

The web.xml Deployment Descriptor file describes how to deploy a web application in a servlet container such as Tomcat.

This file is required for every application you deploy on Tomcat. You will find one in the jsp-examples, servlet-examples and ROOT applications provided on a new Tomcat website, and every web application example you download, including inside WAR files.

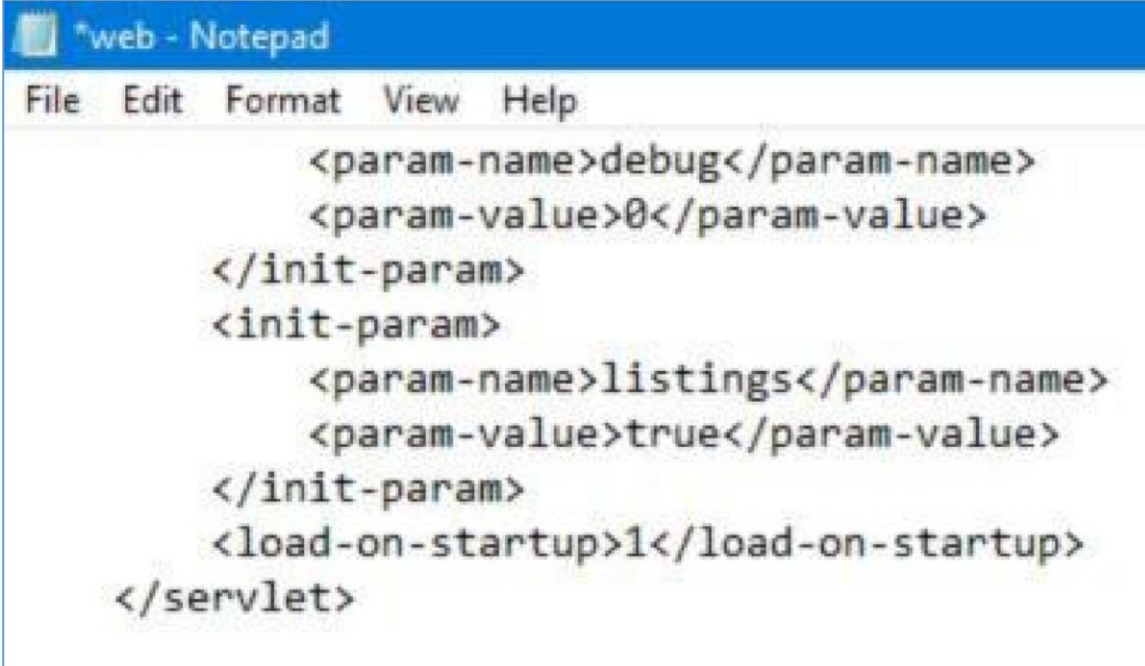
The location of the file is always the same: application root/WEB-INF/web.xml

At minimum, the file needs to contain an XML descriptor and an opening and closing <web-app> tag.

Open the configuration file "web.xml". We shall enable the directory listing by changing "listings" from

"false" to "true" for the "default" servlet.

<param-value>**true**</param-value> like:

A screenshot of a Notepad window titled "web - Notepad". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Format", "View", and "Help". The text area contains XML code for a servlet configuration. The code is as follows:

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<param-name>debug</param-name>
<param-value>0</param-value>
</init-param>
<init-param>
  <param-name>listings</param-name>
  <param-value>true</param-value>
</init-param>
<load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</servlet>
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