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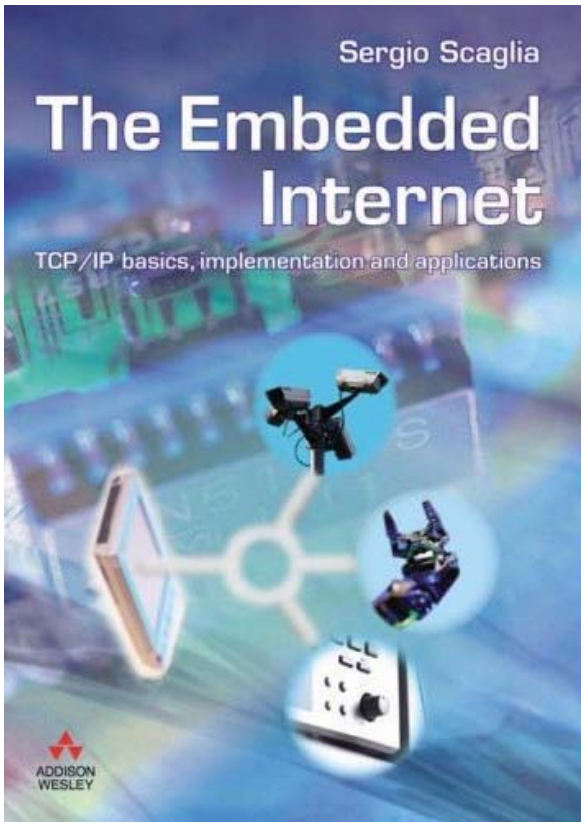

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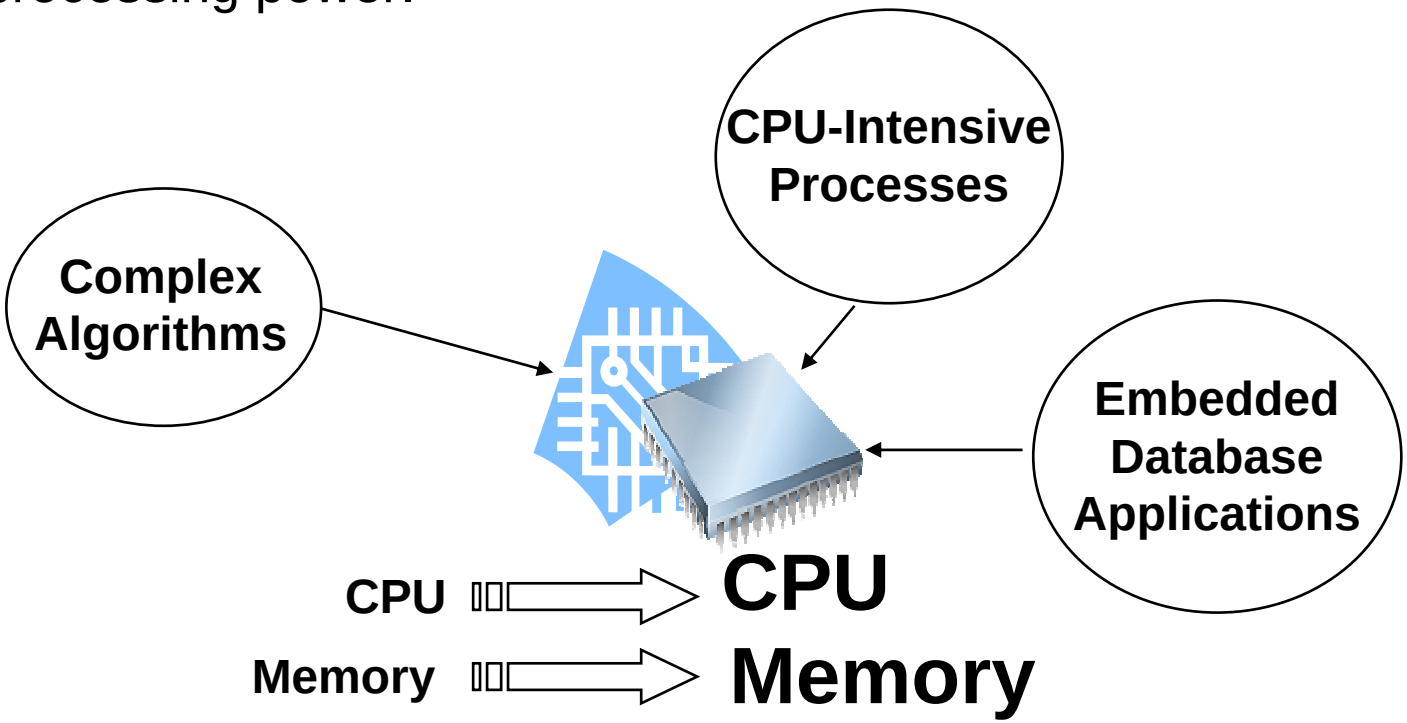
RATIONALE

- Embedded Systems have limited resources compared with PCs.
- Some applications may require large memory space and high processing power.



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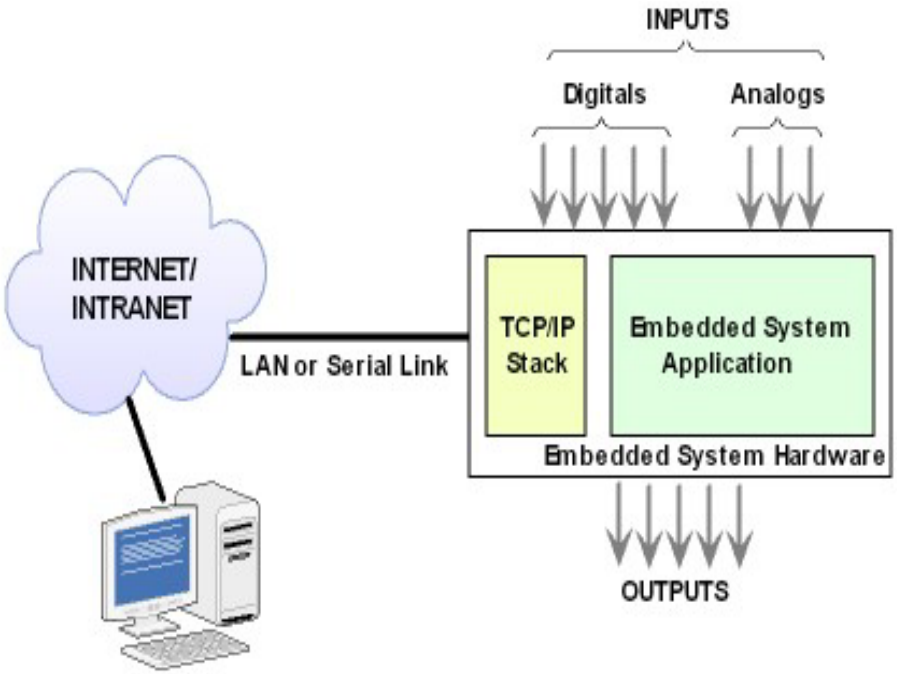
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION

- Adding a TCP/IP Stack, Embedded Systems will have **internet-connectivity** which allows them access Internet Resources.



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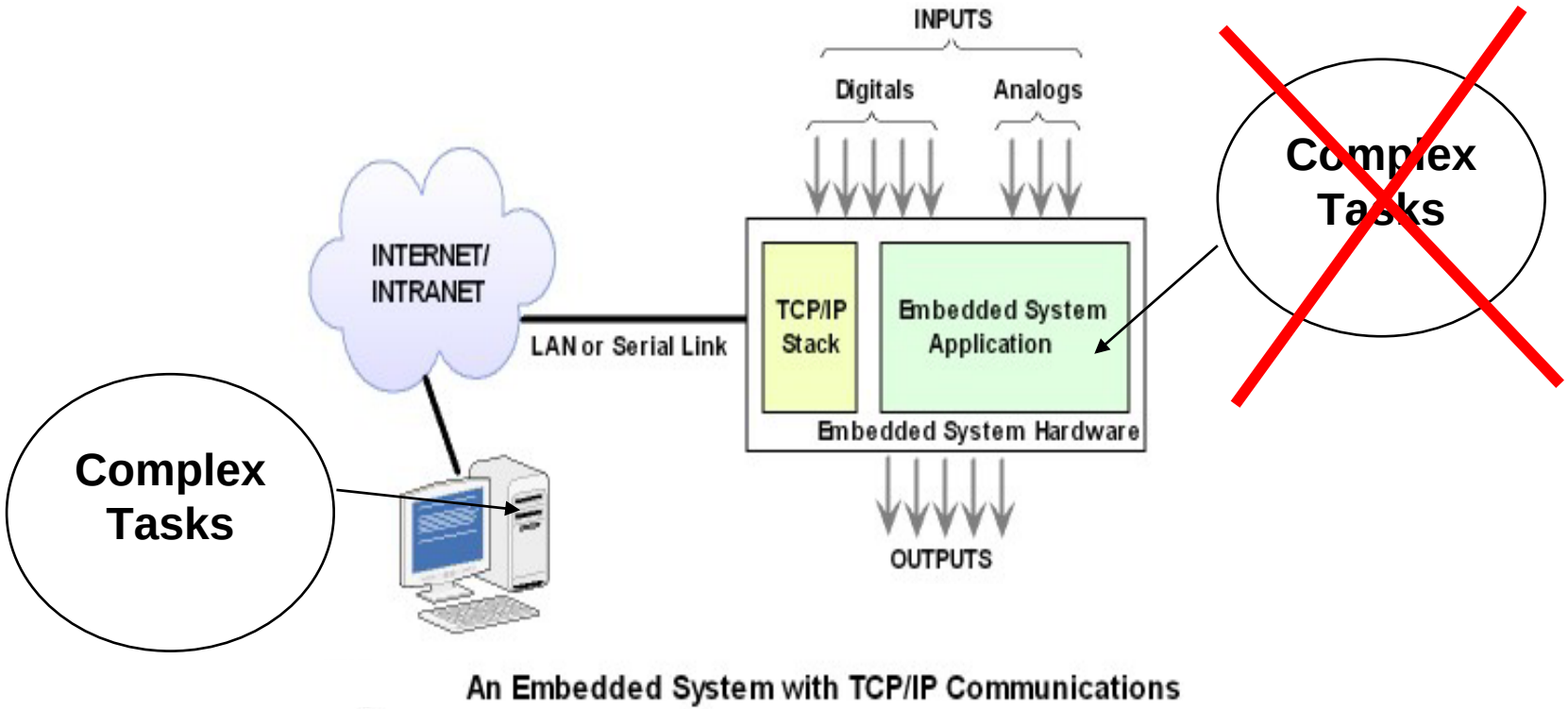
- In this scenario, complex tasks could be resolved remotely in external servers.



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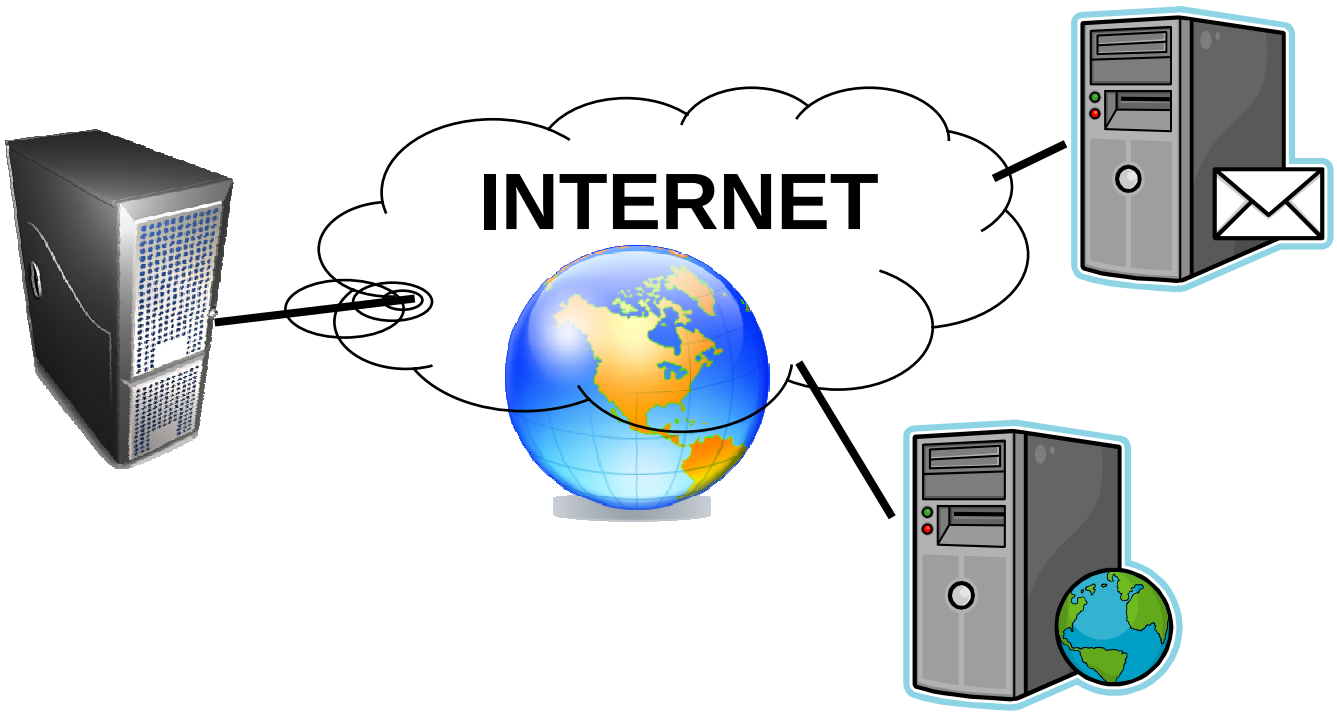
- In other words, Embedded Systems could greatly benefit from the **“external intelligence”** provided by Desktop servers connected to the Internet, without the need of additional resources.



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IMPLEMENTATION

- A Remote Procedure could be called in order to resolve complex tasks, such as complex algorithms, CPU-intensive calculations, or retrieve records from a DataBase.

Calling a Remote Procedure through Internet

Web Services Introduction

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WEB SERVICES - Introduction

What are Web Services?

- They are a Standardized way to call a remote procedure over the Internet.
- They allow a distributing computing schema to work independently from the technology, language, and device.
- Servers expose a piece of functionality through a Web Interface.
- Clients consume this functionality from its application, using standard Internet protocols (HTTP, SOAP, XML).
- HTTP is used as the transport protocol, to move messages between Clients and Servers - for secure transmissions, HTTPS can be used - (Advantage: most firewalls allow HTTP traffic).
- These messages formats are defined according to the SOAP protocol. The SOAP messages are encoded using XML.

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WEB SERVICES – Typical Scenario

Exposing and Consuming Web Services scenario

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WEB SERVICES – Standards

- **UDDI (Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration):** The UDDI database is a central repository of available Web Services. Developers can access the UDDI registry to search for a Web Service functionality.
- **DISCO (Discovery Protocol):** It allows dynamic discovery of all Web Services located on a particular web site.
- **WSDL (Web Service Description Language):** It allows specifying into a WSDL document, each method of a Web Service and the parameters it accepts and returns. That is, it specifies the interface of the Web Services. This document is considered like a contract that specifies the SOAP messages to send to the Web Service and the messages to expect in return.

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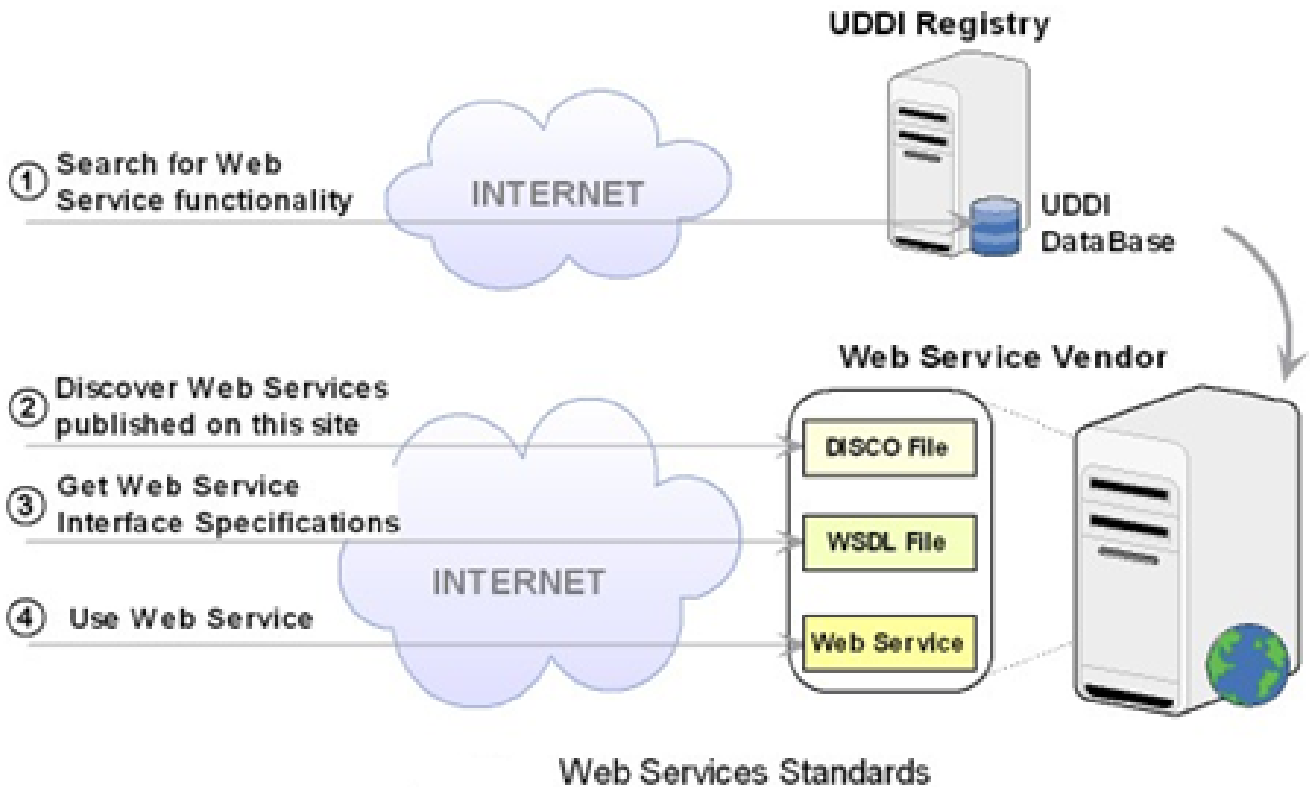
WEB SERVICES – Standards (Cont.)



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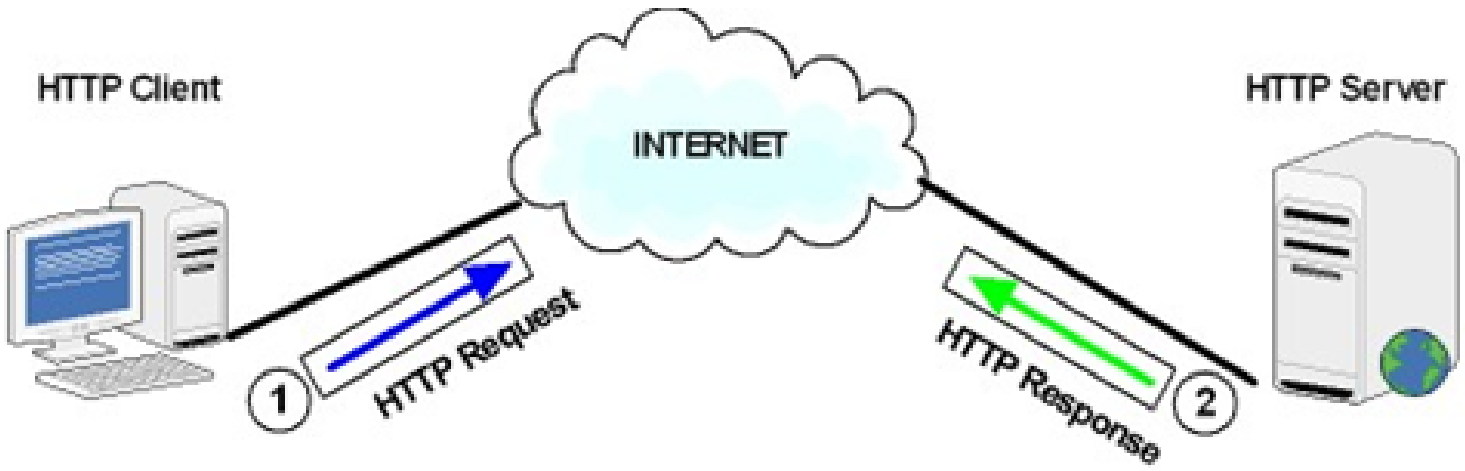
WEB SERVICES – Transport Protocol: HTTP



HTTP Client/Server Communication Model

HTTP Protocol: Review

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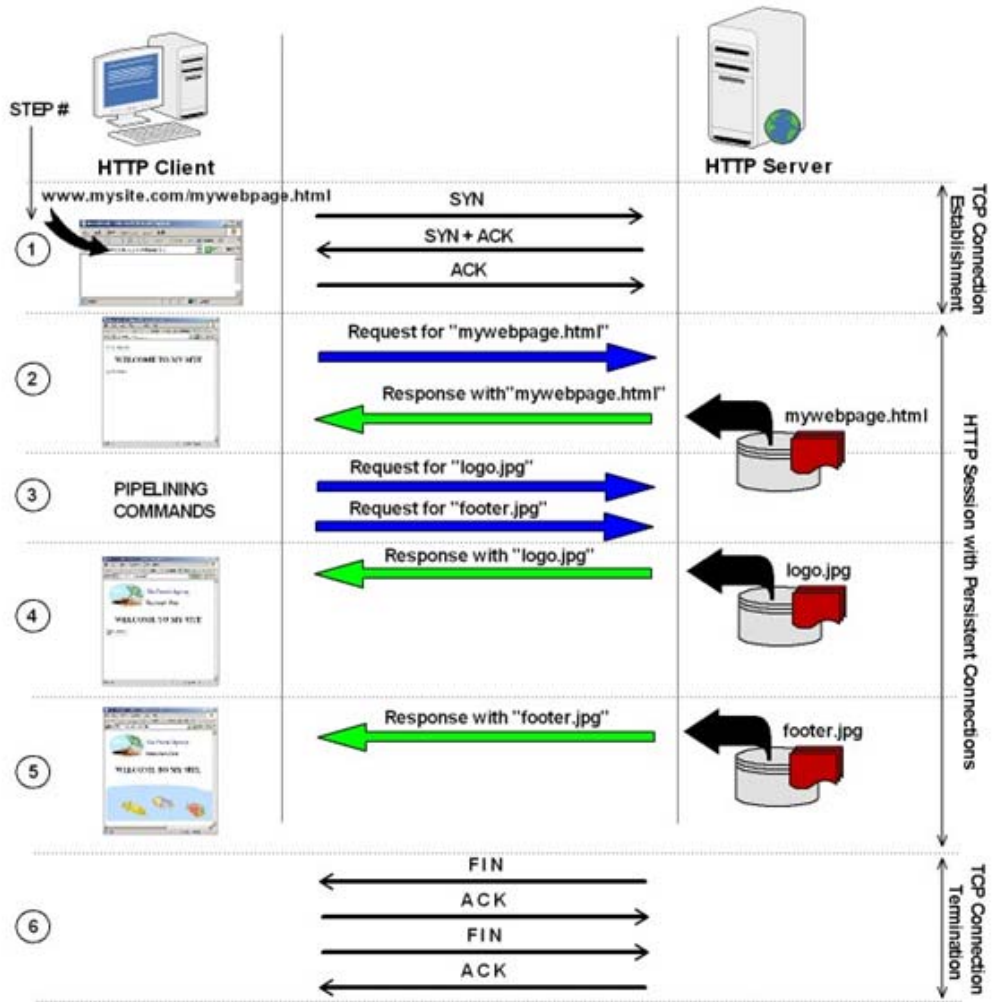
HTTP session example



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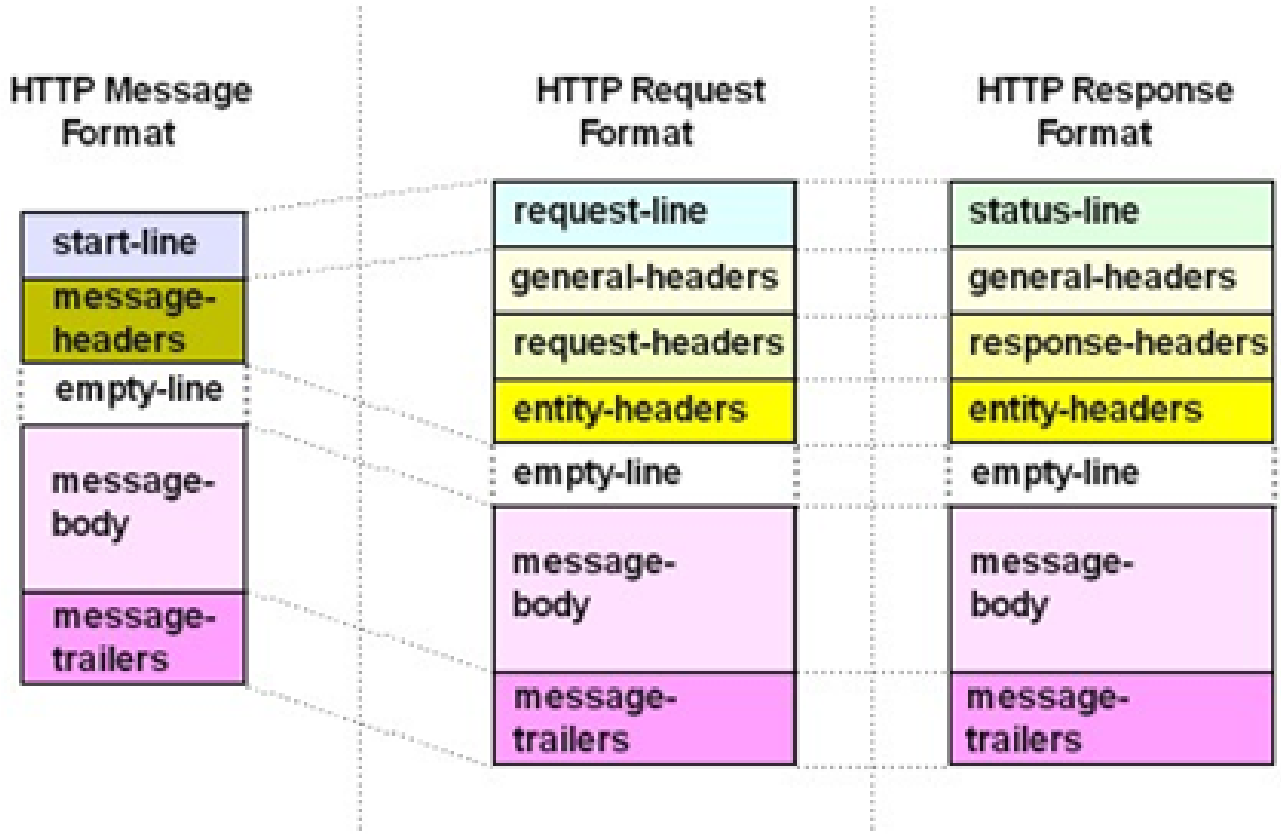
HTTP Messages Format



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HTTP Messages Examples

Request:

```
GET /book/webservices/DnsService.asmx/DnsResolve?dn=string HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
```

Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<string xmlns="http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService">string</string>
```

HTTP Protocol Bindings

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WEB SERVICES – Protocol Bindings

- **SOAP (versions 1.1 and 1.2)**
- **HTTP POST**
- **HTTP GET (simplest - recommended for Embedded systems)**

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WEB SERVICES – SOAP 1.1 Binding

SOAP 1.1

The following is a sample SOAP 1.1 request and response. The **placeholders** shown need to be replaced with actual values.

```
POST /book/webservices/DnsService.asmx HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length
SOAPAction: "http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService/DnsResolve"

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap:Body>
    <DnsResolve xmlns="http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService">
      <dn>string</dn>
    </DnsResolve>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

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    <DnsResolveResponse xmlns="http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService">
      <DnsResolveResult>string</DnsResolveResult>
    </DnsResolveResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

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WEB SERVICES – SOAP 1.2 Binding

SOAP 1.2

The following is a sample SOAP 1.2 request and response. The **placeholders** shown need to be replaced with actual values.

```
POST /book/webservices/DnsService.asmx HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
Content-Type: application/soap+xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap12:Envelope xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:soap12="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
  <soap12:Body>
    <DnsResolve xmlns="http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService">
      <dn>string</dn>
    </DnsResolve>
  </soap12:Body>
</soap12:Envelope>
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/soap+xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap12:Envelope xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:soap12="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
  <soap12:Body>
    <DnsResolveResponse xmlns="http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService">
      <DnsResolveResult>string</DnsResolveResult>
    </DnsResolveResponse>
  </soap12:Body>
</soap12:Envelope>
```

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WEB SERVICES – POST Binding

HTTP POST

The following is a sample HTTP POST request and response. The **placeholders** shown need to be replaced with actual values.

```
POST /book/webservices/DnsService.asmx/DnsResolve HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: length

dn=string
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<string xmlns="http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService">string</string>
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WEB SERVICES – GET Binding

HTTP GET

The following is a sample HTTP GET request and response. The **placeholders** shown need to be replaced with actual values.

```
GET /book/webservices/DnsService.asmx/DnsResolve?dn=string HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
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WEB SERVICES – Binding Configurations (web.config)

```
<configuration>
   .............
   <system.web>
      ...............
      <webServices>
         <protocols>
            <clear />
            <add name="HttpSoap"/>
            <add name="HttpSoap12"/>
            <add name="HttpPost"/>
            <add name="HttpGet"/>
            <add name="Documentation"/>
         </protocols>
      </webServices>
   </system.web>
</configuration>
```

Testing a Web Service

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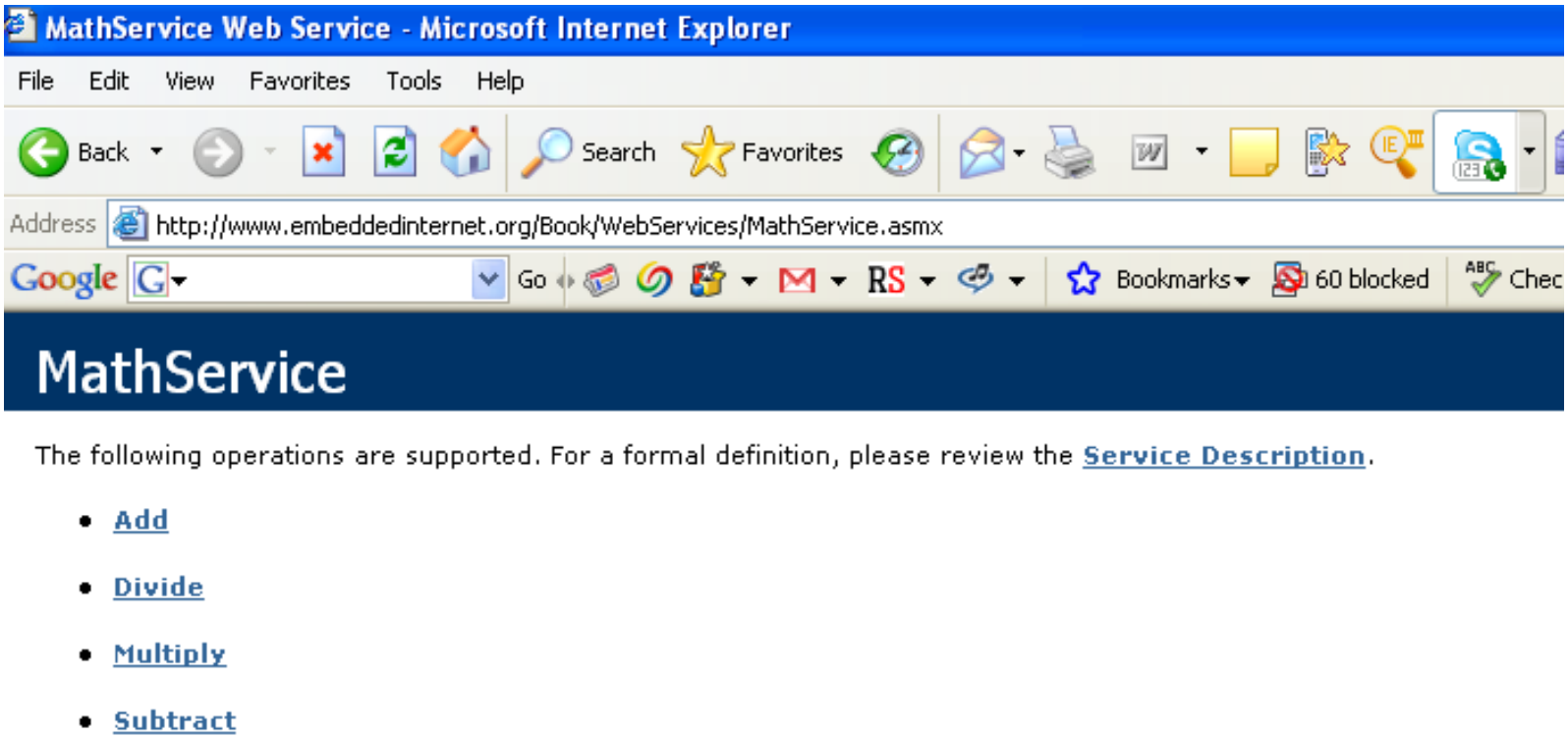
WEB SERVICES – Testing the Web Service (1/3)



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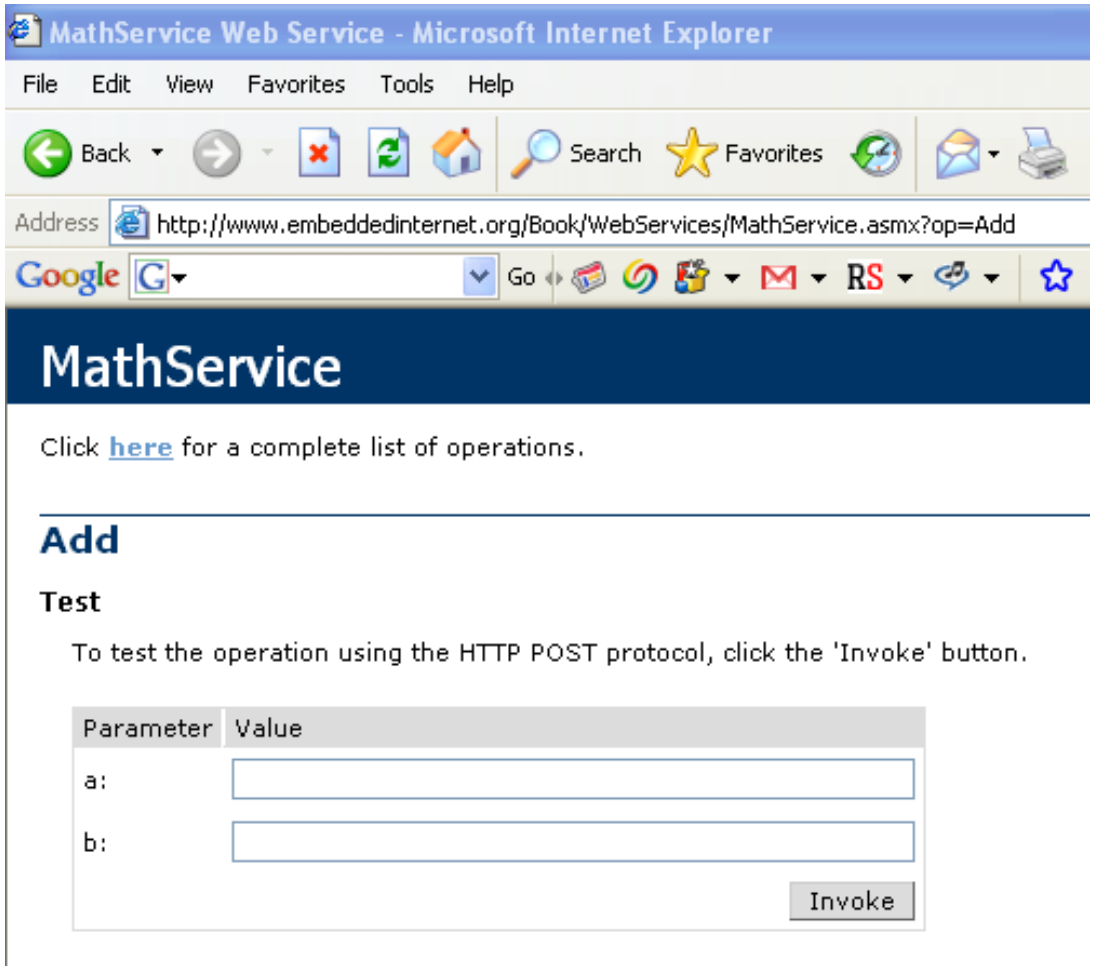

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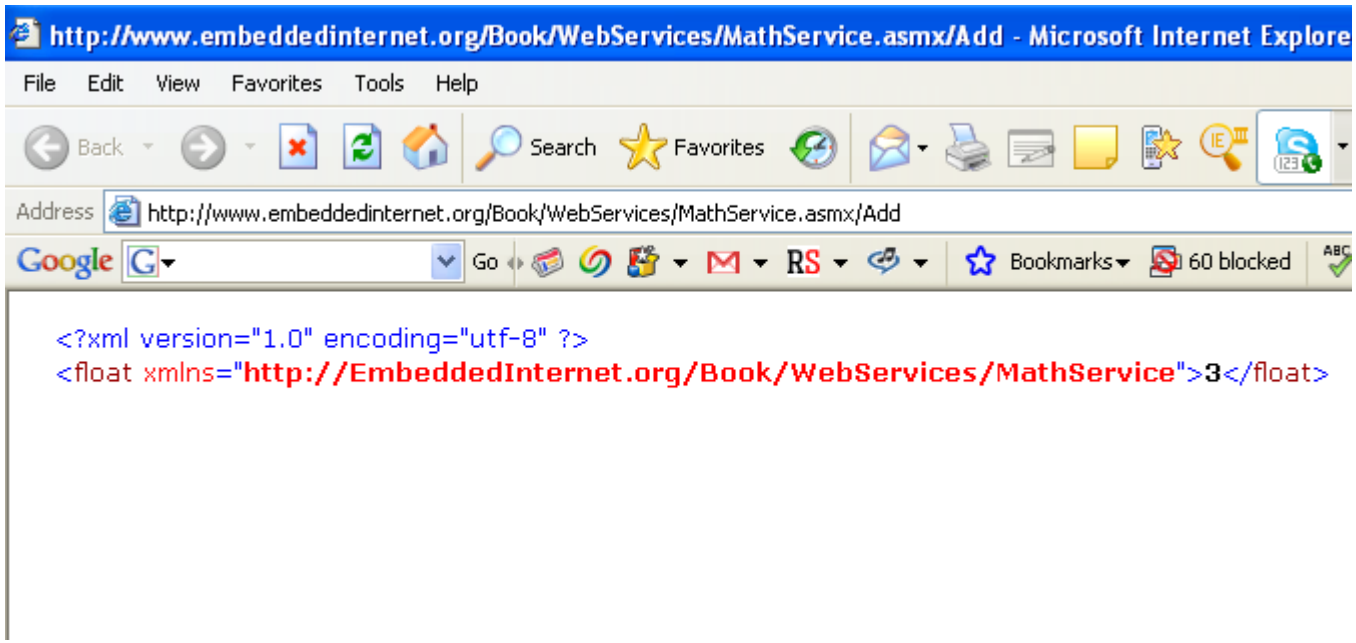
WEB SERVICES – Testing the Web Service (3/3)



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WEB SERVICES – Consuming a Web Service from the Browser

- **Using the Web Service through the HTTP URL syntax**

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Application Case: Using Web Services for DNS Resolution

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Implementing the “DnsService” Web Service

```
<%@ WebService Language="C#" Class="DnsService" %>

using System;
using System.Web.Services;
using System.Net;

[WebService(Namespace="http://EmbeddedInternet.org/Book/WebServices/DnsService")]
[WebServiceBinding(ConformsTo = WsiProfiles.BasicProfile1_1)]
public class DnsService {

  [WebMethod]
  public string DnsResolve(string dn)
  {
    try
    {
      IPHostEntry iphost = Dns.GetHostEntry(dn);
      return iphost.AddressList[0].ToString();
    }
    catch(Exception ex)
    {
      return ex.Message;
    }
  }
}
```

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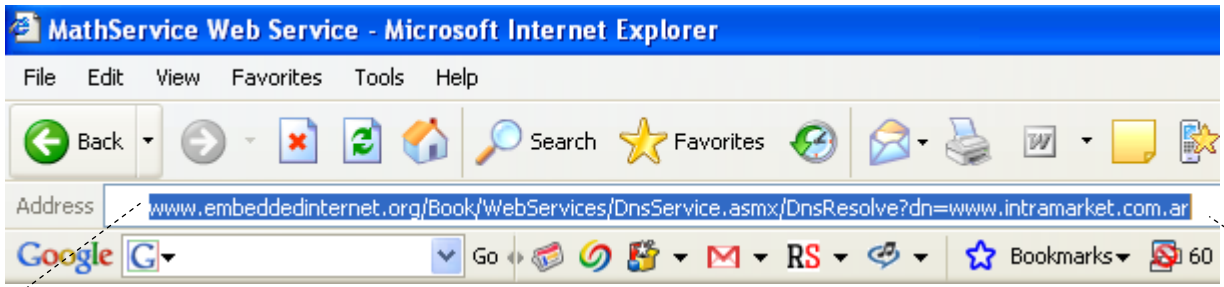
Testing the “DnsService” Web Service



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Consuming the “DnsService” Web Service from an Embedded System

- Create a TCP socket and open a connection to Port 80 (IP address of the server where the Web Service is published)
- Once the connection is established, create and send the Web Service Request
- When the Response is received, process the XML and extract the result
- Close the connection and the TCPsocket

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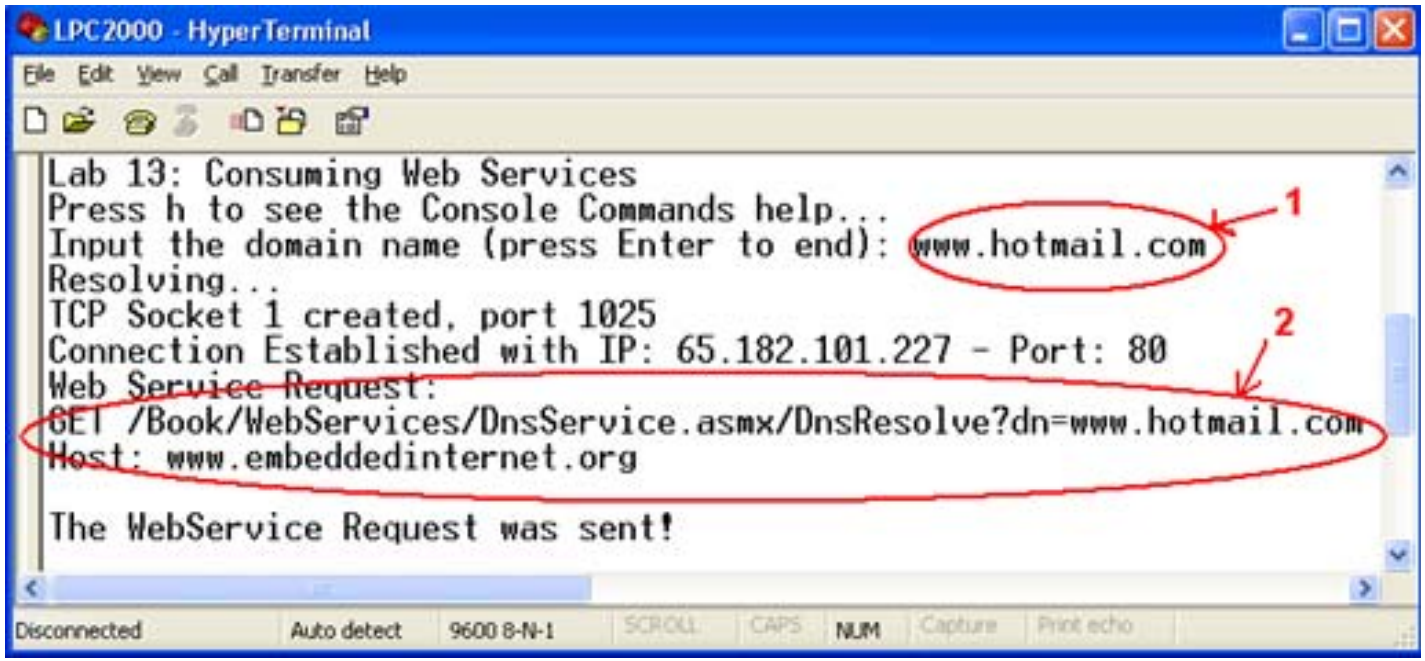
Testing the Embedded Application - Web Service Request



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Testing the Embedded Application - Web Service Response