

# Utilizing State Oriented Communication for Web Services Based on Business APIs (BAPI) with Microsoft Visual Studio 2005

## Summary

Some applications require stateful oriented communication. If these function modules are published as Web services state oriented communication is supported for the server side using HTTP sessions that can be used by .NET based Web services clients to achieve consistency.

Instead of stateful communication SAP recommends to use SAP Enterprise Services because they are using a stateless model and ensure consistency of the called backend application.

This scenario however is applicable in a situation where no SAP Enterprise Services can be used and where for example an existing stateful RFC communication is to be replaced by a Web service based communication calling the same function modules.

## Applies to

- SAP NetWeaver Application Server ABAP 6.40 SP21 or higher<sup>1</sup>
- Microsoft Visual Studio 2005

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## Introduction

In some cases it is necessary having a session / state oriented communication between applications. This can be because of aggregation of data for later or for handling multiple transactions in one Web Service call. An example could be the external BAPI COMMIT required by some BAPIs in contrast to SAP Enterprise Services that are using a stateless programming model.

### **SAP Enterprise Services using stateless communication**

SAP Enterprise Services are based on a harmonized object model and are subject to strict governance. Every SAP Enterprise Service (in contrast to a RFC or a Web service based on a RFC) is a atomic transaction that leaves the database of the business application in a consistent state. Therefore it is not the responsibility of the consumer to ensure data consistency on the backend called.

This is not the case if a stateful model is used. Here it is the responsibility of the consumer to make sure that the calls to the backend are made in a consistent way. In principal the developer is even able to perform several calls to different BAPIs and RFCs thereby creating a LUW that spans the complete backend or even several backend systems. The developer therefore has to know the programming model used in the backend system(s) which makes an implementation more complicated and error prone.

Therefore SAP has decided to go for a stateless programming model in its eSOA-strategy. If SAP Enterprise Services are used the burden of responsibility to ensure data consistency is not left to the developer any more even if the Enterprise Service itself calls different systems in the backend.

In the long term SAP therefore *strongly recommends* only to use stateless Enterprise Services as interfaces to communicate with SAP NetWeaver rather than calling simple web services based on BAPIs.

### **Stateful BAPI calls using Web Services as an intermediate solution**

If however it is necessary to deal with existing BAPI/RFC interfaces that are published as Web services this Collaboration Brief will show how to setup a session / state oriented communication with the SAP system. For demonstration purposes the Remote Function Module SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM is chosen. In addition you can find an example how to use session / state oriented communication in order to handle external BAPI COMMITs.

### **Remote Function Module using stateful communication**

The Remote Function Module SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM accepts an input parameter P1 of type I and will return parameter RESULT of type I that contains the sum of P1 and the value of the global variable GL\_SUM. The value of GL\_SUM is initially zero.

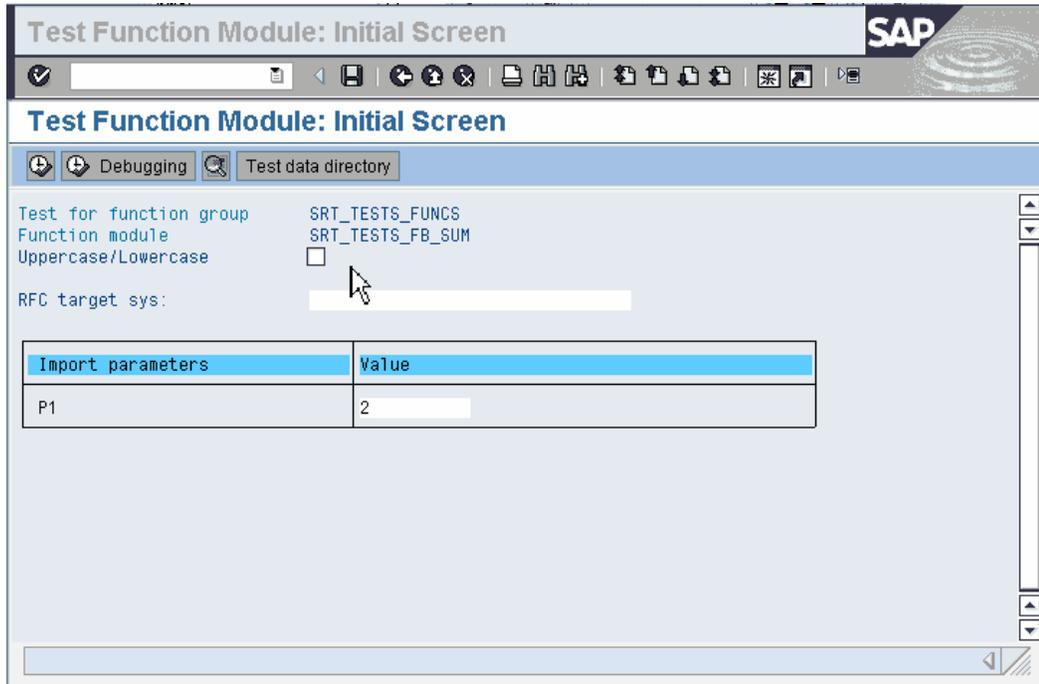
If you call this RFC again from the same session, the variable GL\_SUM will remember the entry from the previous call and will add the value of P1 to the value of RESULT that

has been returned the last time. Technically, this is achieved by using a global variable GL\_SUM for the storage.

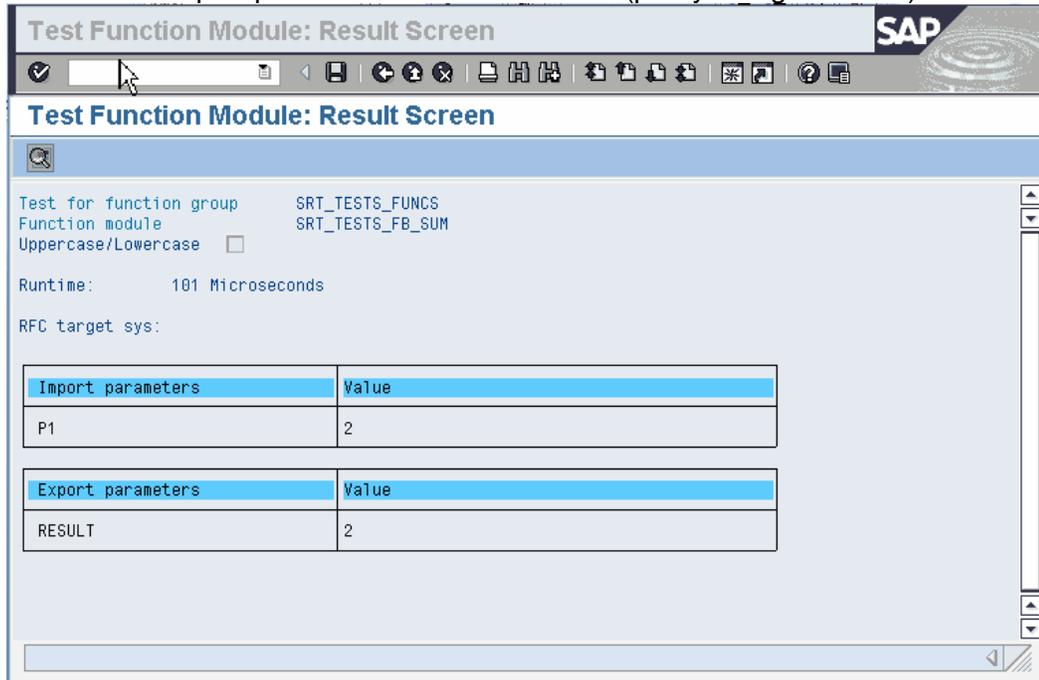
## How-To Section

### Testing the function module

1. Test the Function Module (F8) and enter an integer value for the P1 parameter. The number 2 is used in the example.



2. You get an export parameter – RESULT that contains the sum of P1 and the value of the export parameter from the last call. (pretty straightforward).



The screenshot shows the 'Test Function Module: Result Screen' in SAP. The title bar includes the SAP logo. The main content area displays the following information:

- Test for function group: SRT\_TESTS\_FUNCS
- Function module: SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM
- Uppercase/Lowercase:
- Runtime: 101 Microseconds
- RFC target sys:

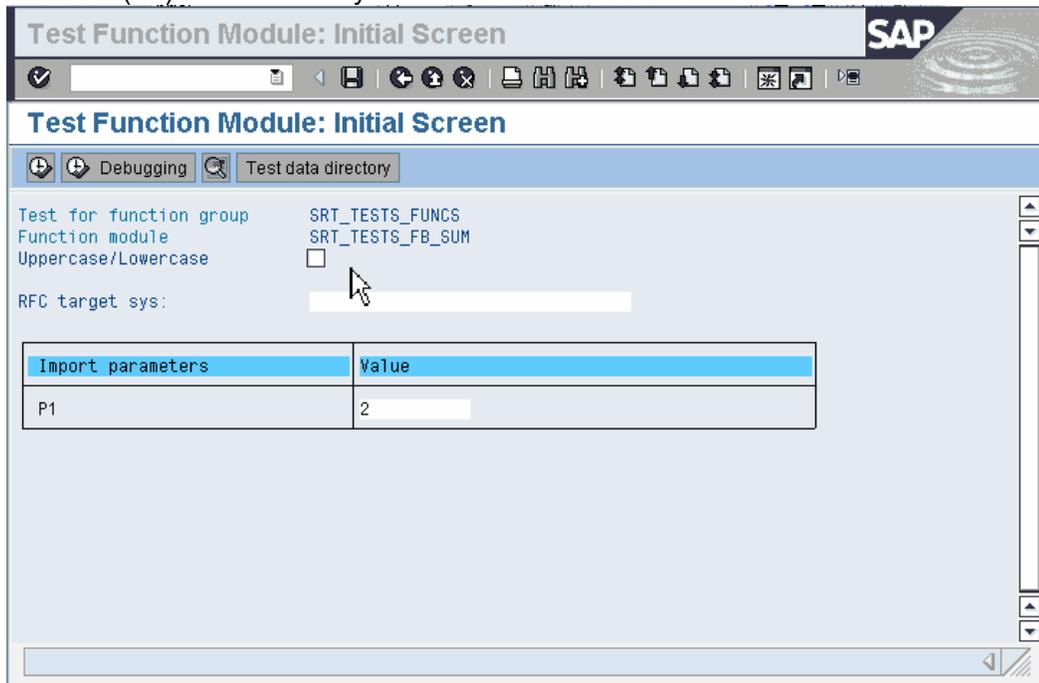
Below this information are two tables:

Import parameters	Value
P1	2

Export parameters	Value
RESULT	2

3. Hit Back (F3) twice to take you back to the Test Function Module: Initial Screen.



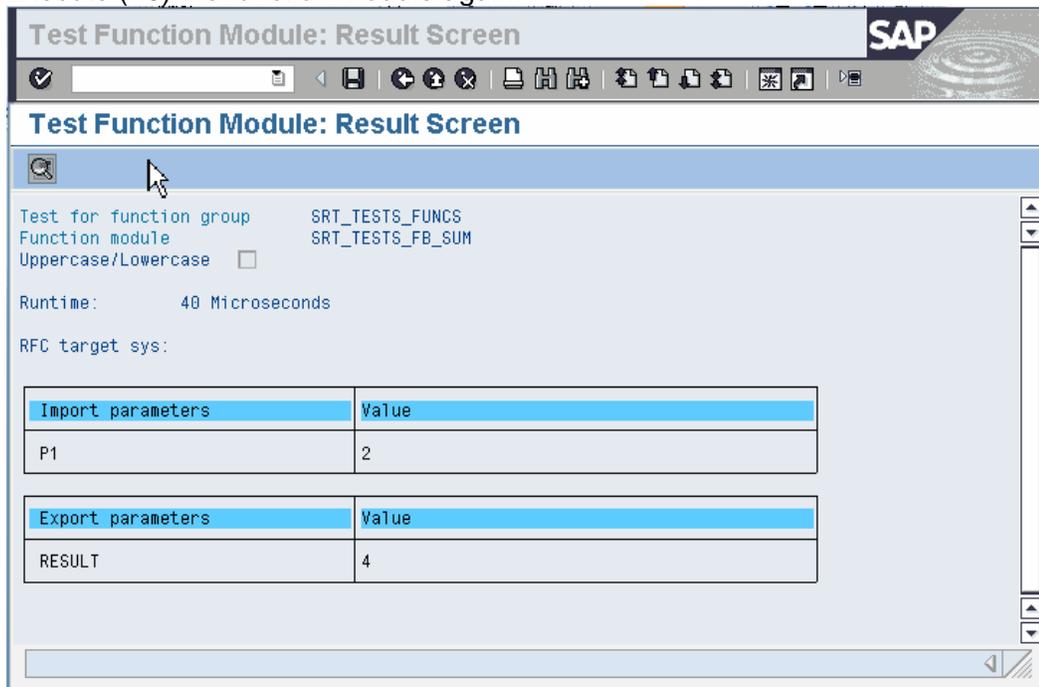
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- Function module: SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM
- Uppercase/Lowercase:
- RFC target sys:

Below this information is a table:

Import parameters	Value
P1	2 <input type="text"/>

4. Execute (F8) the function module again.

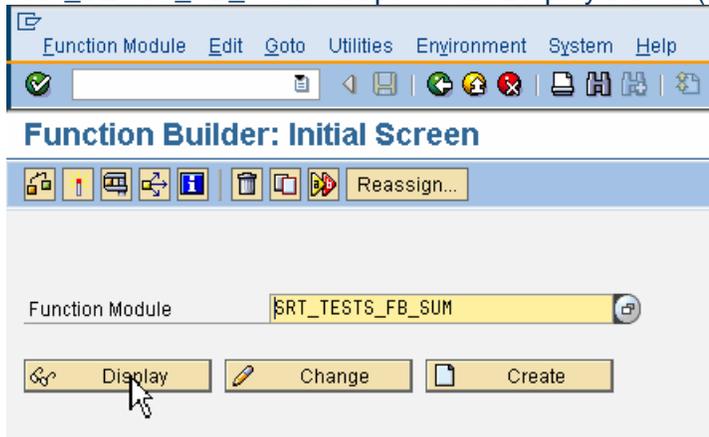


5. You should now see the value 4 as a result. The reason is that we are using a global variable of this function group in this function module that will grow by P1.

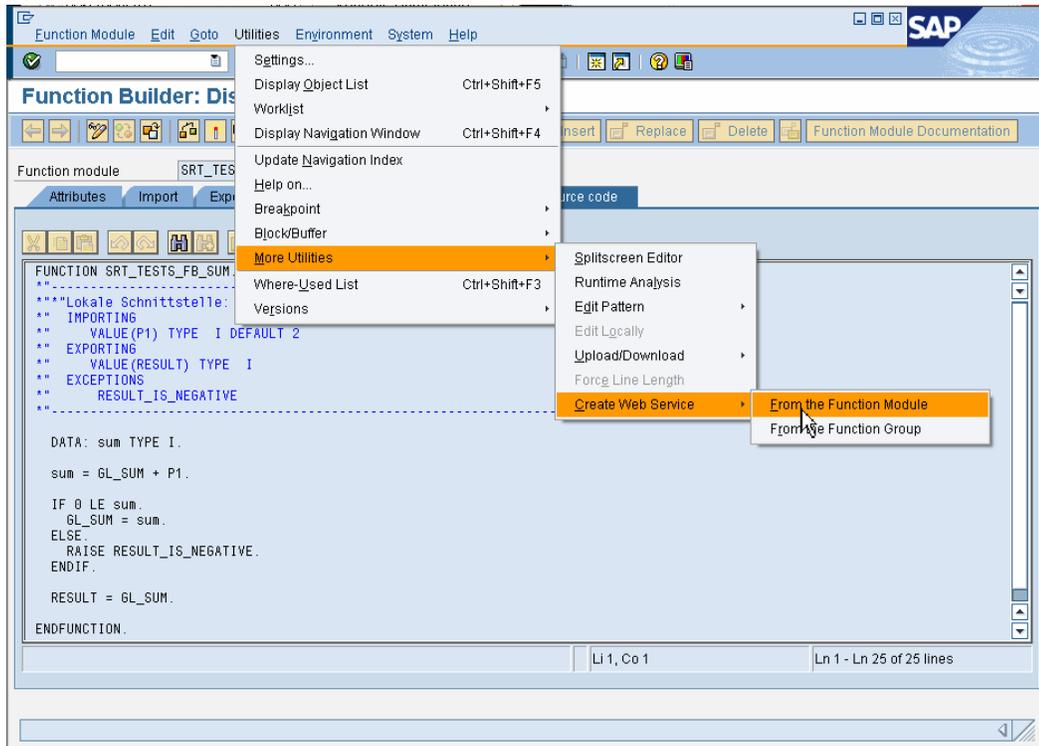
If you leave the test function screens (F3) the value of global variable entries are then gone and you will start again with the initial value 0.

## Create a web service from the function module SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM using the Web Service Creation Wizard

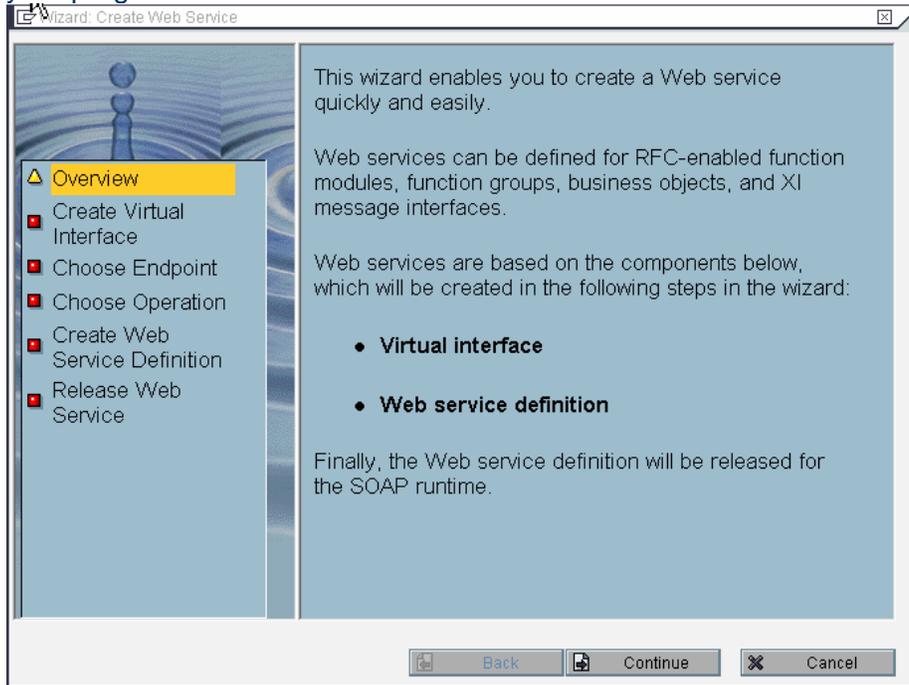
1. Start transaction SE37 and enter the name of the function module SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM and press the Display button (F7).



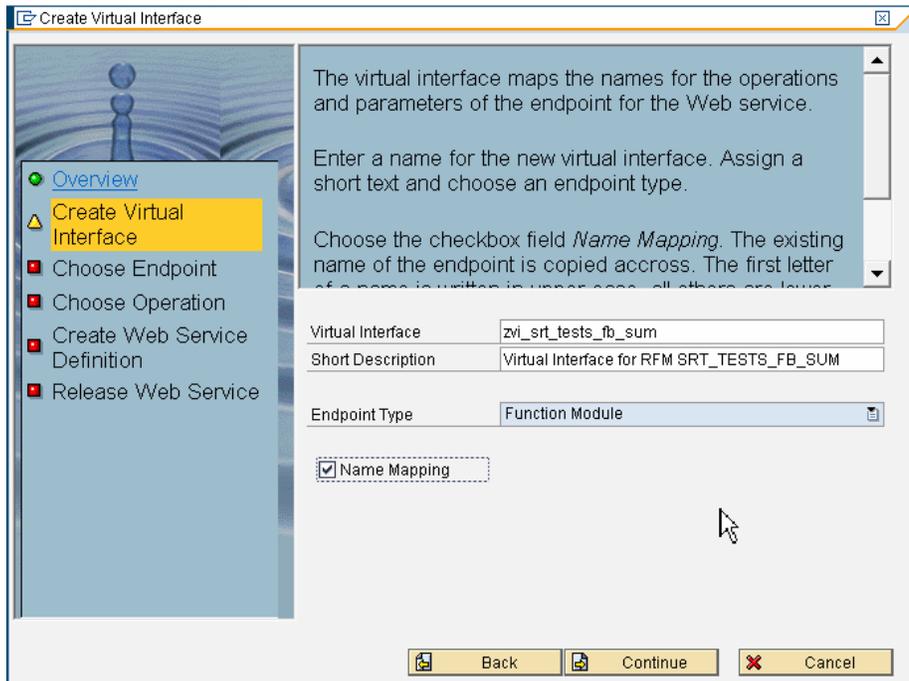
2. Begin the Web service creation by choosing Utilities -> More Utilities -> Create Web Service -> From the Function Module



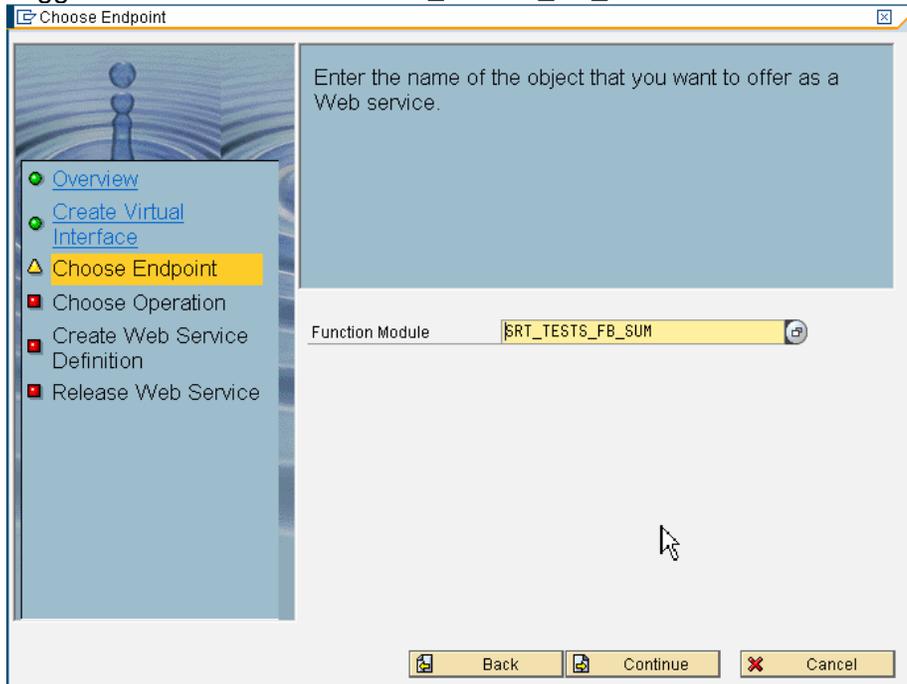
3. The Web Service Wizard screen appears. The list on the left-hand side shows your progress in the wizard. Choose 'Continue'.



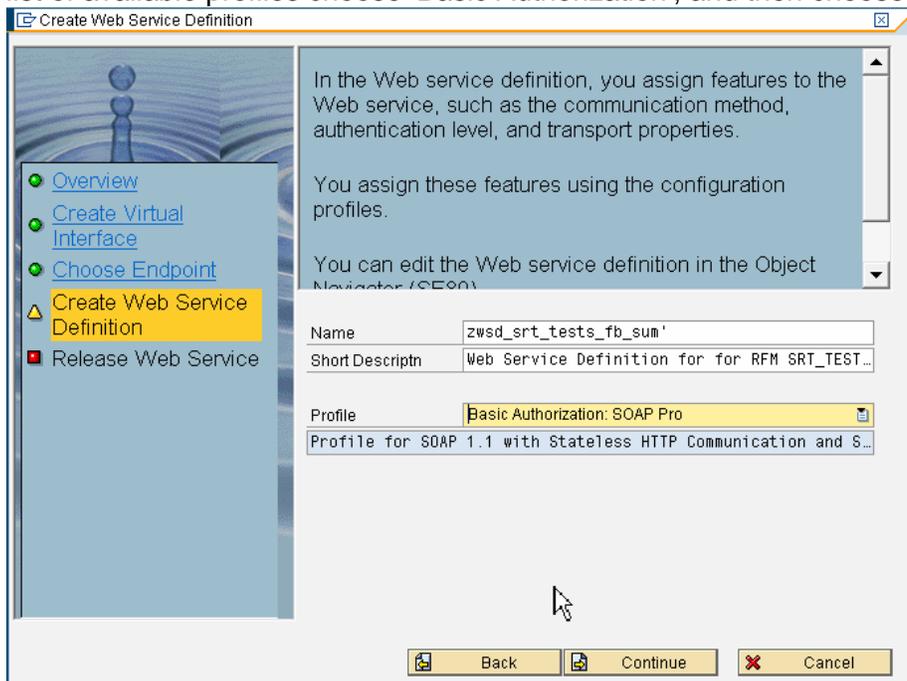
4. Enter 'zvi\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum' as name for the Virtual Interface (VI). Enter a short description, such as 'Virtual Interface for RFM SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM'. Check the checkbox 'Name Mapping'. The 'Endpoint Type' is 'Function Module' and choose 'Continue'.



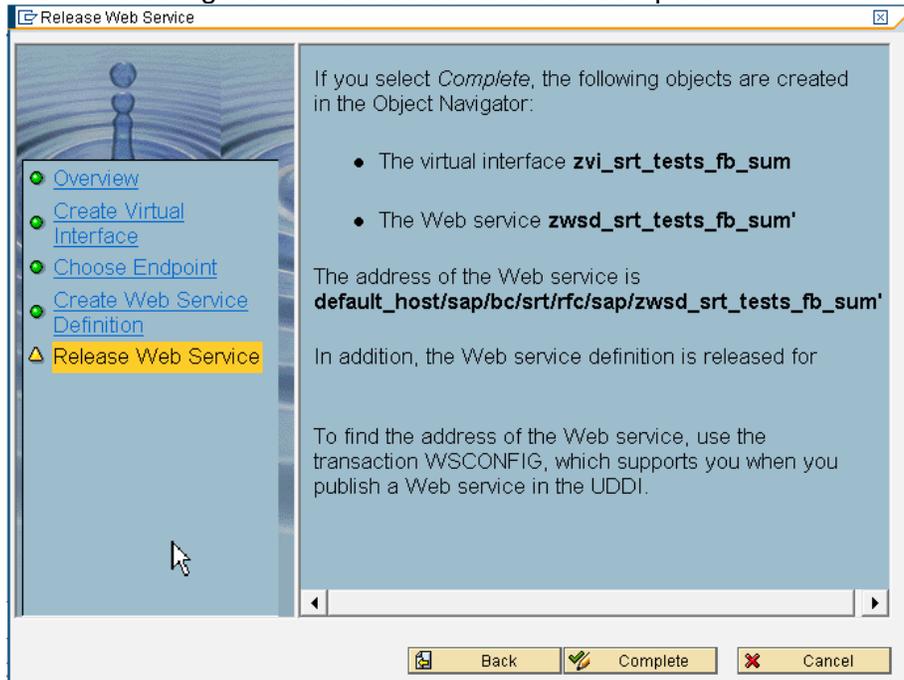
5. On the next screen you specify the object that is to be exposed as a Web service in accordance with the endpoint type that you selected before. Accept the suggested function module 'SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM' and choose 'Continue'



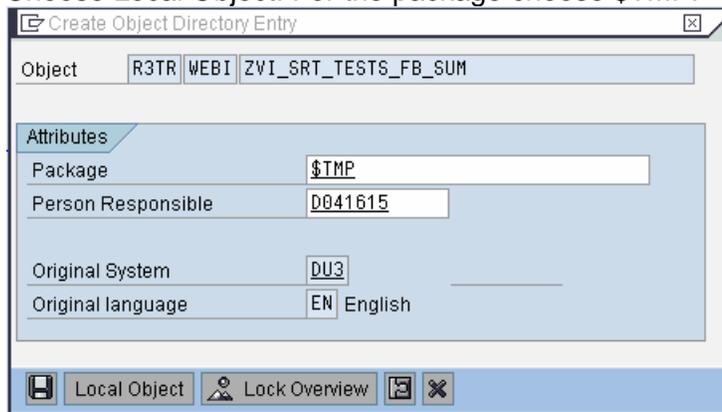
6. Now create the Web Service Definition that references the VI you just created. Enter 'zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum' as name of the definition and a short description such as 'Web Service Definition for for RFM SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM'. From the list of available profiles choose 'Basic Authorization', and then choose 'Continue'.



7. Finally, you release the Web service definition for the SOAP runtime. The VI , WSD and configuration are created. Choose 'Complete'.



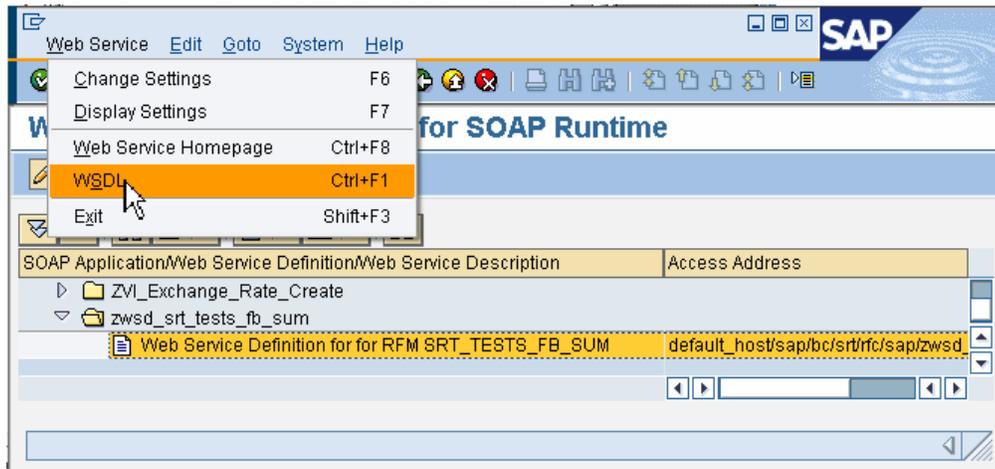
8. Choose Local Object. For the package choose \$TMP.



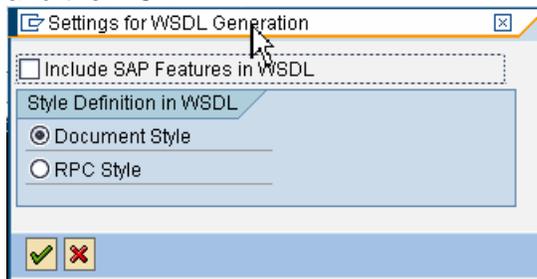
9. Press 'Save'.

## Get the WSDL from the web service

1. Start transaction WSADMIN. (Web Service Administrator for SOAP Runtime) and select the newly created Web Service 'zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum'.
2. Expand the node zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum and select the Web Service Definition. From the menu choose Web Service -> WSDL.



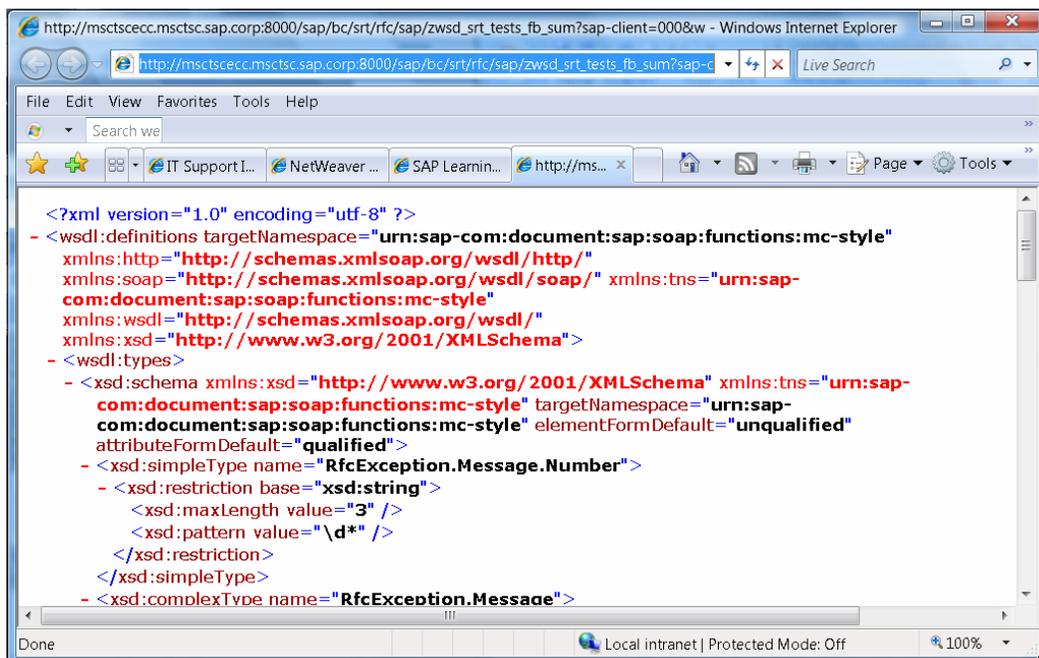
3. The 'Settings for WSDL Generation' popup tells you that there are two styles of WSDL supported: 'Document Style' and 'RPC Style'. Choose 'Document Style' and then 'OK'



4. You are prompted to enter the credentials to log on to the SAP NetWeaver Application Server.

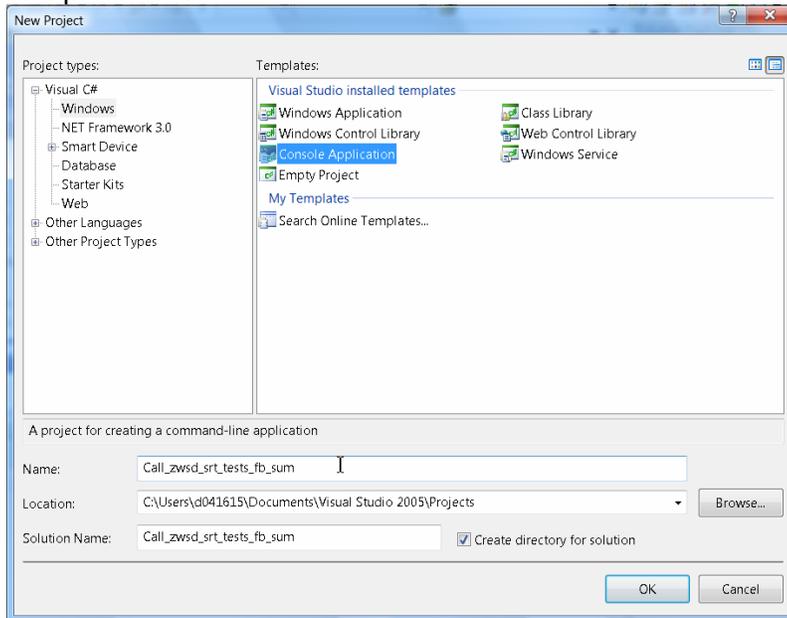


5. The browser opens the URL that contains the WSDL of the Web service, in this case  
[http://msctscecc.msctsc.sap.corp:8000/sap/bc/srt/rfc/sap/zwsd\\_srt\\_tests\\_fb\\_sum?sap-client=000&wsdl=1.1](http://msctscecc.msctsc.sap.corp:8000/sap/bc/srt/rfc/sap/zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum?sap-client=000&wsdl=1.1)

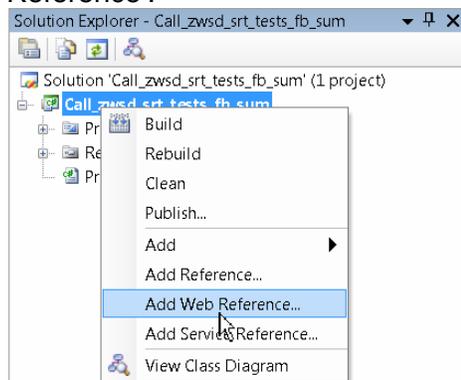


## Creating a web service client using Visual Studio 2005

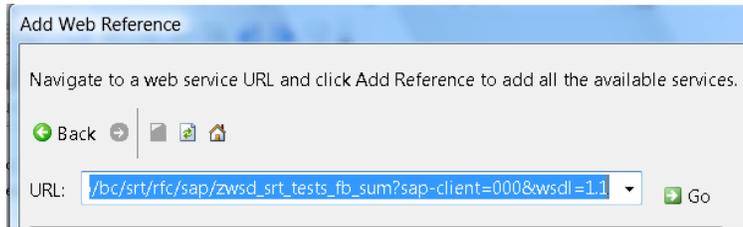
1. Start Visual Studio to create a console application. From the menu select File -> New -> Project.
2. In the 'New Project' window select 'console application'. Choose Call\_zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum as the name and the solution name for this project and press OK.



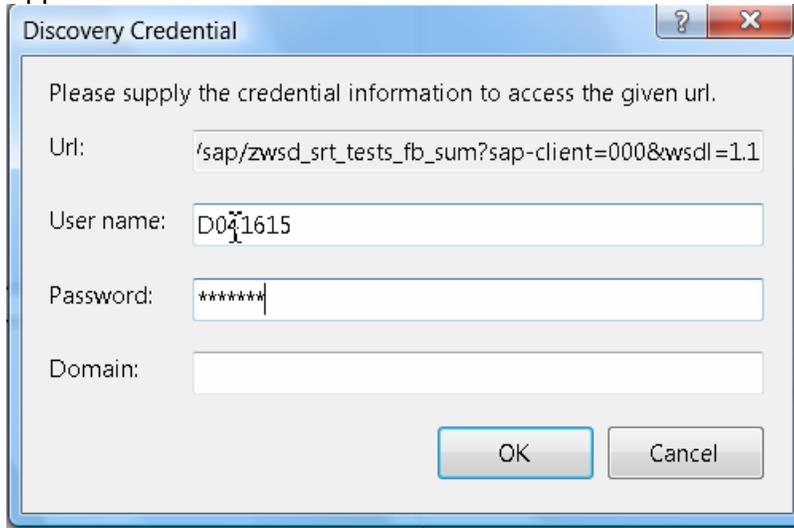
3. In the Solution Explorer choose the project 'Call\_zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum' and press the right mouse button. In the context menu choose 'Add Web Reference'.



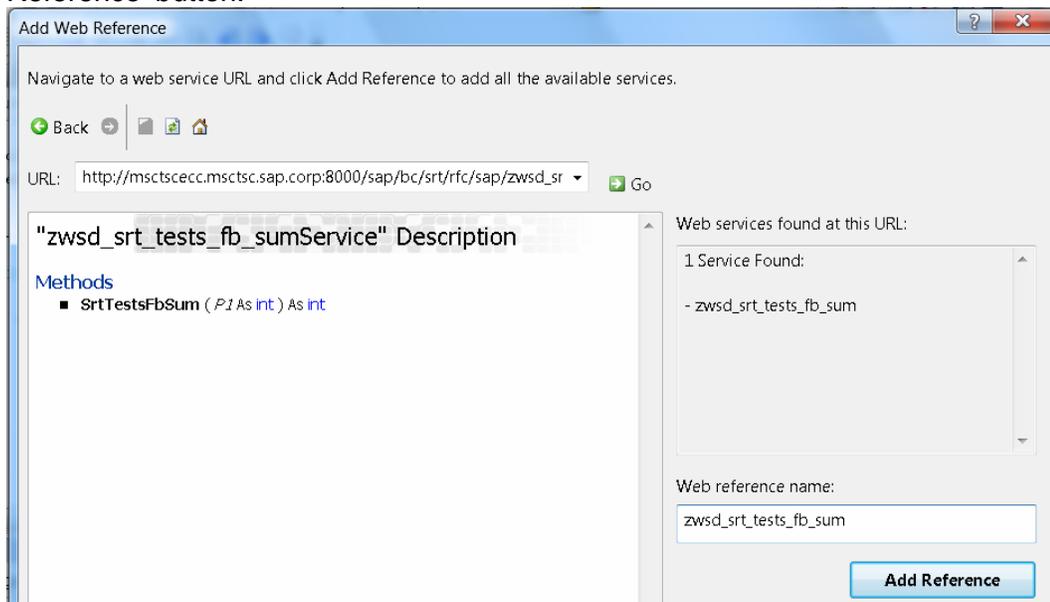
4. In the 'Add Web Reference' window enter the URL of the WSDL and press 'Go'.



5. You are now prompted to enter your credentials for the SAP NetWeaver Application server.



6. The 'Add Web Reference' window now shows the methods of the web service. Change the Web reference name to zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum and press the 'Add Reference' button.



7. Paste the coding of the class ...

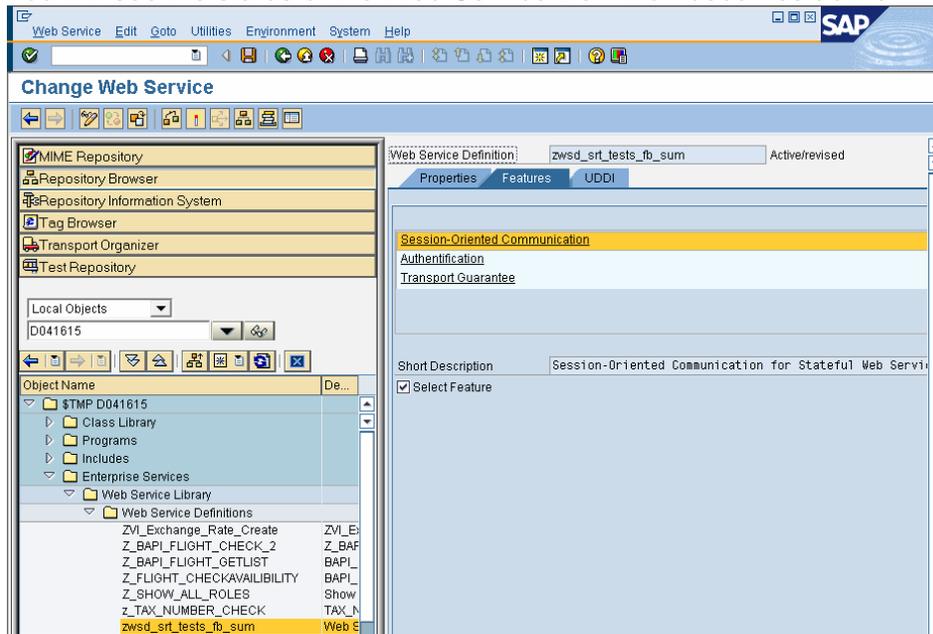
8. Start the console application in debug mode

```
file:///C:/Users
2
2
Finish
```

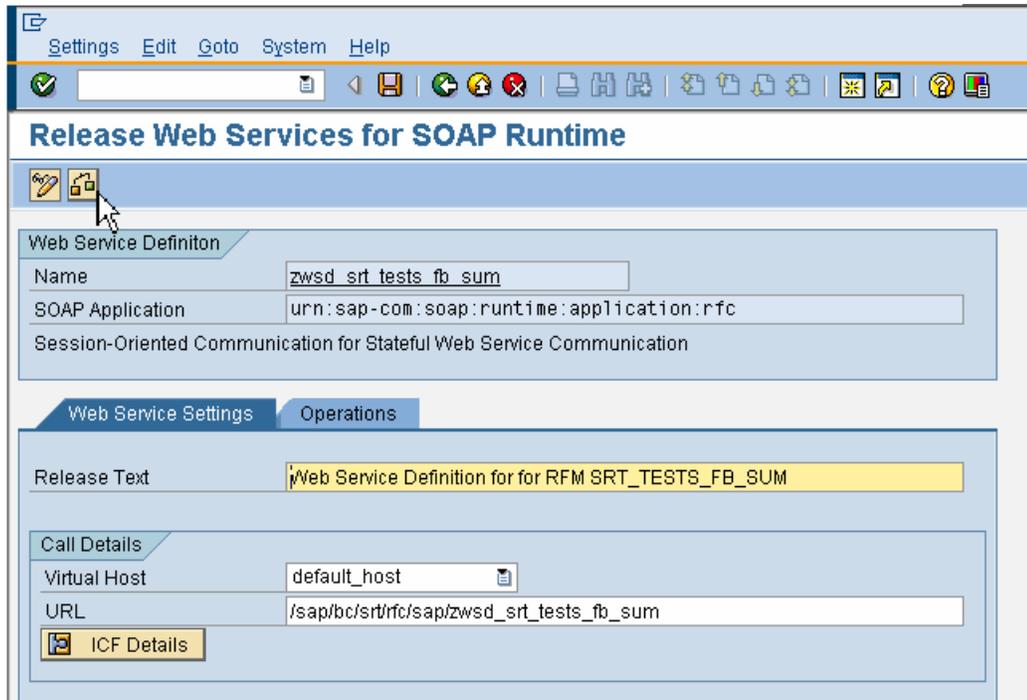
The Results are the same! The sum does not grow. Why? Web Services are stateless.

### Making the web service stateful

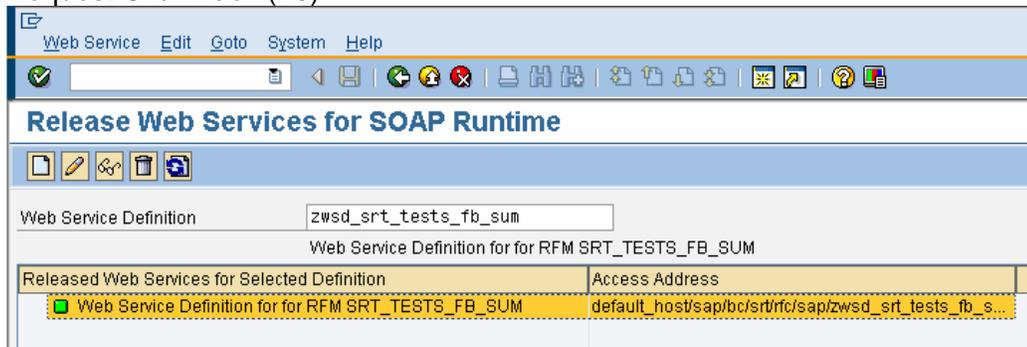
1. Open the Object Navigator (SE80), choose 'Local Objects' and display your own objects. Choose \$TMP / <your user> -> Enterprise Services -> Web Service Library -> Web Services Definitions.
  - a. EDIT 'zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum'
  - b. Select the Feature Session-Oriented Communication by clicking on the checkbox Select Feature
  - c. Click on Save. Click on Check Click on the Activate button.
  - d. You will see the status of the Web Service Definition becomes active



2. Start transaction 'WSCONFIG' and enter the name of the Web service definition 'zwsd\_srt\_tests\_fb\_sum' and press enter. Mark your Web service ('ZWSD\_SERIES\_TESTXX'). Then choose 'Change'.



3. Click Check (Ctrl+F2) You should see a message that Web Service configuration is consistent
4. Click Save (Ctrl+S) When prompted use the same Customizing Transport Request Click Back (F3)

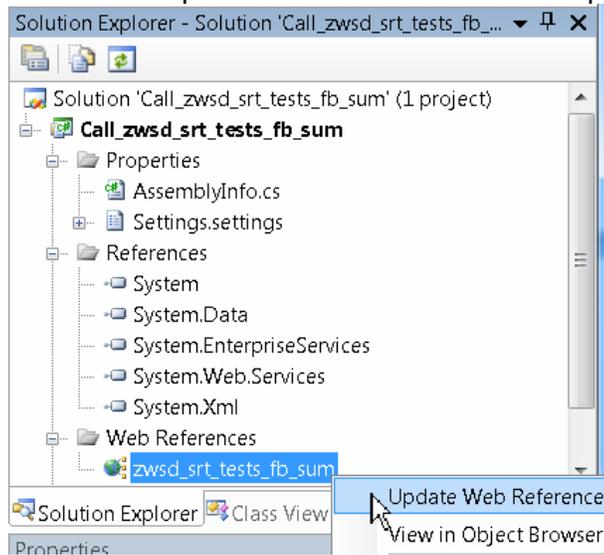


5. You should now have a Green Light

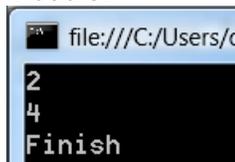
## Retest the .NET web service client with the stateful web service

We will now retest the web service.

1. First we will update the web reference of our project.

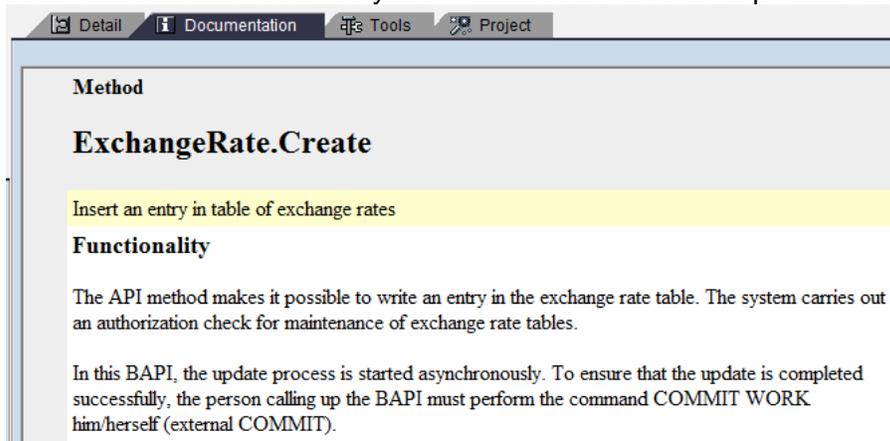


2. Rebuild the application and start in debug mode.
3. The result is now the same as we could observe it when testing the function module.



## Using Transaction Commit

As mentioned in the introduction session / state oriented communication can also be used for calling BAPIs via Web Service which require an external BAPI TRANSACTION COMMIT. An example of such a BAPI is BAPI\_EXCHANGERATE\_CREATE, if you take a look to the documentation you will see that this BAPI requires an external COMMIT.

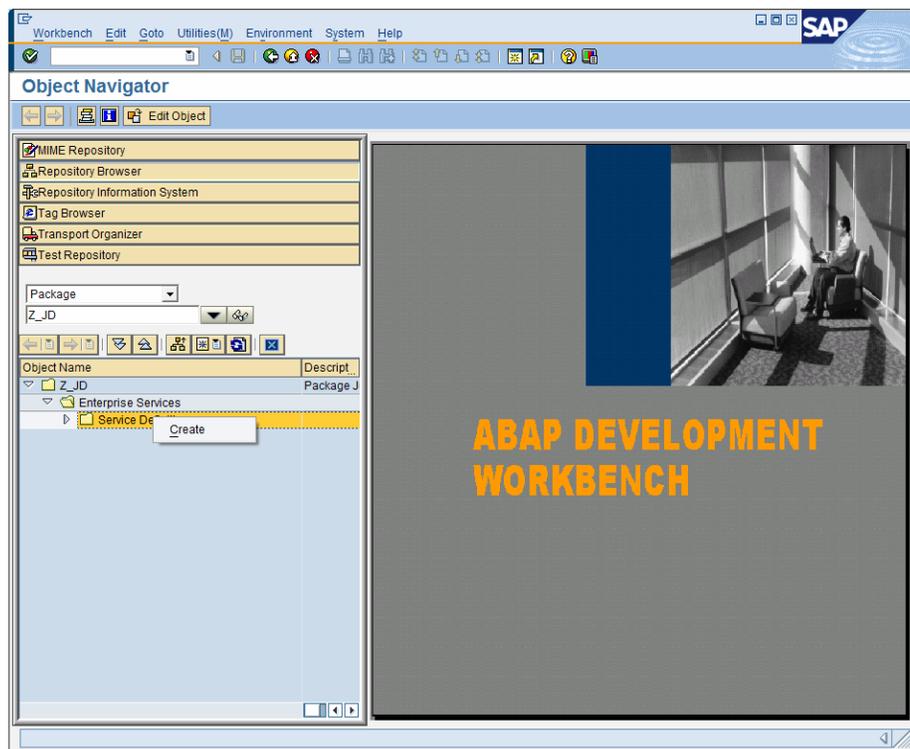


The screenshot shows the SAP documentation for the BAPI **ExchangeRate.Create**. The title bar includes tabs for Detail, Documentation, Tools, and Project. The main content area is titled "Method" and "ExchangeRate.Create". Below the title, a yellow highlighted box contains the text "Insert an entry in table of exchange rates". Under the heading "Functionality", the text states: "The API method makes it possible to write an entry in the exchange rate table. The system carries out an authorization check for maintenance of exchange rate tables." A further note says: "In this BAPI, the update process is started asynchronously. To ensure that the update is completed successfully, the person calling up the BAPI must perform the command COMMIT WORK him/herself (external COMMIT)." The SAP logo is visible in the top right corner of the window.

## How-To Section External COMMIT

### Create the Web Service

1. Start transaction SE80, go to Repository Browser, and open Enterprise Services. Right-click on Enterprise Services and choose *Create*.



The screenshot displays the SAP ABAP Development Workbench interface. The top menu bar includes "Workbench", "Edit", "Goto", "Utilities(M)", "Environment", "System", and "Help". The "Object Navigator" on the left shows a tree structure with "Enterprise Services" selected under the "Z\_JD" package. A context menu is open over "Enterprise Services" with the "Create" option highlighted. The main workspace area features a background image of a person sitting in a chair, with the text "ABAP DEVELOPMENT WORKBENCH" overlaid in large orange letters. The SAP logo is in the top right corner.

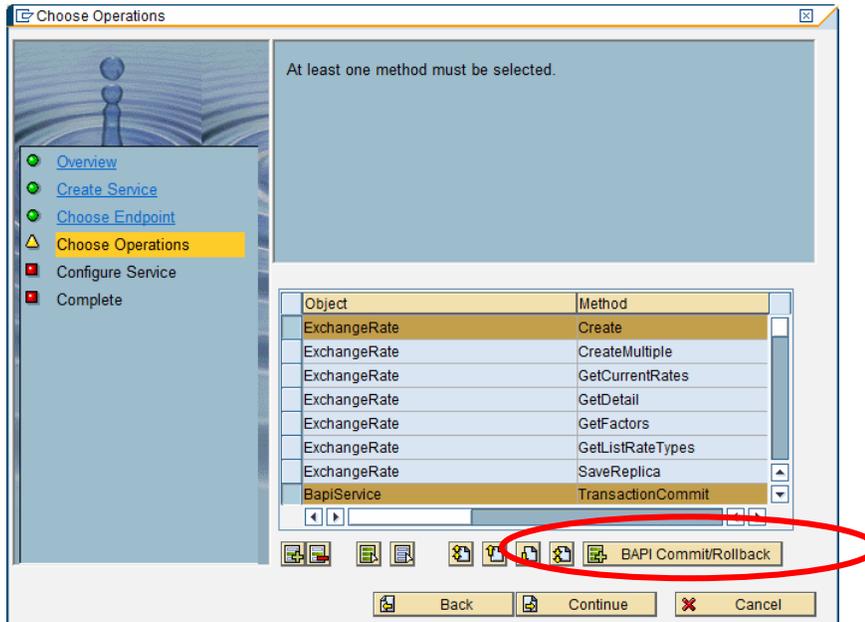
2. The Web Service Creation Wizard starts, at the first screen click *Continue*. On the next screen specify a name for the Service Definition and a Short Text and choose as Endpoint Type BAPI.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Service' wizard window. The title bar reads 'Create Service'. On the left is a navigation pane with the following items: Overview (with a plus icon), Create Service (with a yellow triangle icon and highlighted), Choose Endpoint (with a red square icon), Choose Operations (with a red square icon), Configure Service (with a red square icon), and Complete (with a red square icon). The main area contains the following text: 'Enter a name and a short description for the Web Service and choose an endpoint type.' and 'To change the Web Service, use the ABAP Repository Browser (transaction SE80)'. Below this are three input fields: 'Service Definition' with the value 'z\_EXRates\_Create', 'Short Text' with the value 'z\_EXRates\_Create', and 'Endpoint Type' with the value 'BAPI'. At the bottom are three buttons: 'Back', 'Continue', and 'Cancel'.

3. On the next screen choose BC as Application and ExchangeRate as BAPI

The screenshot shows the 'Choose Endpoint' wizard window. The title bar reads 'Choose Endpoint'. The navigation pane on the left is the same as in the previous screenshot, but 'Create Service' now has a green plus icon and 'Choose Endpoint' has a yellow triangle icon and is highlighted. The main area contains the text: 'Enter the name of the business object that is to be offered as a Web Service.' Below this are two input fields: 'Application' with the value 'BC' and 'BAPI' with the value 'ExchangeRate'. At the bottom are three buttons: 'Back', 'Continue', and 'Cancel'.

4. Mark the method Create in the list and add the BAPI Transaction Commit/Rollback



5. Afterwards finish the Web Service Creation Wizard as described in the section [Create a web service from the function module SRT\\_TESTS\\_FB\\_SUM using the Web Service Creation Wizard](#). For information on how to get the WSDL see [Get the WSDL from the web service](#), for information on how to make the Web Service stateful see [Making the web service stateful](#).

## Develop a .NET application which handles external BAPI COMMITS

The development of the .NET application is the same as described in chapter [Creating a web service client using Visual Studio 2005](#).

The following code snippet shows how to handle the BAPI\_TRANSACTION\_COMMIT in .NET, the complete code can be found in the Appendix.

```
CookieContainer cookie = new CookieContainer();
z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.z_Create_ExchangeRatesService _proxy
    = new z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.z_Create_ExchangeRatesService();
_proxy.Credentials =
    new NetworkCredential(Properties.Settings.Default.SAPUser,
        Properties.Settings.Default.SAPPassword);
_proxy.CookieContainer = cookie;
_proxy.ExchangeRateCreate("X",
    "000",
    newData,
    "X",
    out strRateTypeOut,
    out bapiReturn,
    out strCurrTo);
_proxy.BapiServiceTransactionCommit("");
```

## Appendix

### Source code SRT\_TESTS\_FB\_SUM

```
using System;
using System.Net;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
using System.Web.Services.Protocols;
using System.Web.Services;

namespace Call_zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                //Sample Project for calling WS in SAP and writing data

                int P1 = 2;
                int result = 0;

                CookieContainer cookie = new CookieContainer();

                zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum.zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sumService _proxy1 = new
                Call_zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum.zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum.zwsd_srt_tests_
                fb_sumService();

                _proxy1.Credentials = new NetworkCredential("myuser",
                                                            "secret pwd");

                _proxy1.CookieContainer = cookie;
                result = _proxy1.SrtTestsFbSum(P1, true);
                Console.WriteLine(result);

                cookie = _proxy1.CookieContainer;
                zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum.zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sumService _proxy2 =
                new
                Call_zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum.zwsd_srt_tests_fb_sum.zwsd_srt_te
                sts_fb_sumService();

                _proxy2.Credentials = new NetworkCredential("myuser",
                                                            "secret pwd");

                _proxy2.CookieContainer = cookie;
                result = _proxy2.SrtTestsFbSum(P1, true);
                Console.WriteLine(result);
                Console.WriteLine("Finish");
                string response = Console.ReadLine();
            }

            catch (SoapException exc)
            {
                Console.WriteLine("Exception thrown");
                throw exc;
                string response = Console.ReadLine();
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

    }
}

```

## Source BAPI\_TRANSACTION\_COMMIT

```

using System;
using System.Net;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
using System.Web.Services.Protocols;
using System.Web.Services;

namespace SAP_WebService_Calls
{
    class CreateEXRates
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                //Sample Project for calling WS in SAP and writing data
                z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.Bapiret2 bapiReturn =
                    new z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.Bapiret2();
                z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.Bapi10930 newData =
                    new z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.Bapi10930();
                newData.ExchRate = 1.112M;
                newData.ExchRateV = 0.0M;
                newData.FromCurr = "EUR";
                newData.FromFactor = 1;
                newData.FromFactorV = 0;
                newData.RateType = "M";
                newData.ToCurrncy = "USD";
                newData.ToFactor = 1;
                newData.ToFactorV = 0;
                newData.ValidFrom = "2007-10-01";
                string strRateTypeOut = "";
                string strCurrTo = "";
                CookieContainer cookie = new CookieContainer();

                z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.z_Create_ExchangeRatesService
                _proxy = new
                z_Create_ExchangeRatesService.z_Create_ExchangeRatesService();
                _proxy.Credentials =
                    new NetworkCredential(Properties.Settings.Default.SAPUser,
                    Properties.Settings.Default.SAPPassword);
                _proxy.CookieContainer = cookie;
                _proxy.ExchangeRateCreate("X",
                    "000",
                    newData,
                    "X",
                    out strRateTypeOut,
                    out bapiReturn,
                    out strCurrTo);
                _proxy.BapiServiceTransactionCommit("");
                Console.WriteLine("Finish");
                string response = Console.ReadLine();
            }
            catch (SoapException exc)
            {
                throw exc;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

}