

Task 1: Setup

1. Start by creating a new *Web Project* in Netbeans
2. Right-click on Libraries >> *Add Library* >> *MySQL JDBC Driver*
3. Go to the handouts folder on N: drive. Locate folder `Servlets_and_JSP_Examples/LargeInClassJSPExercise_Incomplete`
 - a. Copy contents of the web subfolder (**THE CONTENTS NOT THE FOLDER ITSELF**) to your project's Web Pages folder
 - b. Copy contents of the `src` subfolder folder (**THE CONTENTS NOT THE FOLDER ITSELF**) to your project's Source Packages folder
4. Go over classes `User.java`, `UserController.java` and `UserDBLibrary.java` and figure out what they do. Ask questions if there is anything that you don't understand.

Task 2: Completing pages `index.jsp` & `Login action.jsp`

Page `index.jsp` submits the *username* and *password* to page `Login_action.jsp`. Page `Login_action.jsp` should then create an instance of the `UserConrollor` class and call method `login` on the created instance using the submitted *username* and *password*. If the return value is anything other than **0** (i.e., success), the user should be sent back to `index.jsp` and an appropriate error message should be displayed there describing the error: **-1** means that the provided *username* is not valid, **-2** means that the provided *password* is not valid, and **-3** means that there was an error while attempting to access the database.

If the `login` method returns **0** (i.e., a successful login), then we need to create a session variable to store the created `UserConrollor` object so that it is accessible on any page during the user's session (remember that the Web is stateless; once we leave a Webpage and go to another one, nothing can be recalled from the previous Webpage). Session variables help us make certain variables persist during a session. To do that, we can use a statement like below:

```
session.setAttribute(String nameForYourSessionVariable, Object valueForYourSessionVariable);
```

Any Webpage where the session variable is needed can now access it using the following (assuming that your session variable contains a variable of type `UserConrollor`)

```
UserConrollor uc = (UserConrollor) session.getAttribute(String nameForYourSessionVariable);
```

After creating the session variable, forward the user to page `Menu.jsp`.

Task 3: Completing page `Menu.jsp`

When complete, page `Menu.jsp` will display something like the figure below which starts with a greeting for the logged-in user ("*Hello User imad*" in my case) followed by a table.

The table's first row (which spans 8 columns) contains a hyperlink to page `Add.jsp` which allows the user to add a new user. The second row contains 8 cells, the first and last of which are empty. The rest of the cells contain headers for the corresponding columns.

Hello User imad

[ADD A USER](#)

	Full name	Username	Password	Age	City	State	
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Adam Andersson	adam	andersson	19	Collegeville	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Alyssa Anderson	alyssa	anderson	19	St. Joseph	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Anders Langley	anders	langley	19	Collegeville	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Andrew Mikos	andrewm	mikos	19	Collegeville	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Andrew Zurn	andrewz	zurn	19	Collegeville	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Benjamin Maakestad	benjamin	maakestad	19	Collegeville	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Bernard Ferguson	bernard	ferguson	19	Collegeville	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	Imad Rahal	imad	rahal	33	St. Joseph	MN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>							<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

The rest of the rows contain user information from the database with one row for every user. The first cell contains a form with two fields: an *edit submit button* which submits to page `Edit.jsp` and a *hidden field* which contains the username of the corresponding user. The reason for the hidden field is that the target page `Edit.jsp` needs to know which user was clicked in order to edit the correct one. The last cell is pretty similar but its delete button should submit to `Delete.jsp` instead. The remainder of the cells contains the user information.

`Page Menu.jsp` should use the `UserConroller` session variable created in page `Login_action.jsp`. This will allow the page to get the username of the logged-in user and call method `getAllUsers()` in `UserConroller` in order to loop over all the user records and create rows for them.