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Example text	Emphasized words or phrases in body text, graphic titles, and table titles
Example text	File and directory names and their paths, messages, names of variables and parameters, source text, and names of installation, upgrade and database tools.
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1. Business Scenario

The following guide will explain you how to create a JSF application that invokes an Enterprise Service using Java EE annotation. It will also explain how to locate and test Enterprise Services by browsing through the "Enterprise Services Index" in the Enterprise Service-Oriented Architecture website.

For the purpose of this tutorial the Enterprise Service to be consumed is the *Read Employee Basic Data* operation, located in the *Manage Employee In* service interface from the *Business Partner Data Management* Process component. This Enterprise Service will allow you to search employee's personal information by providing the employee ID number.

2. Background Information

Enterprise SOA has been defined by SAP as "an open architecture for adaptive business solutions". It allows you to encapsulate the business logic and expose it as Enterprise Services. Enterprise Services are highly-integrated Web Services combined with business semantics that can be located and invoked by other applications over a network. To learn more about the Enterprise SOA you can visit [Enterprise Service-Oriented Architecture website](#)

In addition, this example demonstrates the use of Java EE Annotations. Annotations are Java modifiers, similar to *public* and *private*, that simplify the application development process by allowing developers to specify within the Java class itself how the application component behaves in the container and requests for dependency injection. To learn more about Java EE Annotations you can visit [Introduction to Java EE 5 Technology](#)

3. Prerequisites

The following is a list of all you need for developing JSF applications and invoking Enterprise Services.

- AS Java 7.1 (CE 7.1 or NW 7.1)
- NWDS 7.1 (SP3 or higher with latest patch level).

 Note

While this tutorial is geared towards to the SAP AS Java (the build/deploy steps of the guide), it wouldn't be hard to replace the build/deploy portions with similar steps for any other Java EE 5 platform

- A registered user on the ES Workplace who can consume the Enterprise Services. To get your user for free, you can visit [Enterprise SOA Registration Form](#)

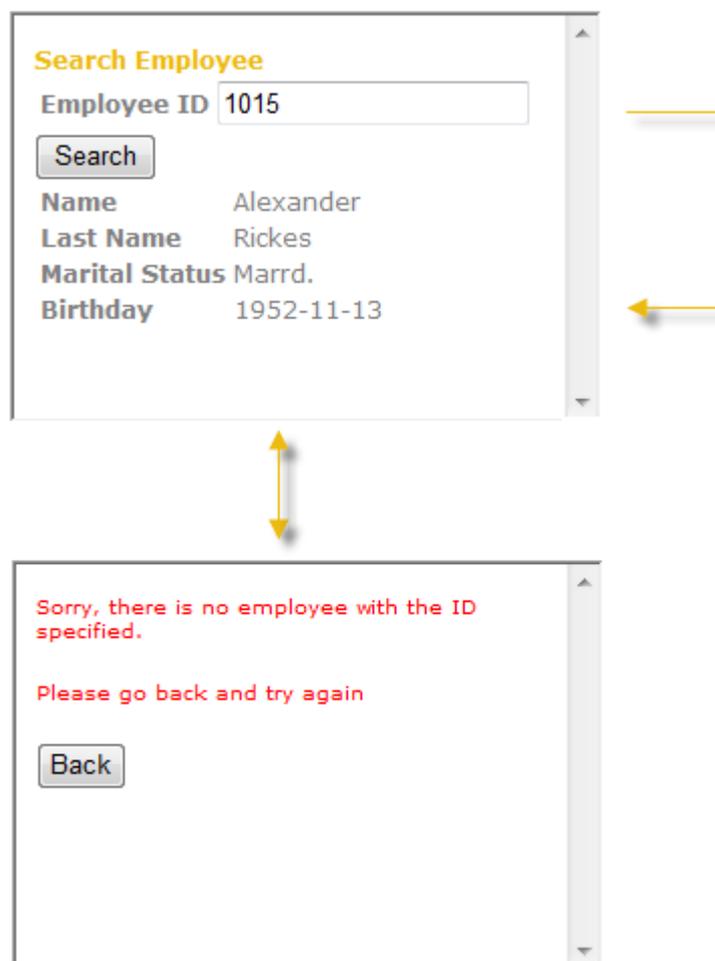
Knowledge

- You have a basic knowledge of Java Enterprise Edition
- You have acquired some basic experience with JSF applications, for example by working through the JSF tutorials (Create a Hello World Application using JavaServer Faces [Extern] and Create Your First JSF Application [Extern])

4. Step-by-Step Procedure

In the following sections, you will create a Web Module Development component and an Enterprise Application needed to deploy the web module. You will get to know how to locate an Enterprise Service in the Enterprise SOA website and how to invoke it from your JSF page.

This Web application will consist of two views. In the first view, the user should be able to enter the employee ID in the input text to find the employee information. If no information is found, an error view will be displayed. From the error view the user should be able to navigate to the first view using the Back button.



4.1 Tutorial Setup

1. Create a Web Module Development Component named `esjsf/web`.
2. Create an Enterprise Application Development Component named `esjsf/ear`.

4.2 Locate Enterprise Service

The fastest way to locate your Enterprise Service is to browse through the "Enterprise Services Index". The navigation hierarchy is *Process Component* → *Service Interface(s)* → *Service Operation(s)*. For

more details, check the [ES Workplace Handbook](#) to efficiently browse and testdrive Enterprise Services.

1. Go to the www.sdn.sap.com
2. In the left navigation menu select *Service-Oriented Architecture* → *Explore Enterprise Services* → *ES Workplace*
3. In the main page click in the *ERP Process Components* link to get the list of the process components found in the ERP system



The screenshot shows the SAP SDN Community website. The top navigation bar includes links for SDN Community, BPX Community, Business Objects, Forums, Wiki, Blogs, Articles, and Downloads. A dark blue navigation menu on the left is expanded to show 'Service-Oriented Architecture' with sub-items like 'Explore Enterprise Services' and 'ES Workplace'. The main content area is titled 'Enterprise Services Workplace' and contains text about the ES Workplace as a central place for consolidated services. It also features two columns of direct links: 'Discover Enterprise Services' with a link to 'ERP Process Components' and 'Evaluate' with a link to 'Services R'.

4. Select the *Business Partner Data Management* process component.



The screenshot shows the SAP ES Workplace page. At the top, there is a yellow header with the SAP logo and 'ES WORKPLACE'. Below this, the title 'PROCESS COMPONENTS IN ESM ERP 603' is displayed in large orange letters. A list of process components is shown in a light grey box, with 'Business Partner Data Management' highlighted in orange. The list includes: Academic Structure Management (Higher Education), Accounting, Ad Content Processing, Advertising Product Data Management, Advertising Sales Order Processing, Analytics, Bank Account Contract Processing, Benefits Administration, Budget Processing, Business Document Flow Processing, and Business Partner Data Management.

- The selection of *Business Partner Data Management* results in a list of enterprise service interfaces supporting this process component. Select the *Manage Employee In* service interface.

Service Interfaces	
Customer Replication Requesting Out	
Employee EMail Data Management In	
Employee Payment Card Management In	
Entries for Employee	
Manage Business Partner Sales Account In	Group of operations that create, maintain and update a <i>Business Partner Sales Account</i> , or parts of it.
Manage Customer In	Group of operations that provide information about a customer.
Manage Employee In	Group of operations that retrieves personal information about an employee and creates, changes, or deletes an employee's Personal Address via several Employee interfaces.

- This modeled interface comprises several Service Operations (Enterprise Services): Cancel Personal Address, Change Personal Address, Create Personal Address, Read Employee Basic Data and so on.
- Select the *Read Employee Basic Data* Enterprise Service

Service Operations	
Cancel Personal Address	Deletion of a Personal Address.
Change Personal Address	Change of a Personal Address.
Create Personal Address	Creation of a Personal Address.
Read Employee Basic Data	Provides personal data on an employee.
Read Employee Competency	
Read Employee Dependand	Retrieves information about Employee Dependants.
Read Employee Name	Provides Employee Name.
Read Employee Photo	Provides an employee's photo.

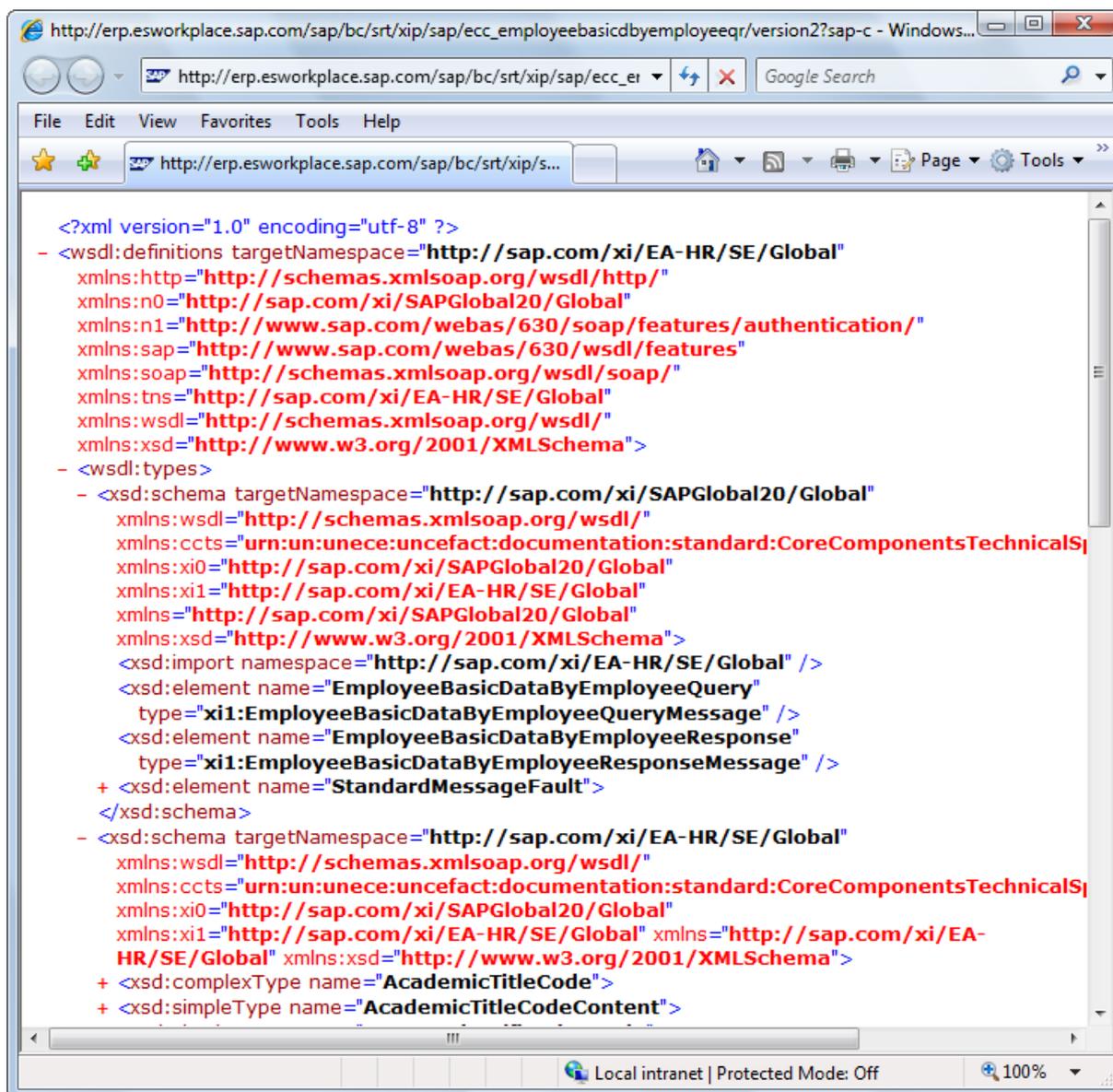
- The Enterprise Service is by default documented with a definition, Technical Data, Business Context, etc. In the *Technical Data* section, select the *WSDL (backend)* link, which points to the related backend system and shows the WSDL for this enterprise service.

Technical Data	
ESR Object Type	ifmoper
Software Component Version	ESA ECC-SE 603
Technical Name	EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponse_In
Namespace	http://sap.com/xi/EA-HR/SE/Global
Category	A2X
Direction	inbound
Mode	synchronous
Release Status	released
Application Component	PA-PA
Idempotency	not applicable
Related Web Service Definition	ECC_EMPLOYEEBASICDBYEMPLOYEEQR
WSDL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Detailed field description● WSDL (ESR)● WSDL (back-end)

9. You will be prompted for authentication, enter your username and password which you obtained at the Enterprise SOA Registration Form. The next screen would bring up the WSDL as an XML file

 **Note**

The WSDL descriptor describes the services in a language-independent manner. The WSDL file does not specify what the service does. It specifies only the parameter and return types



10. The WSDL describes an EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponse_In operation name as follows:

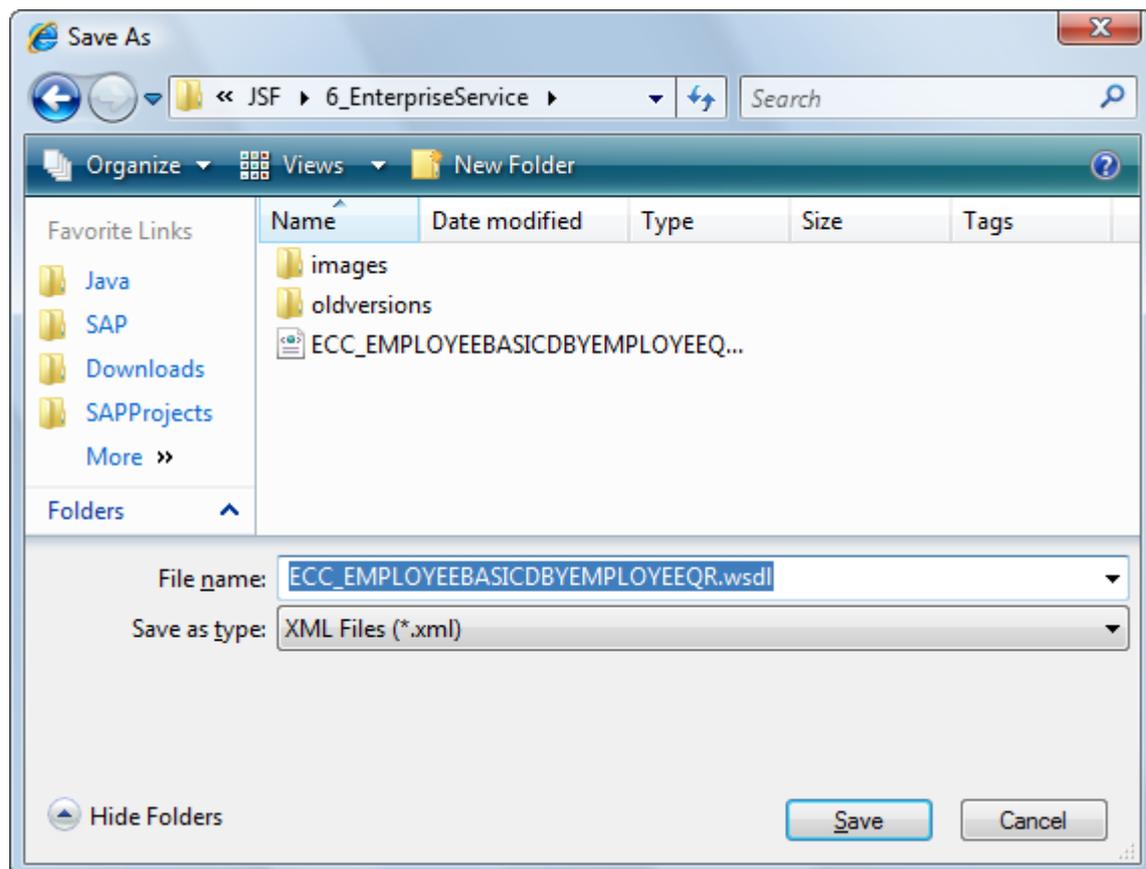
```
<wsdl:operation name="EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponse_In">
  <wsdl:input message="tns:EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQuery" />
  <wsdl:output message="tns:EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeResponse" />
  <wsdl:fault name="exception00" message="tns:exception00" />
</wsdl:operation>
...
<wsdl:message name="EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQuery">
  <wsdl:part name="parameters"
    element="n0:EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQuery" />
```

```
</wsdl:message>
<wsdl:message name="EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeResponse">
  <wsdl:part name="parameters"
    element="n0:EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeResponse" />
</wsdl:message>
```

11. It also defines the *EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQuery* and *EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeResponse* types as follows:

```
<xsd:element name="EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQuery"
  type="x11:EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryMessage" />
<xsd:element name="EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeResponse"
  type="x11:EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeResponseMessage" />
```

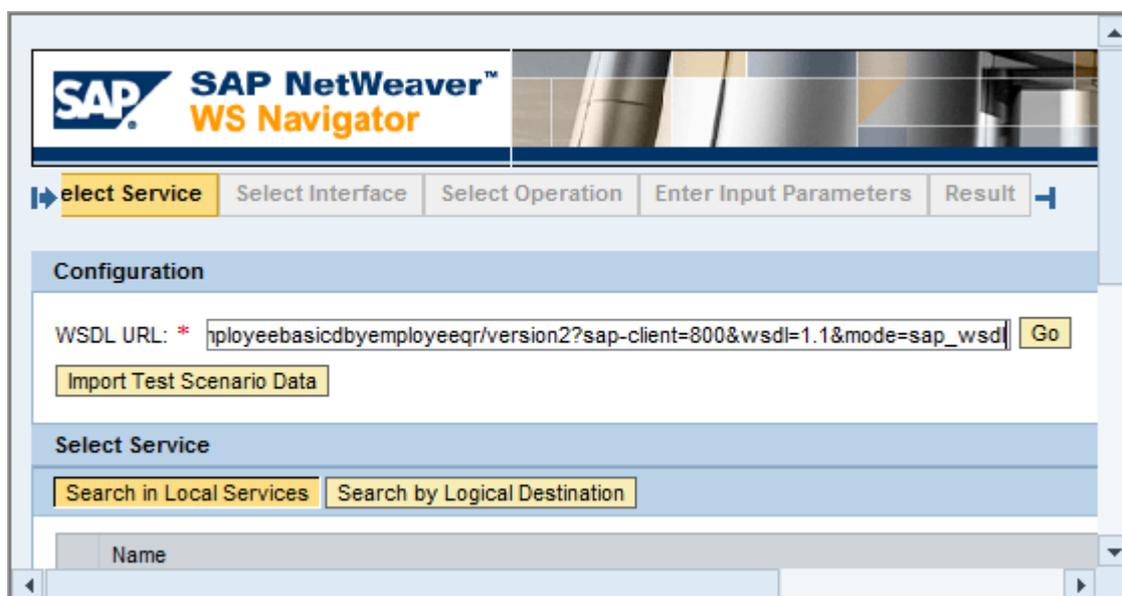
12. With this information you will be able to use the enterprise service from your Application
13. Save the WSDL by using the *Save as* option of your browser. Note that the file extension has to be changed from XML to WSDL.



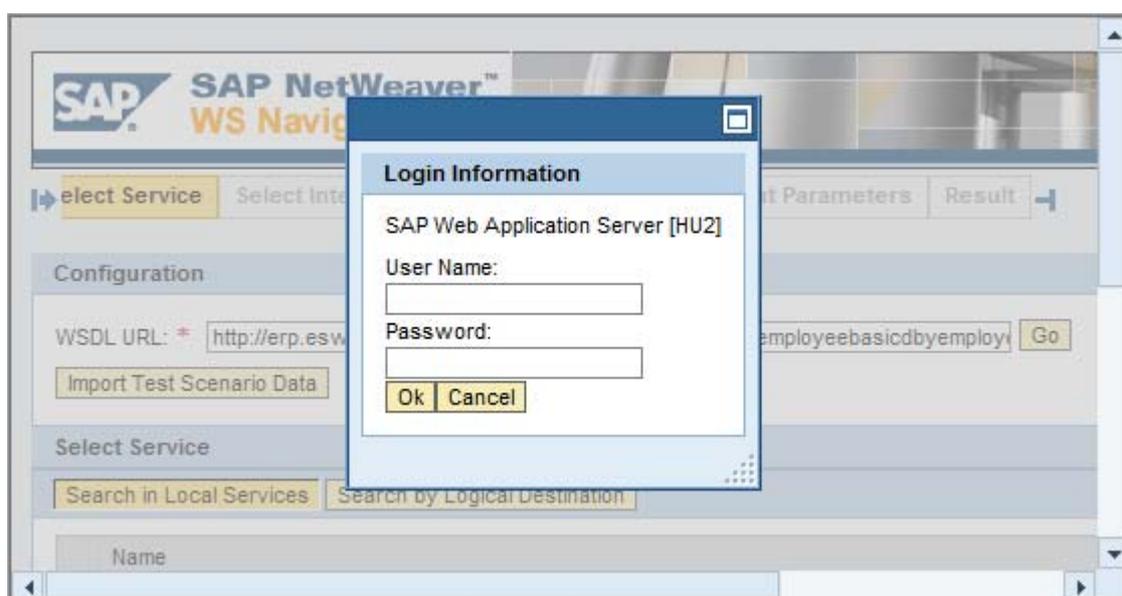
4.3 Test the Enterprise Service in Web Services Navigator (Optional)

The Web Services Navigator (WS Navigator) allows you to test an enterprise service without having a client for it

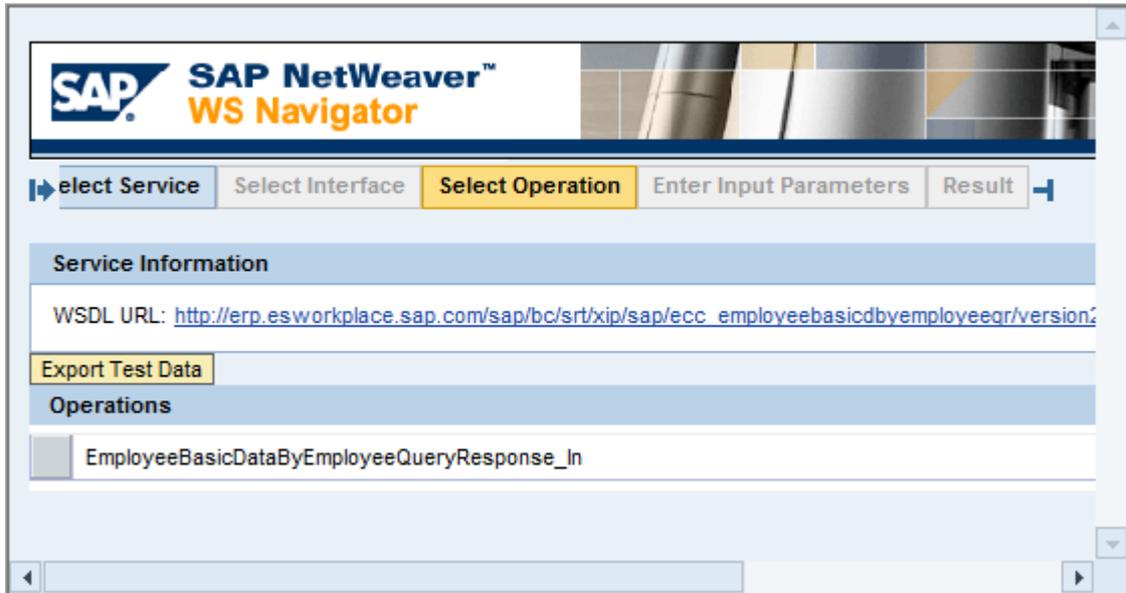
1. To start the WS Navigator, in a Web browser, enter the following address:
<http://sr.esworkplace.sap.com/wsnavigator>
2. The WS Navigator opens. In the WSDL URL field, enter the following address and push the Go button:
http://erp.esworkplace.sap.com/sap/bc/srt/xip/sap/ecc_employeebasicbyemployeeqr/version2?sap-client=800&wsdl=1.1&mode=sap_wsdl



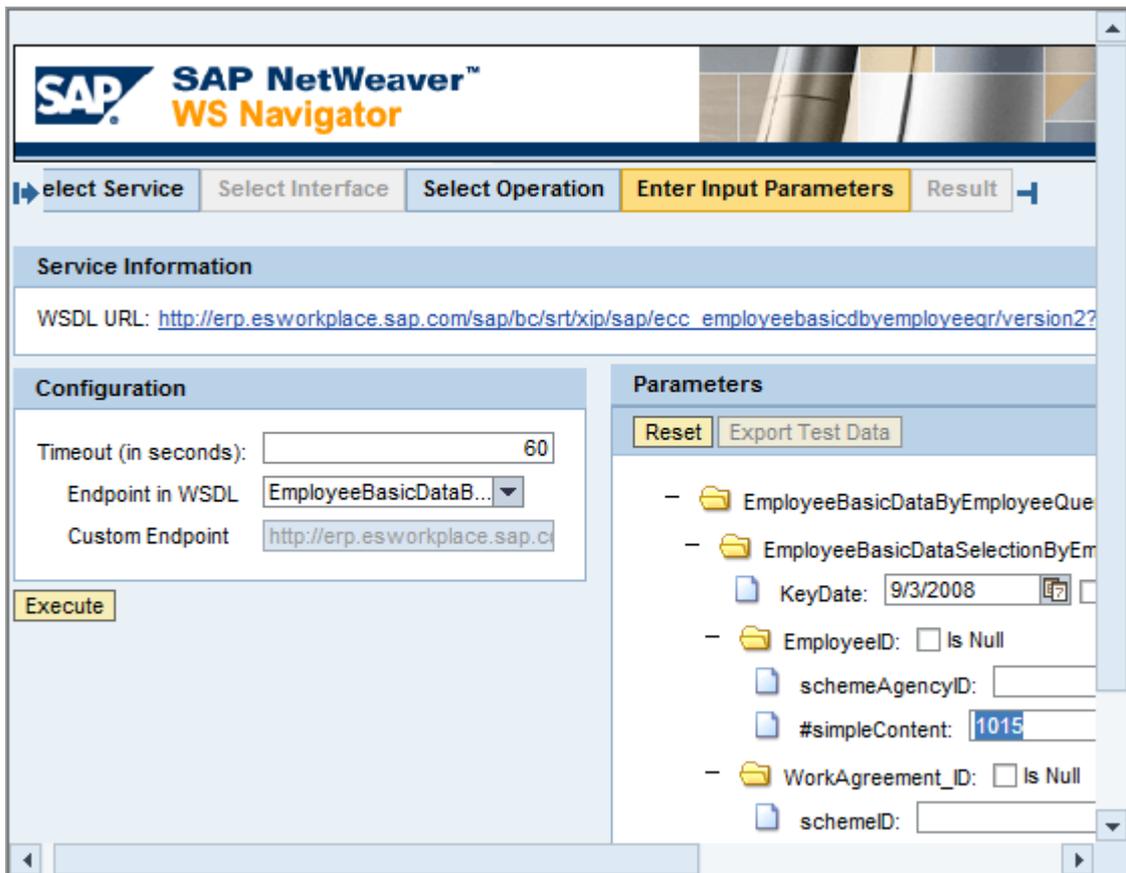
3. To execute the Web service operations, enter your user name and password, which you obtained at the Enterprise SOA Registration Form



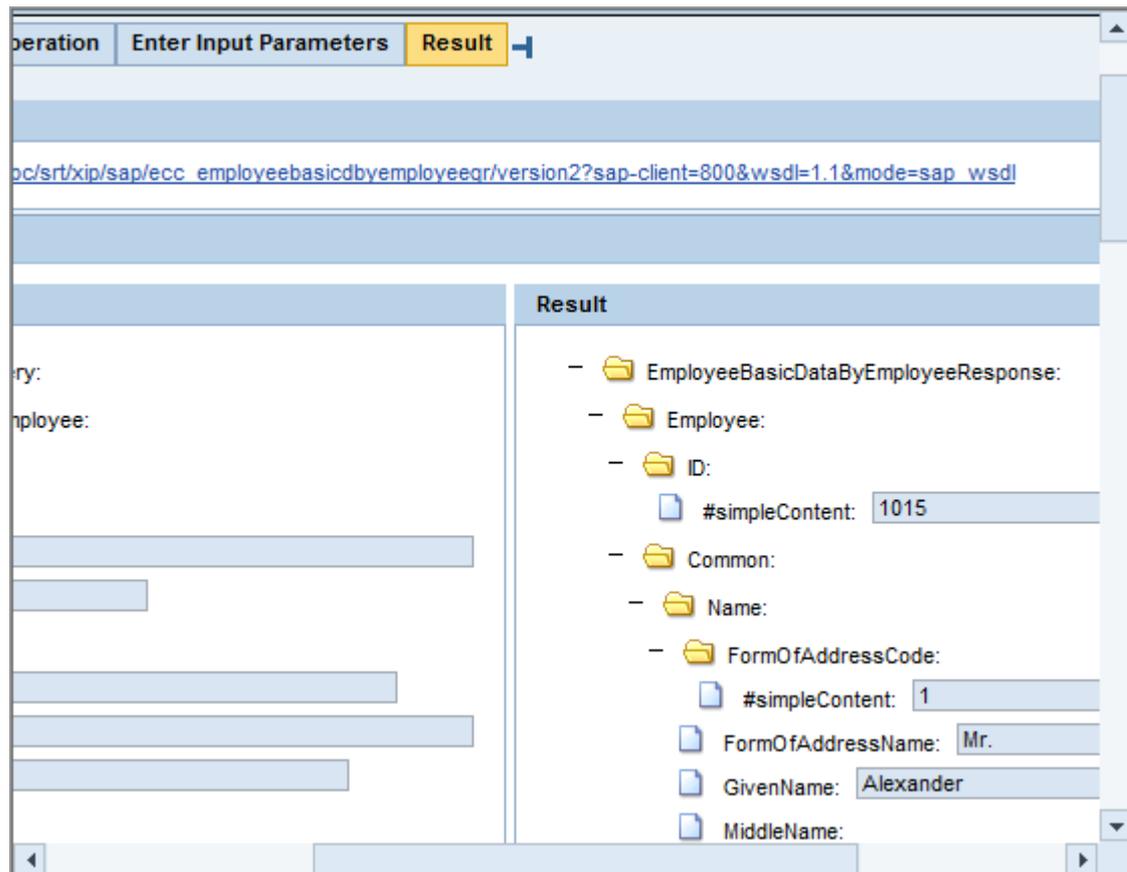
4. In the Select Operation step, choose EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponse_In



- In the *Enter Input Parameters* step, in the *Parameters* area enter the *EmployeeID* and push the *Execute* button



- In the *Result* step, the system displays the input parameters and the result of the test



4.4 Import Enterprise Service Definition

You need to import a WSDL document to be able to generate enterprise service proxies.

Important

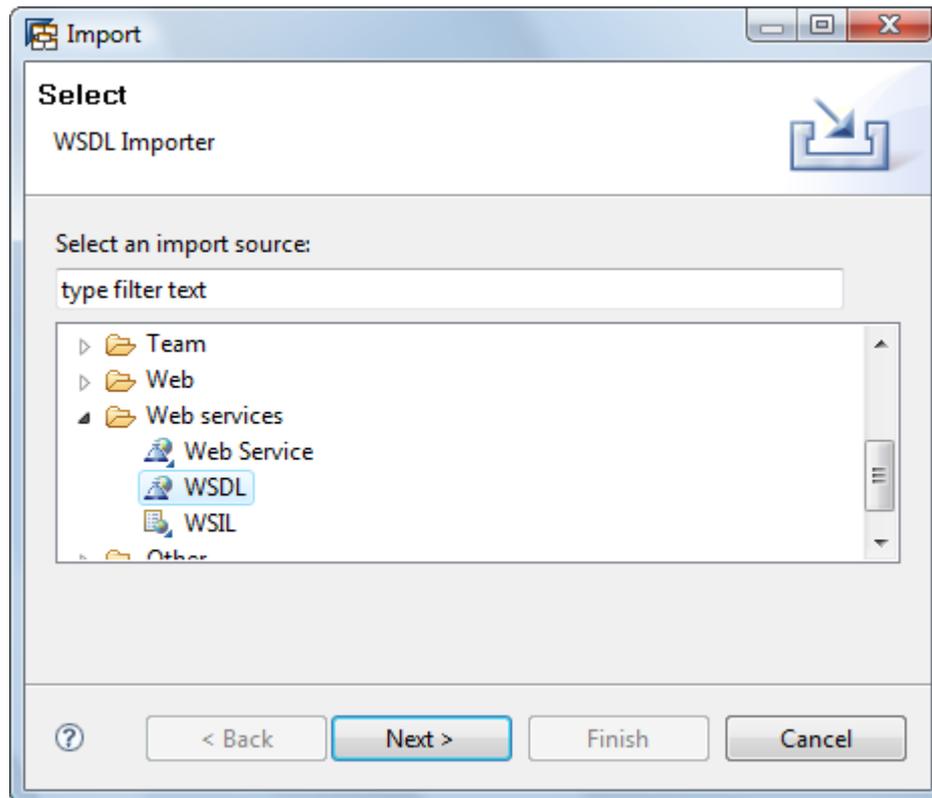
You can import WSDL documents from the following sources:

Enterprise Services Repository (ESR): You import the WSDL document for a Service Interface (SI) modeled in the ESR

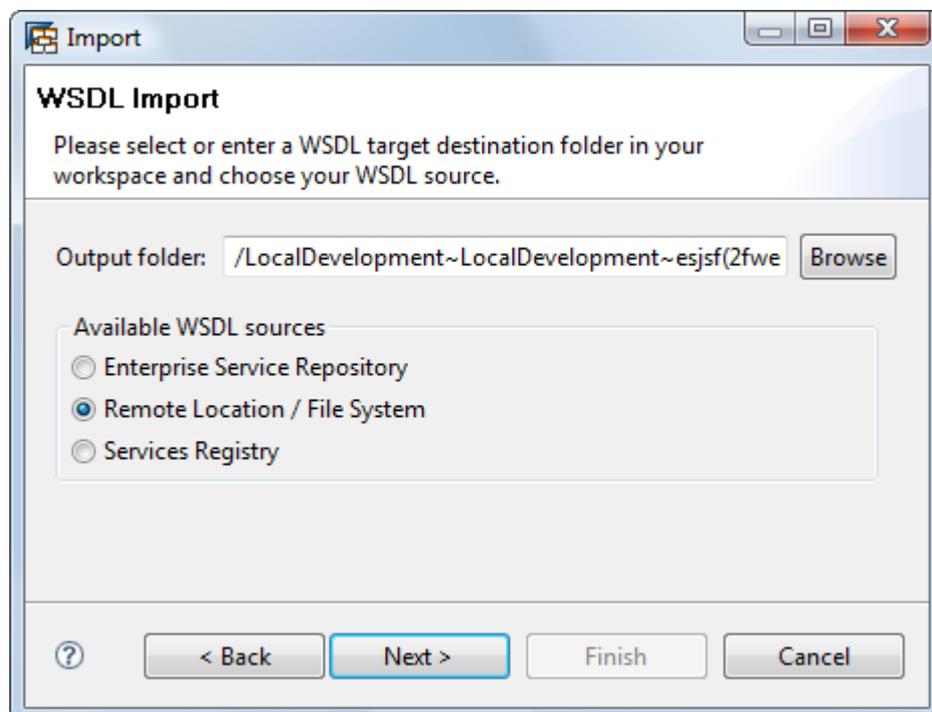
File system or a remote location such as a URL

Services Registry (SR): You import the WSDL document of a Web service published in the SR

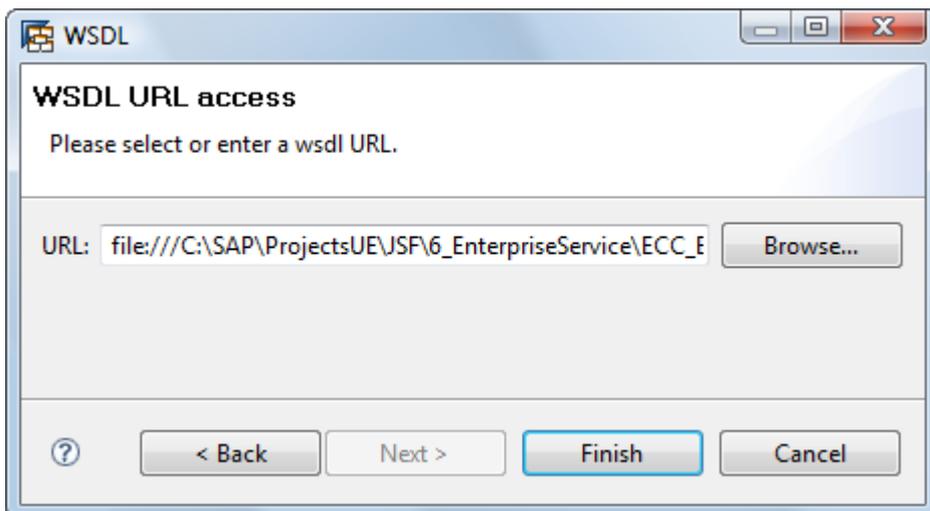
1. Choose *File* → *Import* → *Web services* → *Import WSDL*.



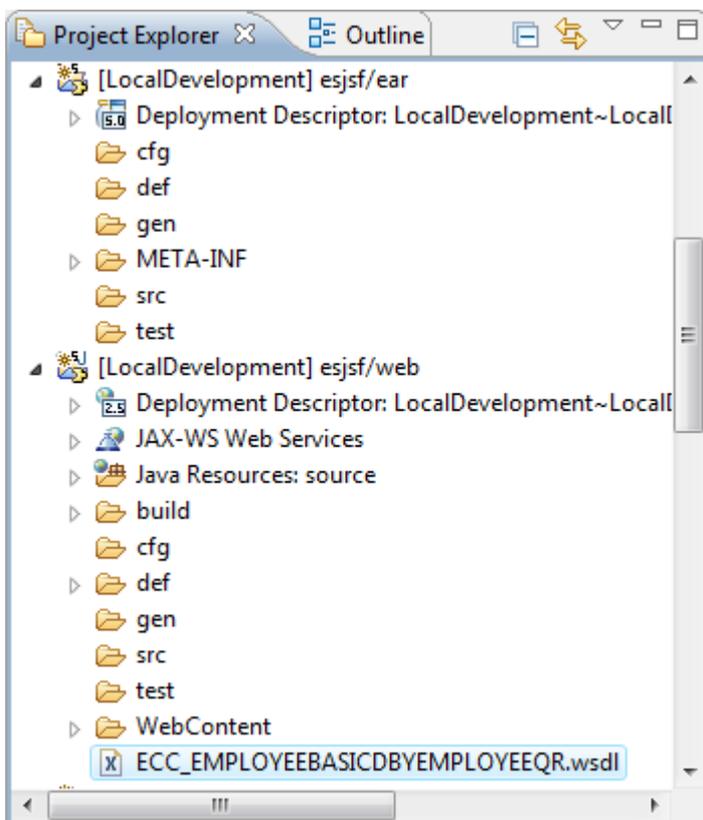
2. The WSDL Import wizard starts. In Output folder field, browse to the Web module project where you want to import the WSDL document. Under Available wsdl sources choose *Remote Location / File System*, and then choose the *Next* button.



3. In the *URL* field, provide the path to the WSDL document, and then choose *Finish*



4. The WSDL document is imported in the SAP NetWeaver Developer Studio. The original filename is preserved. If the WSDL document imports other WSDL documents or schemas, their filenames are preserved as well



4.5 Generate Enterprise Service Proxy

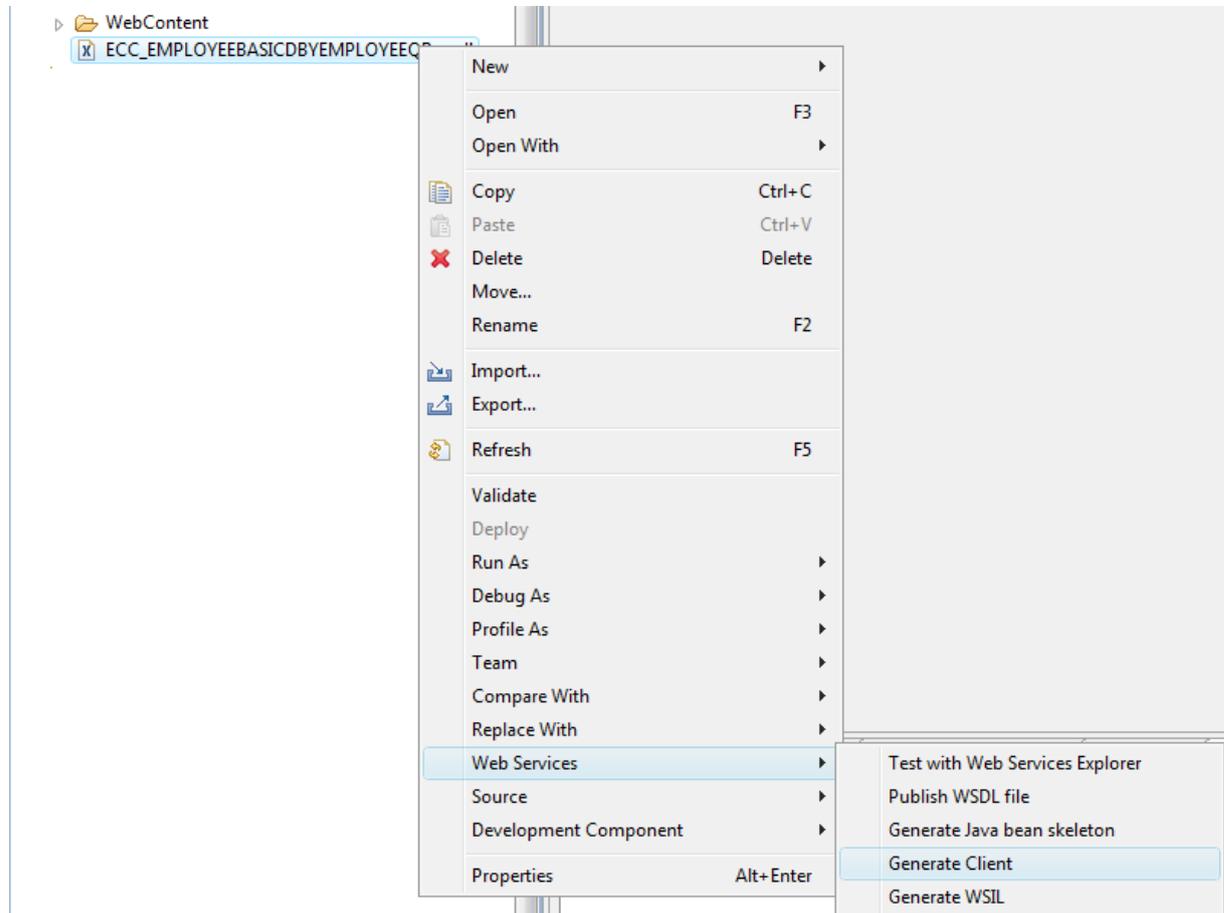
In this part you will generate a deployable proxy out of the downloaded WSDL.

Note

A deployable proxy is a Web service client, which can and has to be deployed on the application server to be operational. A deployable proxy is consumed from an Enterprise Java Bean, a servlet or a Java class and is created and configured by the responsible

managing container of the application server. Deployable proxies are used through the Java EE 5 injection mechanism.

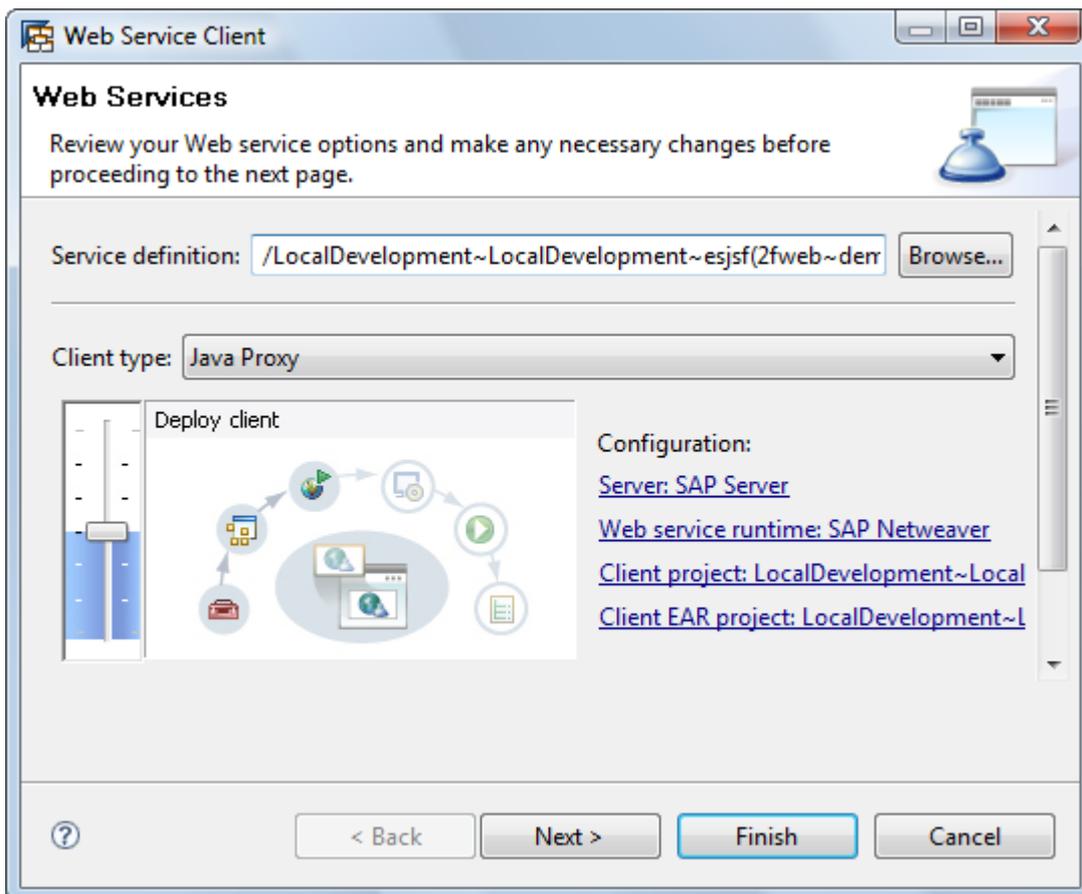
1. In the Project Explorer of the Web Module project, choose the WSDL document, and then from the context menu, choose *Web Services* → *Generate Client*.



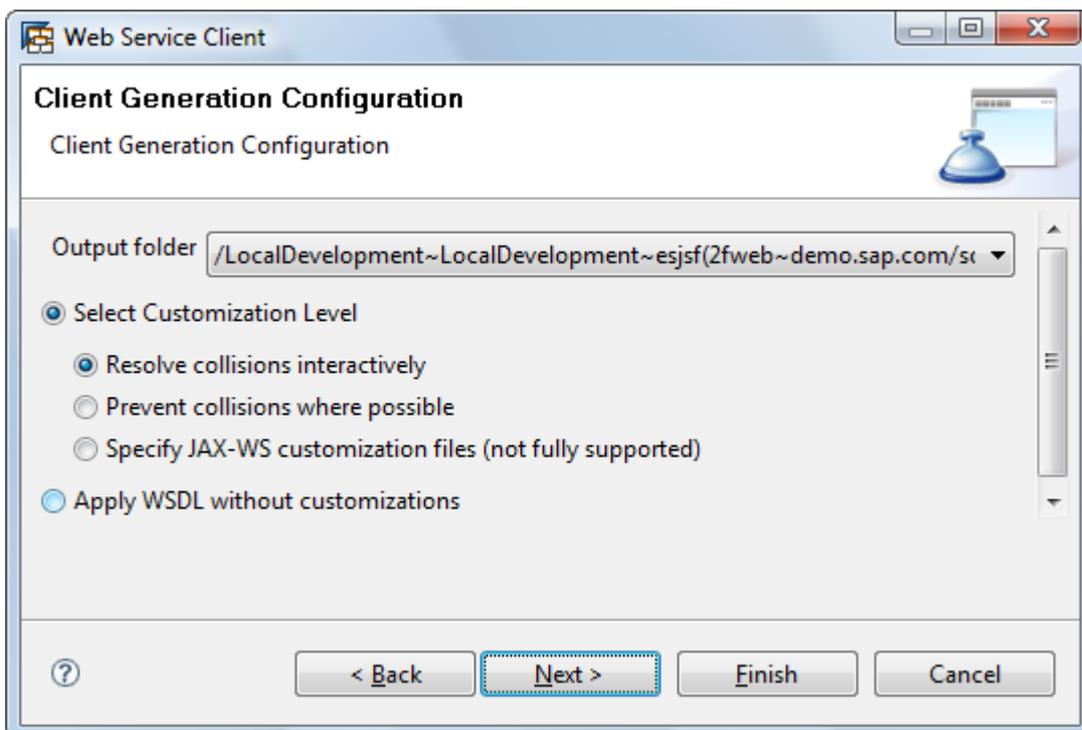
2. The Web Services wizard opens. On the *Web Services* screen, move the slider to the *Develop Client* position. In this case, the Web service framework only generates the relevant artifacts. Push the *Next* button.

 Note

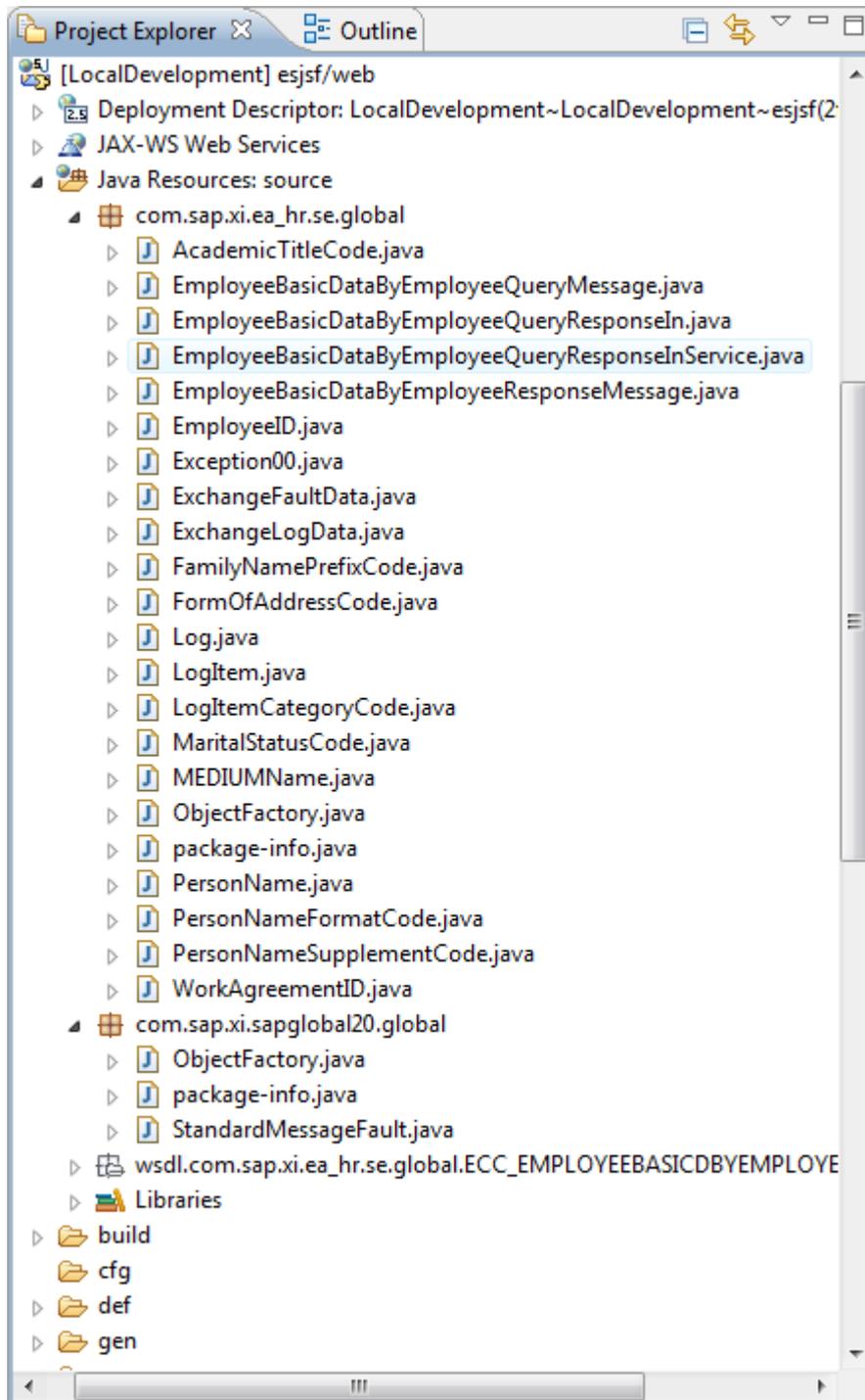
Under *Configuration*, choose *Service EAR Project*, and make sure that the correct service EAR project is selected in the *Service project* field



3. On the *Client Generation Configuration* screen, choose the `sxc` folder of the Web Module project and choose the way you want to resolve the possible collisions in the WSDL to Java mapping during the conversion of the WSDL document to Java artifacts. Push the *Finish* button.



4. The framework generates the service endpoint interface, reference classes and the service class in the output folder and the class path is updated with additional JAR files



4.6 Create a Java class

Use this procedure to invoke the Enterprise Service proxy in your application

1. From the context menu of the *Java Resources: source* folder in the *Web Module* project, create a Java class. Enter **EmployeeClient** in the *Name* field, **com.sap.tutorial.jsf.es.beans** in the *Package* field

2. Add the following annotated field to the Java class to inject the service reference:

 Note

The proxy is consumed from an EJB or Web module and is created and configured by the responsible managing container. Therefore, to allow the container to create and configure the proxy, a Java EE injection mechanism has to be used. This is achieved with the `@WebServiceRef(name="MyName")`. The string "MyName" has to be unique for the Enterprise JavaBean that uses the client or for the whole Web module.

```
public class EmployeeClient {
    @WebServiceRef(name = "EmployeeBasicData")
    EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponseInService service;
}
```

3. Declare the following attributes and generate the corresponding *Getters* and *Setters* methods

```
String employeeID;
String employeeName;
String employeeLastname;
XMLGregorianCalendar employeeBirthday;
String employeeMaritalStatus;
```

4. Create a *search* method and implement it with the following code

 Note

Notice the *search* method is returning a String that will indicate whether the specified employee was found. You will need to hook up this method to The CommandButton UI element in your JSF view to execute the search

```
public String search(){
    try {
        // Retrieve an instance of the configuration port
        EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponseIn port = service
            .getEmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponse_InSoapBinding();
        // specify username and password issued for you via SDN
        // to authenticate to the backend as follows
        javax.xml.ws.BindingProvider bp =
            (javax.xml.ws.BindingProvider) port;
        Map<String, Object> context = bp.getRequestContext();
        context.put("javax.xml.ws.security.auth.username", "username");
        context.put("javax.xml.ws.security.auth.password", "password");
        // Construct the input to be applied to the service call
        EmployeeID employeeID = new EmployeeID();
```

```

employeeID.setValue(this.employeeID);
EmployeeBasicDataSelectionByEmployee employeeByEmployee =
    new EmployeeBasicDataSelectionByEmployee();
employeeByEmployee.setEmployeeID(employeeID);
EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryMessage input =
    new EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryMessage();
input.setEmployeeBasicDataSelectionByEmployee(employeeByEmployee);
// Invoke the business methods
EmployeeBasicDataByEmployeeResponseMessage output = port
    .employeeBasicDataByEmployeeQueryResponseIn(input);
Employee employee = output.getEmployee();
//Get the response
this.employeeName = employee.getCommon().getName().getGivenName();
this.employeeLastname =
    employee.getCommon().getName().getFamilyName();
this.employeeBirthday = employee.getCommon().getBirthDate();
this.employeeMaritalStatus =
    employee.getCommon().getMaritalStatusName().getValue();
return "ok";
} catch (Exception e) {
    //Clean the object and return an error
    this.employeeID = "";
    this.employeeName = "";
    this.employeeLastname = "";
    this.employeeBirthday = null;
    this.employeeMaritalStatus = "";
    return "error";
}
}

```

5. Configure the *EmployeeClient* Java class in the application configuration resource file `faces-config.xml` using the managed-bean XML element. Enter `employeeClient` in the *Name* field to reference the *EmployeeClient* java class and select `session` in the *Scope* field. The following XML code will be added in the Source tab

```

<managed-bean>
    <managed-bean-name>employeeClient</managed-bean-name>
    <managed-bean-class>
        com.sap.tutorial.jsf.es.beans.EmployeeClient

```

```
</managed-bean-class>
<managed-bean-scope>session</managed-bean-scope>
</managed-bean>
```

4.7 Create JSF Pages

1. From the context menu of the *Java Resources: source* folder in the *Web Module* project, create a new package `com.sap.tutorial.jsf.es.util`
2. Create the ResourceBundle. Choose the `com.sap.tutorial.jsf.es.util` package and enter `messages.properties` in the *File Name*
3. Enter the following keys and values for the English version of the localized messages

```
title=Search Employee
emp_id=Employee ID
search_button=Search
emp_name=Name
emp_lastname=Last Name
emp_birthday=Birthday
emp_marital=Marital Status
errorOccurred=Sorry, there is no employee with the ID specified.
errorBack=Please go back and try again
back_button=Back
```

4. For simplicity, only the English version of the localized message is created. Optionally you can create other versions of the localized messages and specify which languages are supported for this application as indicated in the Product Offer tutorial Part 3 (International JSF application [extern]).
5. Expose the ResourceBundles by adding the following XML code in the Source tab of the faces-config.xml file

```
<application>
  <resource-bundle>
    <base-name>com.sap.tutorial.jsf.es.util.messages</base-name>
    <var>msgs</var>
  </resource-bundle>
</application>
```

6. Create a Style file as indicated in the Product Offer tutorial (Convert and Validate Data [extern]). You are going to use the same CSS classes, so you can copy the `styles.css` file from that tutorial.
7. Drill into the Web Module project and right click on the *WebContent* folder and in the context menu select *New* → *JSP*.

8. Enter the file name `index.jsp` and click the *Finish* button. The JSP page will be created. The `index.jsp` page should be opened in the *Web Page Editor*
9. Include the style sheet by adding a `link` element inside the `head` element as shown in the following code

```
<head>
    <link href="styles.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
    ...
</head>
```

10. The following table contains the hierarchy of the UI elements contained in the `index` view:

Property	Value
ViewRoot UI element	
Form UI element in the UI-element ViewRoot	
OutputText UI element in the UI-element Form	
value	<code>#{msgs.title}</code>
styleClass	title
PanelGrid UI element in the UI-element Form	
Border	0
Columns	2
OutputText UI element in the UI-element PanelGrid	
value	<code>#{msgs.emp_id}</code>
styleClass	label
InputText UI element in the UI-element PanelGrid	
value	<code>#{employeeClient.employeeID}</code>
CommandButton UI element in the UI-element Form	
value	<code>#{msgs.search_button}</code>
action	<code>#{employeeClient.search}</code>
PanelGrid UI element in the UI-element Form	
Border	0
Columns	2
OutputText UI element in the UI-element PanelGrid	
value	<code>#{msgs.emp_name}</code>
styleClass	label
OutputText UI element in the UI-element PanelGrid	
value	<code>#{employeeClient.employeeName}</code>
styleClass	text

OutputText UI element in the UI-element <i>PanelGrid</i>	
value	<code>#{msgs.emp_lastname}</code>
styleClass	label

OutputText UI element in the UI-element <i>PanelGrid</i>	
value	<code>#{employeeClient.employeeLastname}</code>
styleClass	text

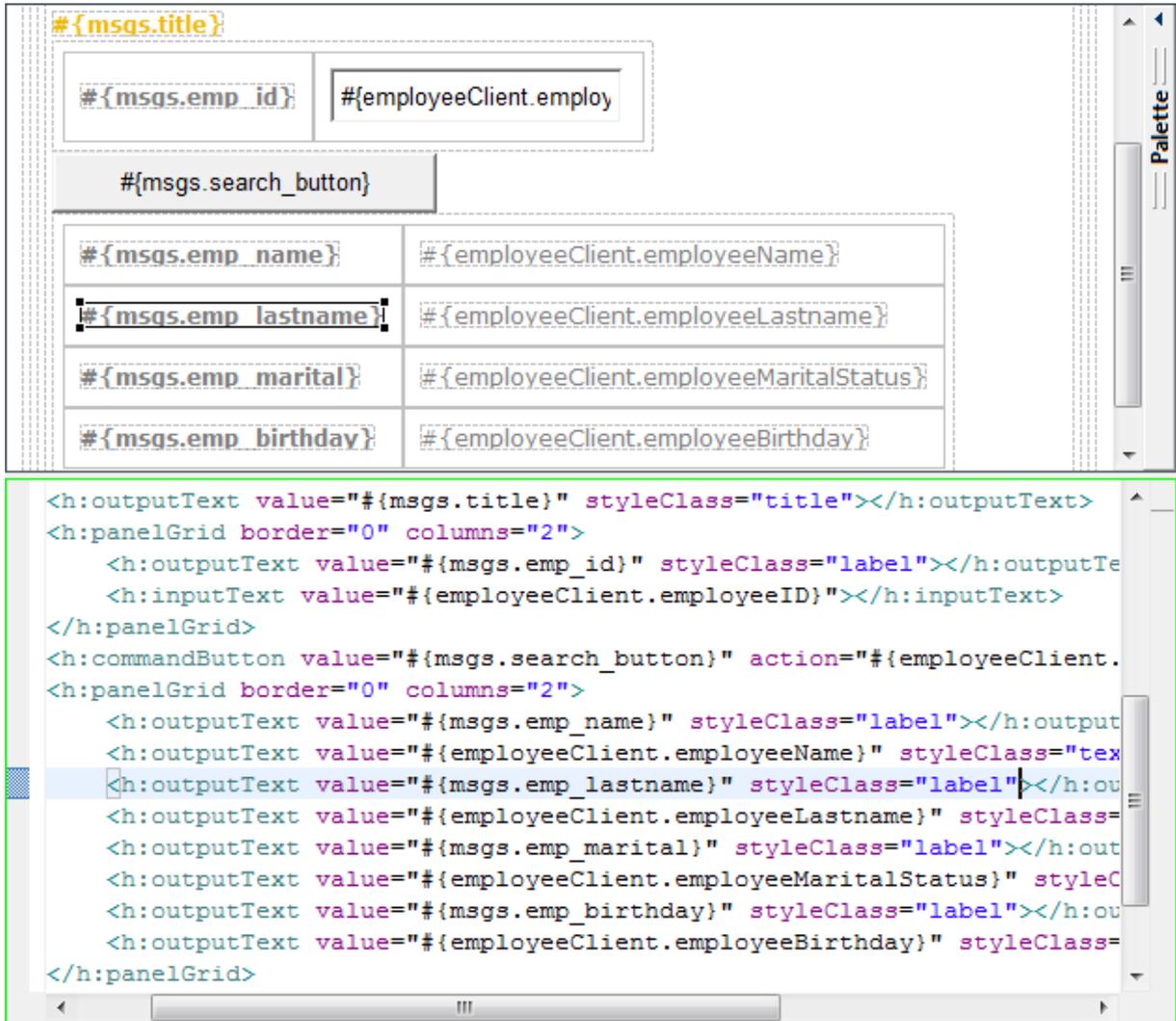
OutputText UI element in the UI-element <i>PanelGrid</i>	
value	<code>#{msgs.emp_marital}</code>
styleClass	label

OutputText UI element in the UI-element <i>PanelGrid</i>	
value	<code>#{employeeClient.employeeMaritalStatus}</code>
styleClass	text

OutputText UI element in the UI-element <i>PanelGrid</i>	
value	<code>#{msgs.emp_birthday}</code>
styleClass	label

OutputText UI element in the UI-element <i>PanelGrid</i>	
value	<code>#{employeeClient.employeeBirthday}</code>
styleClass	text

11. Result of index.jsp



12. Save the changes you made.
13. Create the another view selecting *New* → *JSP* in the context menu of the *WebContent* folder
14. Enter the file name `errorDisplay.jsp` and click the *Finish* button. The JSP page will be created. The `errorDisplay.jsp` page should be opened in the *Web Page Editor*
15. Include the style sheet by adding a *link* element inside the *head* element as shown in the following code

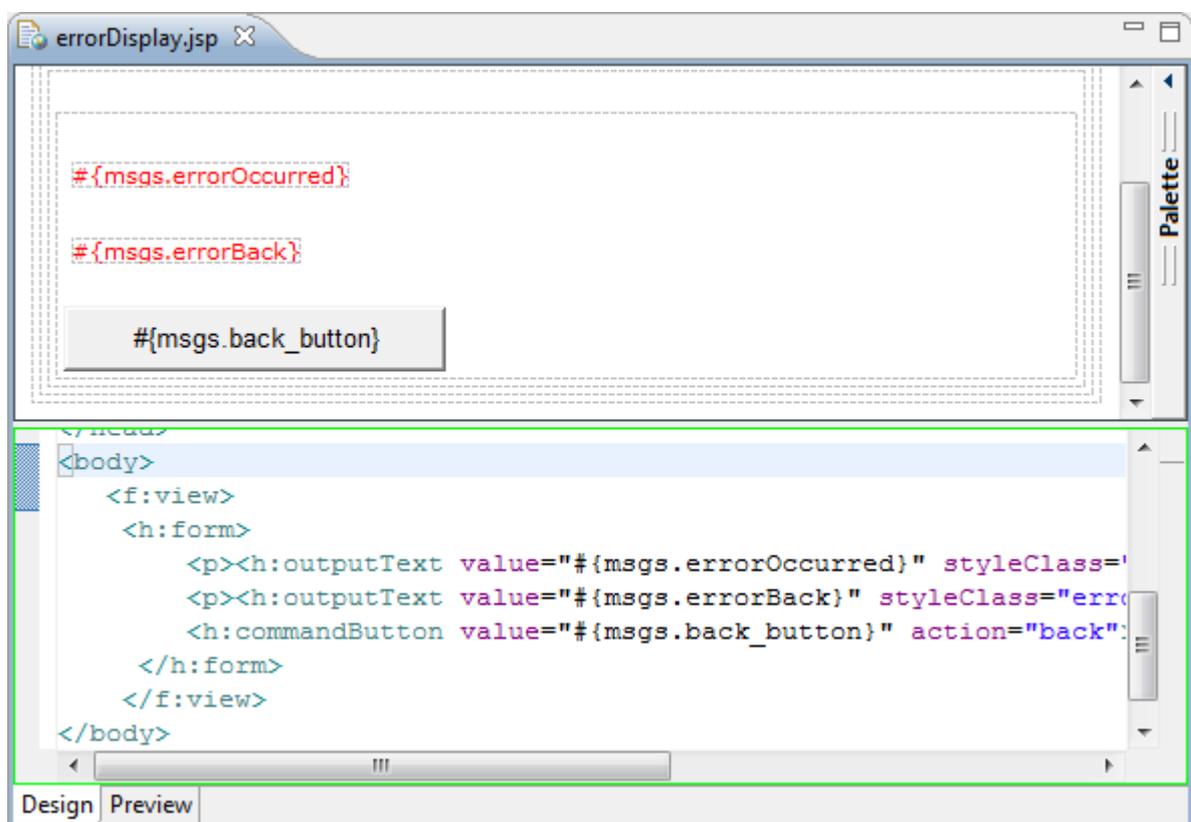
```
<head>
  <link href="styles.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
  ...
</head>
```

16. The following table contains the hierarchy of the UI elements contained in the *index* view:

Property	Value
<i>ViewRoot</i> UI element	
<i>Form</i> UI element in the UI-element <i>ViewRoot</i>	
<i>OutputText</i> UI element in the UI-element <i>Form</i>	

value	<code>#{msgs.errorOccurred}</code>
styleClass	errorMessage
OutputText UI element in the UI-element Form	
value	<code>#{msgs.errorBack}</code>
styleClass	errorMessage
CommandButton UI element in the UI-element Form	
value	<code>#{msgs.back_button}</code>
action	back

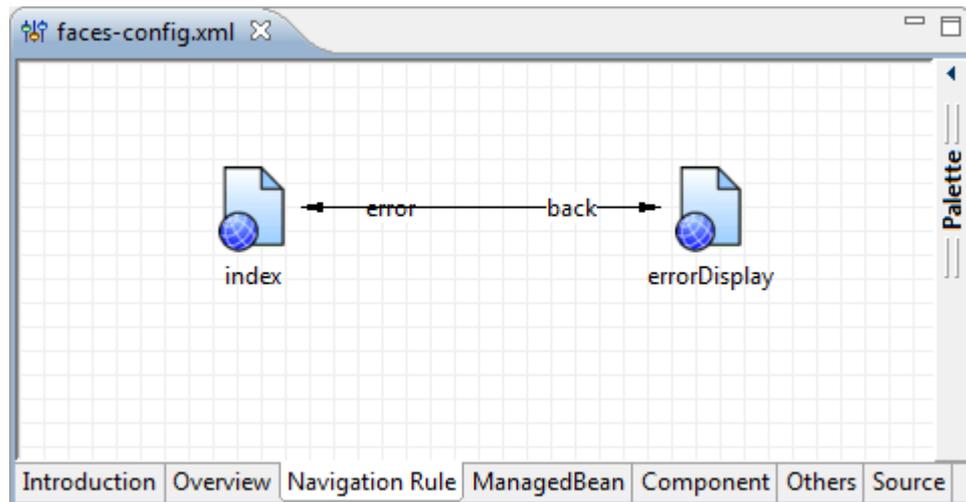
17. Result of errorDisplay.jsp



18. To complete the JSF application, we need to specify the navigation rules, drill into the Web Module project, in the *WebContent* → *WEB-INF* folder and open the *faces-config.xml* file.
19. Go to the Navigation Rule tab to define the navigation. The navigation flow should look like the following image:

 Note

The *CommandButton* UI element in the *index.jsp* view has the *search* method in the *action* property. If it returns the "error" string, the application will navigate to the *errorDisplay.jsp* view.



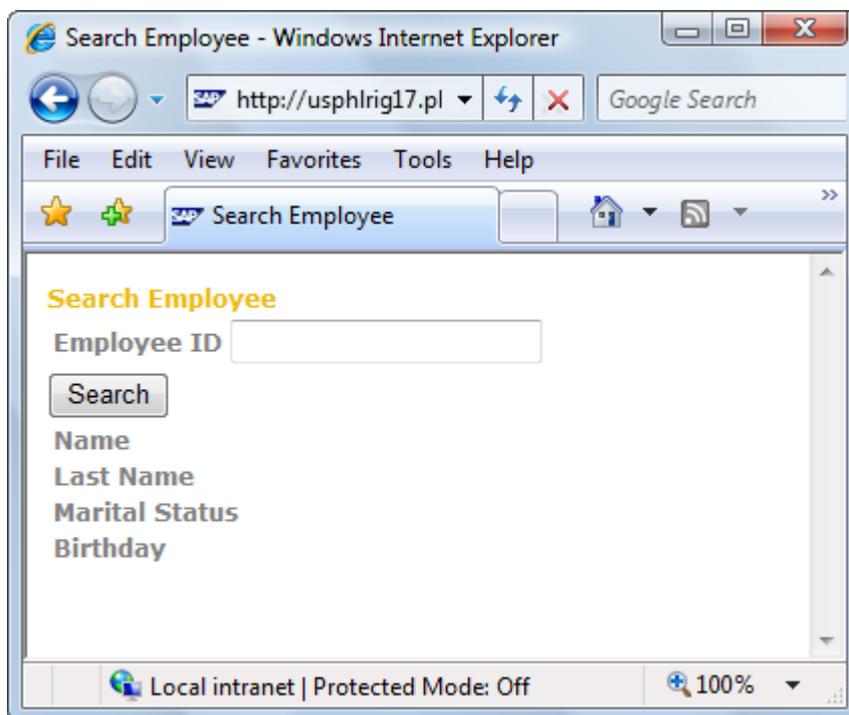
20. Select the *Source* tab. The following XML code should be added automatically between the `<faces-config ... >` `</faces-config>` tags

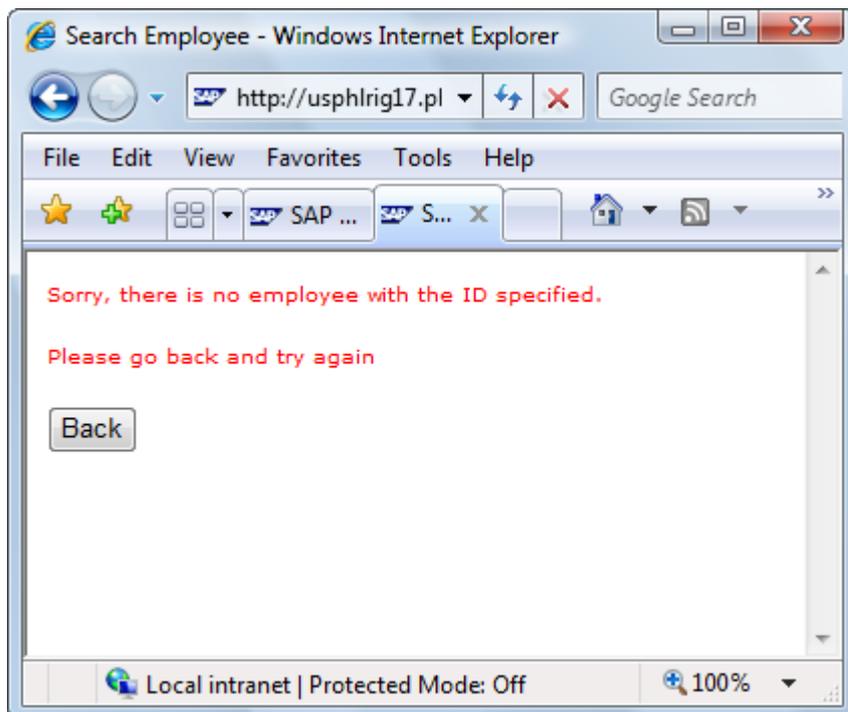
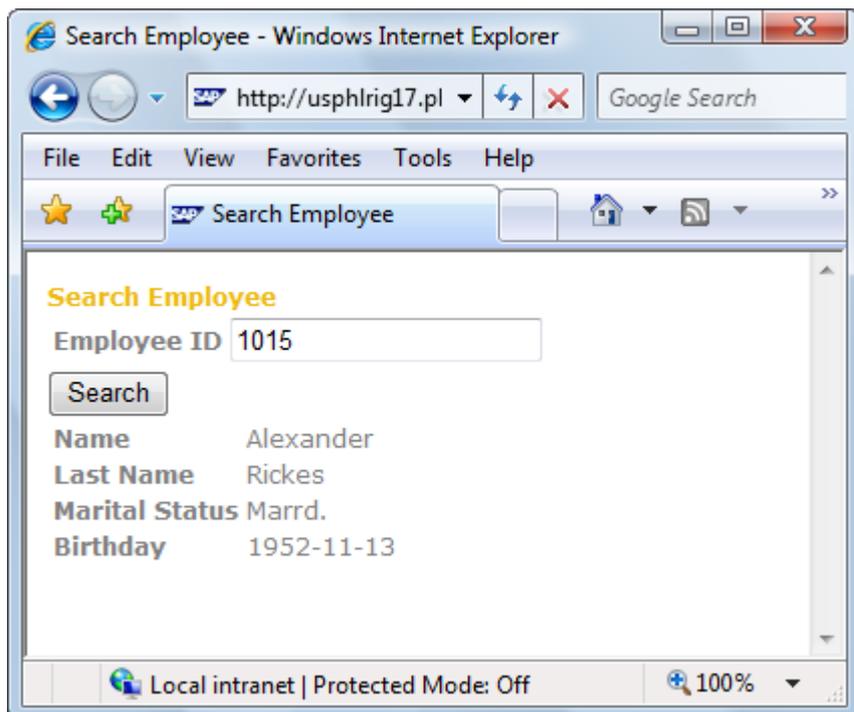
```
<navigation-rule>
  <display-name>index</display-name>
  <from-view-id>/index.jsp</from-view-id>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>error</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/errorDisplay.jsp</to-view-id>
    <redirect />
  </navigation-case>
</navigation-rule>
<navigation-rule>
  <display-name>errorDisplay</display-name>
  <from-view-id>/errorDisplay.jsp</from-view-id>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>back</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/index.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
</navigation-rule>
```

21. Save the changes you made

4.8 Build, Deploy and Run your application

1. Create the application.xml deployment descriptor, sets the WAR file to “demo.sap.com~esjsf~web.war” and the context root to “esjsf” as indicated in the Hello World JSF tutorial (Create a Hello World Application using JavaServer Faces [Extern]).
2. Save changes.
3. Build and deploy the application.
4. Run the application using the following simplified URL:
http://<servername>:<httpport>/esjsf/faces/index.jsp
5. Results:





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