**Servlets**

Servlets runs and enabled in a java server which is also a Java class. In the form of an HTML page, one of the special type of servlet is a HTTP servlet which provides an HTTP response and handles an HTTP request. A java servlets is a java objects which aims to play the role in client-server communications of a server components.

**Java Servlet Versions**

Java Servlet has these versions:

* J2EE 1.2 (December 1999) (**Java Servlet 2.2**, JSP 1.1, EJB 1.1, JDBC 2.0)
* J2EE 1.3 (September 2001) (**Java Servlet 2.3**, JSP 1.2, EJB 2.0, JDBC 2.1)
* J2EE 1.4 (November 2003) (**Java Servlet 2.4**, JSP 2.0, EJB 2.1, JDBC 3.0)
* Java EE 5 (May 2006) (**Java Servlet 2.5**, JSP 2.1, JSTL 1.2, JSF 1.2, EJB 3.0, JDBC 3.0)
* Java EE 6 (December 2009) (**Java Servlet 3.0**, JSP 2.2/EL 2.2, JSTL 1.2, JSF 2.0, EJB 3.1, JDBC 4.0)
* Java EE 7: end of 2012.

**Servlets life cycle**

* Servlet is initialized in **init()** method by calling.
* To process or proceed to a client’s request ,the servlet calls **service()** method.
* For terminating the servlets, call **destroy()** method.
* Collect the garbage in servlet by the garbage collector of the JVM (Java Virtual Machine).

**init() Method**

* Called only once.
* One-time initializations
* Called only once the servlet is created.
* Not called for any user requests on the succeeding time or afterwards.
* It will be used through the entire life of the servlet that loads or creates some data.

public void init() throws ServletException {

// Initialization code...

}

**service() Method**

* Main method.
* Handle requests from the client browsers
* Write the arrangement or formatted response to the client.
* It checks the HTTP request type such as GET,DELETE,POST,PUT, etc.
* it also calls doPost, doGet, doDelete, doPut, etc.

public void service(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response)

throws ServletException, IOException {

}

* called by service and container method that supports doPost, doGet, doPut, doDelete methods as appropriate.

**doGet() Method**

* it supports the HTTP GET requests.
* Used when a small amount of data and insensitive data.
* Results from a normal request from HTML form or URL that has no method being specified.

public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)

throws ServletException, IOException {

// Servlet code

}

**doPost() Method**

* it supports the HTTP POST requests.
* Used when almost large amount of a sensitive data has to be sent.

public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)

throws ServletException, IOException {

// Servlet code

}

**destroy() Method**

* Called once at the end of the servlet life cycle.
* It contribute the servlet to close database connections, write cookie lists, terminate background threads and other cleanup activities.

public void destroy() {

// Finalization code...

}

**Servlets Form Data**

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