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## IBM Integration Bus

# Integration with Microsoft .NET Applications

Using the .NETInput Node  
to access MSMQ Queues  
and using Cloned Nodes

Featuring:

The .NETInput node  
Accessing MSMQ queues  
Creating and using IIB Cloned Nodes

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# 1. Introduction

WebSphere Message Broker Version 8 introduced the capability to integrate with existing .NET applications using the .NETCompute node, but initially lacked the ability to start a Message Flow using .NET. This feature was introduced in IBM Integration Bus v9.0, and the feature has been used in this scenario with IBM Integration Bus version 10.

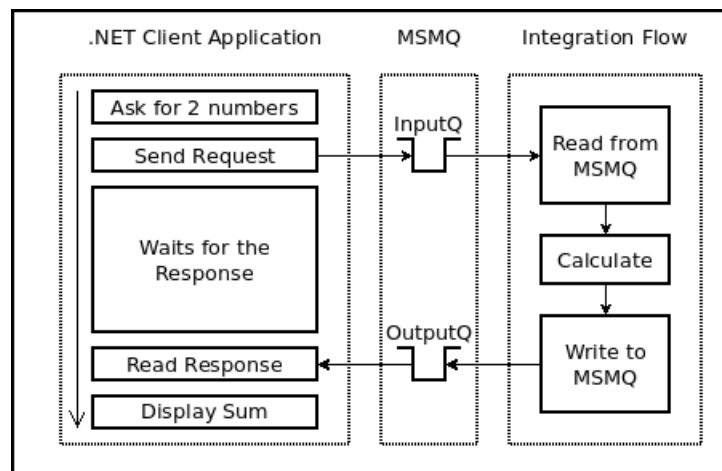
This lab will guide you through the steps needed to implement a Message Flow which starts an instance when a message arrives at a queue hosted on MSMQ (Microsoft Message Queuing). It responds to that by doing a simple mathematical calculation and sending a response to another MSMQ hosted queue.

## 1.1 Workshop system

If you are using the prepared VMWare image for the IIB workshop, this has been prepared with Microsoft Visual Studio Community Edition 2016. The screen captures in this lab guide have been taken from this version of Visual Studio. However, the scenario should work with other versions of Visual Studio.

# 1. Lab Objectives

. The scenario used in this lab is illustrated in the following diagram:



You will perform the following tasks

1. Create an application and message flow to contain the MSMQ Input nodes
2. Use the .NET Input Node to create an MSMQ Input Node for Event-based input
3. Create a Cloned Node based on the MSMQ Input Node
4. Create a new application and message flow which uses the new Cloned Node and two further .NET Compute nodes to perform the calculation and send the output back to an MSMQ queue.
5. Test the new message flow with a .NET Test Application
6. Perform steps 2-5 again, but creating a second MSMQ Input Node to use polling-based input.

The new nodes require some elements of new C# code. Some of this is generated by the Integration Bus Visual Studio plugins. These will automatically generate the following:

- A class to start an instance of a Message Flow by using the Polling technique.
- A class to start an instance of a Message Flow by using the Event-Driven approach.

In addition, the lab requires a small amount of bespoke C# code. This is provided for you.

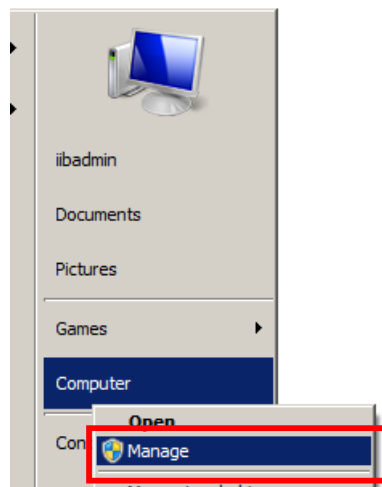
## 2. Creating the MSMQ Queues

To enable the communication between the .NET Client Application and the Message Flow, you have to create the queues that they are going to use to talk to each other, and grant access on those queues to the user which the Integration Bus is being executed as.

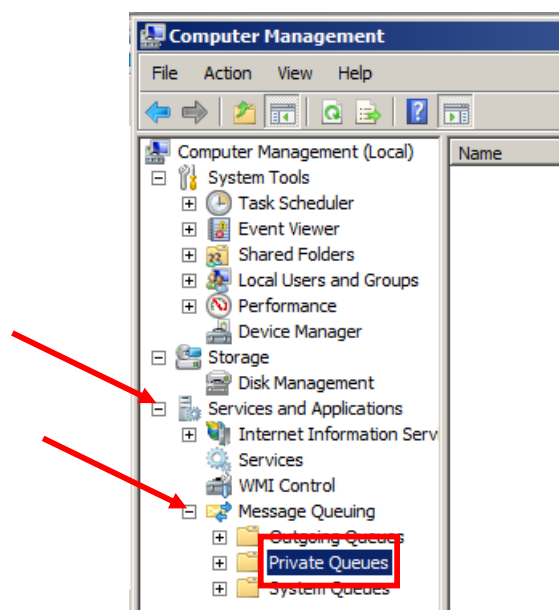
This section is included to show you how to create MSMQ queues, if you are not familiar with these tools.

### 2.1 Create the Input and the Output Queues

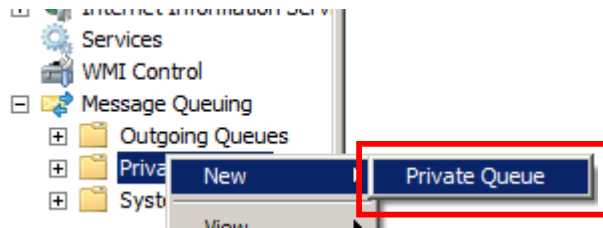
1. Login to Windows with the user **iibuser**, password = **passw0rd**.
2. Click Windows Start, then right-click on the **“Computer”** item and click **“Manage”**.



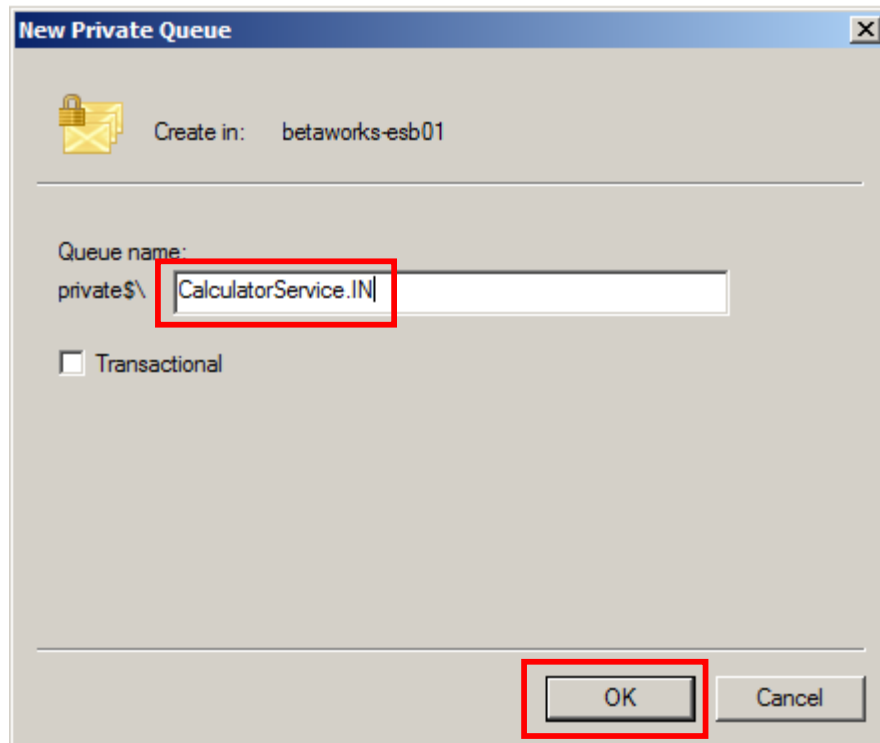
3. In the “Computer Management” application, expand **“Services and Applications”** and its **“Message Queuing”** sub-section, then select **Private Queues**.



- Right-click "**Private Queues**", then click "New" --> "Private Queue".



- Name it "**CalculatorService.IN**", and click **OK**.

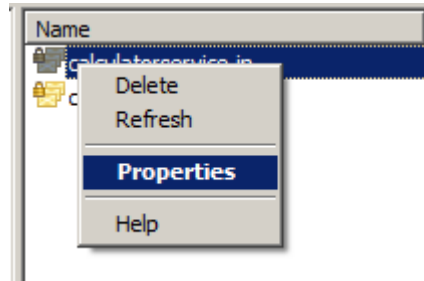


- Repeat** steps 3 and 4 to create the following queues. Note – if you are using the pre-built VM image, these have been created already:
  - CalculatorService.OUT
  - CalculatorService.IN.EVENT
  - CalculatorService.IN.POLL

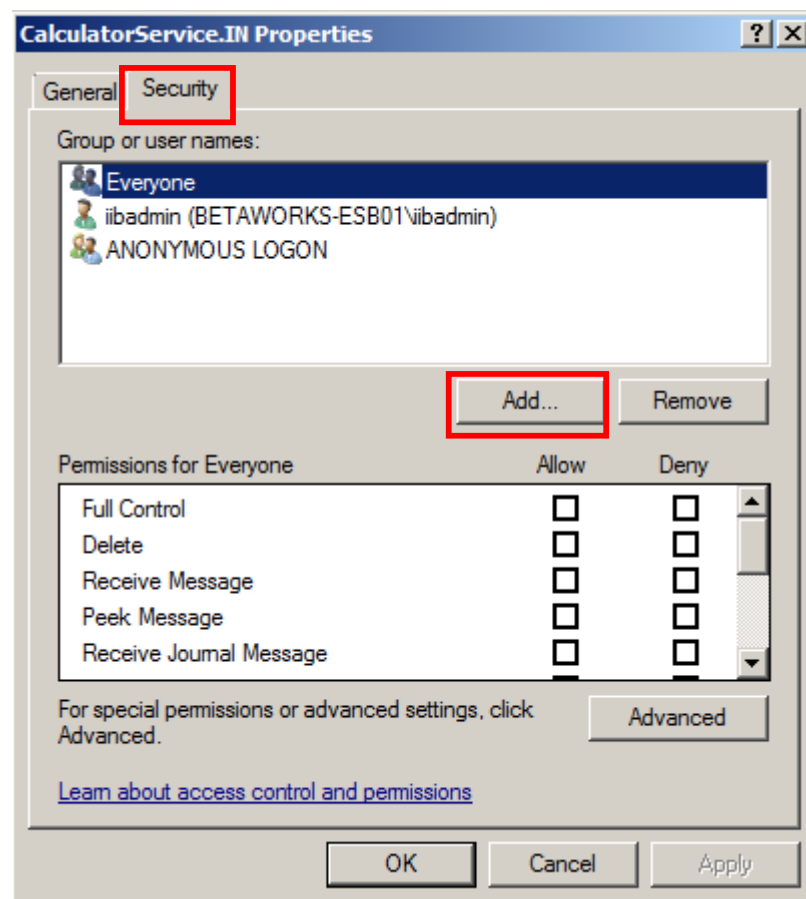
## 2.2 Grant permissions on the queues

Since the Integration Bus Node is running as the “Local System” account, you have to grant access to that user on the queues you just created, in order to allow the Integration Server to read and write messages to/from those queues.

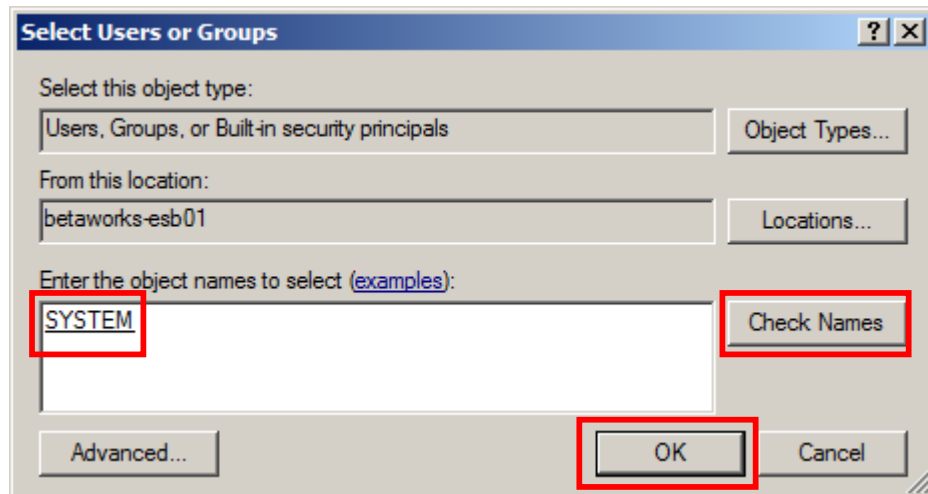
1. Right-click the “**CalculatorService.IN**” queue, then click “**Properties**”.



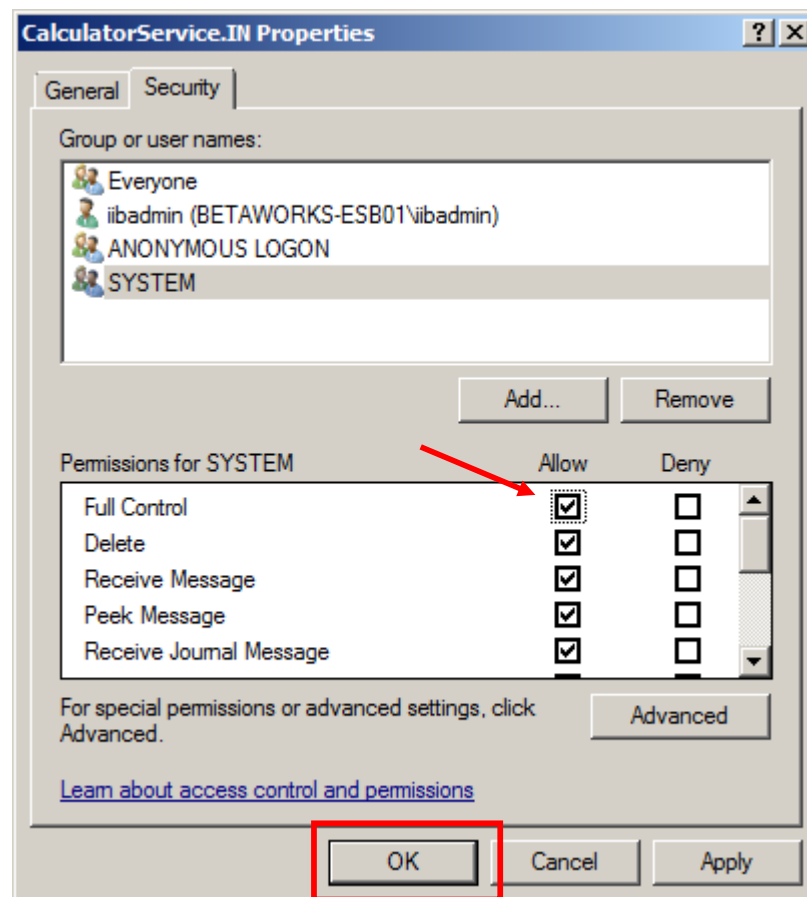
2. Click the “**Security**” tab, then the “**Add**” button:



3. Type **"SYSTEM"** in the text box, click the **"Check Names"** button and click **"OK"** to close the "Select Users or Groups" dialog.



4. Back in the "CalculatorService.IN" properties dialog, tick the **"Full Control"** check-box and click **OK**.



5. **Repeat** steps 1 to 4 to grant permissions on the remaining queues.

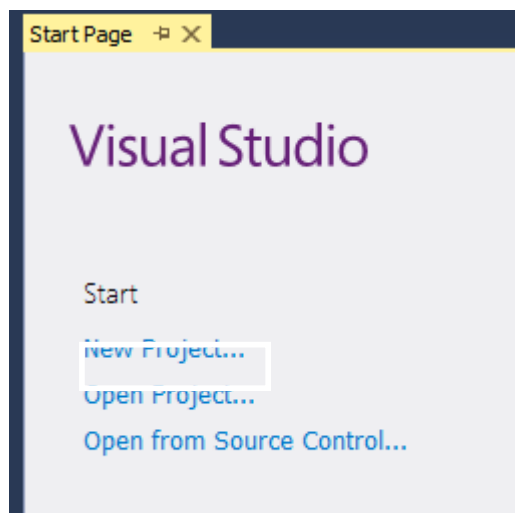


### 3. Use the .NETInput Node to create an MSMQ Input Node

The .NETInput node works in the same way as the .NETCompute node: The node is dropped onto the flow editor, and is then bound to a class within a .NET Assembly, which implements the logic you want to be executed by that node.

In this step, you will use Microsoft's Visual Studio 2015 Community Edition to implement the code behind the .NETInput node. This will create a specific instance of the .NET Input node for reading MSMQ queues.

1. From Windows Start, click the  item.
2. When it has loaded, click the **"New Project"** link.



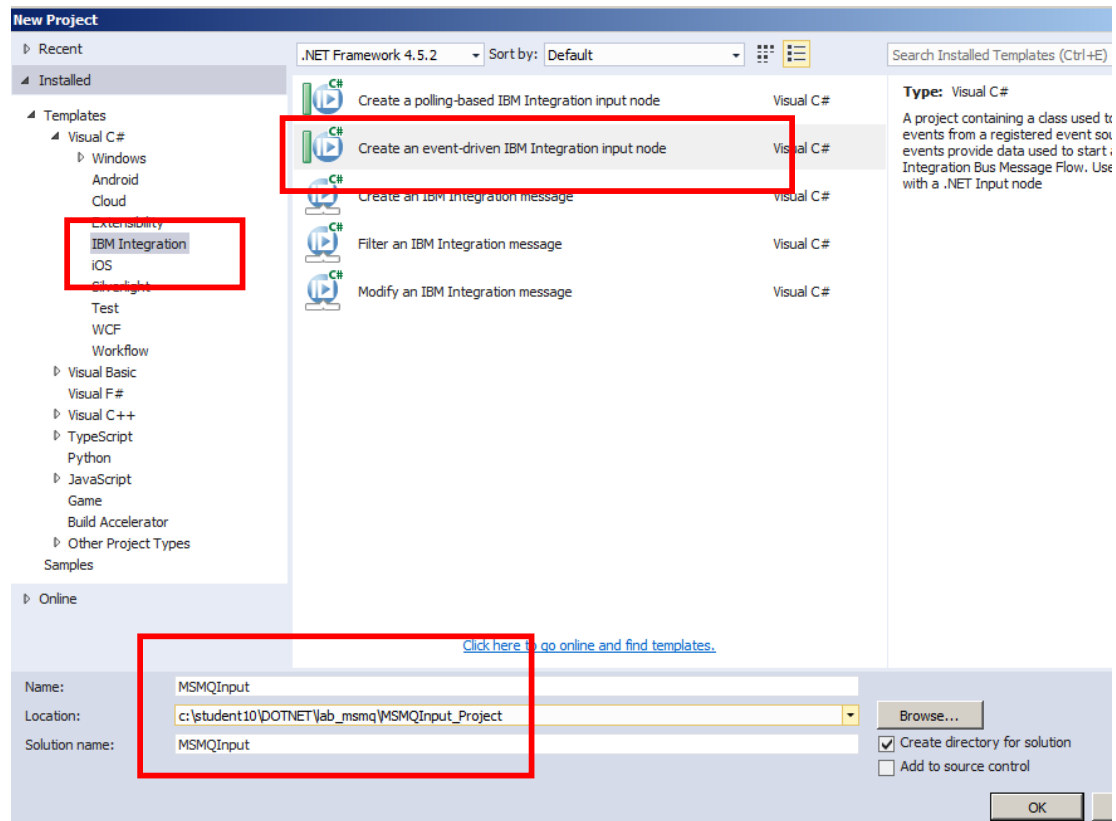
- Expand the Visual C# template, and select "IBM Integration".

Highlight "Create an event-driven IBM Integration input node".

Set the Name of the project to MSMQInput.

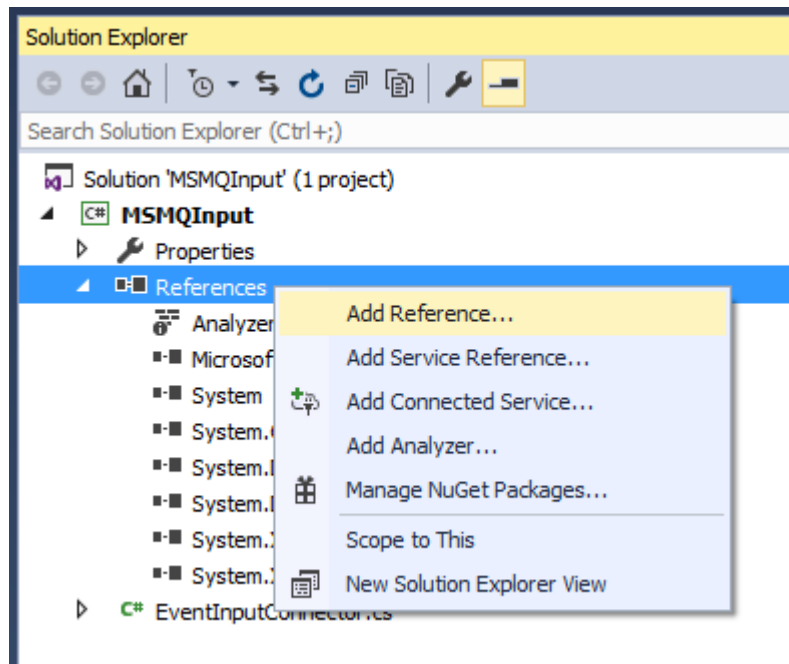
Set the Location to c:\student\DOTNET\lab\_msmq\MSMQInput\_Project.

Click OK.



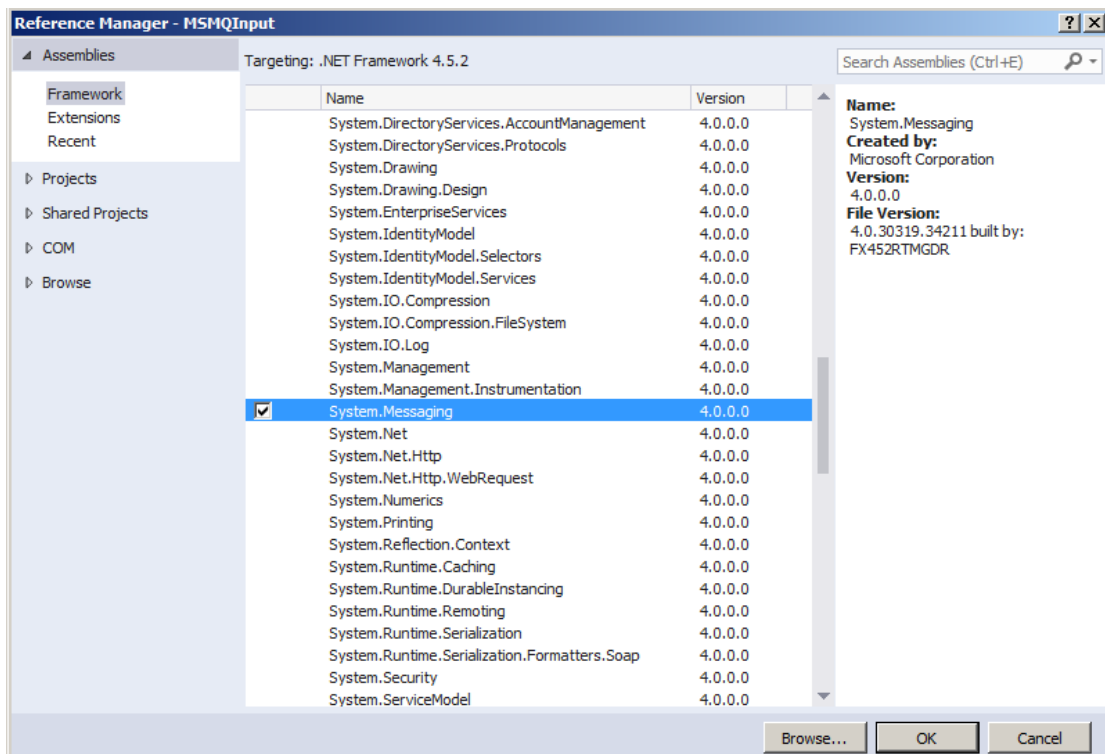
- The default Visual Studio project does not contain a reference to System.Messaging, so you need to define a new reference for this.

In the Solution Explorer (right pane), right-click References, and click “Add Reference”.



- Scroll down to System.Messaging. As you highlight each line, the appropriate check-box will become visible.

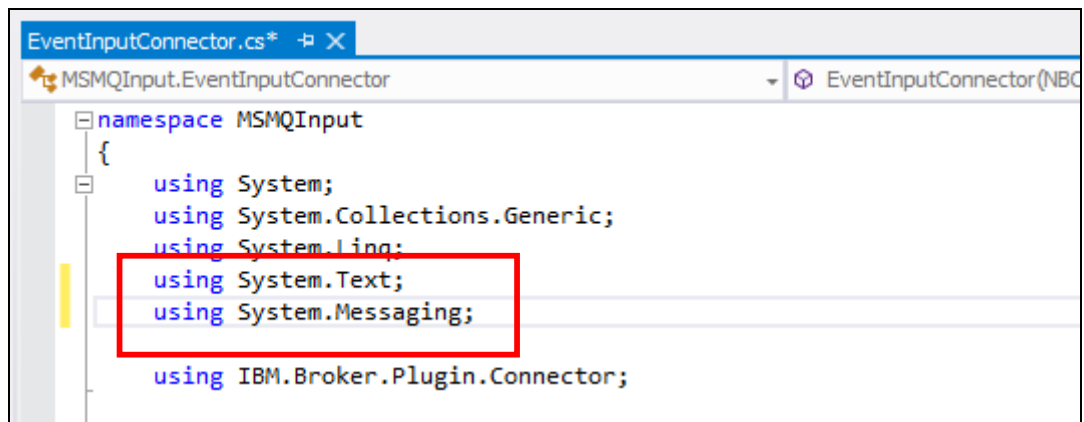
Place a tick in the System.Messaging checkbox, and click OK.



6. You now need to include a reference to this in the generated class.

In the EventInputConnector class, add a new line as follows

```
using System.Messaging;
```



```
EventInputConnector.cs* [P] X
MSMQInput.EventInputConnector EventInputConnector(NBC
namespace MSMQInput
{
    using System;
    using System.Collections.Generic;
    using System.Linq;
    using System.Text;
    using System.Messaging;
    using IBM.Broker.Plugin.Connector;
```

7. Take a minute to examine the generated class; You'll notice that, in addition to the constructor, 4 methods and a #region were generated:
- Initialize: This method is invoked when the flow is deployed to the Integration Server.
  - Start: This method is invoked when the flow is started (either by Node, Server or Flow startup).
  - Finish: This method is invoked when the flow is gracefully stopped (either by Flow, Server or Node stop).
  - Terminate: This method is invoked when the flow is removed (un-deployed) from the Integration Server.

Additionally, in the event-driven approach, you have to register the “delegate” method of your class (typically inserted into the “UserDelegate” region) that is going to be called every time a message flow instance has to be created. In this Lab, you will register a callback in a “System.Messaging.MessageQueue” instance that will call the MSMQInput class when a message arrives on the Input Queue. This registration must be done inside the Start() method and undone inside the Finish() method.

```
public MSMQInput(NBConnectorFactory connectorFactory, string name, Dictionary<string, string> properties)
    : base(connectorFactory, name, properties) {
}

/// <summary>
/// Initialize Method
/// </summary>
/// <remarks>
/// Performs any validation of properties that is required when the flow is deployed.
/// </remarks>
public override void Initialize() {
}

/// <summary>
/// Start Method
/// </summary>
/// <remarks>
/// Registers a user defined delegate with the event source.
/// The delegate is where an <>NBByteArrayInputEvent</> or another subclass of <>NBInputEvent</> must
/// </remarks>
public override void Start() {
}

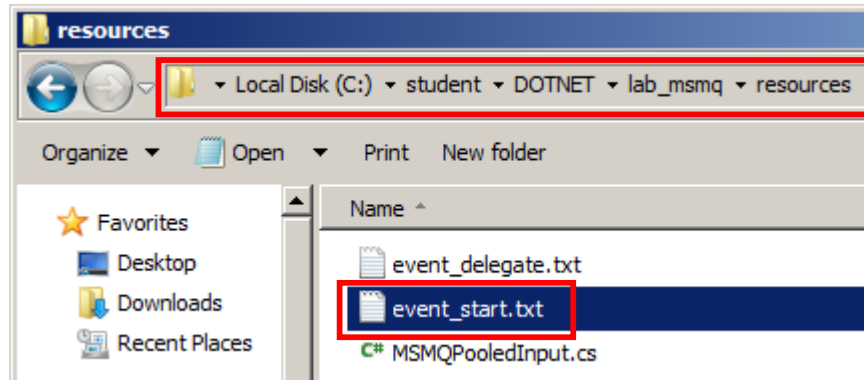
/// <summary>
/// Finish Method
/// </summary>
/// <remarks>
/// Performs deregistration of the delegate from the event source.
/// </remarks>
public override void Finish() {
}

/// <summary>
/// Terminate Method
/// </summary>
/// <remarks>
/// Perform any final shutdown required when the flow is stopped or undeployed.
/// </remarks>
public override void Terminate() {
}
```

UserDelegate

8. You will now complete the implementation of the MSMQ Input Node by copying some prepared C# code into the new class.

In Windows Explorer, navigate to the “C:\student\DOTNET\lab\_msmq\resources” folder. Open the file “event\_start.txt” in Notepad.



9. This file has the implementation of the **Start()** method of the **MSMQInput** class. It reads the name of the Input Queue from a “User Defined Property”, creates an instance of the Queue and Registers the delegate method to be called when a new message arrives.

Take a moment to examine its logic on your notepad instance.

Copy the contents in section (2) of the file.

```

event_start.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
1) Define queueName - after /// Start Method
    /// Start Method
    private string queueName;

2) Read Input Queue - paste in Start() method
    // Reads the input queue name from the User Defined Property (UDP) of the node
    if (Properties.ContainsKey("queueName"))
    {
        this.queueName = Properties["queueName"];
    }
    else
    {
        this.queueName = "CalculatorService.IN.EVENT";
    }
    // opens the input queue for reading
    MessageQueue inputQ = new MessageQueue(".\\Private$\\" + queueName, QueueAccessMode.
    // Add an event handler for the ReceiveCompleted event.
    inputQ.ReceiveCompleted += new ReceiveCompletedEventHandler(this.MessageReceived);
    // Begin the asynchronous receive operation.
    inputQ.BeginReceive();
  
```

10. Paste the copied text inside of the **Start()** method of the EventInputConnector class. Your result should look like this:

```
public override void Start()
{
    // Reads the input queue name from the User Defined Property (UDP) of the node

    if (Properties.ContainsKey("queueName"))
    {
        this.queueName = Properties["queueName"];
    }
    else
    {
        this.queueName = "CalculatorService.IN.EVENT";
    }
    // Opens the input queue for reading
    MessageQueue inputQ = new MessageQueue(".\\Private$\\\" + queueName, QueueAccessMode.Receive);

    // Add an event handler for the ReceiveCompleted event.
    inputQ.ReceiveCompleted += new ReceiveCompletedEventHandler(this.MessageReceived);

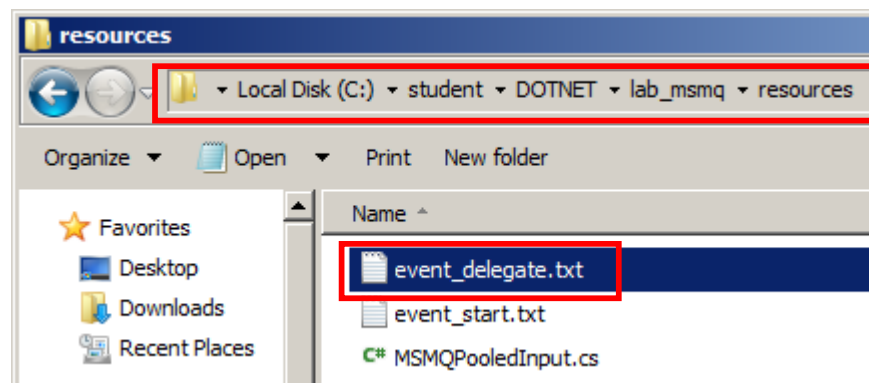
    // Begin the asynchronous receive operation.
    inputQ.BeginReceive();
}
}
```



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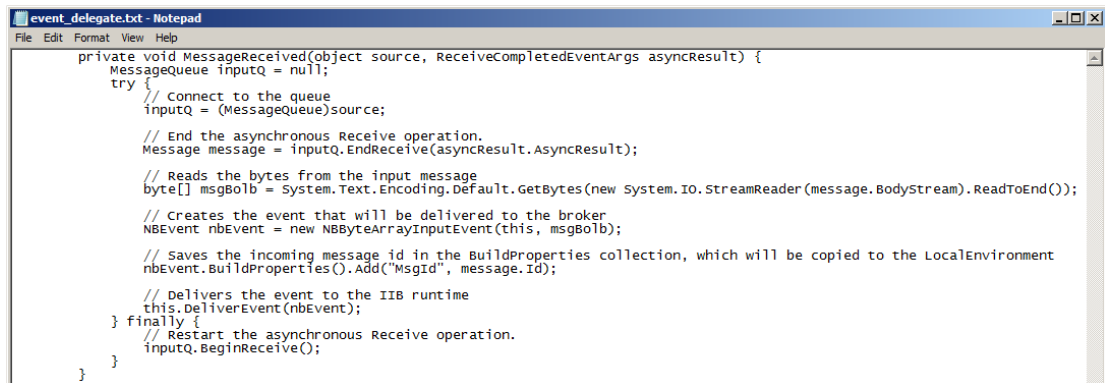
Be aware that if your notepad has the **“Word Wrap”** option enabled, it **will** insert some line breaks in the text when you copy it. If that’s the case, either disable that function before copying or adjust the code after pasting, according to the one showed above.

11. Back in Windows Explorer, open **“event\_delegate.txt”** file in Notepad.



12. This file has the implementation of the **UserDelegate** method of the **MSMQInput** class. It reads the incoming message into an unparsed byte array and saves its MessageId header into the LocalEnvironment, in order to allow the response message to have this value in its Correlation Id header.

Copy all the contents of the file:

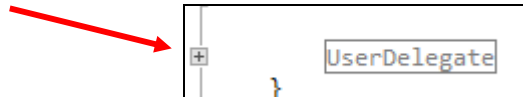


```

event_delegate.txt - Notepad
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private void MessageReceived(object source, ReceiveCompletedEventArgs asyncResult) {
    MessageQueue inputQ = null;
    try {
        // Connect to the queue
        inputQ = (MessageQueue)source;
        // End the asynchronous Receive operation.
        Message message = inputQ.EndReceive(asyncResult.AsyncResult);
        // Reads the bytes from the input message
        byte[] msgBolb = System.Text.Encoding.Default.GetBytes(new System.IO.StreamReader(message.BodyStream).ReadToEnd());
        // Creates the event that will be delivered to the broker
        NBEvent nbEvent = new NBBinaryInputEvent(this, msgBolb);
        // Saves the incoming message id in the BuildProperties collection, which will be copied to the LocalEnvironment
        nbEvent.BuildProperties().Add("MsgId", message.Id);
        // Delivers the event to the IIB runtime
        this.DeliverEvent(nbEvent);
    } finally {
        // Restart the asynchronous Receive operation.
        inputQ.BeginReceive();
    }
}

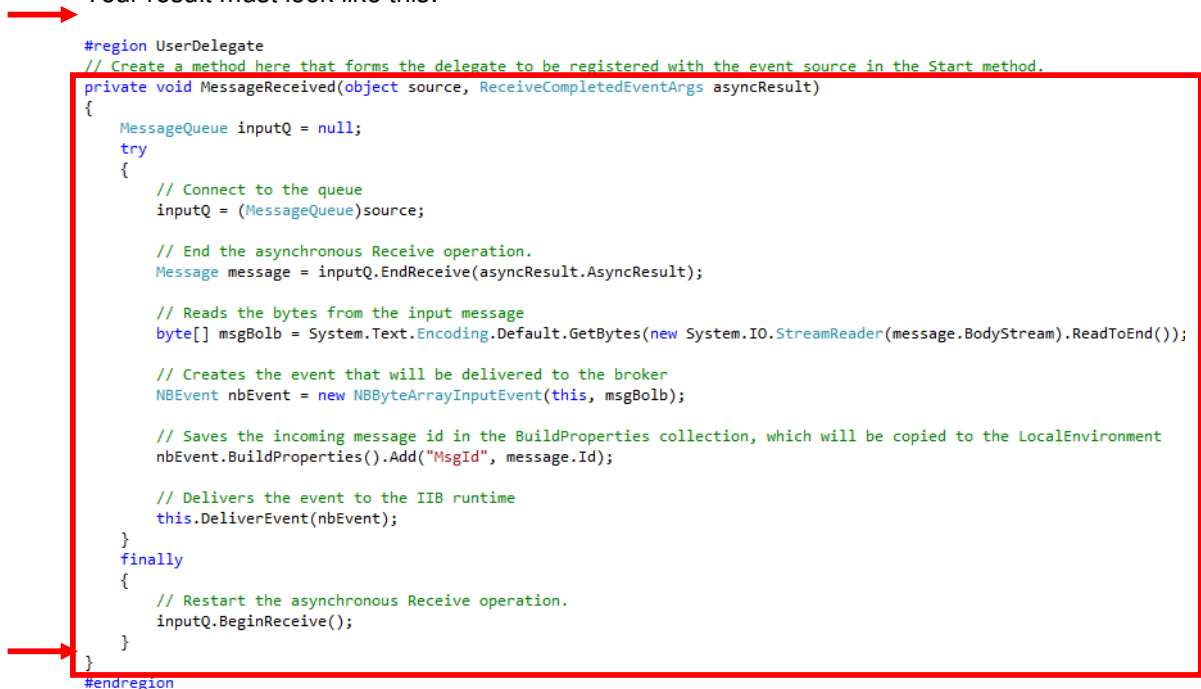
```

13. Expand the “**UserDelegate**” region, by clicking the “plus” icon on the left of the editor:



14. Paste the copied text inside of the “**UserDelegate**” part of the class.

Your result must look like this:



```

#region UserDelegate
// Create a method here that forms the delegate to be registered with the event source in the Start method.
private void MessageReceived(object source, ReceiveCompletedEventArgs asyncResult)
{
    MessageQueue inputQ = null;
    try
    {
        // Connect to the queue
        inputQ = (MessageQueue)source;

        // End the asynchronous Receive operation.
        Message message = inputQ.EndReceive(asyncResult.AsyncResult);

        // Reads the bytes from the input message
        byte[] msgBolb = System.Text.Encoding.Default.GetBytes(new System.IO.StreamReader(message.BodyStream).ReadToEnd());

        // Creates the event that will be delivered to the broker
        NBEvent nbEvent = new NBBinaryInputEvent(this, msgBolb);

        // Saves the incoming message id in the BuildProperties collection, which will be copied to the LocalEnvironment
        nbEvent.BuildProperties().Add("MsgId", message.Id);

        // Delivers the event to the IIB runtime
        this.DeliverEvent(nbEvent);
    }
    finally
    {
        // Restart the asynchronous Receive operation.
        inputQ.BeginReceive();
    }
}
#endregion

```



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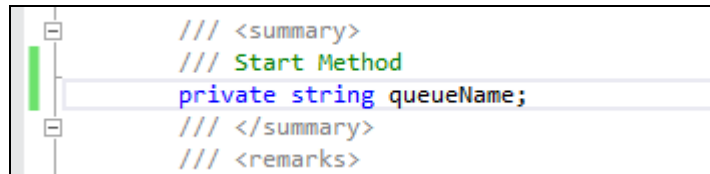
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15. To be able to select the name of the input queue using a user-defined property, define a variable called queueName.

In the Start section, define queueName as follows:

```
private string queueName;
```



```
/// <summary>  
/// Start Method  
private string queueName;  
/// </summary>  
/// <remarks>
```

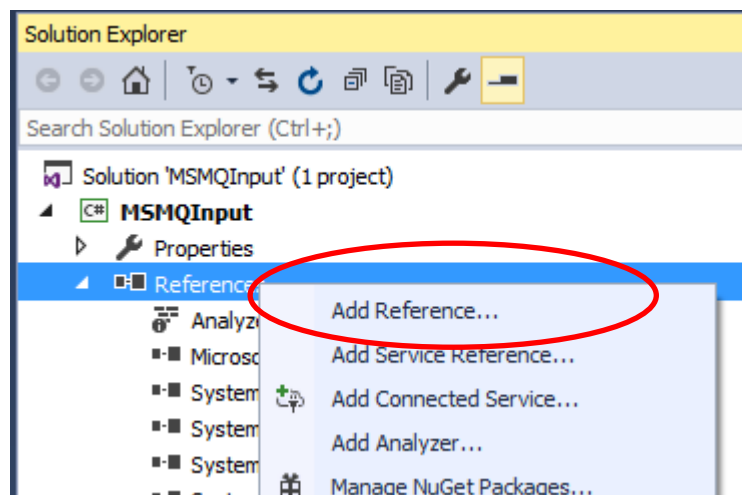
(or copy from the event\_start.txt file, paragraph (1)).

16. Finally, near the top of the generated code, you will see a comment

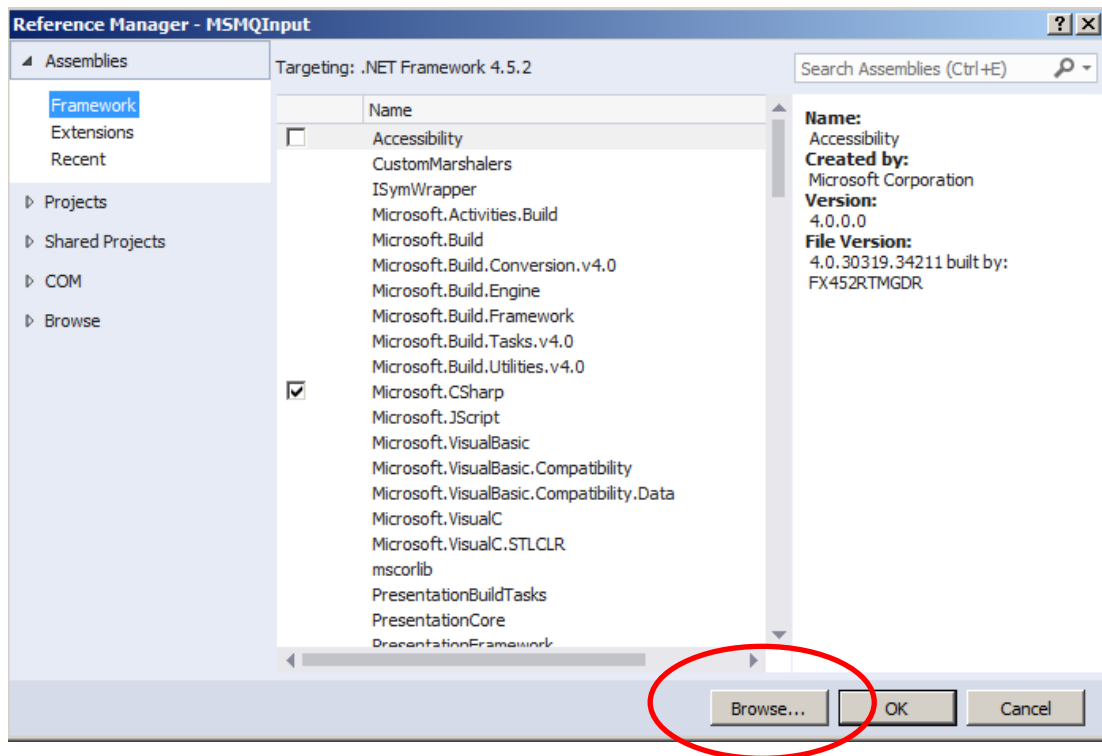
//TODO: Add a reference to the IBM.Broker.Plugin.dll assembly .....

```
//TODO: Add a reference to the IBM.Broker.Plugin.dll assembly which is in the "<MessageBrokerInstallPath>\bin" folder  
using IBM.Broker.Plugin.Connector;
```

To set the required reference, back in the Solution Explorer, right-click References, and select Add Reference.



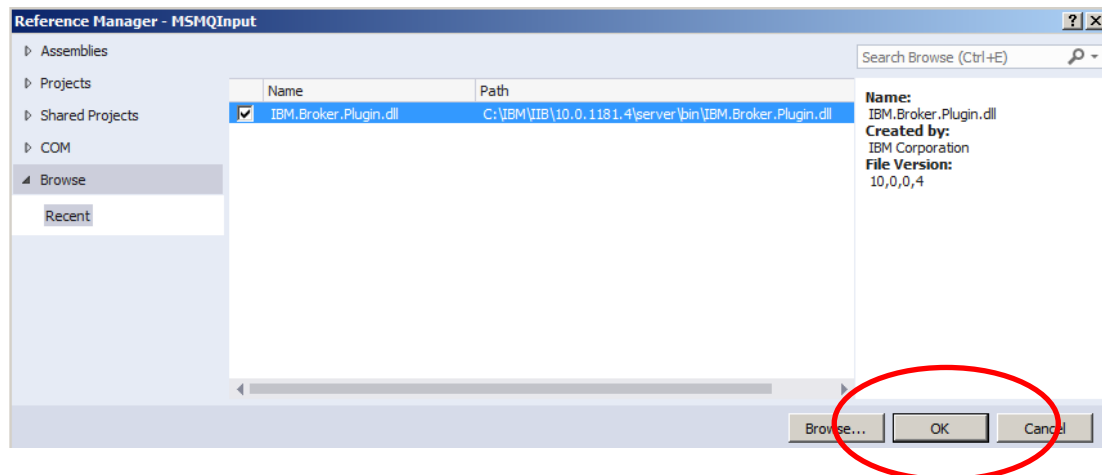
17. In the Reference Manager, click Browse.



18. Navigate to the file IBM.Broker.Plugin.dll.  
This is located in the folder `..\IIB_installFolder\server\bin`.

On the workshop IIB installation, this file will be in `c:\IBM\IIB\10.0.0.4\server\bin`.

Click OK when you see the window shown below.

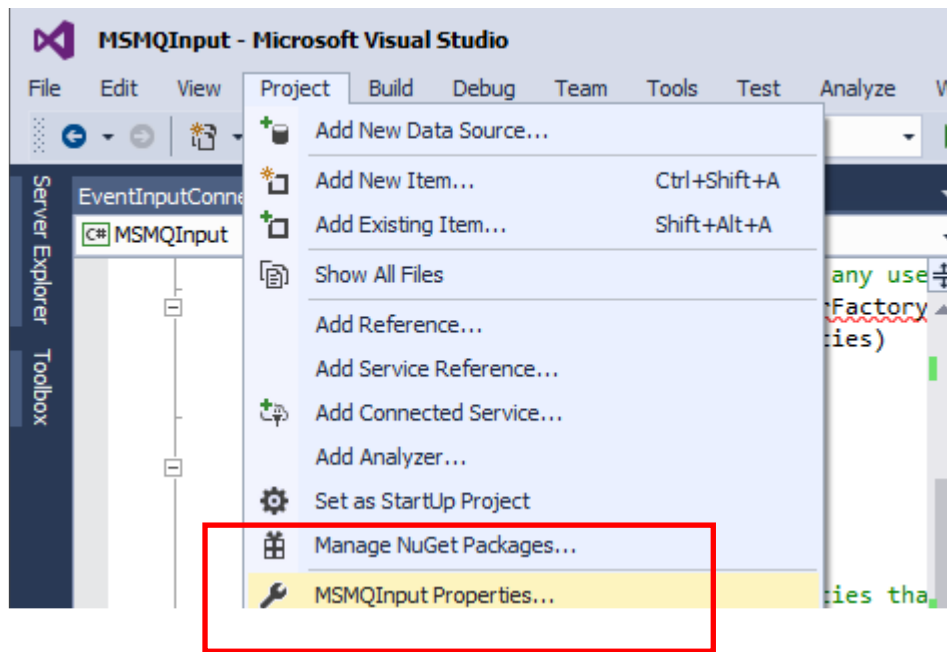


19. Save the EventInputConnector.cs file with Ctrl-S.

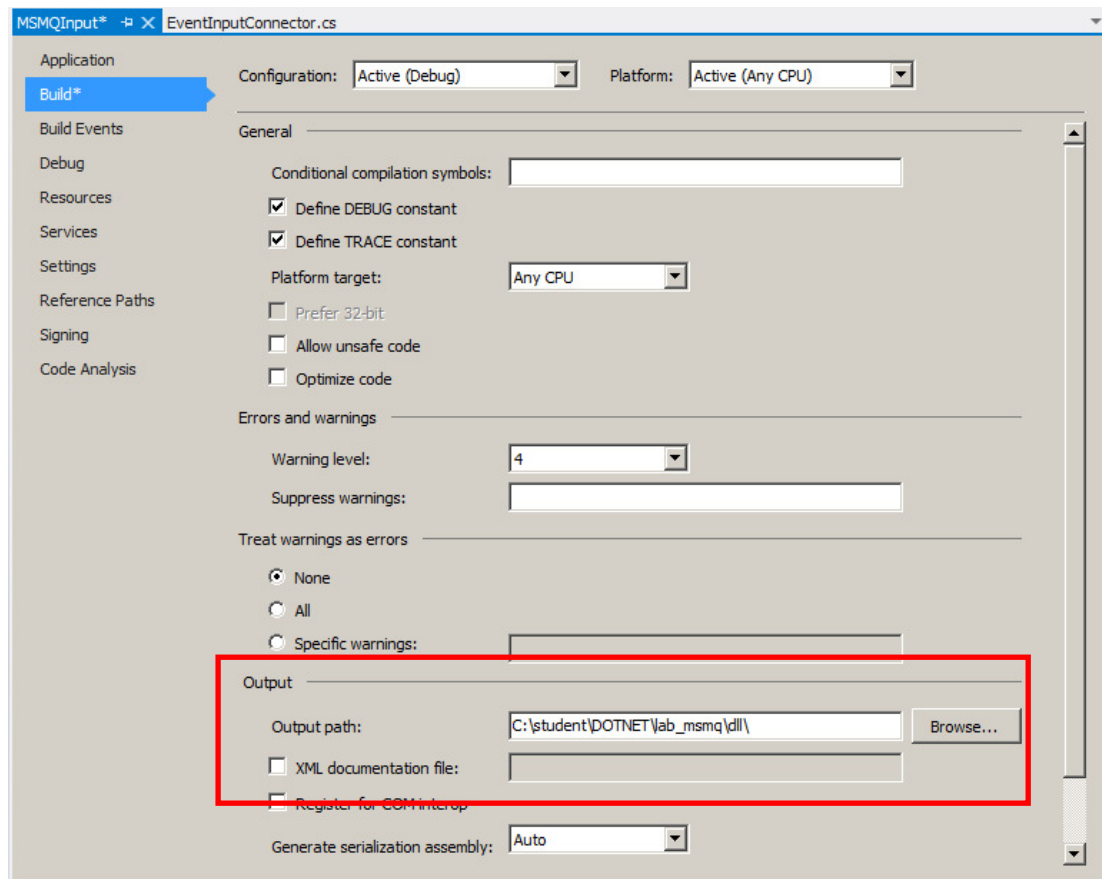
## 3.1 Build the .NET Application

1. First, you must change the output directory for the Visual Studio build tools. This is to make sure that the generated DLLs are placed in the correct location for the Integration Bus applications.

To specify the directory for the Build output, on the Visual Studio Toolbar, click Project, and select MSMQInput Properties.

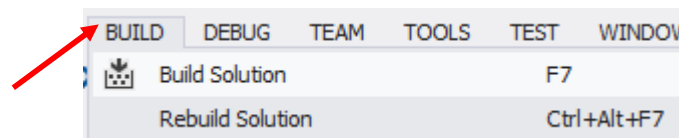


- On the Build tab, set the Output Path to c:\student\DOTNET\lab\_msmq\dll.

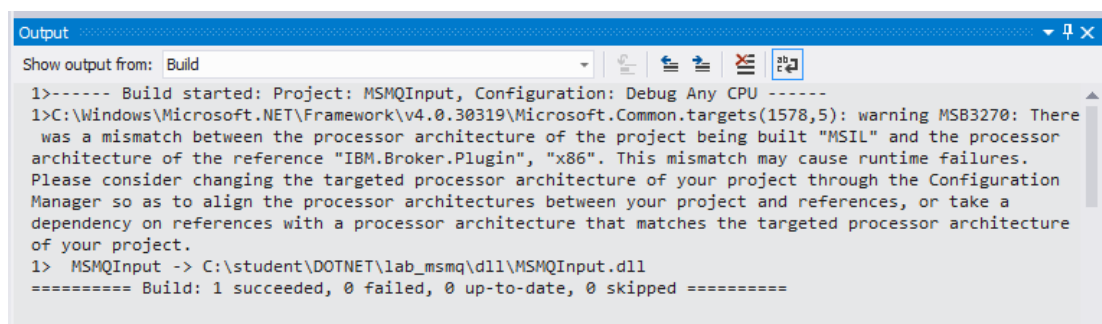


Save this change (Ctrl-S), and then close the MSMQInput Properties.

- Build the solution, either by pressing "F7" or using the "Build" menu:



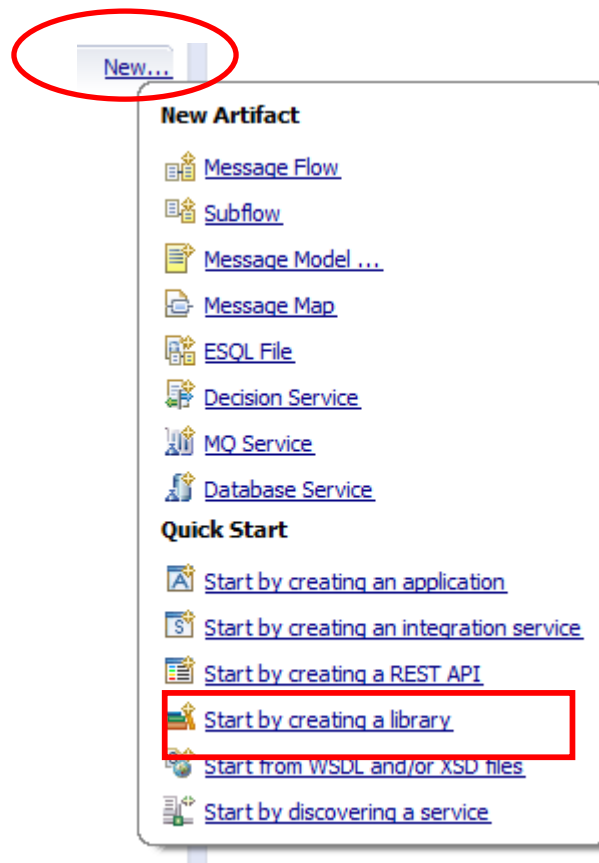
- The Output view is shown, with the following result. You can ignore the message regarding MSIL processor architectures.



## 4. Create the MSMQ Cloned Input Node

You will now create an MSMQ Input Node by using the Cloned Node function with the .NET Input Node that you have just created.

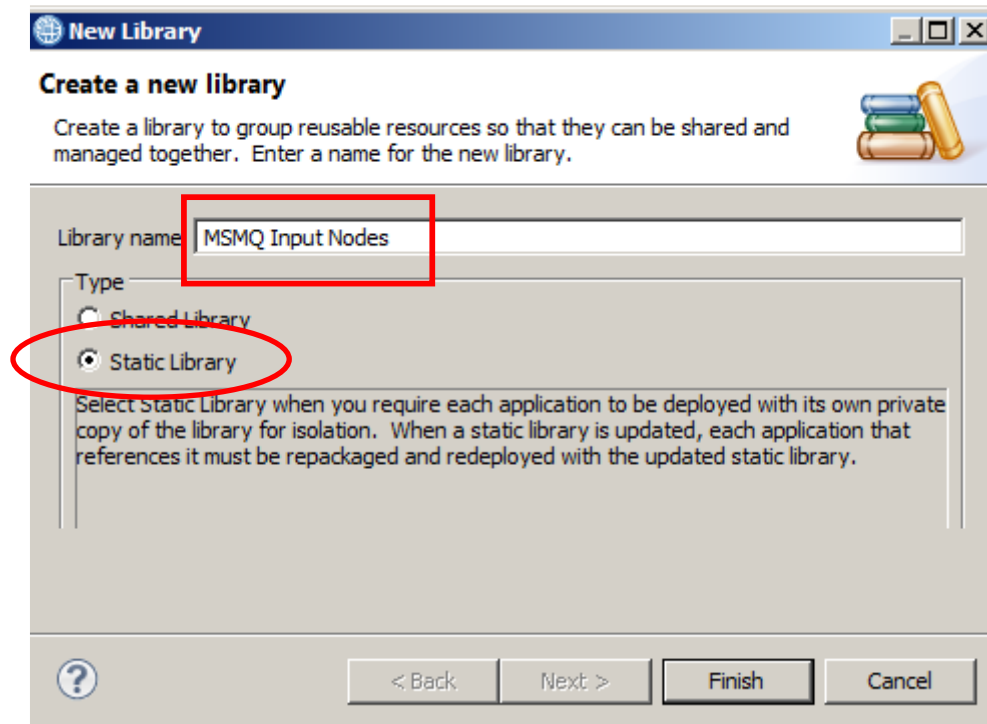
1. Create a new library by clicking “New Library”, or Start by Creating a Library.



2. Name your library **"MSMQ Input Nodes"**.

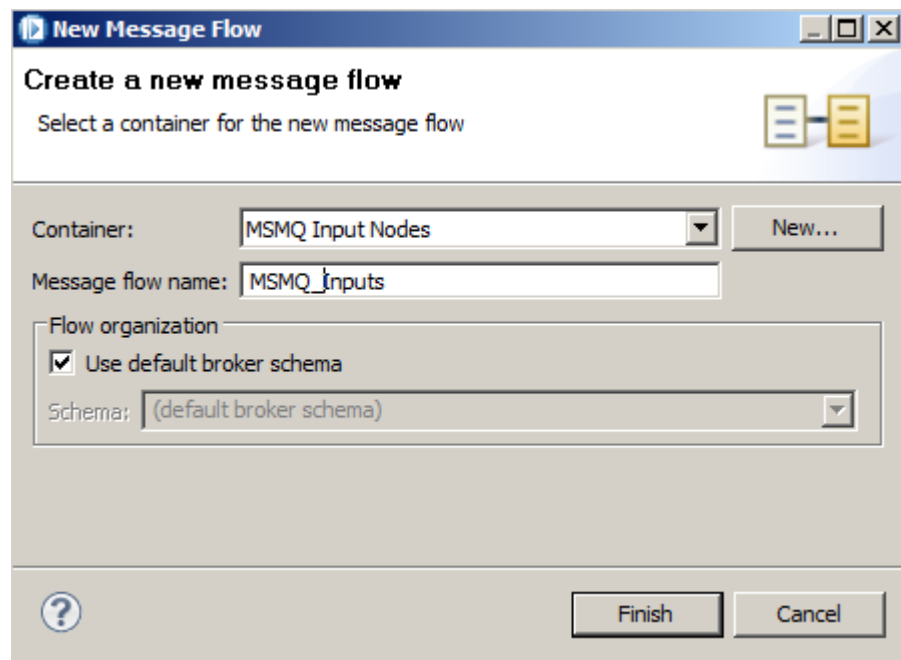
Because this library will contain flow input nodes, you must create a static library (shared libraries cannot contain message flows).

Ensure Static Library is select, and click Finish.

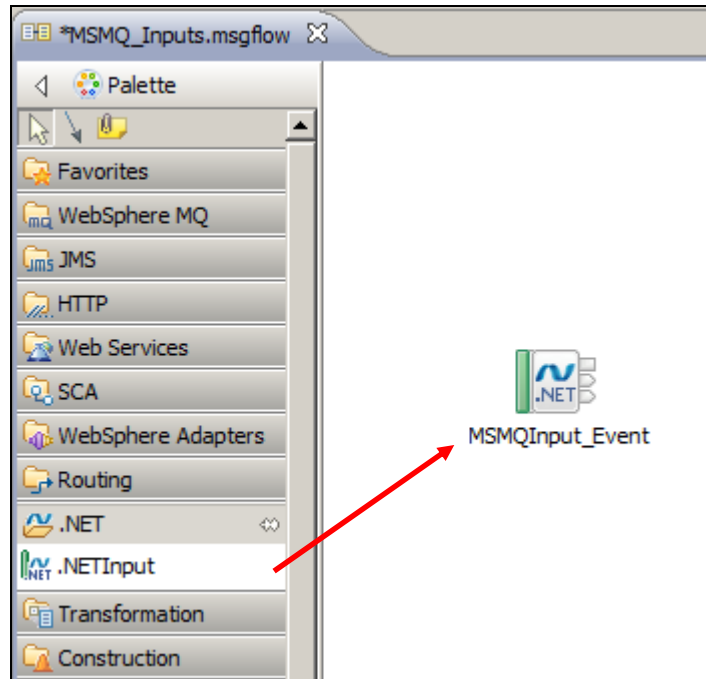


3. In the new library, create a new message flow.

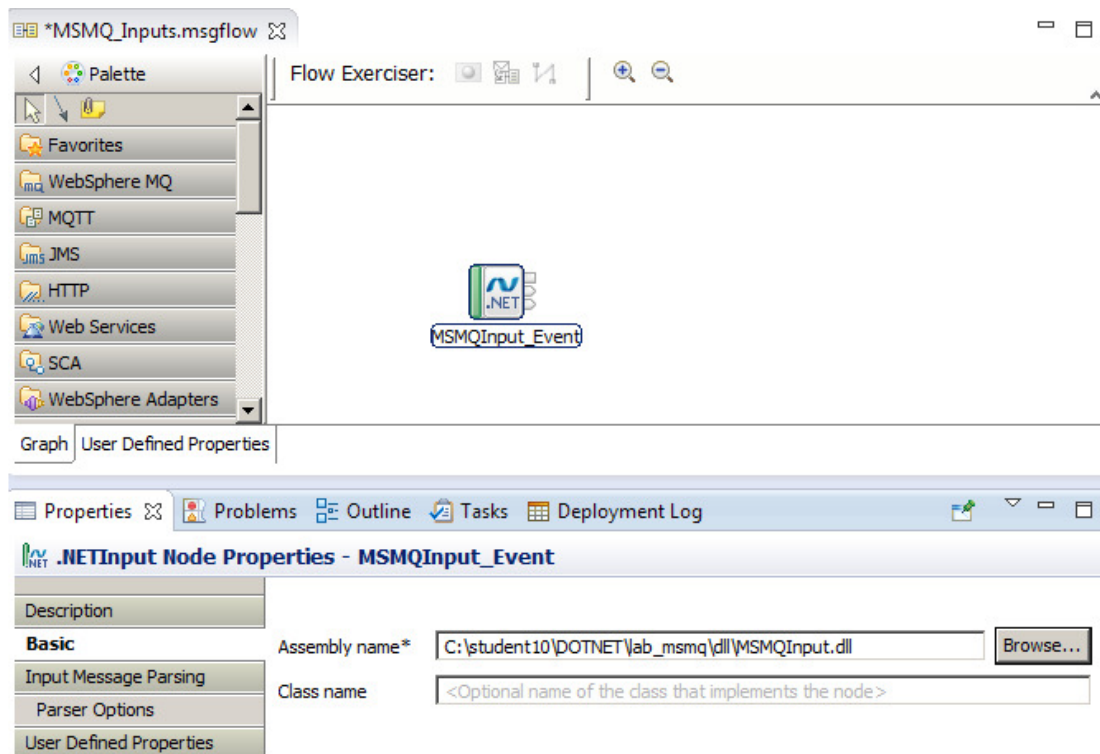
Name the flow MSMQ\_Inputs



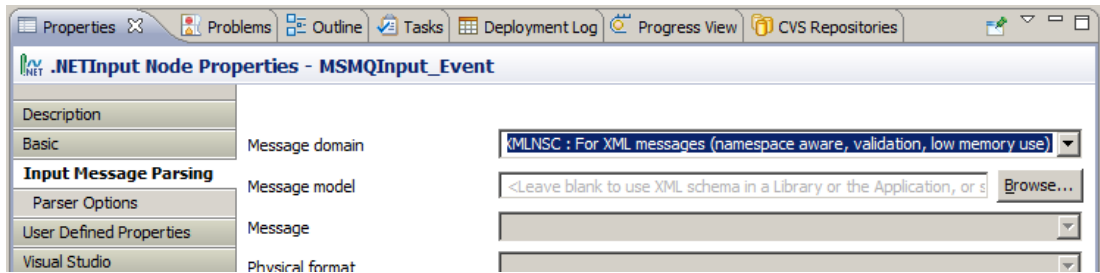
- Drop a .NET Input node onto the flow editor. Name it MSMQInput\_Event.



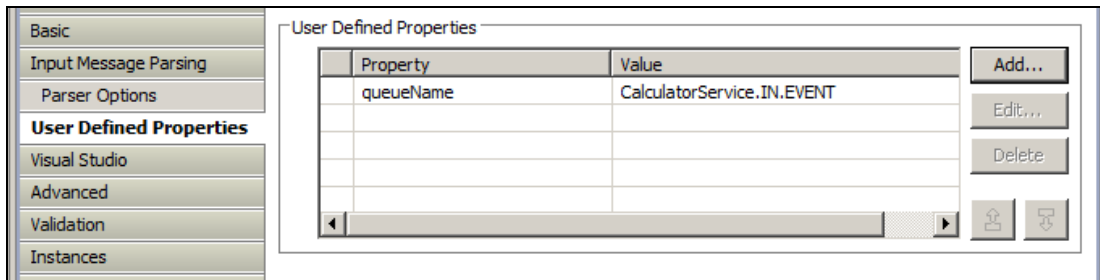
- On the Node Properties Basic tab, set the Assembly name to `c:\student\DOTNET\lab_msmq\dl\MSMQInput.dll`.



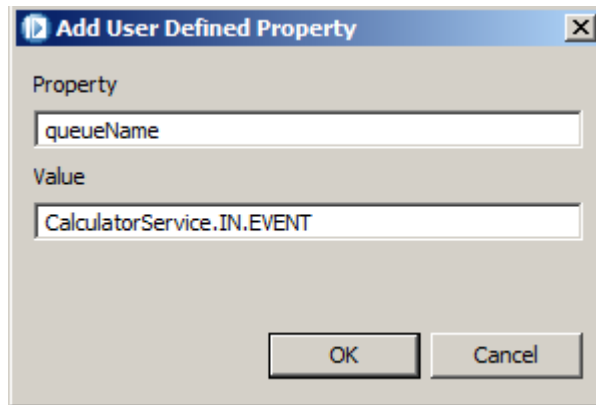
- 6. On the Input Message Parsing tab, set the Input Message Parsing to XMLNSC.



- 7. On the User Defined Properties tab, create a new UDP as follows:
  - Property = queueName
  - Value = CalculatorService.IN.EVENT



Use the Add button and the UDP dialogue to achieve this.

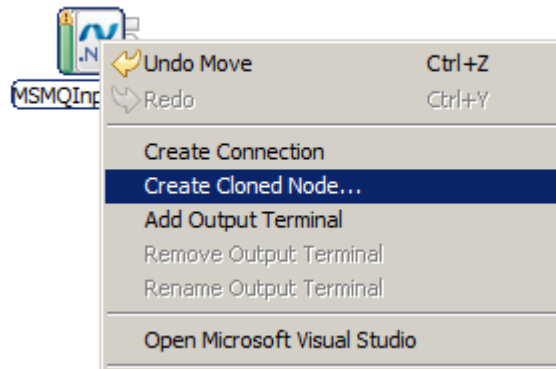




8. Save the message flow.

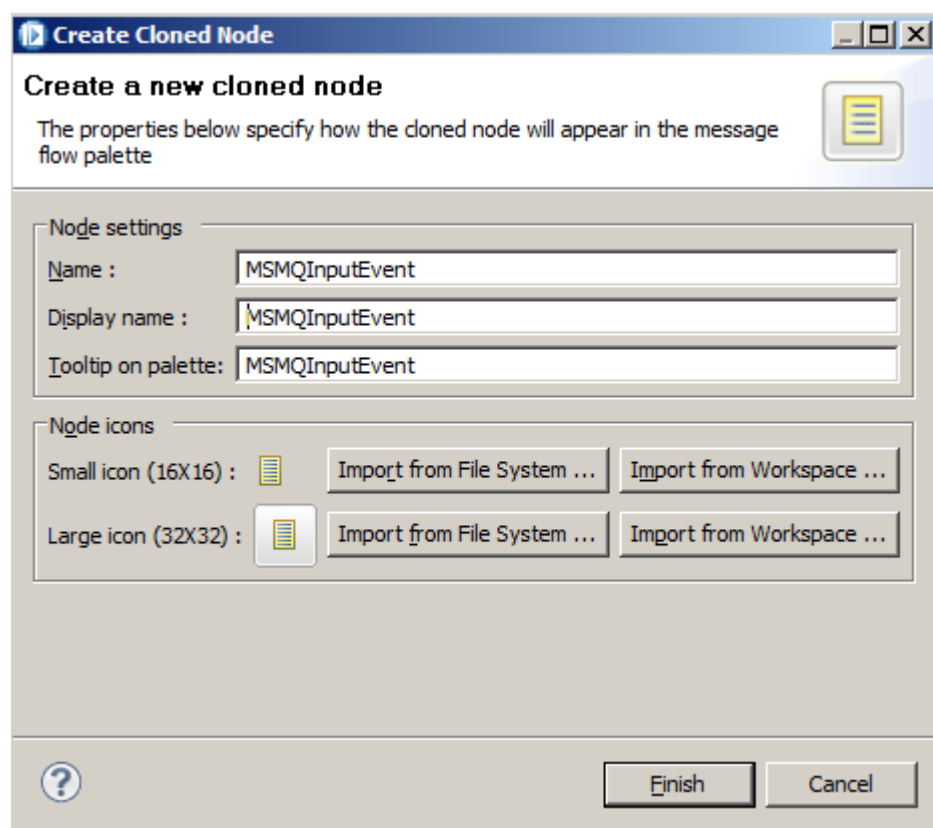
Although the new node shows a warning, this is only because it is not connected to any other node. However, we can now use this node to create a Cloned Node.

Right-click the new node, and select Create Cloned Node.

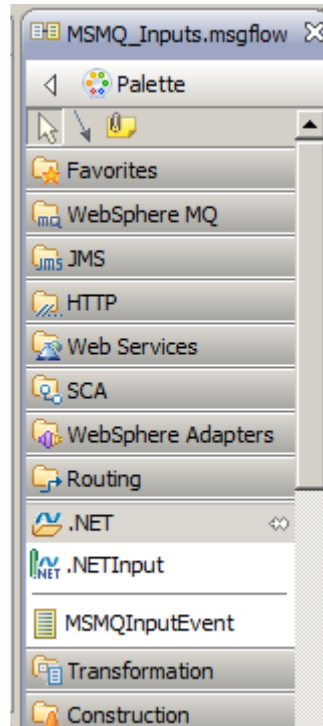


9. Name the cloned node "MSMQInputEvent, and choose appropriate names for the display name and tooltips. (Note, the underscore character is not permitted in the cloned node name).

Click Finish.



- When the process completes, open the .NET category in the node palette. You will see a new node called MSMQInput\_Event.



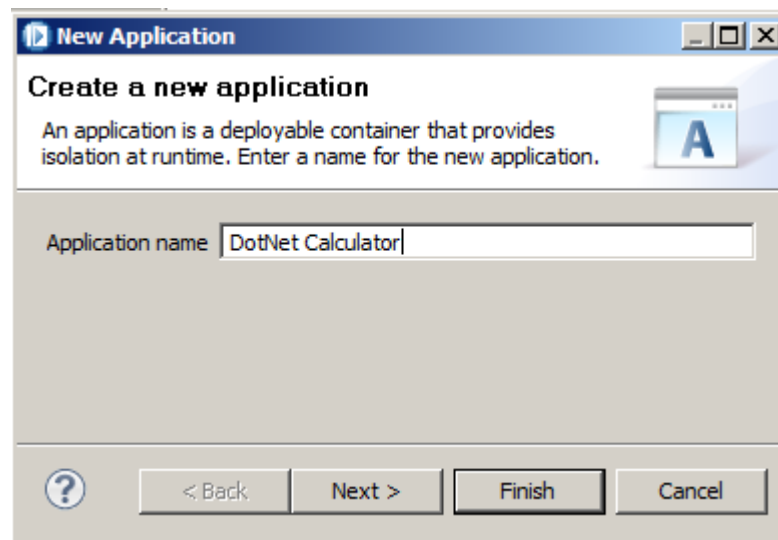
The MSMQ Input Node is now ready for use. You will now proceed to create a new application which will use this new node.

## 5. Create the Application and Message Flow

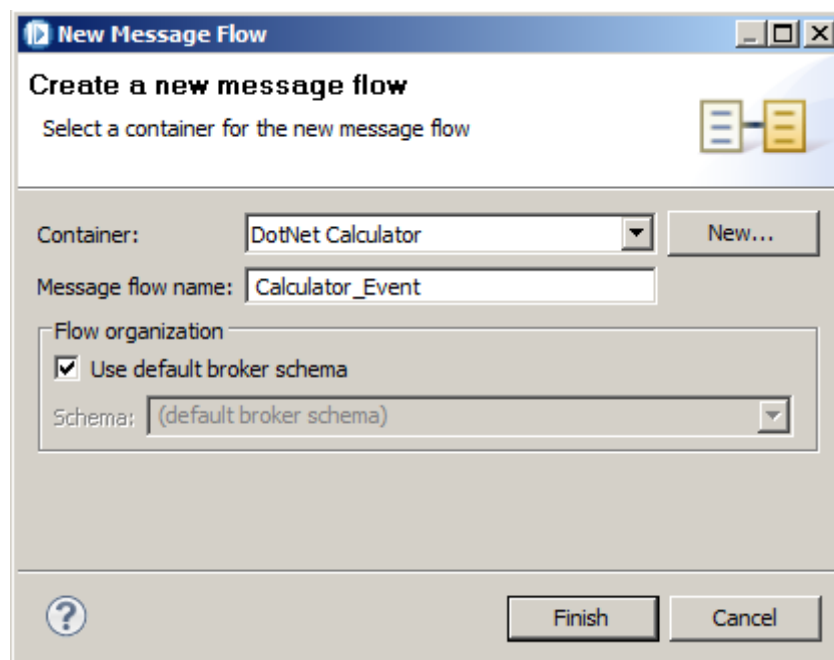
In the previous step you implemented the .NET code that receives an MSMQ Event Input, and used this to create a Cloned Node. In this step you will create a new Message Flow, and use the Cloned Node in a specific example.

### 5.1 Implement the Flow

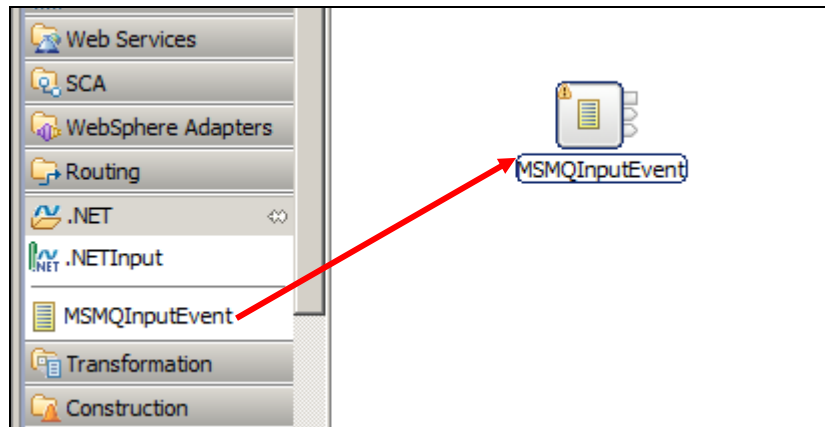
1. Create a new application and name it **"DotNet Calculator"**. Click Finish.



2. Create a new Message Flow in this application. Name it **"Calculator\_Event"** and click Finish.

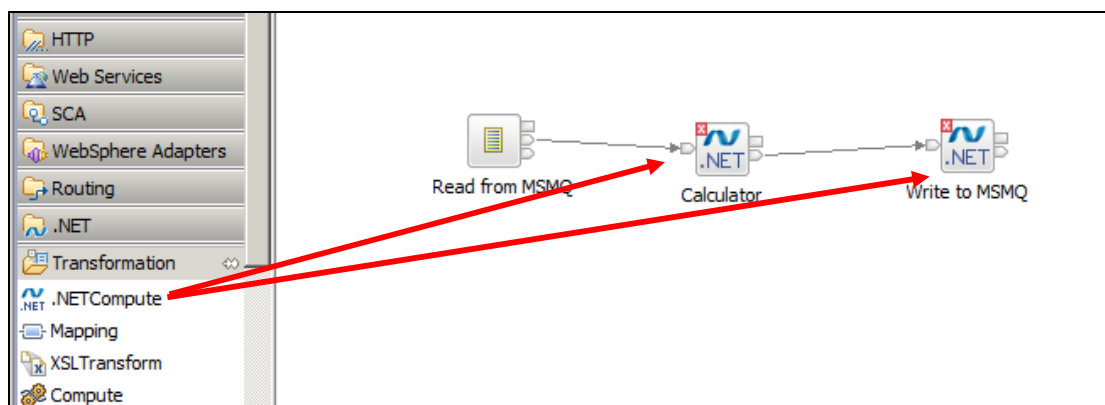


- In the flow editor expand the “.NET” group, and drag the **MSMQInputEvent** node to the flow editor. Name the new node “**Read from MSMQ**”:



- Expand the “**Transformation**” group, and drag two instances of the “.NETCompute” node to the flow, naming them “**Calculator**” and “**Write to MSMQ**”.

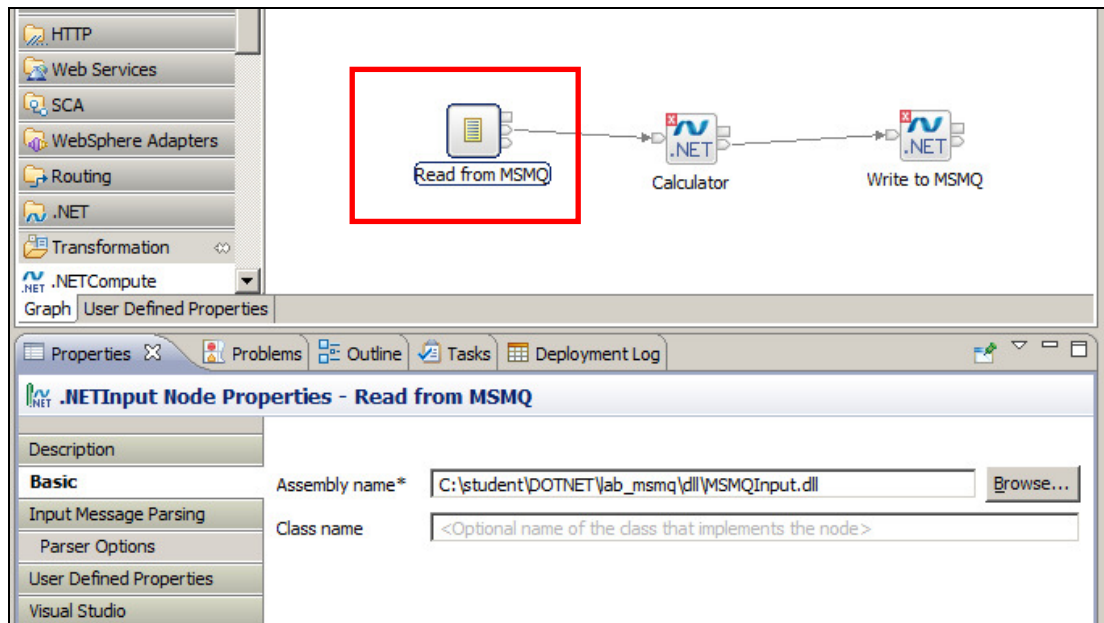
Connect the nodes as shown, and save your work (Ctrl+S).



You'll notice that the Integration Toolkit has marked the new .NET nodes with an error. That's because there is no implementation code associated to them. You'll fix this error next, by creating those associations.

5. First, click the “**Read from MSMQ**” node, and switch to the “**Basic**” tab.

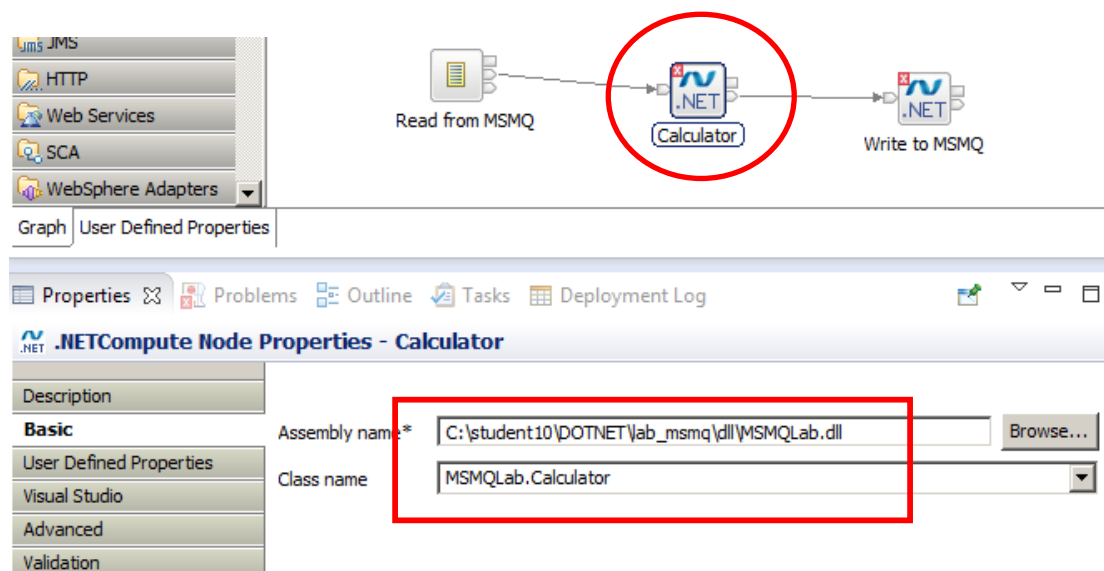
The node properties have been inherited from the Cloned Node. You can change these if you wish, but do not make any changes this time.



6. Highlight the “**Calculator**” node and select the Basic Properties tab.

Set the Assembly name = c:\ student10 \ DOTNET \ lab\_msmq \ dll \ **MSMQLab.dll**

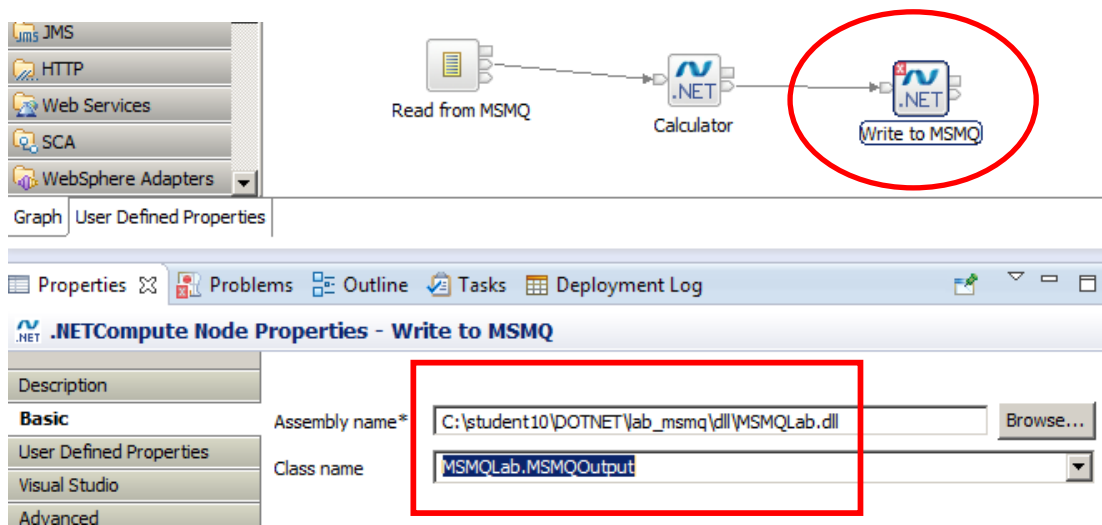
Set the Class name = MSMQLab.Calculator



- Highlight the **“Write to MSMQ”** node select the Basic Properties tab.

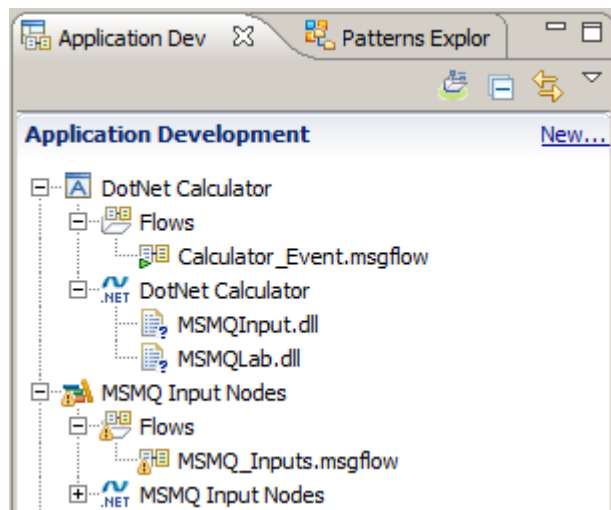
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Set the Class name = MSMQLab.MSMQOutput.



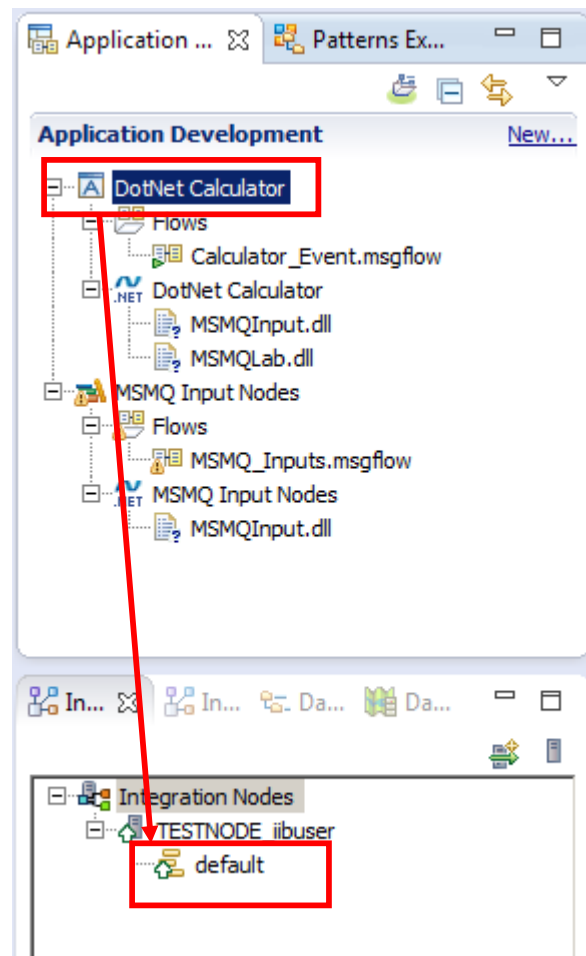
- Save your work by pressing “Ctrl+S”. All errors should now have been resolved.

Note that the .NET applications that are used by the Integration Bus nodes are shown in the Application Development project navigator. They are shown under the generated AppDomain, referenced by the same name as the primary project.

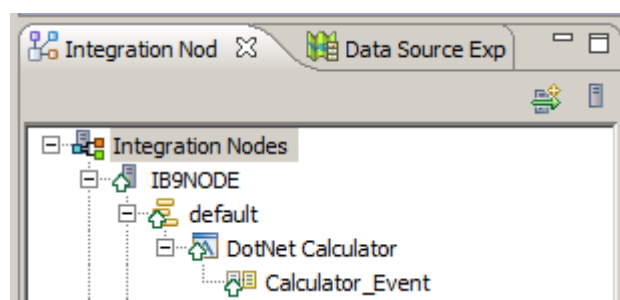


## 5.2 Deployment to the Integration Node

1. In the Application Development navigator, drag the “DotNet Calculator” application onto the “default” Integration Server:



2. In the “Integration Nodes” view, expand the “default” Integration Server and the “DotNet Calculator” application to see the deployed artifacts.



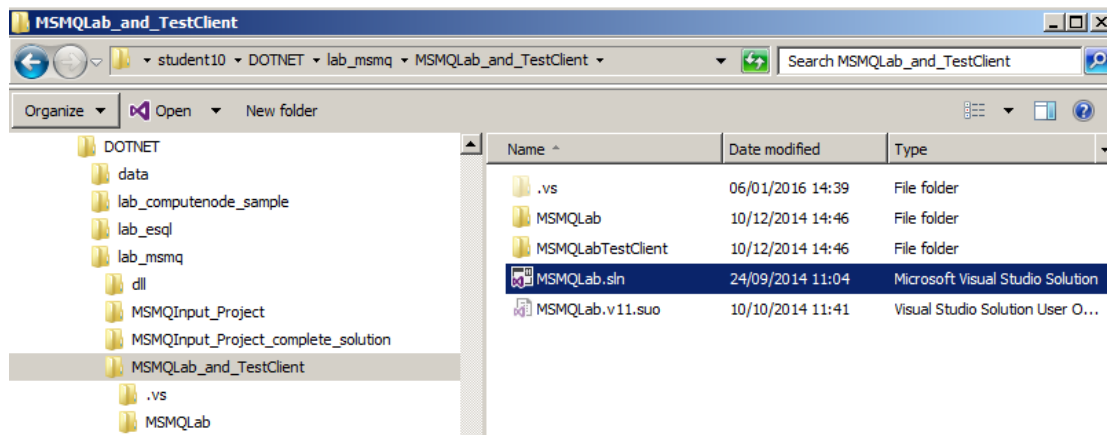
## 6. Testing the Event-Driven Scenario

The .NET code for the .NET Test application and the code that is used by the .NET Output Node are contained in a pre-built Visual Studio project, called MSMQLab. (Note – you should not make any changes to this project).

1. In Windows Explorer, navigate to

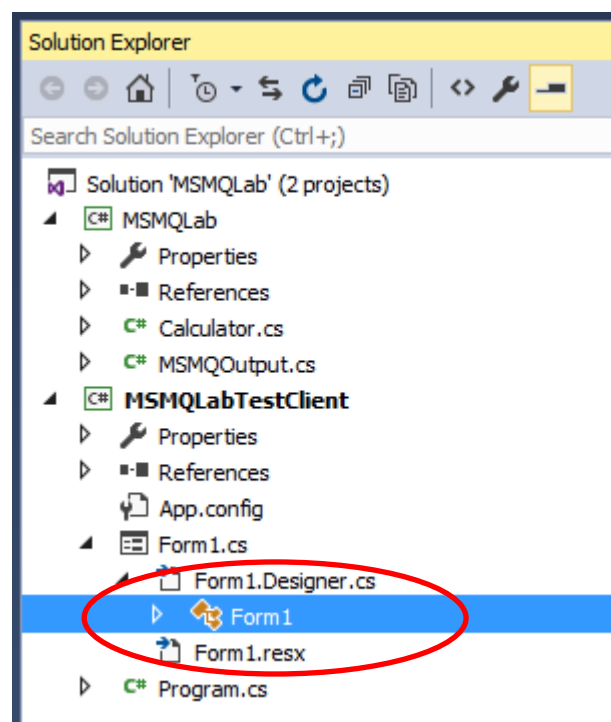
`c:\ student \ DOTNET \ lab_msmq \ MSMQLab_andTestClient`

Open (double-click) the file **MSMQLab.sln**, which will open a new instance of Visual Studio.



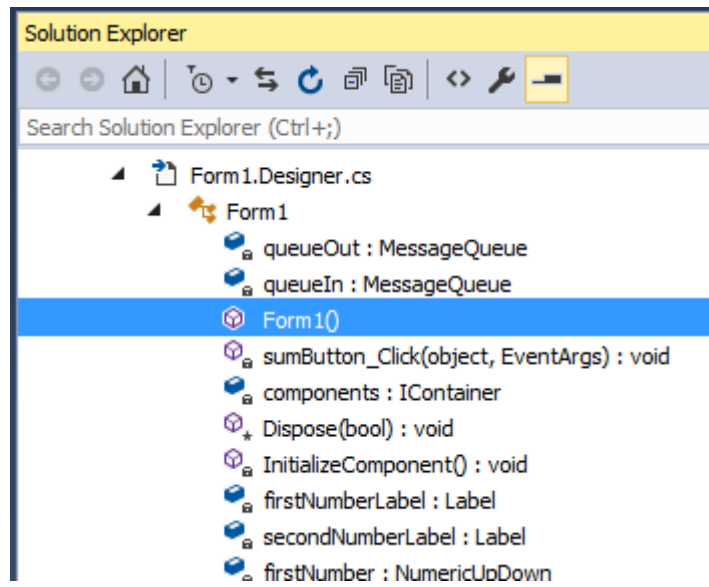
2. In the "Solution Explorer" view, expand the "MSMQLabTestClient" project, then the "Form1.cs" file.

Open (double-click) Form1.Designer.cs.

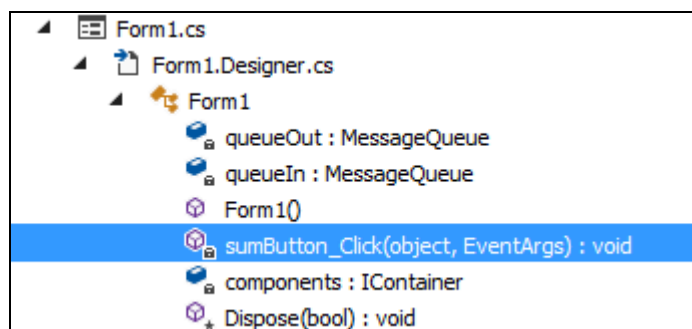




3. Click the Form1() method. This will show the basic logic for the design of the simple window that will drive this application.



- Click the `sumButton_Click` method.



The “**sumButton\_Click**” method is called every time the “Sum!” button is clicked. It reads the input numbers, assembles the “Request” object, then sends it to a MSMQ queue, using .NET’s default XML serializer (Formatter, in .NET’s terminology). When a response is received, it uses the default serializer again to convert it to the “Response” object and presents the result to the user. Take a moment to examine its code in Visual Studio.

Below is a subset of the code. This section retrieves the queue name from the Test Application form, and uses it to send a message to MSMQ.

If a value is not entered into the Test Application input field for the queue name, the Test Application generates a default of `CalculatorService.IN.EVENT`.

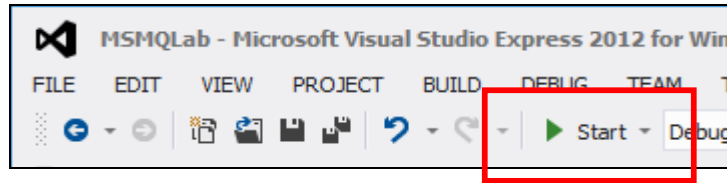
```
private void sumButton_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    // disables the interface while processing
    this.Enabled = false;

    // Creates the outgoing object
    Request request = new Request();
    request.First = (int)firstNumber.Value;
    request.Second = (int)secondNumber.Value;

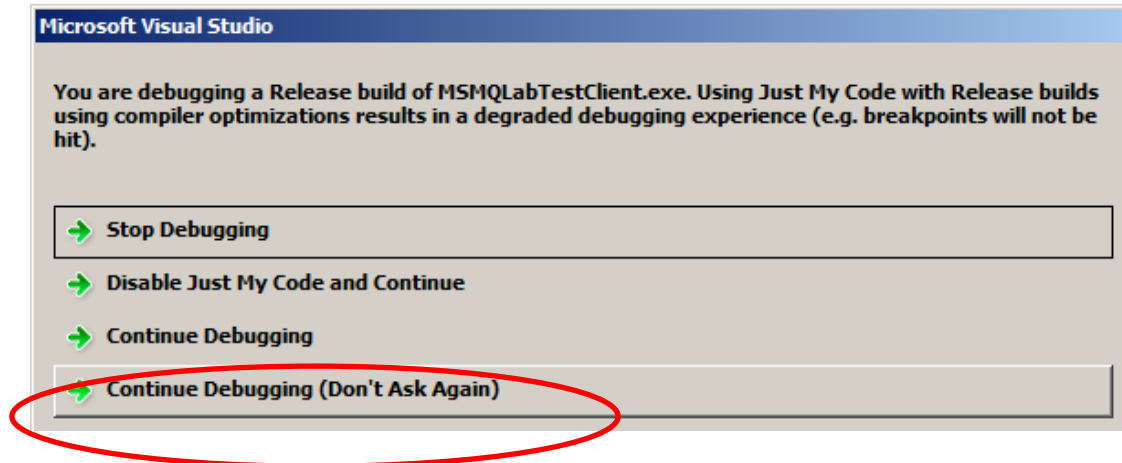
    // Creates the output message
    System.Messaging.Message messageOut = new System.Messaging.Message(request);

    //queueOut = new MessageQueue(".\\Private$\\" + textBox1.Text, QueueAccessMode.Send);
    // If this Test App input queue field contains a value, use this as the name of the Test App ou
    // otherwise use the hard-coded value "CalculatorService.IN".
    // This is the name of the input queue to the message flow, as determined by the UDP on the MSM
    if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(textBox1.Text))
    {
        queueOut = new MessageQueue(".\\Private$\\" + "CalculatorService.IN.EVENT", QueueAccessMode
    }
    else
    {
        queueOut = new MessageQueue(".\\Private$\\" + textBox1.Text, QueueAccessMode.Send);
    }
}
```

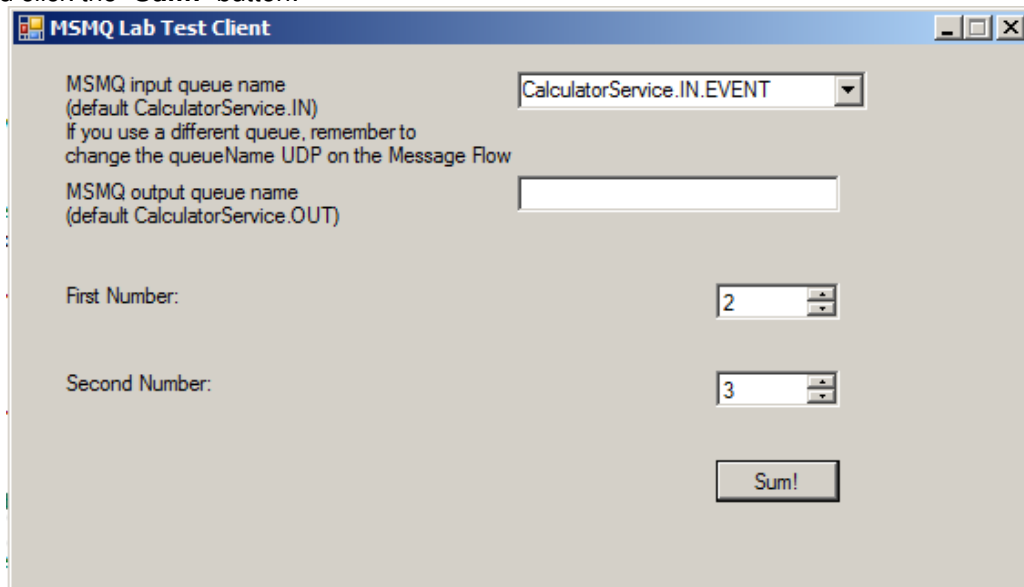
5. Click the **“Start”** button.



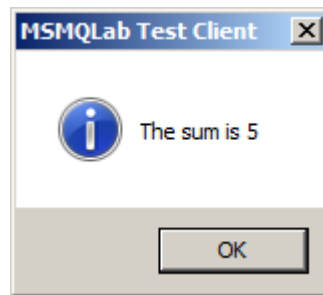
6. You may see a warning message from Visual Studio. If you do, click Continue Debugging (Don't Ask Again).



7. The Test Client Application will open. In the MSMQ input queue name field, specify CalculatorService.IN.EVENT (or leave blank to default), provide two numbers for addition, and click the **“Sum!”** button:



8. When you see the Dialog below, it means the message was sent to the named MSMQ queue, was processed by the Integration Bus application, the calculation was done, and the result has been returned to the MSMQ queue CalculatorService.OUT queue, and received by the .NET Test Application.



The .NET Test Application provides some very basic examples of how to handle screen input and output, and how to specify MSMQ queue names. It's not the intention of this lab to provide a NET primer, but you may be able to extend this example as required for simple scenarios.

9. Close the Test Application.

This concludes the first part of the .NETInput Node lab.

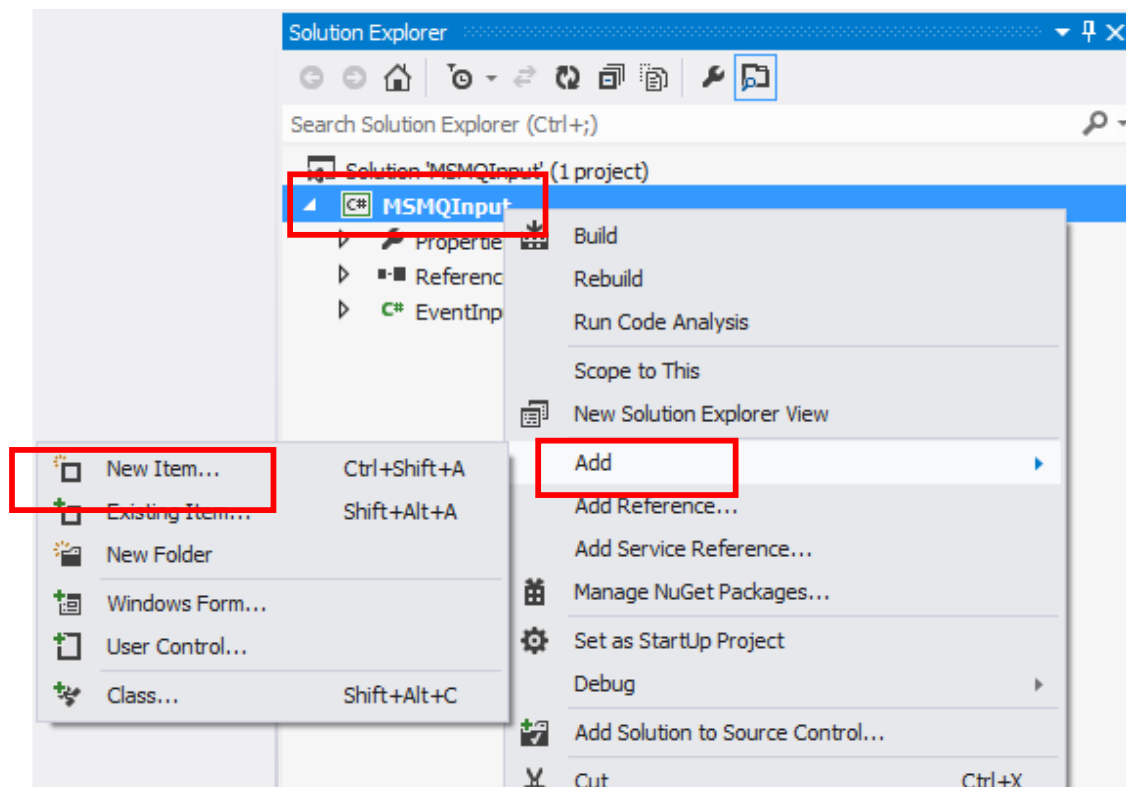
## 7. Modifying the flow to use Polling

In this part of the Lab, you will change the way the flow is started when a message arrives in the MSMQ input queue. In the first part, we used an “Event-Driven” input node, which registers an `UserDelegate` method on its `Start()` method. In this part, you will use a “Polling” approach, where the Integration Bus will poll a method in your code, in order to check if there is a message available to be processed.

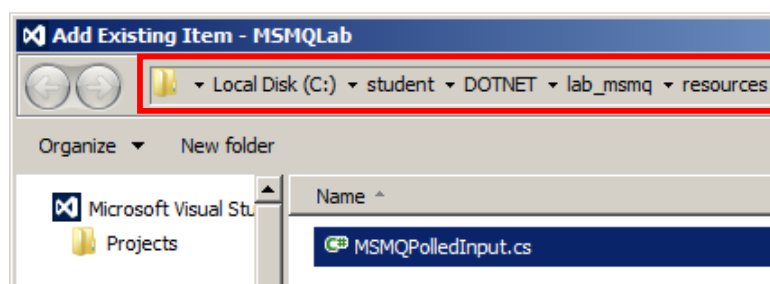
### 7.1 Implement the changes to the MSMQInput .NET code

1. Return to the Visual Studio editor with the MSMQInput project (not the MSMQLab project).

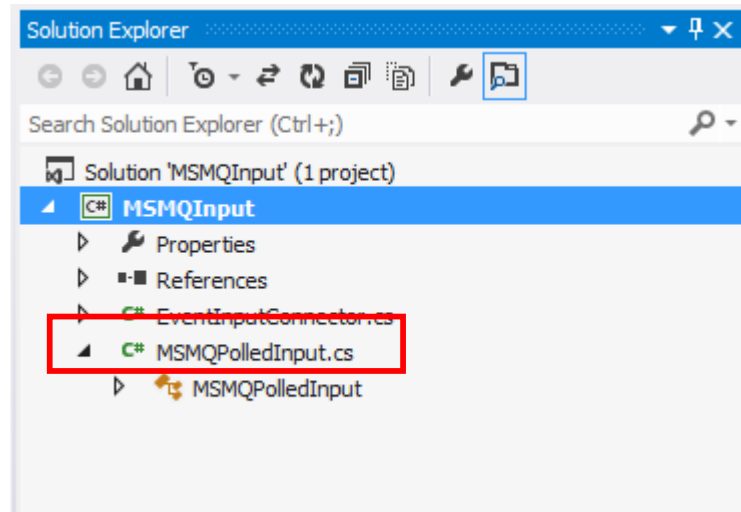
In the Solution Explorer view, right-click on the “MSMQInput” project and click Add → Existing Item.



2. Navigate to the “C:\student10\DOTNET\lab\_msmq\resources” folder, and select the “MSMQPolledInput.cs” file.



- After importing, open it by double-clicking MSMQPolledInput.cs in the “Solution Explorer” view.



- Take a minute to examine the imported class; You'll notice that it has the same basic methods of the event-driven class, but instead of having the “**UserDelegate**” region, it has a ReadData() method.

This method is repeatedly called by the Integration Bus at a specific interval; That interval can be specified in the method's return value, if the return value is an instance of the NTimeoutPollingResult class; Returning an instance of that class will inform the Integration Bus that no data was available for processing at that time.

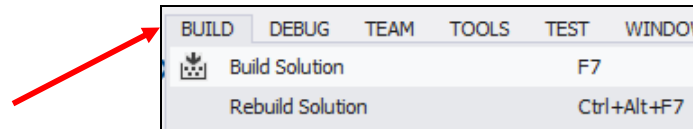
Conversely, if any data is found, the method must return an instance of the “NByteArrayPollingResult” class, which will cause the Integration Bus to immediately call your method again, to establish if more data is available. You can expand the #**UserCode** region below to understand this logic:

```

/// <summary>
/// ReadData Method
/// </summary>
/// <remarks>
/// Returns an NInputRecord containing data to be processed by message broker, or a timeout record if no data is available.
/// </remarks>
/// <param name="timeout">Maximum duration to wait before returning a data record or a timeout record</param>
/// <returns>An <c>NByteArrayInputRecord</c> containing data or <c>NTimeoutInputRecord</c> if no data is available</returns>
public override NBPollingResult ReadData(TimeSpan timeout)
{
    UserCode
    return new NTimeoutPollingResult(this, timeout);
}

```

5. Build the solution, either by pressing "F7" or using the "Build" menu.

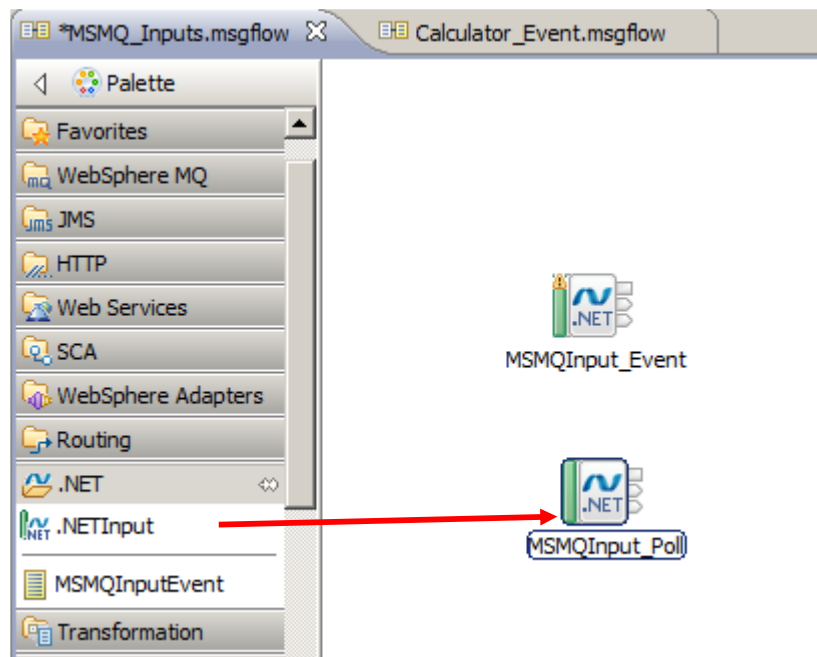
**WARNING!**

If the Test Application is still running this step will fail! Close it before trying to build the solution again.

6. The Output view is shown, with the following result. Ensure, as before, that the updated dll is written to the \lab\_msmq\dll folder.

## 7.2 Create a new MSMQ Input Node for Polling

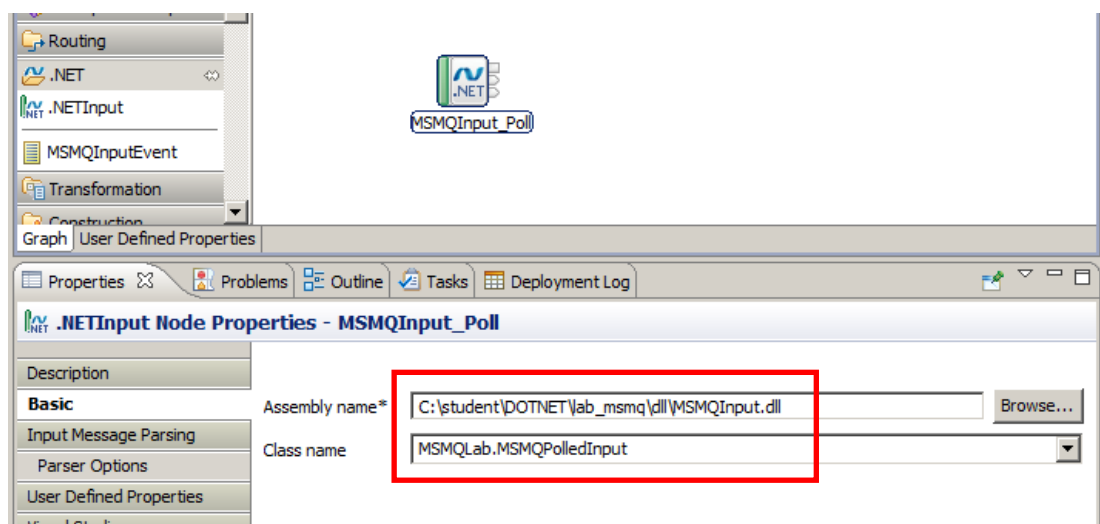
1. Back to the Integration Toolkit, in the MSMQ\_Inputs message flow, add a new .NETInput node to the flow, and name it MSMQInput\_Poll.



2. On the Basic Properties tab, set the Assembly name to `c:\student\DOTNET\lab_msmq\dl\MSMQInput.dll`.

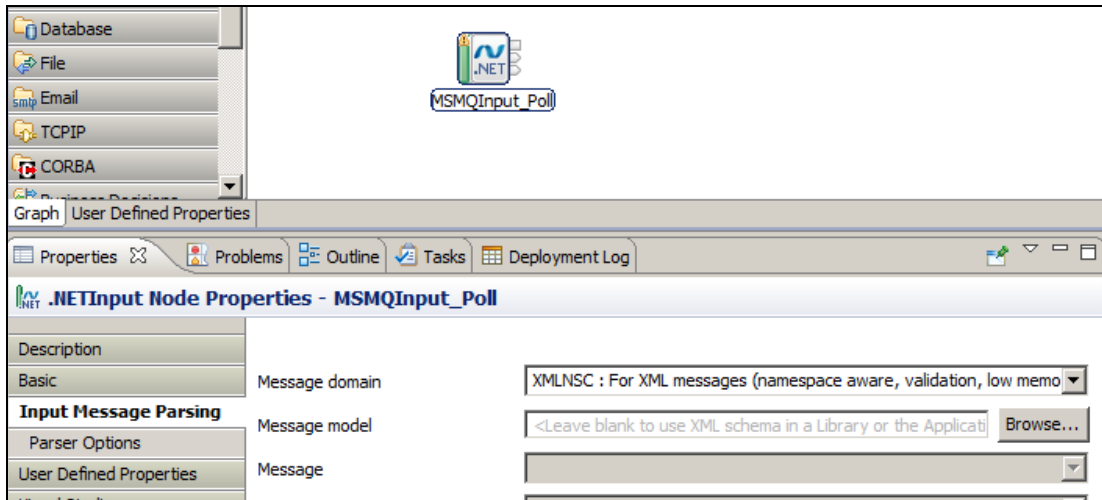
You will notice that the Class name property now shows a drop-down option. This is because the MSMQInput dll now has two classes, so the node has to be able to distinguish between them. Select the Polled Input class for this node.

Save the flow.



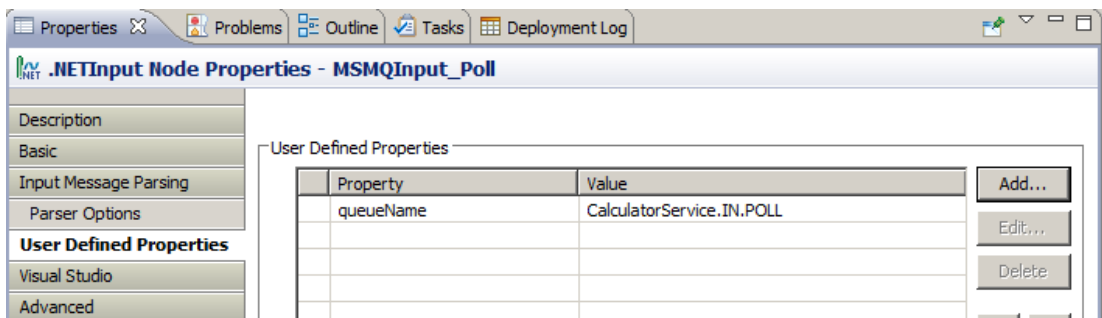


3. Set the Input Message Parsing to XMLNSC.

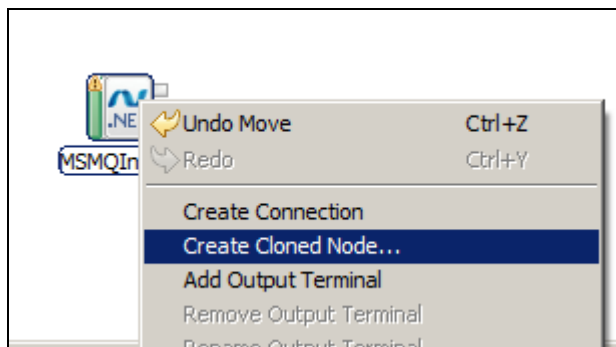


4. Create a new User Defined Property **queueName**, and set the value to CalculatorService.IN.POLL.

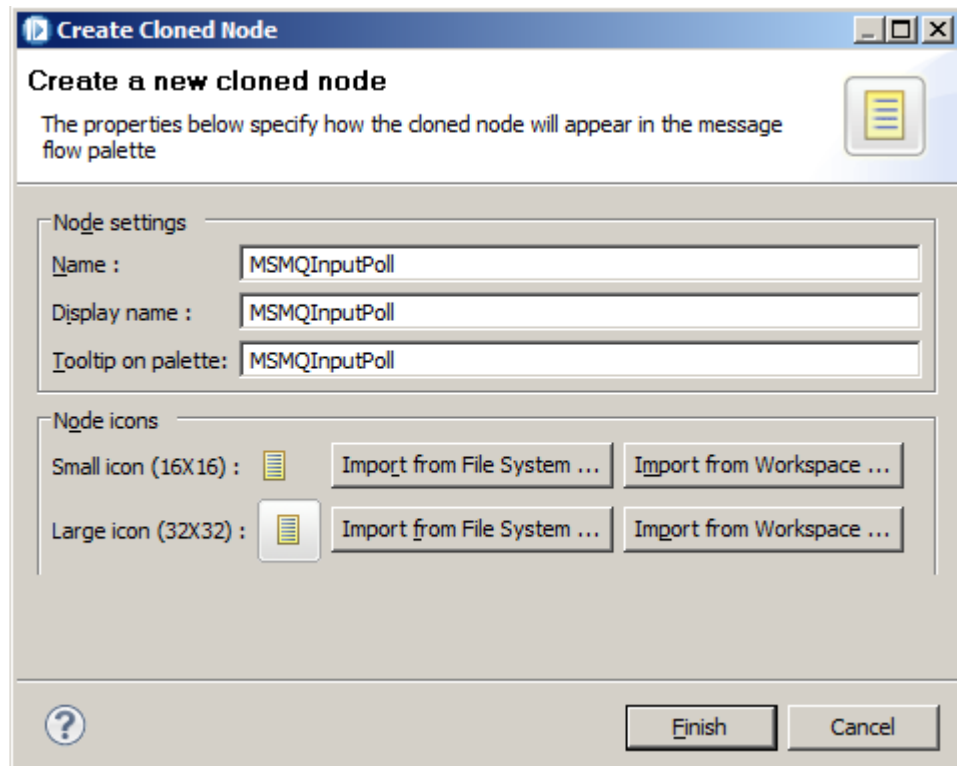
Save the flow.



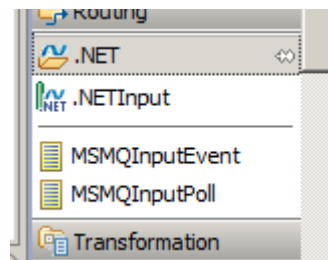
5. Create a second Cloned Node. Right-click the MSMQInput\_Poll node and select Create Cloned Node.



- Name it MSMQInputPoll. Set appropriate values for the Display Name and Tooltip values, and click Finish.



- You will now have a new node in the node palette called MSMQInputPoll.



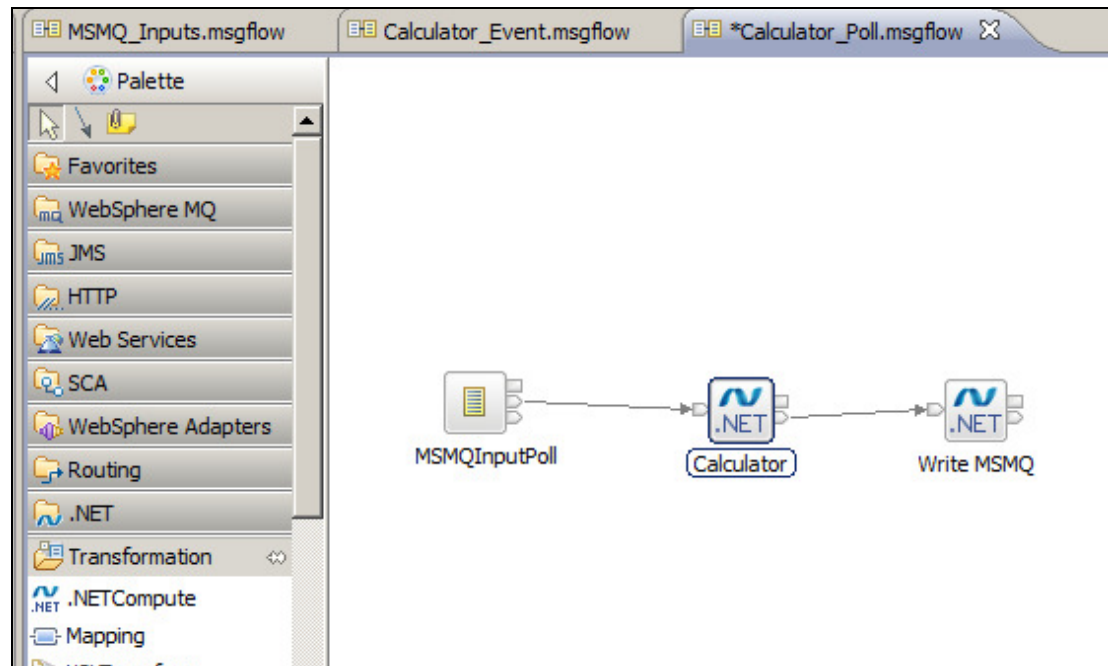
8. In the DotNet Calculator application, create a new message flow called Calculator\_Poll.

In the Calculator\_Poll flow drop an instance of the MSMQInputPoll onto the flow editor. The node properties will be derived from the Cloned Node, so no changes are necessary.

Replicate the other nodes of the flow as before, by using two .NET Compute nodes. Set the .NET assemblies and classes as in the previous flow:

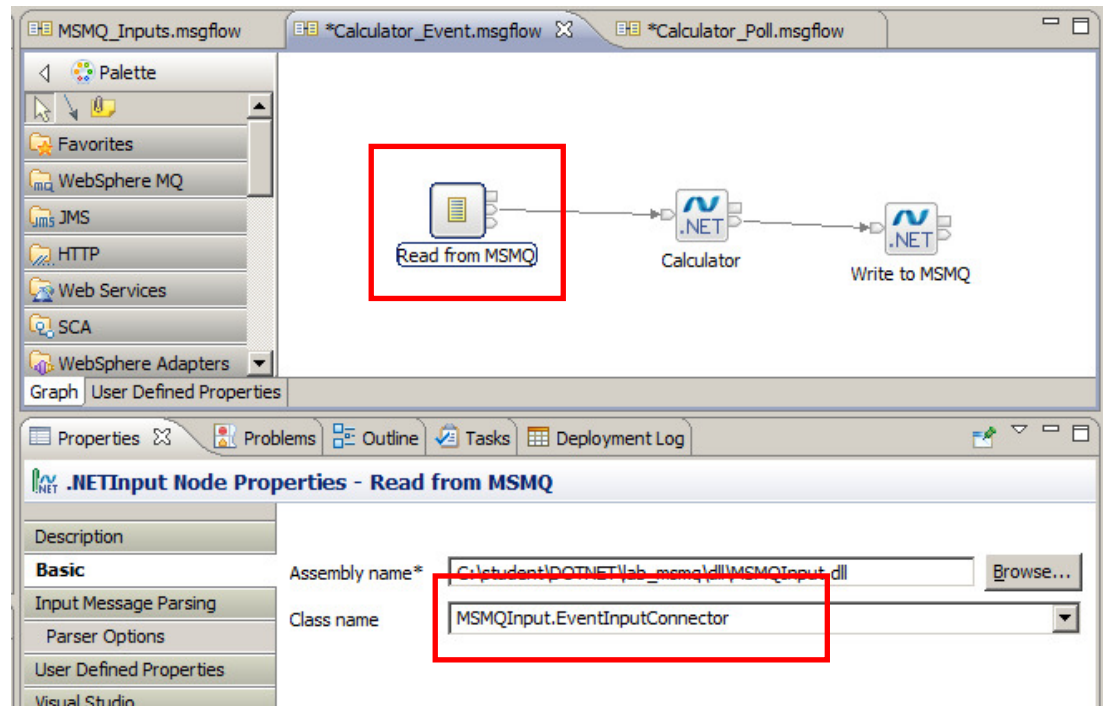
- Assembly name = MSMQLab.dll.
- Calculator node class name = MSMQLab.Calculator
- Write MSMQ class name = MSMQLab.MSMQOutput

Connect the nodes as normal, and save the flow.



9. One final change must be made to the previous message flow, Calculator\_Event. Because you are now using the same .NET project in two input nodes in the same application, you must also define the specific class for the existing MSMQ Event node. (If you don't do this, the deploy will fail, because the application cannot resolve the correct .NET class).

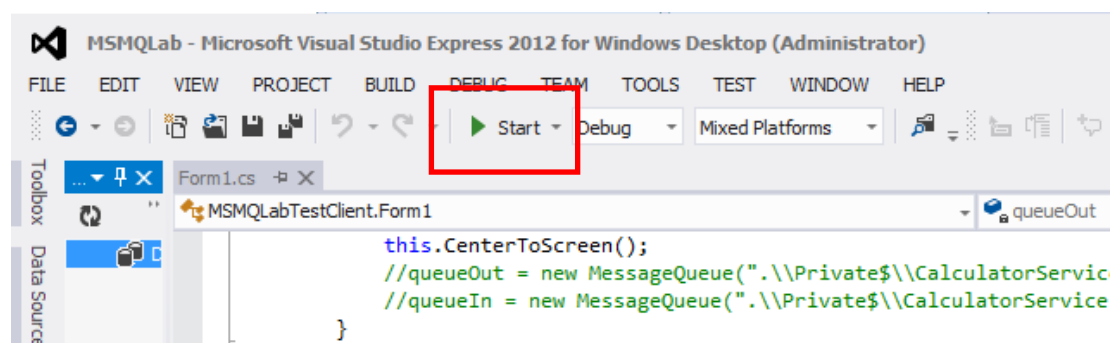
In the Calculator\_Event flow, highlight the “Read from MSMQ” node, and on the Basic tab, set the Class Name to EventInputConnector.



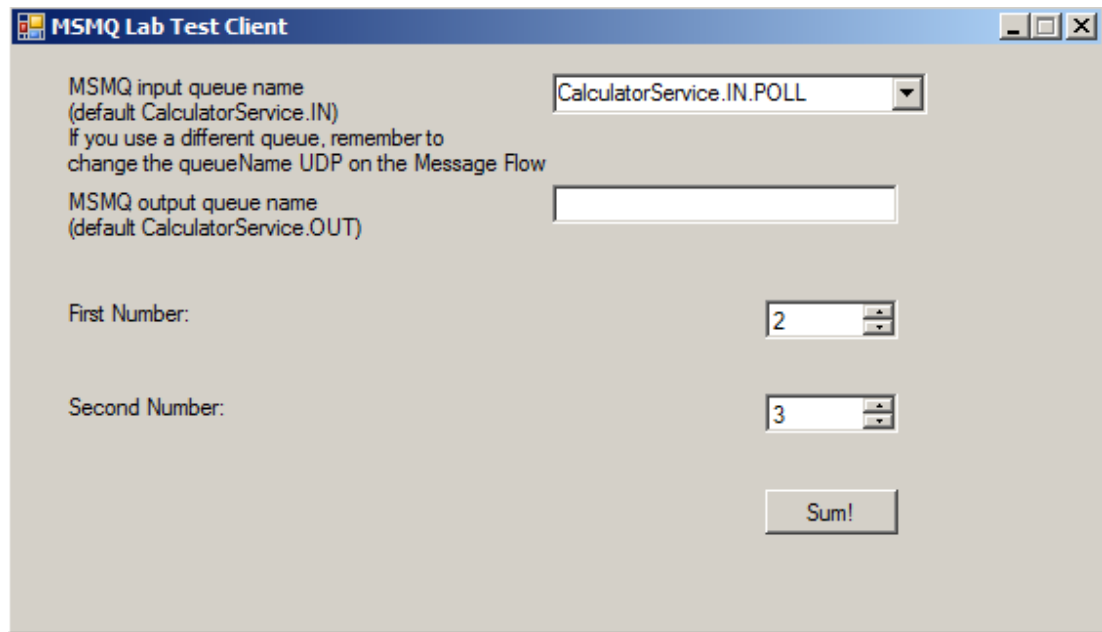
10. Save the message flow, and deploy the DotNet Calculator application again.

11. Retest the application in the same way as before.

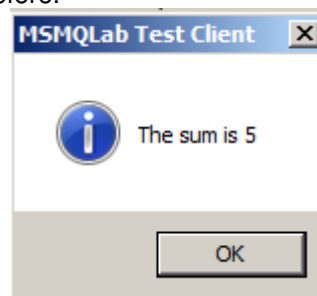
Switch to the MSMQLab project, and in the Test Application (Form1), click Start.



- In the Test Application, set the name of the queue to CalculatorService.IN.POLL, and click Sum.



The application should run as before.

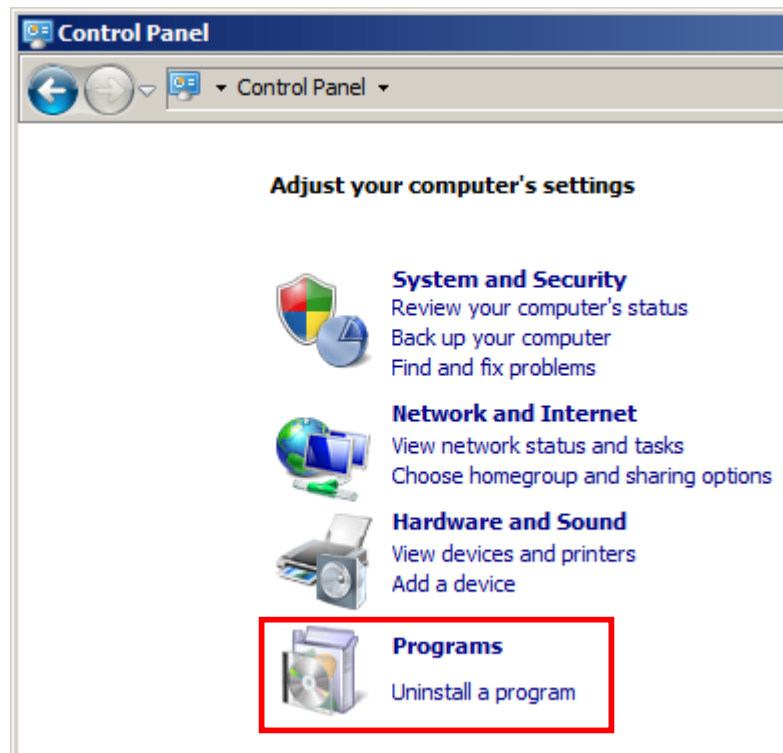


This concludes the second part of the .NETInput Node lab.

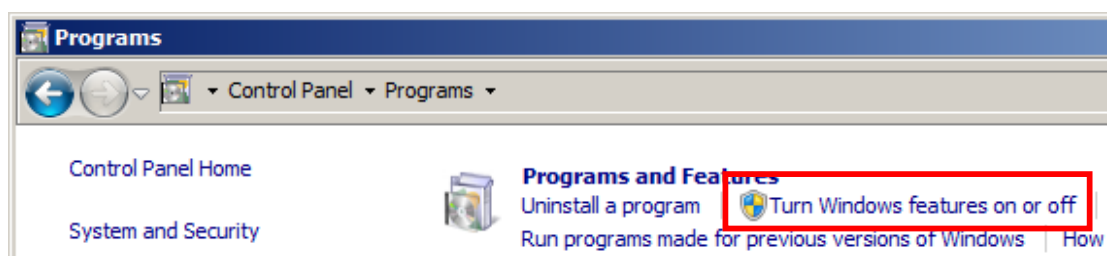
## 8. Appendix A: Enabling the MSMQ Component

If you're not using the supplied VMWare image, probably the Microsoft Windows installation that you're using doesn't have the MSMQ component installed. In order to install/enable it, follow the steps below.

1. From the Windows Start menu, click "Control Panel".
2. Click "**Programs**":



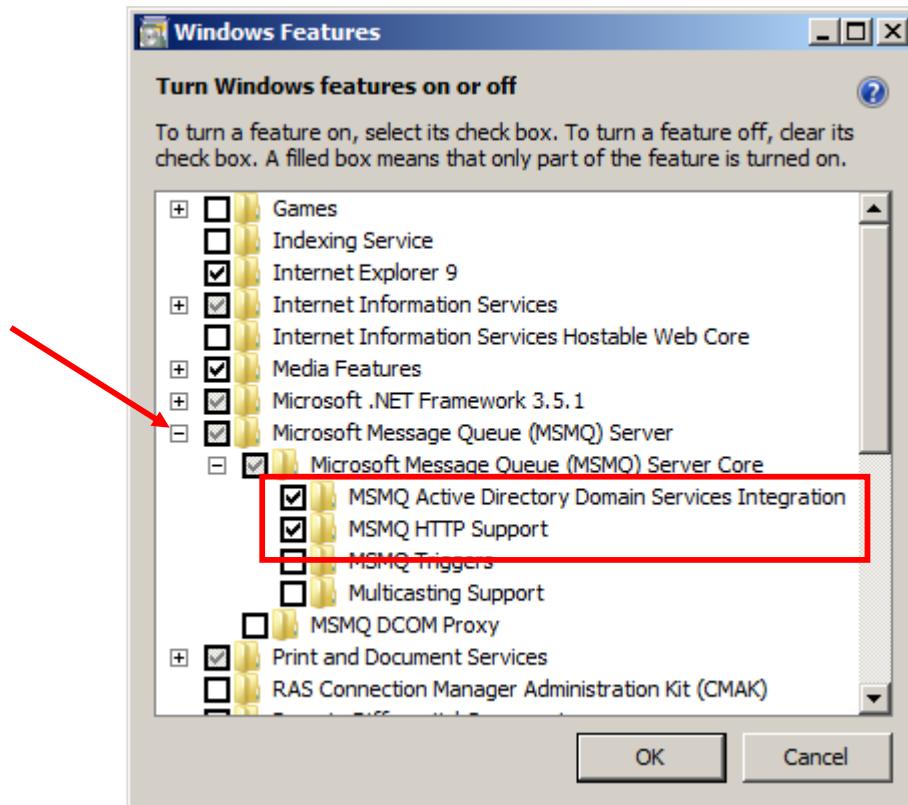
3. Click "**Turn Windows features on or off**":



4. In the “Windows Features” dialog, expand the “**Microsoft Message Queue (MSMQ) Server**” section and its “**Microsoft Message Queue (MSMQ) Server Core**” subsection.

Mark the “**MSMQ Active Directory Domain Services Integration**” and “**MSMQ HTTP Support**”.

Click OK.



5. After Windows finishes updating its configuration, you can close the “Control Panel” window, and the MSMQ is ready to be used in this lab.

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