service proxy. This tool creates a single source file in a specified language containing the proxy class. This class includes both synchronous and asynchronous methods for each operation defined in the WSDL. For example, the web service operation *getProviders* results in the methods *getProviders*, *getProvidersBegin*, and *getProvidersEnd*. The latter two can be used for asynchronous processing.

A variety of other tools exist for other programming languages. For details, consult the documentation for those tools. In each case, the tool creates native programming constructs that permit leveraging a web service regardless of the service implementation language.

Provider Information Service overview

A user's login/password combination must be verified before access to IBM® SPSS® Collaboration and Deployment Services can be granted. The Provider Information Service provides information about the enabled security providers against which the user credentials can be authenticated. The data returned by the service is typically used to allow users to select the provider to use for authentication of their login information.

Workflow

The request for provider information should be made part of the act of logging in to the server. The initial exchange between a client and the server would be:

- 1. Determine from which providers the user can choose using the Provider Information Service.
- 2. Login using the Capability Information Service.
- 3. Get the root of the repository using the Content Repository Service.

Of course the first two services must be hard-coded in the client. However, all other web service endpoints should be obtained from the capabilities data.

Accessing the Provider Information Service

To access the functionality offered by the Provider Information Service, create a client application using the proxy classes generated by your preferred web service tool. The endpoint for the service is:

http://<host-name>:<port-number>/security-ws/services/ProviderInformation

The value of *<host-name>* corresponds to the machine on which IBM® SPSS® Collaboration and Deployment Services Repository is installed, with *<port-number>* indicating the port number on which it is running. To access the WSDL file for the service, append ?wsdl to the service endpoint.

For example, if IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services Repository is running on port 80 of the machine *cads_server*, the WSDL file can be accessed using the path:

http://cads_server:80/security-ws/services/ProviderInformation?wsdl

Calling Provider Information Service operations

Clients access the operations offered by the web service using a stub for the service. The following is an example of how to acquire a stub in Java through Axis defined methods:

String context = "/security-ws/services/ProviderInformation"; URL url = new URL("http", "cads_server", 80, context);

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ProviderInformationService service = new ProviderInformationServiceLocator(); stub = service.getProviderInformation(url);

The service operations can be called directly from the stub, such as:

stub.getProviders();

Provider Information Service concepts

Providers

A security provider is responsible for verifying the credentials supplied by a user against a particular user directory. IBM® SPSS® Collaboration and Deployment Services includes an internal directory for authentication, but an existing enterprise user directory can also be used. Available providers include:

- Native (or local user repository). The internal security provider for IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services, in which users, groups, and roles can all be defined. The native provider is always active and cannot be disabled.
- OpenLDAP®. An open-source LDAP implementation for authentication, authorization, and security policies. Users and groups for this provider must be defined directly using LDAP tools. After configuring OpenLDAP for use with IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services, the system can authenticate a user against the OpenLDAP server while maintaining the permissions and access rights associated with that user. In contrast to the native provider, this provider can be enabled or disabled.
- Active Directory®. The Microsoft version of Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) for authentication, authorization, and security policies. Users and groups for this provider must be defined directly in the Active Directory framework. After configuring Active Directory for use with IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services, the system can authenticate a user against the Active Directory server while maintaining the permissions and access rights associated with that user. This provider can be enabled or disabled. For additional information about Active Directory, see the original vendor's documentation.
- Active Directory with local override. A provider that leverages Active Directory but allows the creation of extended groups and allowed-users filters. An extended group contains a list of users from Active Directory but exists outside of the Active Directory framework. An allowed-users filter restricts the list of Active Directory users that can authenticate against the system to a defined set. This provider can be enabled or disabled.
- IBM i. IBM i user profiles directory can be used to authenticate IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services users. This provider can be enabled or disabled. If IBM i security provider is used with single sign-on-enabled IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services installation, EIM (Enterprise Identity Management) must be enabled. Additionally, /QIBM/UserData/Java400/ext/eim.jar must be copied into the library directory of the IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services application server if the application server is running on a non-IBM i host.
- JDE Application User. If you use IBM® ShowCase®, the ShowCase adapter installation installs this security provider into your IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services server. This security provider may be configured to allow JD Edwards (JDE) application users to log in and use the IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services environment. For instructions, see the ShowCase Administrator's Guide.

Provider properties

The Provider Information Service returns several properties for each provider enabled in the system. This information includes the following:

- **ID.** A unique identifier for the provider.
- Name. The name of the provider, such as *Native* or *Active Directory with Local Override*. The name typically appears in a Login dialog if multiple providers are enabled to allow a user to select the provider against which to authenticate.
- **Key.** An internal value assigned to the ID/Name combination. Keys can be used in lists of available providers, using the name corresponding to the key in client interfaces.
- Domain. The domain within the provider under which users are classified. Some security providers, such as Native, do not use domains. For others, the domain returned by the service may be null if the directory only offers one domain.

Operation reference

The getProviders operation

Returns information about the security providers available in IBM® SPSS® Collaboration and Deployment Services. This information can be useful for login purposes, allowing a user to select a provider against which to authenticate credentials.

Return information

The following table identifies the information returned by the getProviders operation.

Table 4-1 Return Value

Туре	Description
providerInfo[]	Information regarding a provider. A Provider is responsible for verifying the credentials supplied by a user against a particular user directory. Generally, an enterprise will already have an existing user directory in place, such as Active Directory or LDAP. A Provider connects the authentication service to this existing user directory. User interfaces typically use the providerInfo information to present a user with a choice of available Providers. For example, information returned by accessor methods for the ProviderName and Domain (if appropriate) is usually presented to the end user. The return value of an accessor method for the Key information represents the provider selected by the user.

Java example

The following example function calls getProviders from the stub for the service, returning an array of information about the providers.

```
public ProviderInfo[] getProviders()
throws RemoteException, IOException, ServiceException {
  return getProviderInformation().getProviders();
}
```

SOAP request example

Client invocation of the getProviders operation generates a SOAP request message that is sent to the server for processing. An example of such a message follows.

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```
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<soapenv:Header>
<ns1:client-accept-language soapenv:mustUnderstand="0"
xsi:type="xsd:string" xmlns:ns1="http://xml.spss.com/ws/headers">
en-US;q=1.0, en;q=0.8
</ns1:client-accept-language>
</soapenv:Header>
<soapenv:Header>
<soapenv:Header>
<soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

SOAP response example

The server responds to a getProviders operation call by sending a SOAP response message containing the results. An example of such a message follows.

```
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<soapenv:Body>
  <getProvidersResponse xmlns="http://xml.spss.com/security/remote">
   <providerInfo xmlns="http://xml.spss.com/security">
    <providerID>Native</providerID>
    <providerName>Local User Repository</providerName>
    <providerKey>p0</providerKey>
   </providerInfo>
   <providerInfo xmlns="http://xml.spss.com/security">
    <providerID>AD</providerID>
    <providerName>Active Directory</providerName>
    <providerKey>p1</providerKey>
    <providerDomain>myDomain</providerDomain>
   </providerInfo>
   <providerInfo xmlns="http://xml.spss.com/security">
    <providerID>ADL</providerID>
    <providerName>Active Directory with Local Override</providerName>
    <providerKey>p2</providerKey>
    <providerDomain>myDomain</providerDomain>
   </providerInfo>
  </getProvidersResponse>
</soapenv:Body>
```

</soapenv:Envelope>

The getVersion operation

Returns the version number of the service.

Return information

The following table identifies the information returned by the getVersion operation.

Table 4-2 Return Value

Туре	Description
string	The version of the web service.

Java example

The following code uses the WSConnections class to return stubs for the services. The getVersion operation returns the version number of each returned service to the standard output.

```
String host = "localhost";
    int port = 80;
    boolean useSSL = false;
    String username = "admin";
    String password = "spss";
    String acceptLanguage = "en_us";
   // create an instance of the WebServiceConnections, passing in all the
   // relevant connection information.
    WebServiceConnections wsConnections = new WebServiceConnections(host,
        port, useSSL, username, password, acceptLanguage);
CapabilityInformation capabilityInformation = wsConnections.getCapabilityInformation();
      System.out.println("CapabilityInformation version = " + capabilityInformation.getVersion());
DirectoryManagement directoryManagement = wsConnections.getDirectoryManagement();
      System.out.println("Directory Management version = " + directoryManagement.getVersion());
ProviderInformation providerInformation = wsConnections.getProviderInformation();
      System.out.println("ProviderInformation version = " + providerInformation.getVersion());
DirectoryInformation directoryInformation = wsConnections.getDirectoryInformation();
      System.out.println("DirectoryInformation version = " + directoryInformation.getVersion());
Authentication authentication = wsConnections.getAuthentication();
      System.out.println("Authentication version = " + authentication.getVersion());
SSODirectoryManagement ssoDirectoryManagement = wsConnections.getSSODirectoryManagement();
      System.out.println("SSODirectoryManagement version = " + ssoDirectoryManagement.getVersion());
```

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SOAP request example

Client invocation of the getVersion operation generates a SOAP request message that is sent to the server for processing. An example of such a message follows.

```
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<soapenv:Body>
<getVersion xmlns="http://xml.spss.com/security/remote"/>
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

SOAP response example

The server responds to a getVersion operation call by sending a SOAP response message containing the results. An example of such a message follows.

```
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<soapenv:Body>
<getVersionResponse xmlns="http://xml.spss.com/security/remote">
<version>4.20.000</version>
</getVersionResponse>
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

Microsoft[®] .NET Framework-based clients

In order to use the web services from a Microsoft Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) client, you will need Visual Studio 2008 or later. The discussion here assumes the use of Visual Studio 2008. In general, the process for accessing IBM® SPSS® Collaboration and Deployment Services web services involves the following steps:

- 1. Add a Service Reference. For more information, see the topic Adding a service reference on p. 16.
- 2. Configure the web service endpoint. For more information, see the topic Configuring the web service endpoint on p. 18.
- 3. Programmatically configure the necessary endpoint behaviors. For more information, see the topic Configuring endpoint behaviors on p. 19.
- 4. Exercise the web service. For more information, see the topic Exercising the service on p. 19.

Note that the IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services single sign-on implementation is not compatible with Microsoft .NET web services, or the WCF. As a result, single sign-on is not available from these clients.

Adding a service reference

The first step in using a WCF client to access IBM® SPSS® Collaboration and Deployment Services web services is to make the service available to the Visual Studio project by adding it as a Service Reference.

- 1. In Visual Studio, right-click the folder's References folder and select Add Service Reference.
- 2. Type the URL of the service WSDL location in the Address field, and click Go. The value corresponds to the service endpoint appended with *?wsdl*.
- 3. Specify the desired namespace in the Namespace field.
- 4. Click OK.

Visual Studio adds a new service reference to the Service Reference directory for the project. The name of the reference corresponds to the specified namespace.

Microsoft[®] .NET Framework-based clients

Service reference modifications

Due to known compatibility issues between Microsoft tooling and some WSDL files, you need to manually modify some service references before they can be used successfully. For information about the specific issues, see articles 891386 (*http://support.microsoft.com/kb/891386*) and 326790 (*http://support.microsoft.com/kb/326790*) on the Microsoft Support site.

To modify a service reference:

- 1. In Visual Studio, select the project and click Show All Files from the Project menu.
- 2. Expand the service reference that needs to be modified.
- 3. Expand the *Reference.svcmap* node.
- 4. Open the *Reference.cs* file.
- 5. Make the required modifications.
- 6. Save the file.

For the Content Repository Service, Content Repository URI Service, and Process Management Service, you need to make the following changes to the RowType class:

- private value[][] cellField should be changed to private value[] cellField
- public value[][] cell should be changed to public value[] cell

For the Scoring Service, you need to make the following changes:

- in the returnedDPDOutputTable class, private returnedDPDOutputValue[][] returnedDPDOutputrowField should be changed to private returnedDPDOutputValue[] returnedDPDOutputrowField
- in the returnedDPDOutputTable class, private returnedDPDOutputValue[][] returnedDPDOutputRow should be changed to private returnedDPDOutputValue[] returnedDPDOutputRow
- in the returnedRequestInputTable class, private returnedRequestInputValue[][] returnedRequestInputRow should be changed to private returnedRequestInputValue[] returnedRequestInputRow
- in the returnedRequestInputTable class, private returnedRequestInputValue[][] returnedRequestInputRowField should be changed to private returnedRequestInputValue[] returnedRequestInputRowField
- in the requestInputTable class, private input1[][] requestInputRowField should be changed to private input1[] requestInputRowField
- in the requestInputTable class, private input1[][] requestInputRow should be changed to private input1[] requestInputRow

For the PevServices Service, you need to make the following changes:

in the avTableConflict class, private avColumnMeta[][] avColumnConflictField should be changed to private avColumnMeta[] avColumnConflictField Appendix A

- in the avTableConflict class, private avColumnMeta[][] avColumnConflict should be changed to private avColumnMeta[] avColumnConflict
- in the evTableConflict class, private evColumnMeta[][] evColumnConflictField should be changed to private evColumnMeta[] evColumnConflictField
- in the evTableConflict class, private evColumnMeta[][] evColumnConflict should be changed to private evColumnMeta[] evColumnConflict

Configuring the web service endpoint

In WCF, you can configure a service endpoint either declaratively using an *app.config* file, or programmatically using the WCF APIs. The following steps describe the creation of a basic configuration within an *app.config* file.

- 1. In Visual Studio, double-click the *app.config* file for the application (or *web.config* for a web-application).
- 2. Find the system.serviceModel element. Create it if it does not already exist.
- 3. Find the client element. Create it if it does not already exist.
- 4. Create a new endpoint element as a child of the client element.
- 5. Specify the appropriate service endpoint URL as the value of the *address* attribute.
- 6. Specify *basicHttpBinding* as the value of the *binding* attribute.
- 7. Specify the appropriate service contract as the value of the *contract* attribute. The service contract is the value of the service reference namespace appended with the service name.
- 8. Optionally specify a value for the *name* attribute that identifies a name for the endpoint configuration. If the *name* is blank, the configuration is used as the default for the service.

The resulting *app.config* file should be similar to the following example:

```
<system.serviceModel>
<client>
<endpoint
address="http://cads_server:8080/cr-ws/services/ContentRepository"
binding="basicHttpBinding"
bindingConfiguration=""
contract="IBM.SPSS.ContentRepository"
name=""/>
</client>
</system.serviceModel>
```

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Configuring endpoint behaviors

The following two issues complicate the use of IBM® SPSS® Collaboration and Deployment Services web services by WCF clients:

- WCF does not allow the username and password to be transmitted over HTTP
- WCF does not correctly understand the SOAP Fault format returned by the services

To address these problems, a sample Visual Studio project is available that contains classes adding endpoint behaviors that resolve both issues. The IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services installation media includes this project.

To use these classes, ensure that the *IBM.SPSS.WCF.Utilities* project containing these classes has been compiled and added as a reference to the Visual Studio project that exercises the web services. When constructing a new service client instance, ensure that the behaviors are added as follows:

```
ContentRepositoryClient serviceClient = new ContentRepositoryClient();
serviceClient.Endpoint.Behaviors.Add(
    new ApplyClientInspectorsBehavior(
    new HeaderInjectionMessageInspector(
    new UsernameTokenSecurityHeader("admin", "Abcdefg1")
    ),
    new SOAPFaultFormatMessageInspector())
);
```

This adds two message inspectors to the behaviors for the endpoint. The first allows message headers to be injected, permitting a UsernameToken security header containing the username and password to be transmitted over HTTP. The second message inspector intercepts SOAP Faults, ensuring that they are formatted for proper WCF processing.

Exercising the service

After adding the service reference to the project, configuring the endpoint, and adding the necessary endpoint behaviors, the WCF-based web service client is ready. Add the .NET source code to the project to exercise the web service as needed.

There may be instances in which the .NET client proxies are generated incorrectly, leading to unexpected missing results at runtime. If a web service call returns no results when results are expected, the generated .NET types associated with the request and response should be examined. Specifically, members of the types may have two .NET attributes assigned. The first, MessageBodyMemberAttribute, will often include the proper namespace for the member type. The second, XmlElementAttribute, should have the same namespace as MessageBodyMemberAttribute. If this is not the case, add the namespace to XmlElementAttribute. Moreover, the addition of XML serialization attributes, such as System.XML.Serialization.XmlElementAttribute, may be necessary to correctly name the expected namespace or element. For example, the following generated client code would need to be modified:

public partial class getUsersResponse {

System.ServiceModel.MessageBodyMemberAttribute(Namespace =

"http://xml.spss.com/pes/userPref/remote", Order = 0)]

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public IBM.SPSS.ManagerUserPref.usersResponse usersResponse;

The corrected code is as follows:

public partial class getUsersResponse {

[System.ServiceModel.MessageBodyMemberAttribute(Namespace =

"http://xml.spss.com/pes/userPref/remote", Order = 0)]

[System.Xml.Serialization.XmlElementAttribute(ElementName="usersRequestResponse")]

public IBM.SPSS.ManagerUserPref.usersResponse usersResponse;

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