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Abstract

This paper illustrates the design and implementation of an SOA-based tennis club reservation system using Web services. It reconciles best views from both the practical and theoretical worlds to yield a reasonable solution that conforms to essential design patterns and exhibits an acceptable performance. The server-side system consists of three abstract layers for data store, data access, and Web services. On the client-side, three applications are developed to consume the Web services: a Web application, a desktop application, and a PDA application.
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Introduction

Web services have acquired a fairly wide acceptance in the IT world for developing internet applications in general and business-to-business applications in particular. Major software vendors like Microsoft, IBM and Sun have espoused Web services; they have been trying to set a solid foundation on which this technology would evolve. Although achievements are not made as fast as if the technology were a proprietary one, Web services are steadily approaching maturity.

In common usage, Web services are service-oriented systems in which clients and servers communicate through HTTP using SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) envelopes which are XML (eXtensible Markup Language) messages encoded in a special format. Using open standards and plain-text messages give Web services their main strength in interoperability.

The goal of this study is to implement a reservation system for tennis clubs using Web services. The system inherits the characteristics of Web services in client-independence, platform-independence, and extensibility. In addition, three client applications are developed to consume the server-side services. Additional new clients of various types and platforms can be developed with minimal effort.

Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA)

SOA is an architectural scheme in which software components are loosely coupled, which in turn reduces artificial dependency among interacting systems. “Artificial dependency is the set of factors that a system has to comply with in order to consume the features or services provided by other systems. Typical artificial dependency factors are language dependency, platform dependency, API dependency, etc. Artificial dependency always exists, but it or its cost can be reduced”\(^1\).
SOA systems achieve loose coupling by employing:

1- ubiquitous interfaces among software components
2- descriptive messages constrained by an extensible schema to be delivered through the interfaces

The ubiquitous interfaces among components guarantee a universal method of communication which ensures that all components can interact. In addition, the extensible schema ensures that newer versions of the services will not break the existing ones.

**Web Services as a Service-Oriented Architecture**

For an SOA system to be considered as a Web services implementation, the system must comply with the following constraints:

1- The interfaces among components must be Internet protocols like HTTP or FTP.
2- The descriptive messages must be in XML

There have been many implementations of Web services, but the de facto and most important implementation is SOAP Web services which have the following constraints:

1- The exchanged messages are encoded in SOAP
2- Services are described using WSDL (Web Services Description Language)

For the rest of the paper, the term “Web services” is used to refer to “SOAP Web services”.

Putting it all together, “The term Web services describes a standardized way of integrating Web-based applications using the XML, SOAP, WSDL and UDDI open standards over an Internet protocol backbone. XML is used to tag the data, SOAP is used to transfer the data, WSDL is used for describing the services available and UDDI is used for listing what services are available. Used primarily as a means for businesses to
communicate with each other and with clients, Web services allow organizations to communicate data without intimate knowledge of each other's IT systems behind the firewall"²

Fig. 1: Web services

In Fig.1, Provider and Requester are roles played by software components. The service provider software publishes its services using WSDL which includes detailed information about the location (URI) of the provider and the contracts (interface) of the services to be consumed by clients. Ideally, service requester components look up a registry of Web services at runtime or design time. The registry is defined using UDDI (Universal Description Discovery and Integration) which is a protocol to describe and publish Web services. After the requester has found an appropriate service, it uses the metadata in the UDDI to find the URI and the interface of the service. Communications between the requesters and providers are typically done in SOAP messages.

**CourtTime Reservation System**

Many companies offer software products that are specially designed for tennis court reservations, including TennisSource.Net, Chelsea Information Systems, Inc., and CodeASite, LLC which offers OpenCourtTime. However, none of the commercial
products available now is utilizing web services, and the only way to access them is through desktop web browsers.

CourtTime is an SOA-based tennis club reservation system implemented in Web services. The system provides seamless services to both personal computers and handheld devices like PDAs and smartphones. In fact, implemented in Web services, the system can serve any client device that has an Internet connection regardless of the type or platform of the client device.

In addition to the suite of services on the server-side, the current version of the system also includes three client applications that utilize the services offered. The Web-application client can be used by all types of users regardless of their privileges, while the desktop application client is to be used only by admins and staff members of the clubs. The PDA client is used for basic on-the-go requests for users who travel frequently.

The functional requirements of the system are mainly derived from an existing version that was implemented as a plain Web application accessed only by desktop browsers. New requirements are added to the system as the result of two meetings with the representative of the club that is using the existing application.

**CourtTime Design**

Reservation systems are time-critical software products that are required to have relatively small response-times so as to be acceptable by the users; however, loosely-coupled systems use multiple layers of abstraction to decouple objects from one another, imposing a negative impact on performance. Hence, for an SOA-based reservation system to be acceptable by users and maintainable by developers, the right balance between design and performance is crucial. Considering the overall performance requirements of a reservation system and avoiding an unclean chaotic design, the server-side system is composed of three abstract layers (Fig. 2):
1- **Data Store Layer**
This layer stores persistent data that should be retained by the system for future use or reference. The persistent data can be club information that is essential for the proper functioning of the system, or it can be user information that needs to be stored between sessions.

2- **Data Access Layer**
The data access layer works as a translator between the data store layer and Web services layer (next item). When the Web services need to save data in the data store, they delegate the job to this layer which makes the Web services independent from future changes to the data store.

3- **Web Services Layer**
This layer abstracts the actual services offered by the system and the business logic associated with them. Business logic enforces business rules of the application domain while Web services are the interface between the server application and the clients, thus, clients have a universal access point to the provided services.
**CourtTime Implementation**

All of the design layers mentioned in the previous section, except the data store layer, are implemented in Microsoft’s .NET framework 2.0 using C# and Visual Studio 2005 (Professional Edition).

**Server-side Implementation**

1- **Implementation of Data Store Layer**

The data store is implemented using relational databases in MySQL 5. The databases were already designed for an older version of the system that was implemented as a Web application; only minor changes are introduced, like adding a new table or field, or
changing the data type of a field.

CourtTime is designed to serve a group of tennis clubs simultaneously. The data store implementation can be divided into two categories of databases: a front-end database, and a group of back-end databases (Fig. 3). The front-end database is the first database to which clients connect; it holds information about the clubs that can be served by the system, including the club databases’ connection strings. Having this information, clients can connect to any of the back-end databases that store detailed information about the clubs. In other words, every club should have a separate back-end database whose connection string is stored in the front-end database. Obviously, back-end databases should all conform to the same database design that is expected by the data access layer.

The current implementation of the system has two databases: “ClubsDB” as the front-end database that holds information about club entities, and “CourtTime” as a back-end database that holds detailed information about a club. Fig. 4 and fig. 5 illustrate designs of “ClubsDB” and “CourtTime” databases, respectively. Please refer to appendix A for the descriptions of the table columns.
Fig. 3: Data Store Implementation

Fig. 4: Design of Database “ClubsDB”
Fig. 5: Design of Database “CourtTime”
2- Implementation of Data Access Layer

Data access layer encapsulates implementation details of database queries and connections. The system implements this layer using a set of classes ending with “DAL” suffix located in the “DAL” folder. Every table in the database has a corresponding data access class with the same name as the table suffixed by “DAL”. For example, table “blocks” has a corresponding data access class named “BlocksDAL”. A class with a name corresponding to a database table does not know about any other table in the database other than its matching table, so it accesses only that table in the database. BlocksDAL class does not read or write data to any table other than “blocks”, even if the data is partially driven from “blocks”. If an operation needs access to more than a table, like in JOIN operations, a separate class named “JoinDAL” is used. This class encapsulates all the operations that populate data from more than a single table. An alternative strategy would have been to fetch parts of the required data by the other single-table DAL classes and then to join them in the business layer. This method would have burdened the database with extra operations. Each single class would have competed to get a connection and then fetch the data it needed. After each class had brought in a piece of the required data, a business logic component would have handled purifying the data by extracting only the necessary information and then maybe joining them to get the final result. Instead, now in the actual implementation, if a business function needs data that is derived from multiple tables, it uses ”JoinDAL” class that in turn uses SQL JOIN operations which have a better performance than multiple individual queries joined programmatically.

The data access layer classes use MySQL Connector/Net 5.0 driver to access the database, and the assembly for this driver is located in the “Bin” folder of the server-side project.

3- Implementation of Web Services Layer

The Web services are implemented using a single class named “Service”. All the methods
Transactions are initiated and controlled from the Web services layer using class “TxnManager” which is located in folder “DAL”. Class “TxnManager” encapsulates operations related to starting a new transaction and then rolling back or committing the changes to the database. When a Web service method needs transactional functionality to get consistent results, using “TxnManager”, it first initiates a transaction, then calls the methods required to get the result followed by terminating the transaction either by a rollback or a commit operation.

Since not all clients of the Web services are powerful machines with fast internet connections, some of the Web services have two versions, one for regular clients and one for limited clients like PDAs.

4- Other Implementation Details

Utility Methods
Class “Utility” implements a group of auxiliary static methods that are used by various other classes on the server-side. The reason to create a separate class for these methods is that logically they do not fit in any of the core classes on the server-side; furthermore, they are used more than once in different parts of the server-side classes.

Data Transfer Objects
.NET’s DataSet objects are serializable entities that can be used to transfer data among remote components. Client applications in .NET can consume Web services that return DataSets just like any other simple type; after all it is a native .NET type. However, other
Web service toolkits, like Apache’s Axis, experience problems when they generate mappings of dynamic types like DataSet because the actual layout of a DataSet cannot be determined until runtime\[3\]. This shortcoming imposes difficulties on developers who need to write consumer applications for a .NET DataSet Web service on other platforms. Hence, none of the CourtTime Web services return DataSet objects; instead, data transfer objects are used.

Data transfer objects are a design pattern in which serializable objects are used to transfer data across layers of a multi-tier application. CourtTime uses simple data transfer objects to transfer business data from data access layer to client applications and vice versa. The objects consist of basic data types which makes it possible for toolkits to develop accurate mappings from a WSDL document. In addition, simple data transfer objects carry an advantage of hiding the actual implementation of the data store. These objects are not necessarily a one-to-one mapping of database tables; they may contain attributes derived from different tables. Obviously, data transfer objects that map to selective attributes from different tables would also boost the performance of the Web services since relatively smaller amounts of data are transferred through the wire.

Data transfer objects of CourtTime are located in folder “DTO”. To make it easy to recognize these transfer objects when they are used in other classes, the suffix “DTO” is appended to their names; e.g. ReservationDTO.

**Notification Tokens**

In order for the client applications to be notified of the successfulness of the non-query actions they initiated by calling a Web service, CourtTime’s services return notification tokens which are small string literals that encode information about an operation’s result. Notification tokens consist of the name of the operation followed by 1 or 0 to indicate the success or failure of the operation. Some notification tokens also include additional information pertinent to the reason of the failure of an operation which in turn helps client applications know the exact reason for the unsuccessful execution of a service. As an example, the message “clubMemberUpdate0Duplicate” indicates that information
update of a club member was not successful because it conflicted with another member’s information.

A full list of the notification tokens along with their sample corresponding messages is found in appendix B. Users of the desktop client application or admins of the Web client application can easily change the messages without having to re-compile the applications. The tokens and their associated messages are in “web.config” of the Web client application, and “app.config” of the desktop client.

**Client-side Implementation**

1- **ASP.NET Web Application**

From the users’ perspective, a web application is the most convenient way of accessing online services as almost all computers now have Web browsers installed. Although CourtTime’s Web client is in fact a server-side application, it is grouped here with other client applications for convenience. Actually, the Web services consider it a client application; while Web browsers consider it a server-side application. Fig.6 shows a snapshot of the Web client application in Internet Explorer 7.

**Important Implementation Details**

A- **Master Page**

The Web application is implemented in ASP.NET 2.0. It utilizes the new “master page” feature in ASP.NET 2.0 to offer consistent layout and behavior for the pages in the application. CourtTime Web application contains a master page named “InsidePage.master” which contains the user interface and behavior that is common to almost all pages in the application. For instance, it checks the session of a user before a requested page is processed and delivered. For more information about master pages please refer to [http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/wtxbf3hh(vs.80).aspx](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/wtxbf3hh(vs.80).aspx).
B- Page Categories

There are three categories of pages that correspond to three categories (or groups of categories) of users in the system: admin pages to be accessed by members with at least admin privilege, staff pages to be accessed by members with at least staff privilege, and general pages to be accessed by all members. After the master page has checked user’s session, control transfers to the requested page which in turn checks user’s privilege to decide whether to continue processing the page or not. If the user had insufficient privilege for browsing a page, the application would redirect him to the login page.
C- SMTP Configurations

Throughout its communication with the Web services, if the Web client received an exception from a Web service method, it generates an error report including the details of the exception and sends it to an email address specified in the “Web.config” configuration file. “Web.config” contains three key-value pairs that store information about the SMTP server and the email of the error report recipient. The keys are MailTo, SMTPHost, and SMTPPort. If the key SMTPHost is deleted from the configuration file, the application will use the value “localhost”. Similarly, if SMTPPort is deleted or an invalid number is entered, port 25 is used.

Master Page Cast Problem

ASP.NET applications that utilize the master page feature introduced in ASP.NET 2.0 may crash suddenly throwing an InvalidCastException, “Unable to cast object of type 'ASP.InsidePage_master' to type 'ASP.InsidePage_master’”. The error does not occur at once when an application is deployed; the application may work properly for an undetermined period of time, and then crash while the code is not altered at all.

Microsoft has a fix for the problem, but it is not published yet. Developers can get the fix by directly contacting Microsoft. In fact, the fix is not published yet because it does not solve all occurrences of the problem. It has been a long time now since ASP.NET 2.0 was released, and the fix is still not available. Fortunately, there is a workaround to solve the issue. Disabling batch compilation in the Web.config file stops the problem. This workaround is not appropriate for development environments; it slows down the compilation of the Web application. However, for a production environment, it has no side effects.
2- Desktop Application

The desktop client is a C# application to be used by club admins and staff; other users cannot log into the system with this application. Because of the rich GUI widgets available in desktop applications, the user can perform the same operations offered by the Web client much easier and quicker. In addition, unlike a Web browser which communicates with the ASP.NET Web application to consume the Web services, the desktop application communicates directly with the Web services layer, skipping a level of indirection and enhancing the system’s overall performance.

As shown in fig. 7, the application’s user interface consists of two main regions: the upper half and the lower half regions. The upper region usually shows the current data in the system; while the lower one is the user’s working area where (s)he can update information and commit changes to the system. Actually, the upper region consists of a single TabControl that contains a list of TabPage controls. Admin users can see all the tabs; however, staff users can only see a subset of the tabs due to the restrictions on the operations they are allowed to perform. On the lower region, the application uses layers of Panel controls. Almost every tab has a corresponding panel on the lower region that shows updateable detailed information about some data in that tab. When a tab page is selected, all panels in the lower region are hidden; only that tab’s corresponding panel appears to the user.

Being solely used by admin and staff members, the application does not expire user sessions; users stay signed in until they explicitly sign out. Some of the tabs in the application have refresh buttons that help users get the latest information from the system in case they kept the application idle for a long time.
Fig. 7: Desktop Client Snapshot
3- Windows Mobile 5.0 Application

The Windows Mobile (WM) 5.0 application is a PDA client application to be used by club members who travel frequently to help them do some basic operations. It enables users to see their time in two-week frames, see their buddies, and make reservations.

The application consumes a hybrid of regular and PDA-specific Web services accessed by the tabbed GUI (fig. 8).
References


Appendix A: Description of Database Table Fields

1- ClubsDB Database

Clubs
Contains all member clubs. If a club has different memberships for summer and winter season, they will be listed twice (with a unique name each time).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fields</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ClubCode</td>
<td>A20*</td>
<td>Key field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ClubName</td>
<td>A75</td>
<td>Name of club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Website</td>
<td>A75</td>
<td>Club’s website if there is one</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connection</td>
<td>A100</td>
<td>Connection string to club’s database</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StartTime</td>
<td>Date/Time</td>
<td>Club’s daily opening time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EndTime</td>
<td>Date/Time</td>
<td>Club’s daily closing time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Msg</td>
<td>A255</td>
<td>Welcome message</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voice</td>
<td>A20</td>
<td>Club’s phone number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdvNotice</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Number of hours a club imposes on its members to reserve a pro beforehand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OptPro</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Whether basic users can reserve pros or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OptAid</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Whether basic users can reserve teaching aids or not.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2- CourtTime Database

ClubMembers
Contains all members of the club.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fields</th>
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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PlayerID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FName</td>
<td>A50</td>
<td>First Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LName</td>
<td>A50</td>
<td>Last Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PlayerPswd</td>
<td>A50</td>
<td>Password</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rights</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Rights of member: 40-General Adult, 41-General Junior, 30-Pro, 20-Staff, 10-Admin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email</td>
<td>A60</td>
<td>Email address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Active</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Member’s status</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voice</td>
<td>A20</td>
<td>Home phone number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SecQ</td>
<td>A255</td>
<td>Security question to verify identity in case user forgot password.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SecA</td>
<td>A255</td>
<td>Answer to security question.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Blocks
This is the main reservation element. Every reservation starts with a block and may contain 1 or more sessions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fields</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BlockID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DoneBy</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Club member who made the reservation. Links to ClubMember table’s PlayerID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DoneWhen</td>
<td>Date/Time</td>
<td>Date and time when the reservation was made. For programs, it’s the date of the first session of that program. <strong>NOTE:</strong> Changing the date of the first session of a program (using reservation update screen) will NOT change this field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BlockType</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Type of reservation: 0 : One Time 10 : Repeat Matchup 20 : Adult Group Lessons (prog.) 21 : Junior Group Lessons (prog.) 22 : Adult League (prog.) 23 : Individual Doubles Rotation (prog.) 24 : Team Doubles Rotation (prog.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Descriptor</td>
<td>A50</td>
<td>Short descriptor to appear on schedule. For non-programs, it’s the last name of the person who made the reservation. For programs, it’s the name of that program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxPlayers</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Max number of players allowed in this reservation. Used for programs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LongDescription</td>
<td>A255</td>
<td>Full description of this reservation. Used for programs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frequency</td>
<td>A10</td>
<td>This field is not used; it’s retained for legacy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Number of sessions in this block.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Active</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Whether users can signup to this reservation or not. Used for programs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**BlockMembers**
This table stores players assigned to a reservation block. For programs, it holds those members who are signed up for the program; however, adding a player to a session of a program does not affect this table, the player would be added to “Players” table.

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BlockID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field. Links to Blocks table’s BlockID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MemberID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field. Links to ClubMembers’ PlayerID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pairing</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Used for team competition to indicate which block members are teamed up. It’s not used in the current implementation; always set to 0.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Sessions**
This is the individual daily piece of a reservation.

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SessionID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Day</td>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Date of reservation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BlockID</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Links to Blocks’ BlockID</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Slots**
This is the half-hourly piece(s) of a reservation. It describes what is being reserved and when.

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<tr>
<td>SessionID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field. Links to Sessions’ SessionID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StartTime</td>
<td>A(4)*</td>
<td>Key field. Start time of reservation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource</td>
<td>A(50)*</td>
<td>Key field. The reserved resource</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Players**
Who is playing in a specific session.

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<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field. Links to Sessions’ SessionID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PlayerID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field. Indicates a player in a session.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NOTE:** For programs, this field is NOT necessarily relating to the MemberID field in BlockMembers. The new implementation of the system allows admins and staff to add players to a session of a program even if the player is not signed up for that program.
**Guests**  
The guest who is playing in a specific session.

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<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field. Links to Sessions’ SessionID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>A50*</td>
<td>Key field. Name of the guest.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Resources**  
Lookup table of available resources to reserve.

<table>
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<td>A50*</td>
<td>Name of resource.</td>
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<td>ResourceType</td>
<td>A10</td>
<td>Type of resource. This is used by the application code and is limited to: Court, Taid, and Pro</td>
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<td>PlayerID</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>For pros, it links to ClubMembers’ PlayerID. For non-pro resources it’s set to 0.</td>
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<td>Payment</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Whether the resource can be used free of charge or not.</td>
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<td>Webpage</td>
<td>A75</td>
<td>Webpage of the resource, if available.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Status</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Whether the resource is active or not.</td>
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**BBS**  
Bulletin board that stores users’ published requests to find an opponent.

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<td>ID</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Key field</td>
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<tr>
<td>DoneBy</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Links to the member (in clubmembers) who posted the request.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DoneWhen</td>
<td>Date/Time</td>
<td>Date and time when the request was posted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MatchType</td>
<td>A10</td>
<td>The desired match type: singles or doubles</td>
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<tr>
<td>MatchTime</td>
<td>A25</td>
<td>The desired date and time for the match.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Restriction</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Whether the BBS post is intended for buddies or it’s public.</td>
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**BuddyList**  
Buddies (who are club members) of club members.

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<td>PlayerID1</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Club member who initiated the buddy request</td>
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<tr>
<td>PlayerID2</td>
<td>Int*</td>
<td>Club member who the request is sent to.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Status</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Whether the buddy request is pending (0) or approved (1).</td>
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Appendix B: Notification Tokens (token: sample message)

*reservUpdate1*: Reservation has been updated
*reservUpdate0*: Reservation could NOT be updated. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
*reservUpdate0Conflict*: Your request conflicts with another reservation.

*reservSave1*: Reservation has been saved. In case you want to cancel your reservation, please delete it at least one hour beforehand
*reservSave0*: Reservation could NOT be saved. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
*reservSave0Conflict*: Your request conflicts with another reservation.

*repeatingReservSave1*: Repeating reservation has been saved.
*repeatingReservSave0*: Repeating reservation could NOT be saved. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
*repeatingReservSave0Conflict*: Your request conflicts with another reservation.

*programSave1*: Program has been saved.
*programSave0*: Program could NOT be saved. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
*programSave0Conflict*: Program conflicts with another reservation.

*reservDelete1*: Reservation has been deleted
*reservDelete0*: Reservation could NOT be deleted. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.

*programDelete1*: Program has been deleted.
*programDelete0*: Program could NOT be deleted. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.

*clubInfoUpdate1*: Club information has been updated
*clubInfoUpdate0*: Club information could NOT be updated. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.

*clubMemberInsert1*: Member has been created
*clubMemberInsert0*: Member could NOT be created. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
*clubMemberInsert0Duplicate*: Member could NOT be created. Another member with the same first and last names already exists.

*clubMemberUpdate1*: Member has been updated
*clubMemberUpdate0*: Member could NOT be updated. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
*clubMemberUpdate0Duplicate*: Member could NOT be updated. Another member with the same first and last names already exists.

*resourceInfoUpdate1*: Resource information has been updated
*resourceInfoUpdate0*: Resource information could NOT be updated. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.

*resourceInfoSave1*: Resource information has been saved
*resourceInfoSave0*: Resource information could NOT be saved. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
resourceInfoSave0Conflict : Resource information could NOT be saved. Another resource with the same name already exists.
bbsDelete1 : BBS information has been deleted
bbsDelete0 : BBS information could NOT be deleted. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
bbsSave1 : BBS information has been saved
bbsSave0 : BBS information could NOT be saved. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
blockUpdate1 : Program info has been updated
blockUpdate0 : Program info could NOT be updated. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
blockMemberInsert1 : Sign up successful
blockMemberInsert0 : Member could NOT be signed up. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
blockMemberDelete1 : Drop out successful
blockMemberDelete0 : Member could NOT be dropped out. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
blockMemberUpdate1 : Update successful
blockMemberUpdate0 : Update failed. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
insBuddy1 : Request done successfully
insBuddy0 : Request could NOT be done. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
insBuddy0AlreadyBuddies : Member already in your buddy list
insBuddy0AlreadyPending : Approval already pending
insBuddy0Self : Request could NOT be done. User cannot add himself to his own buddy list
insBuddy0NotFound : Member Not Found
acceptBuddy1 : Buddy accepted successfully
acceptBuddy0 : Buddy could NOT be accepted. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
deleteBuddy1 : Done successfully
deleteBuddy0 : Operation could NOT be done. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.
memberActivate1 : Member has been activated
memberActivate0 : Member could NOT be activated. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please try again later.