Data Access Layer Sizing Calculations

Consider a simple set of calculations for the scope of developing and implementing a Data Access Layer. Let's apply a schema consisting of the following database elements:

10 tables, each with 10 fields, and each table has 2 indexes and a primary key. We will implement both SOAP and REST endpoints and we will generate all the Stored Procedures for CRUD and Index access.

- (1) We will require stored procedures for core CRUD (Create, Retrieve, Update and Delete). These functions equate to 10 tables * 4 (CRUD) functions = 40 stored procedures as a starting point.
- (2) Each table has 2 indexes and these are most often used to Retrieve (Select) data but they can also be used to Update and Delete data so we'll use 3 (RUD) functions which equates to 10 tables * 3 RUD functions * 2 indexes/table or 60 additional stored procedures which totals to 100 stored procedures.
- (3) To support the WebAPI Interfaces through their respective Services and to access the Database (via EXEC privilege) we need Class functions; this is a 1:1 relationship between each stored procedure and the Class function and this equates to 100 Class functions (VB.NET)
- (4) For each Class function, we are exposing a SOAP web service (WebAPI) which is also a 1:1 relationship, one endpoint to a Class function or 100 SOAP web service routines.
- (5) For each SOAP web service, we require an Interface to expose the endpoint and this is linked to the web service and is also 1:1 or 100 Interface routines for each web service. (A WebAPI endpoint typically has Interface and Service code)
- (6) We also need REST WebAPI, so we add another 100 Web Service routines plus 100 Interface routines which is another 200 routines
- (7) Now for the Grand Total: 100 Stored Procedures, 200 SOAP and 200 REST Interface/Service routines, and lastly 100 Class functions to support the REST and SOAP Service routines for a total of 500 Functions/routines and 100 Stored Procedures. These elements are created in 2 Interface files (SOAP/REST), 2 Service files (SOAP/REST), and 1 Class file. Stored Procedures are automatically generated in the database, so no files are generated for them.
 - a. As a sample measure of lines of code for the Services, Class and Stored Procedure, the demo used for developing DAL_GEN consisted of 17 Tables (the ErrorLog table is optionally added). Each table has 1 primary key, 1 Foreign Key was added to 1 Table, Tables have between 2-5 Indexes and there are 46 indexes in the database and finally there are 166 columns. The code totals are as follows:
 - i. REST Interface 961 lines
 - ii. REST Service 2362 lines
 - iii. SOAP Interface 916 lines
 - iv. SOAP Services 2403 lines
 - v. Class file 7926 lines
 - vi. Generated Stored Procedures 10339 lines
 - b. The DAL code set (REST & SOAP) and the creation of Stored Procedures was generated in 14.3 seconds

Summary:

Stored Procedures

- Each table w/Primary Key (4 CRUD) Stored Procedures
- Each Index (3 RUD) Stored Procedures

Class Functions

1 Function for each Stored Procedure

WebAPI Interface (REST or SOAP)

• 1 routine for each Class Function

WebAPI Service (REST or SOAP)

1 routine for each Class Function