WebSphere Message Broker V8 .NET Integration

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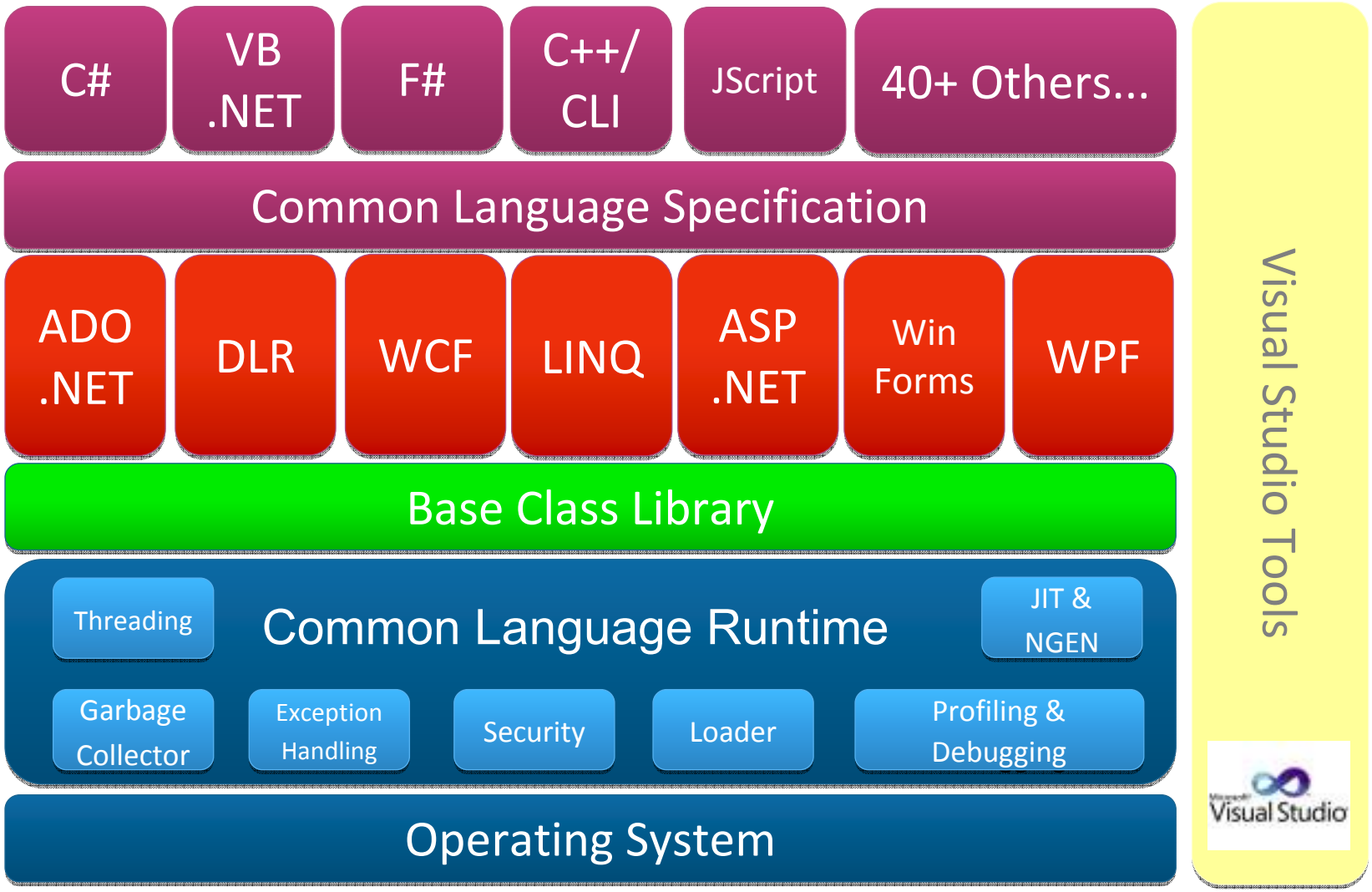
Why .NET?

- **Many clients have a large investment in Microsoft, .NET and related technologies**
  - Dynamics for CRM / ERP
  - SharePoint for collaboration
  - Visual Studio for development
  - Custom .NET applications
- **.NET is a very popular environment for developers.**
  - TIOBE Programming Community Index for June 2011. *[www.tiobe.com]*

Language	Access and Transform
Java	JavaCompute Node
C	C Plugin Node
C++	C Plugin Node
C#	.NET Compute Node
PHP	PHPCompute Node
VB	.NET Compute Node

  - WMB now provides transformation capability for all of the top 6 languages

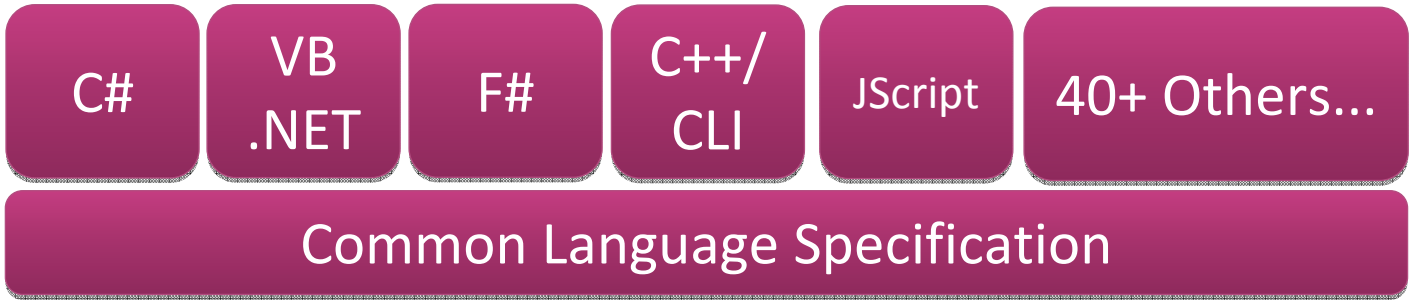
.NET Framework Overview



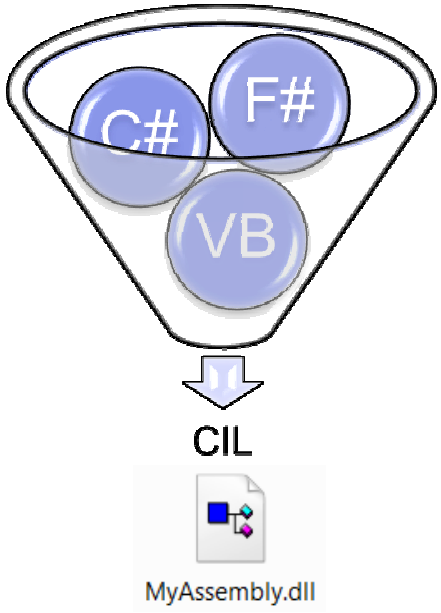
The .NET Common Language Runtime (CLR)

- **The CLR provides an environment inside which "managed" code is executed**
  - Similar to a JVM
- **Can be hosted inside another process**
  - Gives the ability to run managed code
    - SQLServer does this to run managed Stored Procedures
- **Provides key services to all code running inside it**
  - Loading, GC, Debugging etc.

From Source Code to Byte Code

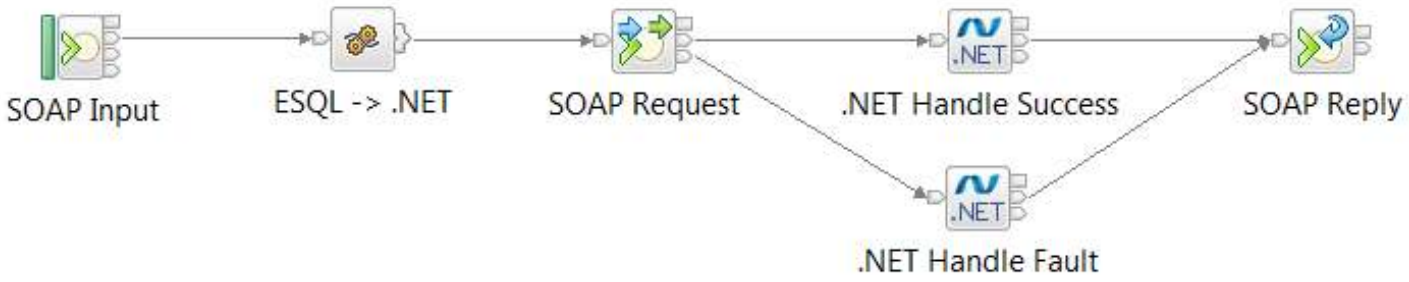


- **All .NET code is compiled from the source language into Managed "CIL" (MSIL) code**
- **Common Type System (CTS) and Common Language Spec (CLS)**
- **The CIL code lives in a .DLL or .EXE and is called an Assembly**
  - The Assembly is loaded into the CLR to be executed
  - Code is "JITted" before it is executed
    - Can be JITted before hand with NGEN
- **At runtime the CLR does not care what the source language was**



Integrating .NET with Message Broker

- **Extremely tight language agnostic integration**
  - Integrates any CLR language at a very low level with the broker
- **Create your own .NET Compute Nodes using Visual Studio**
  - Integrate new or existing .NET applications directly with your Message Flow
    - Write nodes in C#, VB, F#, C++/CLI, and many more
- **Tightly integrated with Visual Studio**
  - Broker toolkit can launch Visual Studio
  - Visual studio plugin to simplify node development
- **Call .NET code directly from ESQL**
  - Jump straight from ESQL into .NET code
- **Integrate with existing COM applications**



Managing .NET Integration

- **Fine grained operation control**
  - Configurable Service, Resource Stats
- **The CLR is hosted inside each Execution Group**
  - One CLR per E.G.
- **Each CLR is split into different App Domains**
  - Choose which App Domain your code runs in

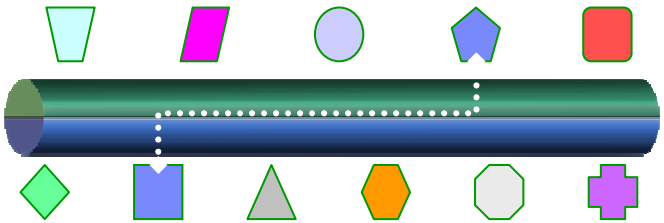
default Resources Statistics (Snapshot time 10:25:18 - 10:25:39)

App Domains | CICS | CLR GC | CORBA | FTEAgent | FTP | File | JDBCConnectionPools | JVM | ODBC | Parsers | SOAPInput | Security | Sockets | TCPIPClier

name	TotalAllocatedInMB	CurrentlyInUseInMB	DomainID	DomainBase
summary	0	0		
DefaultDomain	0	0	1	c:\mqsi\installed\bin\
DotNetCompute1	0	0	4	C:\S000\Backing\src\DataFlowEngine\DotNet\utest\csharp\project\NBNodes
DotNetCompute2	0	0	5	C:\S000\Backing\src\DataFlowEngine\DotNet\utest\csharp

Running .NET in your Enterprise

- **.NET in Broker is supported on the Windows platform**
- **.NET functionality is available in all editions of Broker 8 (Express, Standard, Advanced, etc)**
- **Broker's existing connectivity options give flexible deployment options**
  - – You can position .NET at the "edge" and connect to your main infrastructure
  - – You can position .NET in the "middle" as part of your core infrastructure
  - – Use any Broker transport option to make the links
    - MQ, WebService, etc



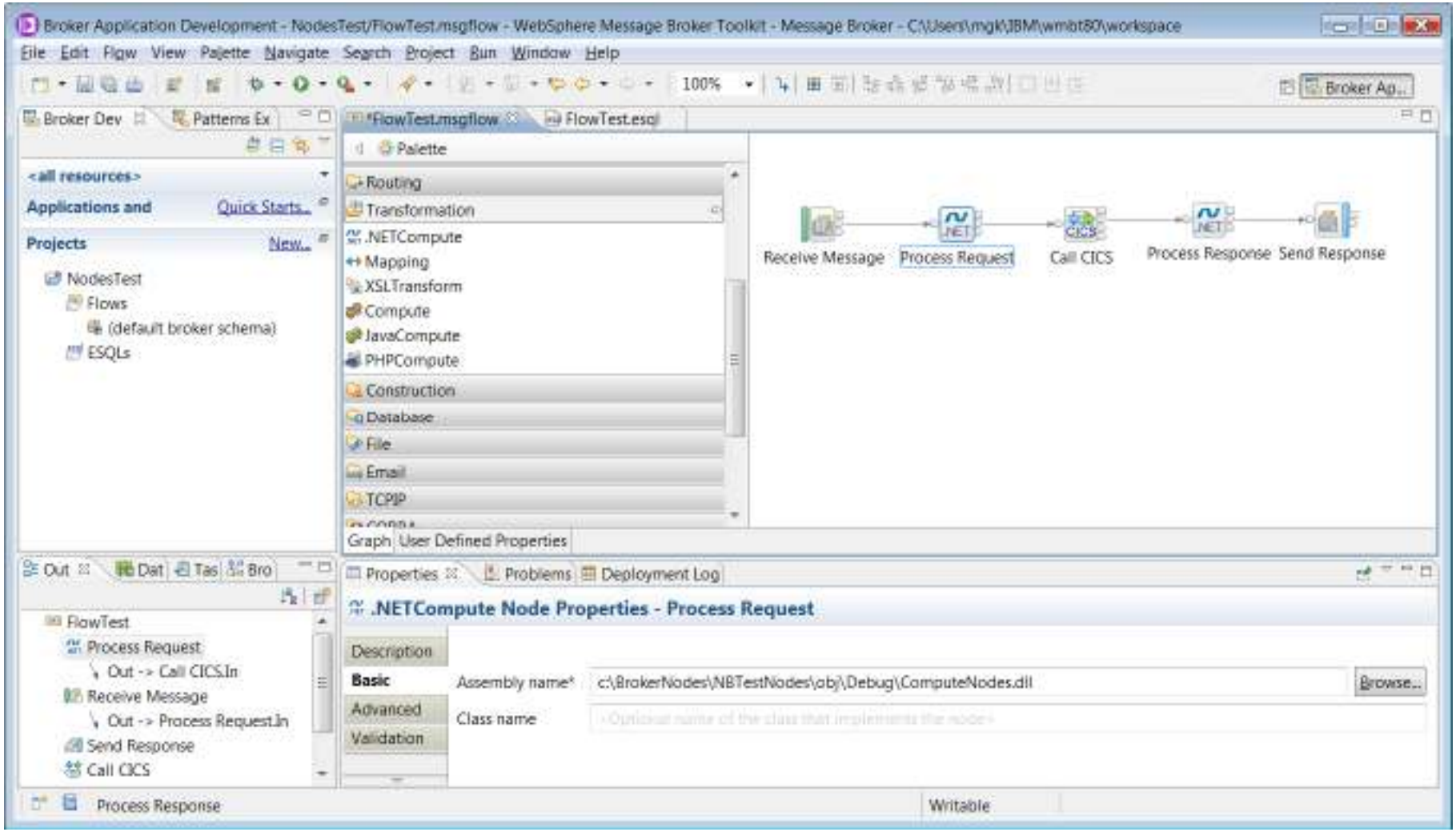
.NET Compute Node - What do you want to integrate today?

- **First Class Broker transformation node**
  - similar to JavaCompute
- **Write your transformations in any CLR compliant language**
  - Build transformations in: C#, VB, F#, C++/CLI, Jscript, etc…
- **Allows you to integrate your .NET code directly with your Flow**
  - Three code "templates" to get you started
    - Filter Message
    - Modify Message
    - Create Message
- **Implement a single method "Evaluate"**
  - Stub is auto implemented in Visual Studio
- **Provides full access to the Broker Trees**
  - Message,
  - LocalEnvironment,
  - Environment,
  - ExceptionList
- **Dynamic Terminals**
  - As many as you need

```
using SharePointClient = Microsoft.SharePoint.Cl
  //Update SharePoint with details from Message
  private void UpdateSharepoint(NBElement fileIn
    string fileSource = (string)fileInfo["Locati
    string fileName = "/sites/pp/Documents/" + (
    ClientContext context = new ClientContext("h
    using (FileStream fs = new FileStream(fileSo
    {
      SharePointClient.File.SaveBinaryDirect(con
    }
  }
```

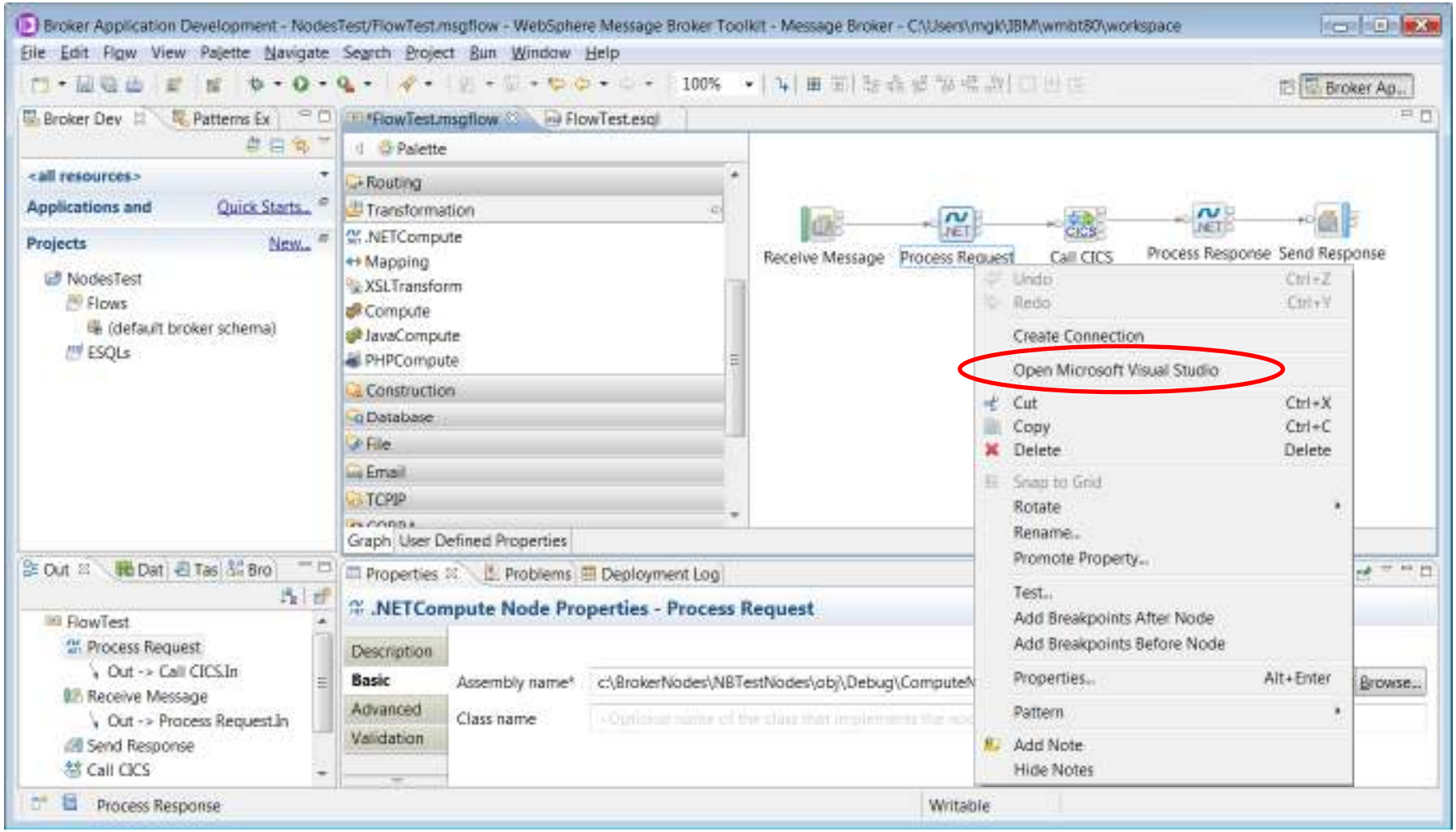
.NET Compute Node Configuration

- **Browse to choose Assembly**
- **Drag / Drop an assembly on the node to configure**



Launch Visual Studio directly from the .NET Compute node

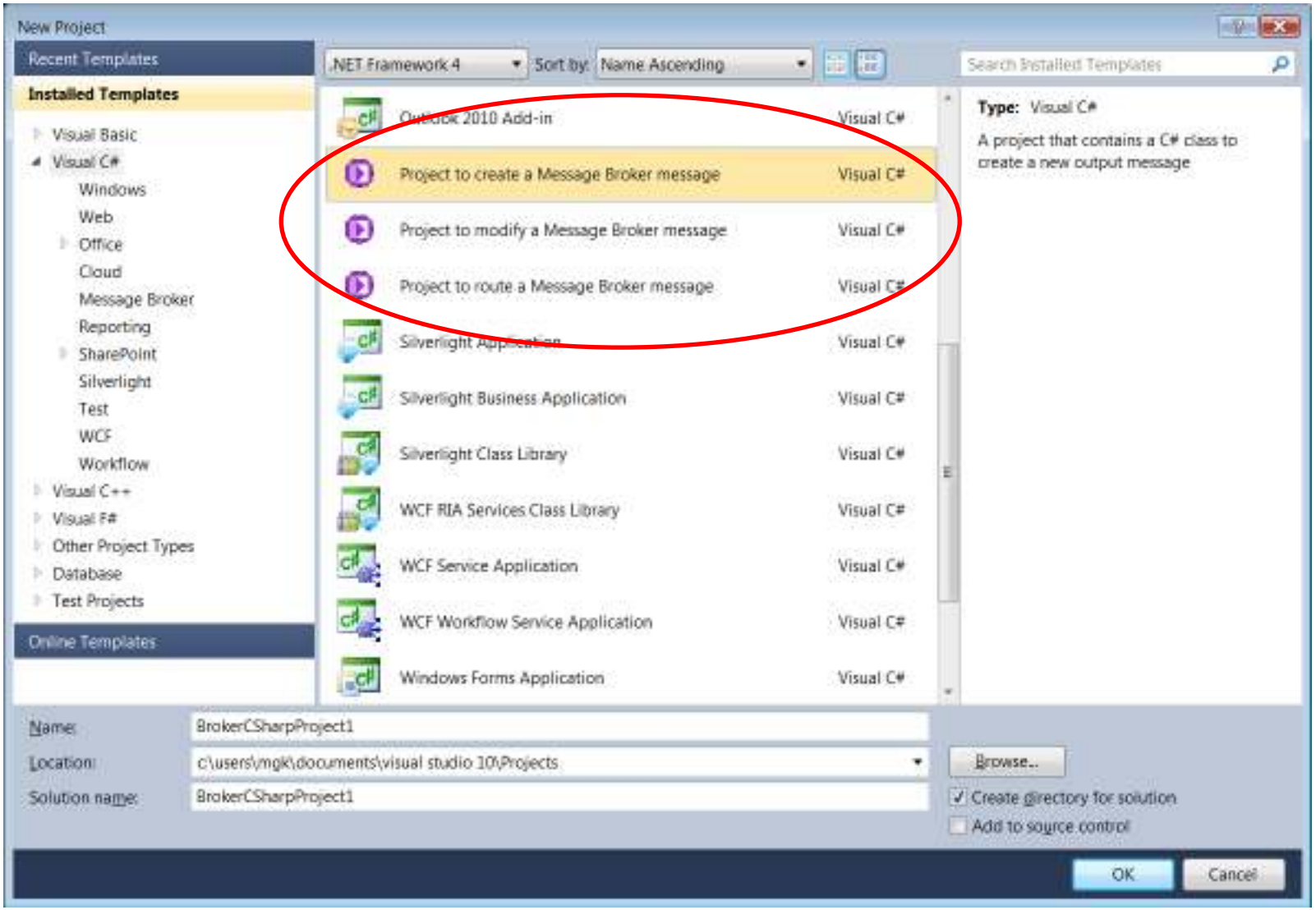
- **Simply double-click on the node**
  - Or right click “Open Microsoft Visual Studio”



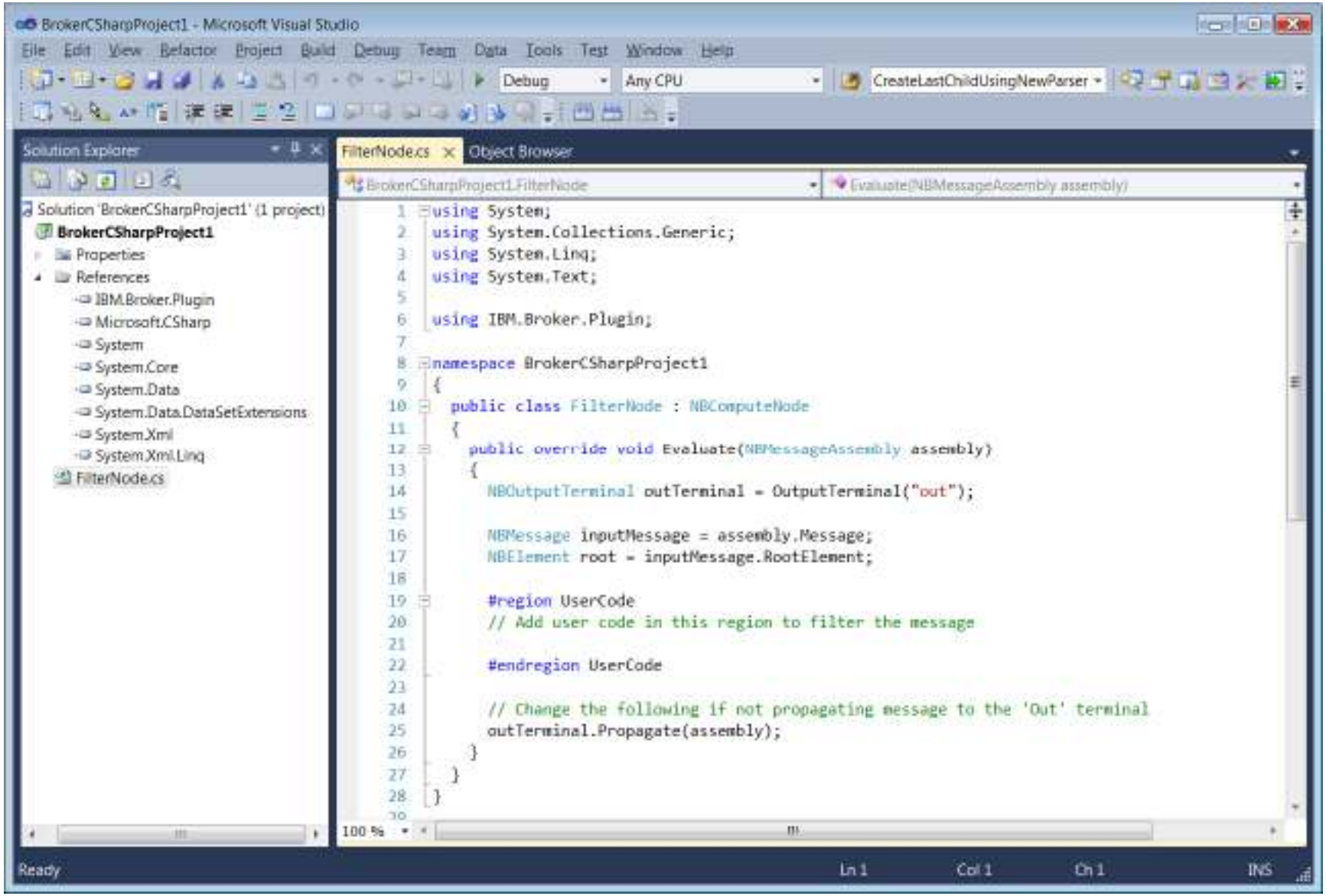
Visual Studio 2010 Integration

- **Visual Studio is the "toolkit" when developing .NET assemblies**
  - Visual Studio is the "industry standard" for .NET development
- **Tight integration with the Broker runtime**
  - "Double Click" on a .NETCompute Node to launch Visual Studio
  - Node can be configured with a "Solution" to launch automatically
- **Plugin for Visual Studio to generate skeleton .NET Compute code**
  - Specific to the language choice and the node type (Filter / Modify / Create)
- **Use Visual Studio debugger to debug your .NET assemblies.**
  - "Attach" the debugger to the runtime "dataflowengine.exe" process for the E.G.
    - See all the message trees in their entirety.

Speed up development with the Visual Studio Broker Node Template



Auto generated node templates for Visual Studio

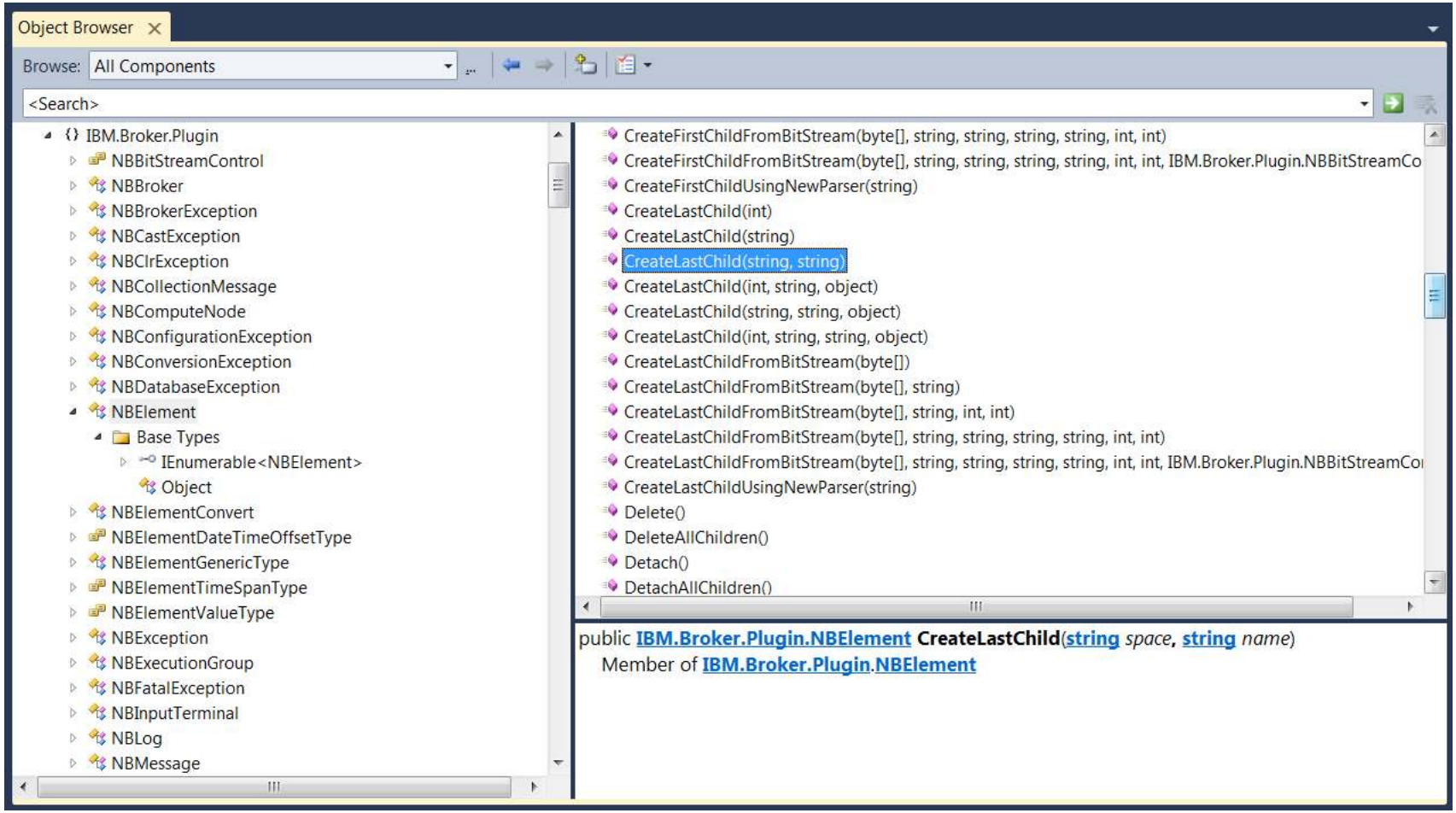


Complete Template Filter Node in C#

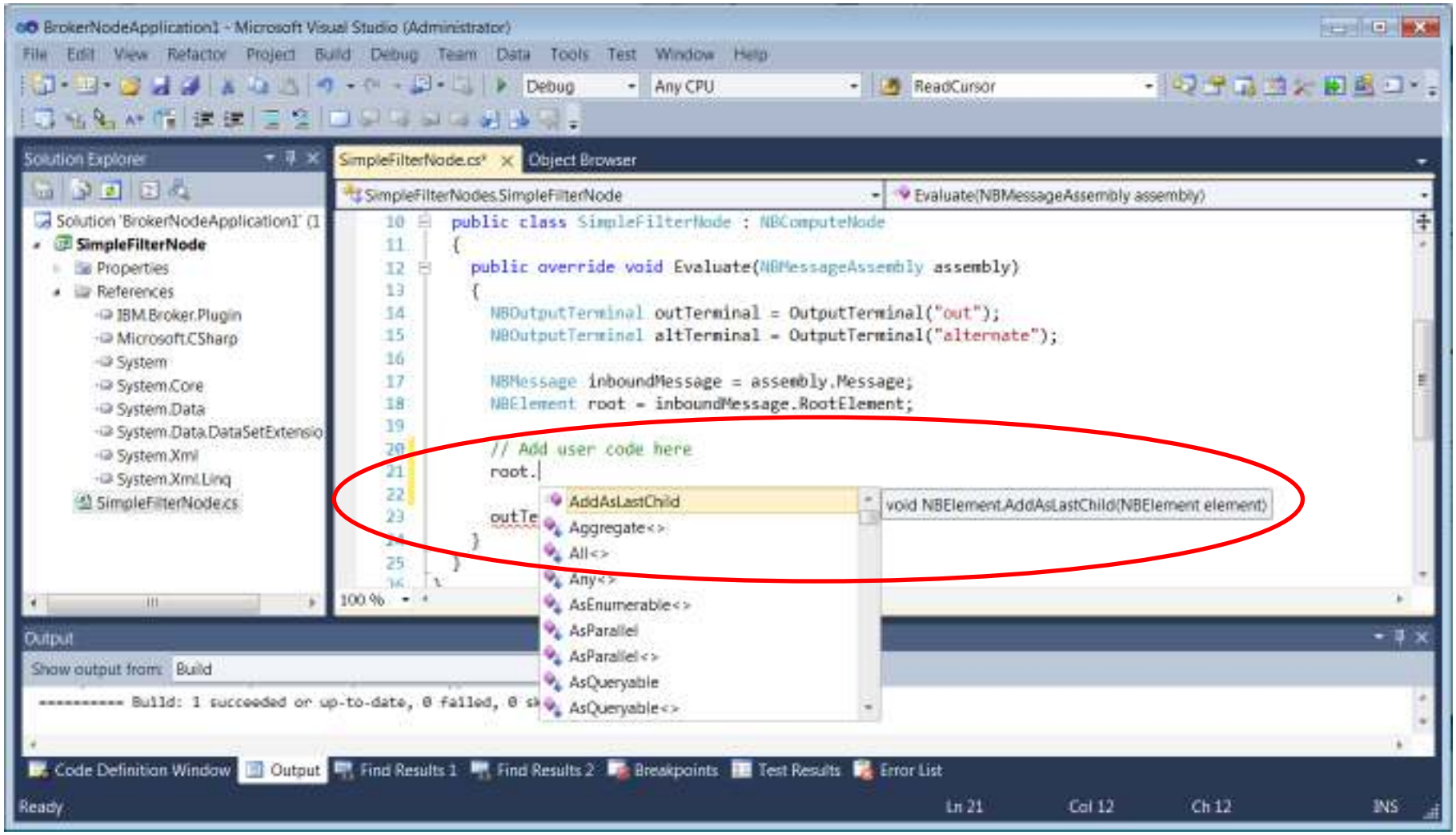
```
using System;
using IBM.Broker.Plugin;

namespace FilterNodes {
  public class SimpleFilterNode : NBComputeNode {
    public override void Evaluate(NBMessageAssembly assembly) {
      NBOutputTerminal outTerminal = OutputTerminal("out");
      NBMessage inputMessage = assembly.Message;
      NBElement root = inputMessage.RootElement;

      #region UserCode
      // Add user code in this region to filter the message
      #endregion UserCode

      outTerminal.Propagate(assembly);
    }
  }
}
```

The Visual Studio Object Browser

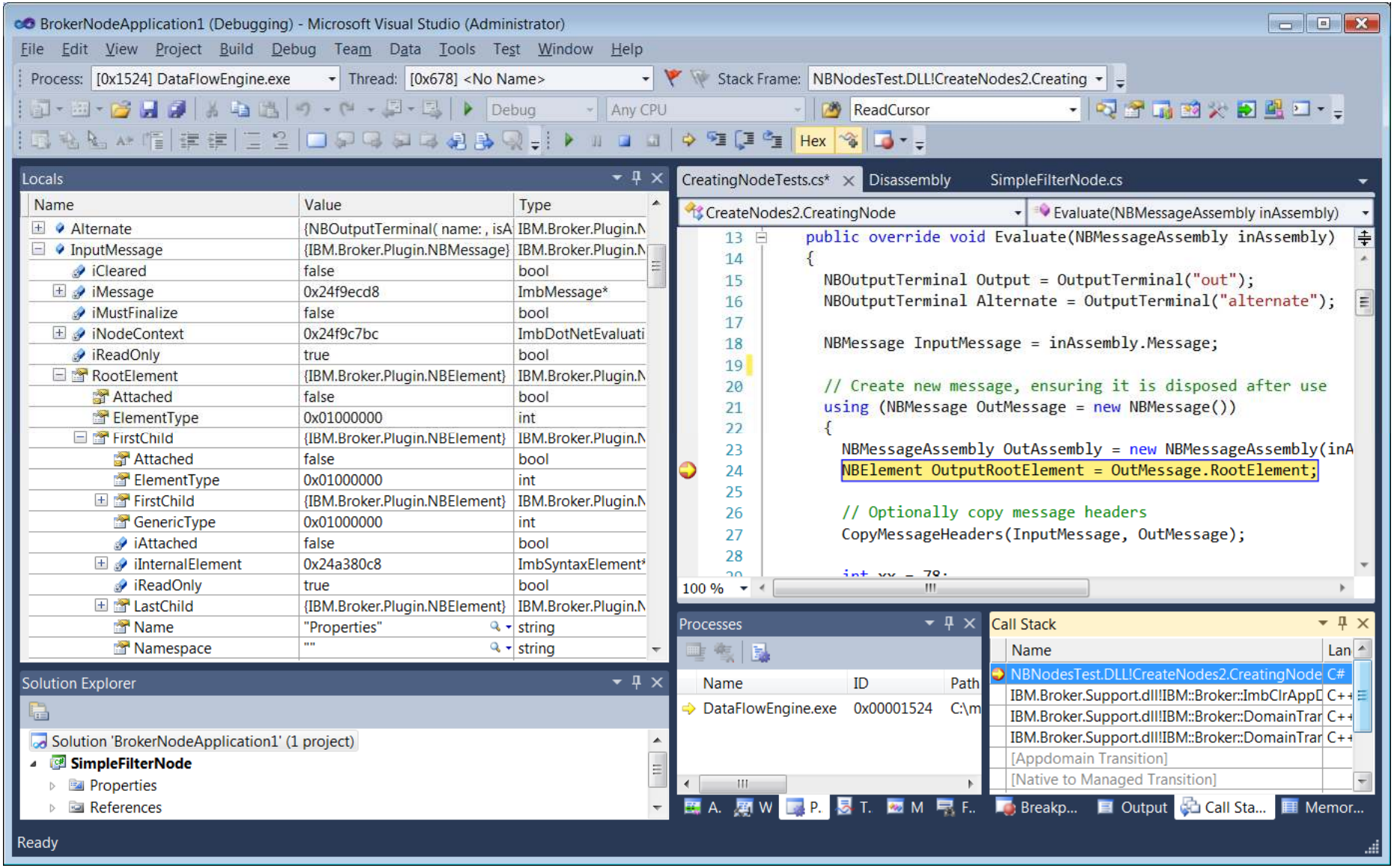
- **Use the Object browser to view the Broker .NET APIs**



Visual Studio Content Assist for the Broker Plugin API



Debug your .NET code with the Visual Studio Debugger



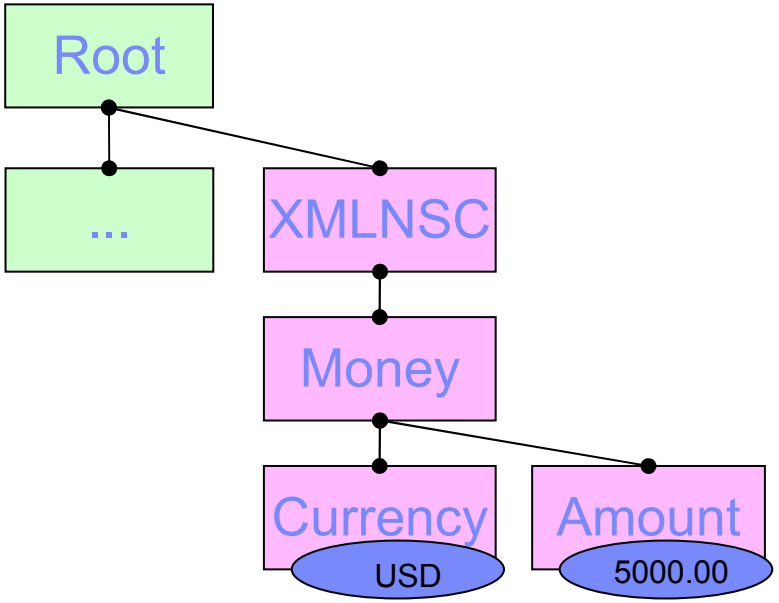
Programming the Broker with the .NET APIs

- **The API is designed to look and feel like a standard .NET API**
  - Follows the Microsoft “Framework Design Guidelines”
  - For example, uses properties where appropriate, follows naming conventions etc
- **Is designed to be usable by as many .NET languages as possible**
  - Plugin assembly is marked as ‘CLSCompliant’.
  - CLS guidelines followed
  - Where facilities that are not CLS compliant are used, alternatives are offered
    - E.g. Alternatives for explicit datatype casting
- **Scalar values and Nullable value types supported throughout**
  - All broker types are “Nullable”
  - Conversions to/from Nullable equivalents available
- **Simple but Powerful**
  - Utility methods provided for common tasks, such as throwing user exceptions,
  - creating XMLDecl’s etc `[<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>]`

```
NBParsers.XMLNSC.CreateXmlDeclaration( element, "1.0", "utf-8", "yes" );
```

Message Broker Tree : Low Level Access

- **Each element in the tree has several properties**
  - `Parent, LastChild, FirstChild, PreviousSibling, NextSibling`
- **They can be chained to access a specific element**
  - `NBElement amount = root.LastChild.LastChild.LastChild;`
- **These properties return either an Element or NULL**
  - `NullReferenceException` possible if you dereference NULL



XML Message

```
<Money>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Amount>5000.00</Amount>
</Money>
```

Message Broker Tree : Access by Name

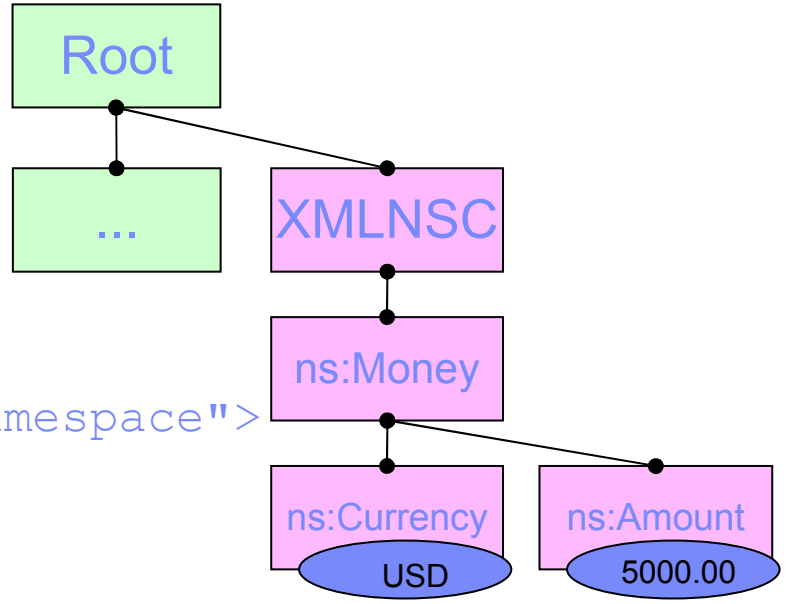
- **Navigation by name is also possible**

```
NBElement amount = root["XMLNSC"]["Money"]["Amount"];
```

- **Navigation by name and namespace as well**

```
string ns = new string("http://my.long.namespace");
NBElement amount = root["XMLNSC"][ns, "Money"][ns, "Amount"];
```

- **Still have to be careful:**
  - `NullReferenceException` still possible



XML Message

```
<ns:Money xmlns:ns="http://my.long.namespace">
  <ns:Currency>USD</ns:Currency>
  <ns:Amount>5000.00</ns:Amount>
</ns:Money>
```

Integration breadth: Call COM and .NET applications within Broker

- **Allows Broker to integrate with COM and .NET applications**
  - Access existing COM and .NET applications that run in a .NET 4 environment
- **.NET makes it easy to call other .NET applications and components**

```
 using SharePointClient = Microsoft.SharePoint.Client;
//Update SharePoint with details from Message
private void UpdateSharepoint(NBElement fileInfo)
{
  string fileSource = (string)fileInfo["Location"];
  string fileName = "/sites/pp/Documents/" + (string)fileInfo["Name"];
  ClientContext context = new ClientContext("http://avoca2008");
  using (FileStream fs = new FileStream(fileSource, FileMode.Open))
  {
    SharePointClient.File.SaveBinaryDirect(context, fileName, fs, true);
  }
}
```

Message Broker Tree : Using LINQ

- **Use LINQ queries to access the Broker Tree**

```
NBElement x = InputMessage.RootElement["XMLNSC"]["Top"];
var list = x.Where(t => t.Name == "Money" && (String)t["Currency"] == "USD");
foreach (NBElement element in list) {
 //Process each element in turn
}
```

XML Message

```
<Top>
  <Money>
    <Currency>GBP</Currency>
    <Amount>1000.00</Amount>
  </Money>
  <Money>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <Rate>1.4</Rate>
    <Amount>5000.00</Amount>
  </Money>
  <Money>
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    <Amount>2000.00</Amount>
  </Money>
</Top>
```
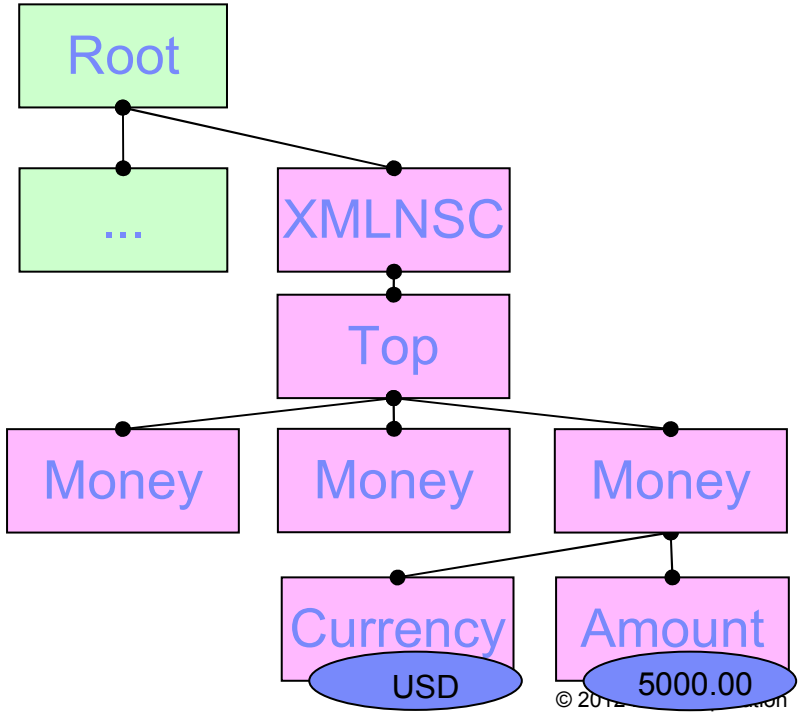



Handle Exceptions with Ease

- **Broker exceptions are turned into NBExceptions so they can be caught in .NET code**
  - `NBException`
    - `NBRecoverableException`

      `NBUserException`

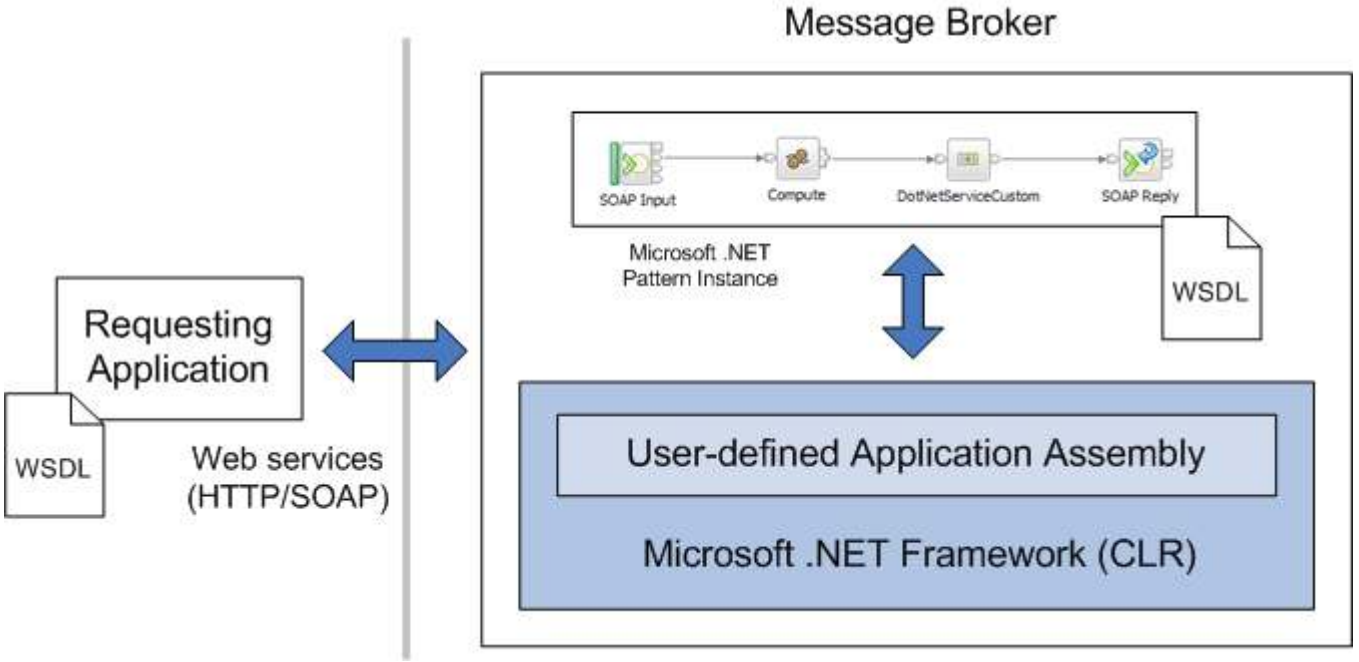
      `NBXxxException`

- **NBExceptions are turned into Broker exceptions if thrown out of the user .NET code**
  - You can "leave" your .NET code with an exception if necessary.
  - You can catch the exception by using in a Try/Catch node or wiring a Catch terminal.
  - NBRecoverable exceptions can be caught in an ESQL handler, with a specified SQLCode and SQLState

- **.NET exceptions are turned into Broker exceptions if thrown out of the user .NET code**
  - You can catch the exception by using in a Try/Catch node or wiring a Catch terminal

Expose .NET Methods as Services – a Pattern Based Approach

- **New Service Facade Pattern**
  - "Microsoft .NET Request-Response"
- **Easily expose .NET Methods as Web Services**
  - "drag-drop" of assembly onto "pattern wizard"
- **Pattern Flow is ready to deploy**
  - Auto Generated WSDL and ESQL



ESQL Calling .NET : Declaring the Method

- **ESQL Function and Procedure syntax extended to allow .NET method calls**

```
CREATE PROCEDURE DotNetMethod (
   IN x INTEGER NOT NULL,
   OUT y INTEGER NOT NULL,
   INOUT z INTEGER NOT NULL)
 RETURNS INTEGER NOT NULL
 LANGUAGE .NET
 EXTERNAL NAME "MyNamespace.MyClass.MyDotNetMethod"
 ASSEMBLY "D:\WMB\Assemblies\MyApplication.dll"
 APPDOMAIN "MyAppDomain";
```

- **Drag Drop an Assembly onto a Compute node to auto generate matching signatures**
  - Choose the app domain (optional)

ESQL Calling .NET : Making the Call

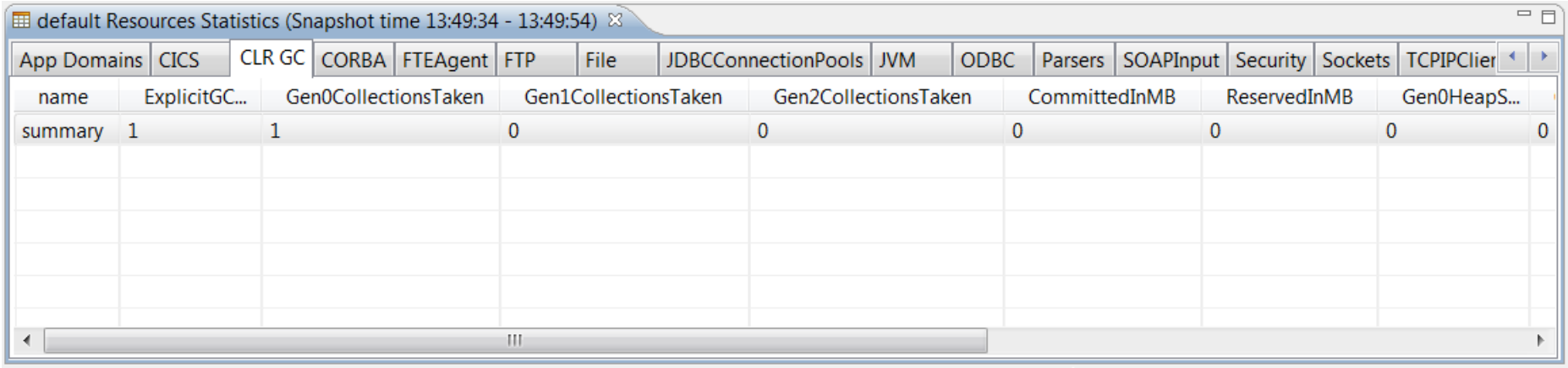
- **There is nothing .NET specific when the routine is invoked.**

```
DECLARE input INTEGER 42;
DECLARE output INTEGER ;
DECLARE inAndOut INTEGER 45;
DECLARE result INTEGER ;
CALL DotNetMethod(input, output, inAndOut) INTO result;
```

- **Call static methods that have compatible types**
  - Comprehensive type mapping table

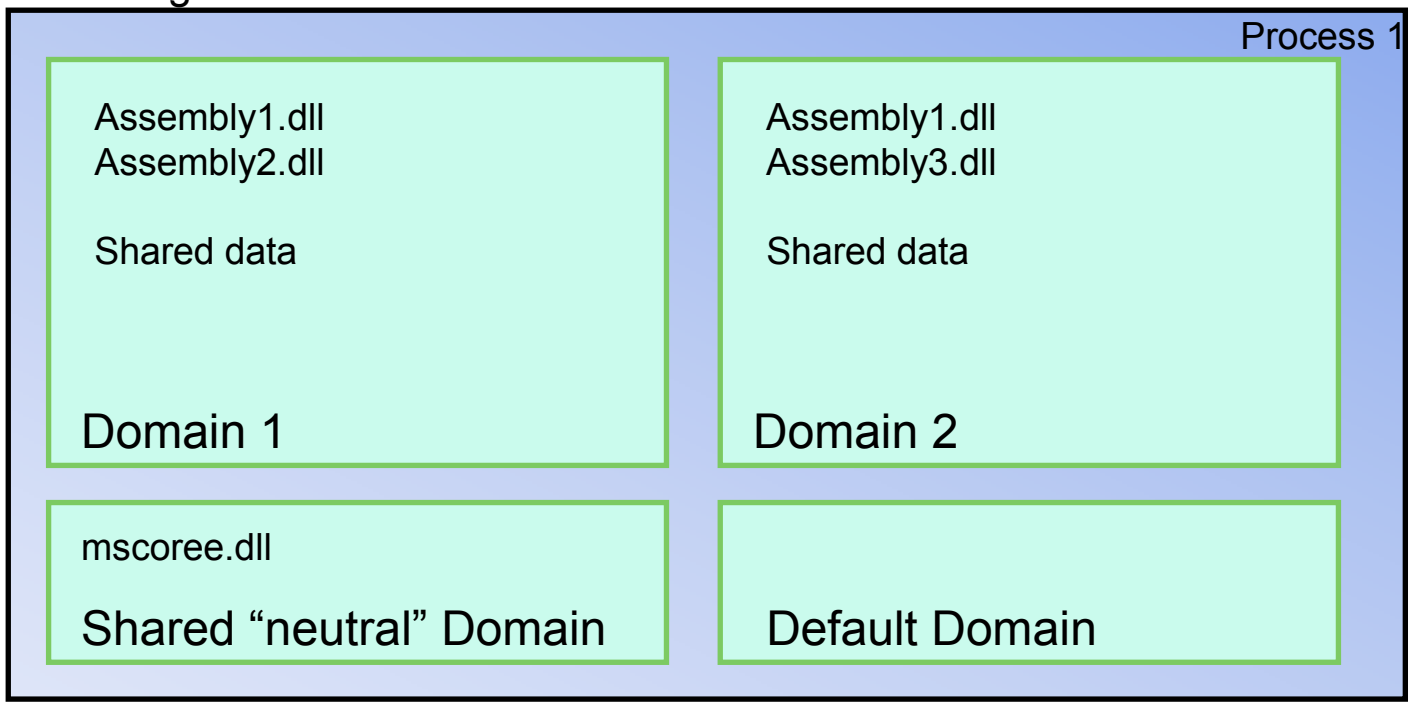
Hosting the CLR in the Execution Group

- **A CLR is hosted inside each execution group on Windows**
  - V4.0 CLR. If the .NET code is supported running in the .NET 4 CLR then you can run it in Broker.
- **The CLR is started automatically if found when the E.G. starts**
  - Not an error if it is not found
  - But .NET code cannot run without it.
- **CLR statistics available to show memory usage, Garbage collections etc.**



Application Domains in .NET : 1

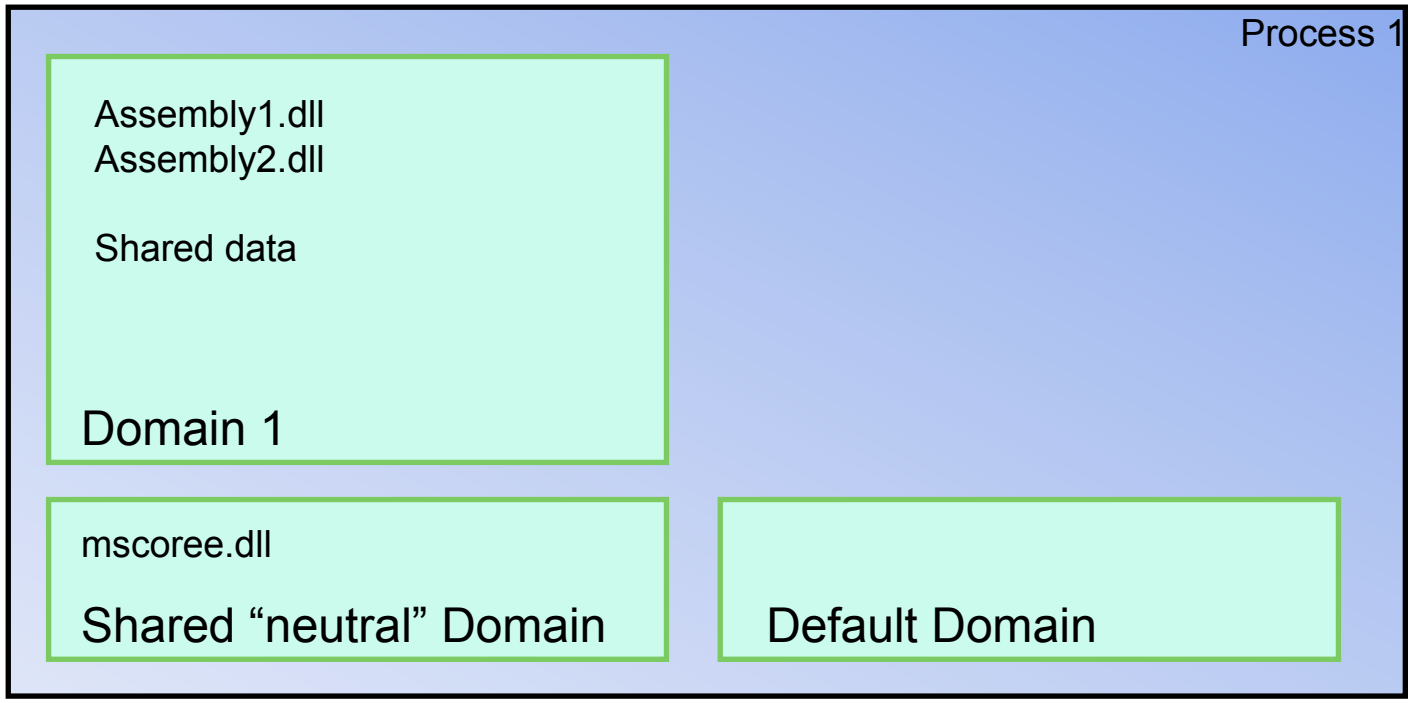
- **All code executed in the CLR runs inside an App Domain**
  - A default App Domain created by the CLR
  - Extra App Domains can be created by user code
  - Code can be shared between App Domains if it is loaded “domain neutral”
- **An App Domain provides a scoping point**
  - A sub-process unit of isolation for managed code
    - For unload / reload of code
    - For sharing of data



Application Domains in .NET : 2

- **Only whole App Domains can be unloaded**
  - Not possible to unload a single Assembly
  - Not possible to unload “domain neutral” assemblies

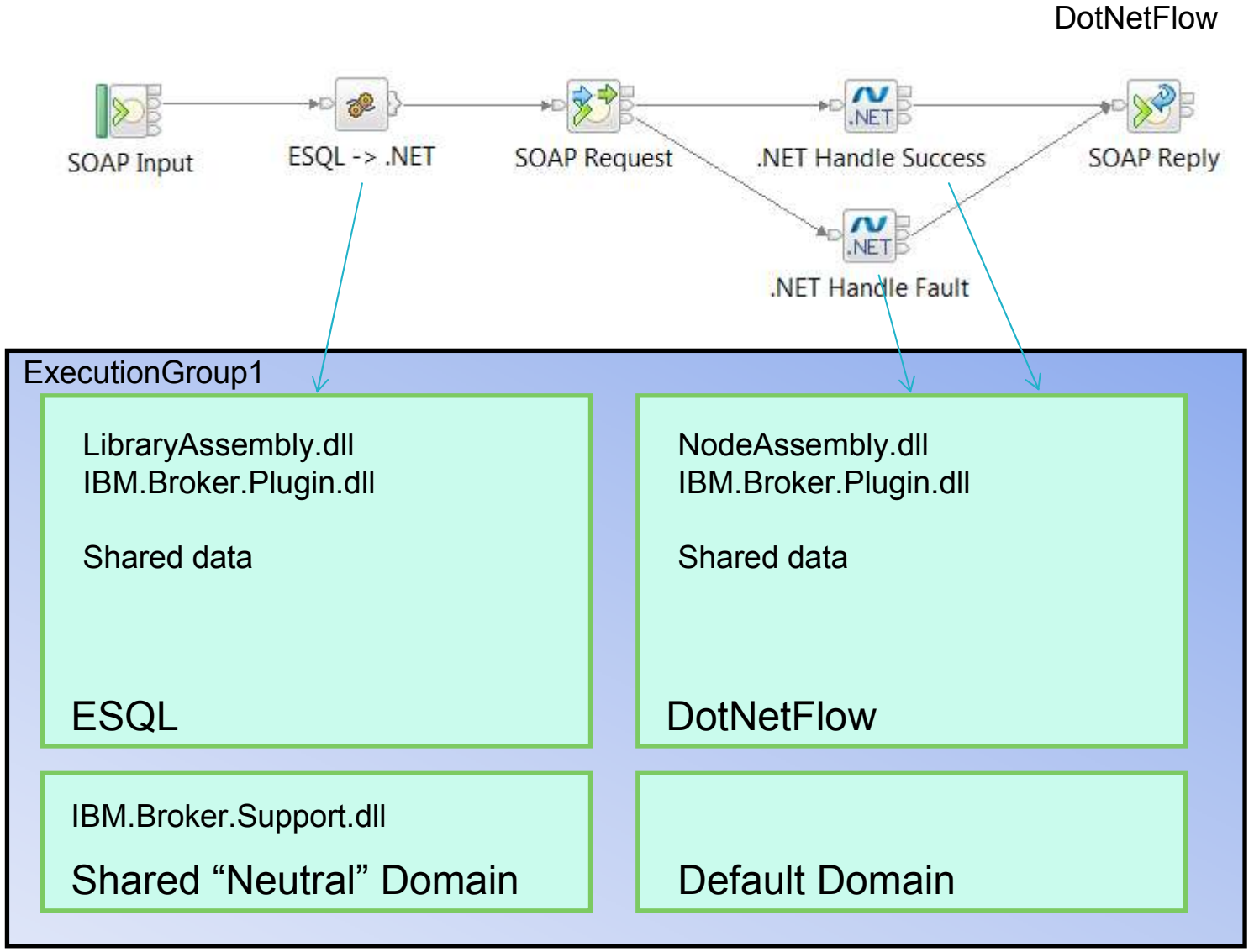
- **Sharing Data between assemblies**
  - Code sharing an app domain can share state
  - Cross App Domain data sharing requires “remoting” of the data to be shared



Application Domains in the Broker : 1

- **App Domains provide the unit of scoping for all .NET code**
- **App Domains have several properties**
  - A name and a “base directory” where the code in that AppDomain lives
  - An optional configuration file
    - Provides extra information to code running in that domain
- **App Domains can be created by name**
  - If unnamed a domain will be named after the broker Application the flow is a part of
- **App Domains can also be created by a Configurable Service**
  - Specify App Domain properties
  - **App Domains allow the “hot swap” of a .NET assembly with “Shadow Copy”**
    - Flow will dynamically reload associated App Domains if the code is changed.
    - Speed up development time
  - **App Domains provide statistics about their memory usage**

Application Domains in the Broker : 2



CLR inside the Execution Group

AppDomain Shadow Copy - "Hot Swap" Your Assemblies

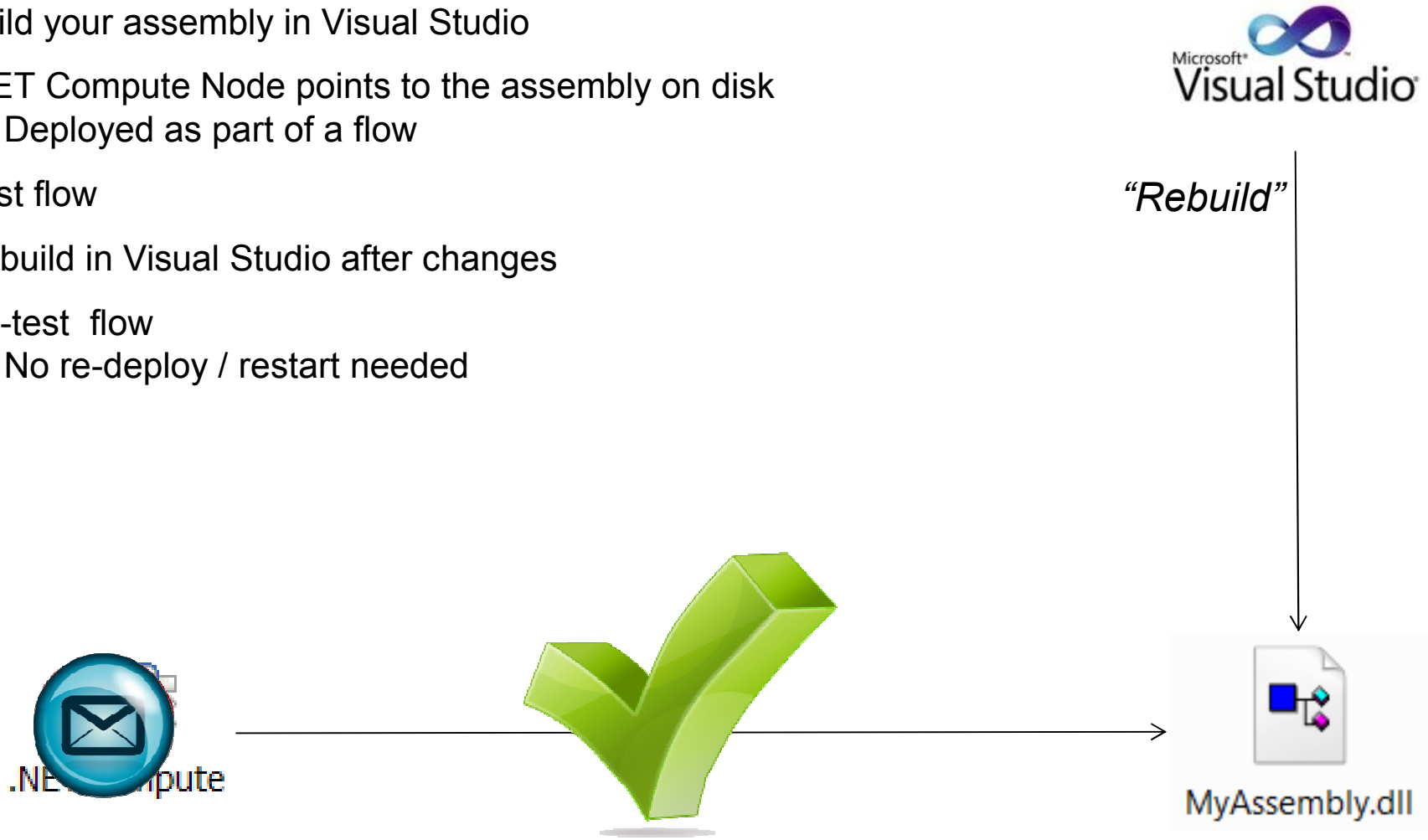
1: Build your assembly in Visual Studio

2: .NET Compute Node points to the assembly on disk
   – Deployed as part of a flow

3: Test flow

4: Rebuild in Visual Studio after changes

5: Re-test flow
   – No re-deploy / restart needed



CLR Native Datatype Mapping

Broker Type 1	CLR Type 1	Broker Type 2	CLR Type 2
Integer Not Null **Integer**	Int64 Nullable<Int64>	**Date Not Null** **Date**	DateTimeOffset Nullable<DateTimeOffset>
Int Not Null **Int**	Int32 Nullable<Int32>	**Time Not Null** **Time**	TimeSpan Nullable<TimeSpan>
Decimal Not Null **Decimal**	Decimal Nullable<Decimal>	**Timestamp Not Null** **Timestamp**	DateTimeOffset Nullable<DateTimeOffset>
Float Not Null **Float**	Double Nullable<Double>	**Gmttime Not Null** **Gmttime**	TimeSpan Nullable<TimeSpan>
Bit Not Null **Bit**	BitArray “”	**Gmttimestamp Not Null** **Gmttimestamp**	DateTime Nullable<DateTime>
Blob Not Null **Blob**	Byte[] “”	**Interval Not Null *** **Interval ***	TimeSpan Nullable<TimeSpan>
Character Not Null **Character**	String “”	**Interval YEAR – MONTH**	Not Supported
Char Not Null **Char**	Char Nullable<Char>	**Reference Not Null** **Reference**	NBElement “”
Boolean Not Null **Boolean**	Boolean Nullable<Boolean>		

* DAY – HOUR – MINUTE – SECOND

C# Datatype Mapping 1

Broker Type	C# Type (In)	C# Type (Out)	C# Type (Inout)
Integer Not Null **Integer**	long long?	out long out long?	ref long ref long?
Int Not Null **Int**	int int?	out int out int?	ref int ref int?
Decimal Not Null **Decimal**	decimal decimal?	out decimal out decimal?	ref decimal ref decimal?
Float Not Null **Float**	double double?	out double out double?	ref double ref double?
Bit Not Null **Bit**	BitArray “”	out BitArray “”	ref BitArray “”
Blob Not Null **Blob**	Byte[] “”	out Byte[] “”	ref Byte[] “”
Character Not Null **Character**	string “”	out string “”	ref string “”
Char Not Null **Char**	char char?	out char out char?	ref char ref char?
Boolean Not Null **Boolean**	bool bool?	out bool out bool?	ref bool ref bool?

VB Datatype Mapping 1

Broker Type	VB Type (In)	VB Type (Out)	VB Type (Inout)
Integer Not Null **Integer**	ByVal Long ByVal Long?	<Out()> ByRef Long <Out()> ByRef Long?	ByRef Long ByRef Long?
Int Not Null **Int**	ByVal Integer ByVal Integer?	<Out()> ByRef Integer <Out()> ByRef Integer?	ByRef Integer ByRef Integer?
Decimal Not Null **Decimal**	ByVal Decimal ByVal Decimal?	<Out()> ByRef Decimal <Out()> ByRef Decimal?	ByRef Decimal ByRef Decimal?
Float Not Null **Float**	ByVal Double ByVal Double?	<Out()> ByRef Double <Out()> ByRef Double?	ByRef Double ByRef Double?
Bit Not Null **Bit**	ByVal BitArray “”	<Out()> ByRef BitArray “”	ByRef BitArray “”
Blob Not Null **Blob**	ByVal Byte() “”	<Out()> ByRef Byte() “”	ByRef Byte() “”
Character Not Null **Character**	ByVal String “”	<Out()> ByRef String “”	ByRef String “”
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Summary

- Very tight .NET Integration
  - CLR v4 hosted inside the Execution Group
  - .NET code executed natively inside the broker
  - Use any CLR language to create your nodes
  - Integrated App Domain support
- Large API to provide access to message broker facilities
  - Navigation
  - Element creation
  - Exception handling
    - From .NET exception to ExceptionList
    - From ExceptionList to .NET exception
    - Catch exceptions in ESQL
- Visual Studio Integration
  - Launch Visual Studio from Eclipse
  - Plugins to provide fast node creation
  - Content assist for easy access to the API
  - Debug your nodes using Visual Studio

Questions?

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