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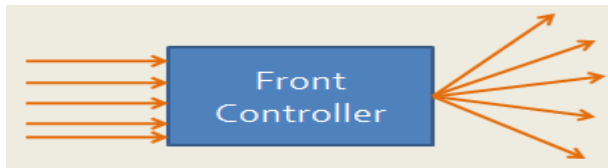
# 1. Intro,architecture of Struts2

## What is Struts2?

Elegant, extensible MVC based framework for creating enterprise-ready Java web applications.

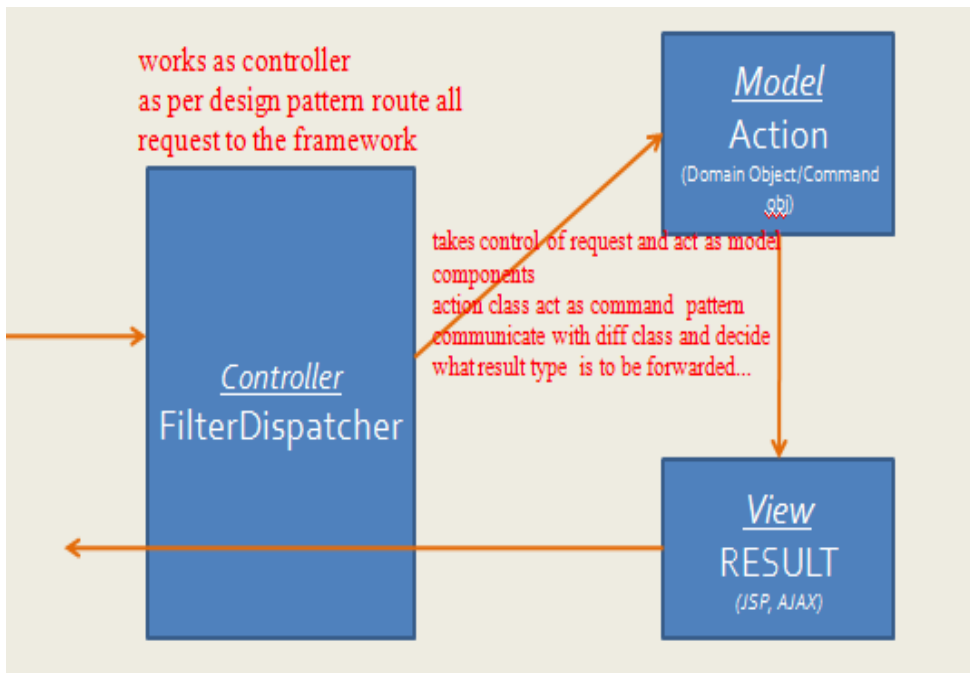
## Design pattern used by Struts2 ?

- Front Controller pattern
  - is a component looks for all the request for specific url pattern and routes them into the framework for further processing...

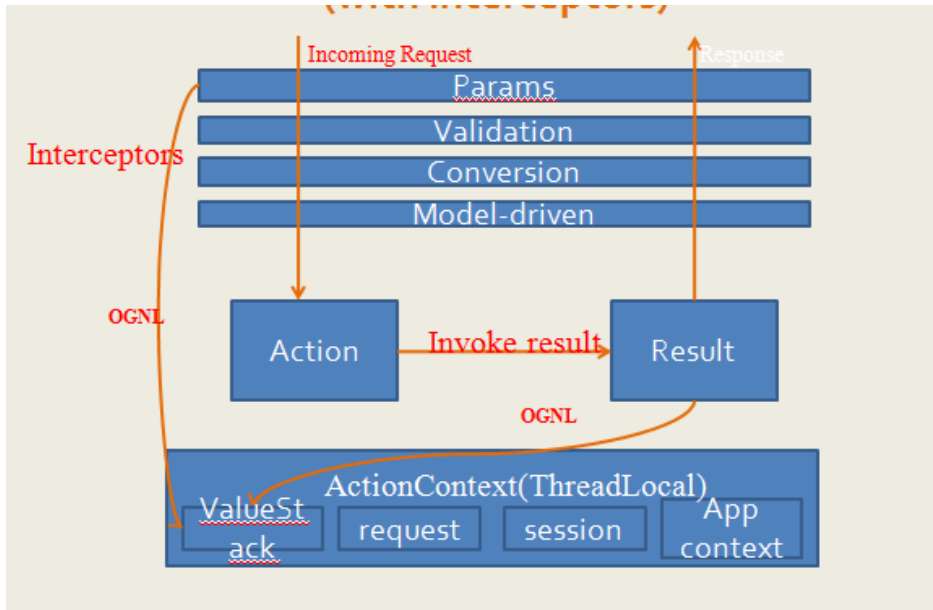


- Composite Pattern
  - struts tiles
- Command Pattern
  - comm. with diff components
  - Ex Action classes
- Decorator Pattern
  - view solution like freemarker etc

## STRUTS 2 BASIC ARCHITECTURE



## Struts 2 Architecture(with Interceptors)



## 2. Hello world struts2



### steps:

1. create an dynamic web project in eclipse and put jar in lib and set classpath

2. set filter in web.xml

org.apache.struts2.dispatcher.ng.filter.StrutsPrepareAndExecuteFilter

3. create a hello world Action

LoginAction

```
public class LoginAction
{
    private String name;
    private String passwords;
    ...
    ...

    public String execute() {
        return SUCCESS;
    }
}
```

4. create an struts.xml in src and map action to it

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<!DOCTYPE struts PUBLIC
    "-//Apache Software Foundation//DTD Struts Configuration 2.0//EN"
    "http://struts.apache.org/dtds/struts-2.0.dtd">
<struts>
</struts>
<constant name="struts.enable.DynamicMethodInvocation" value="false" />
<constant name="struts.devMode" value="false" />
<package name="default" namespace="/" extends="struts-default">

    <action name="LoginAction" class="com.actions.LoginAction" method="execute">
        <result name="success">pages/success.jsp</result>
        <result name="error">pages/failure.jsp</result>
    </action>
</package>
```

## 5. create suitable views

index.jsp

```
-----  
<% @ taglib prefix="s" uri="/struts-tags"%>  
<s:form action="LoginAction.action">  
    <s:textfield name="name" label="Username" />  
    <s:password name="password" label="Password" />  
    <s:submit />  
</s:form>
```

success.jsp

```
-----  
<% @ taglib prefix="s" uri="/struts-tags"%>  
<s:property value="name"/>
```

### **3. Action Interface, ActionSupport**

#### **Action interface**

Action interface define some useful constants

What it contain.....

```
public interface Action {  
    public static final String SUCCESS = "success";  
    public static final String NONE = "none";  
    public static final String ERROR = "error";  
    public static final String INPUT = "input";  
    public static final String LOGIN = "login";  
    public String execute() throws Exception;  
}
```

#### **static final String SUCCESS**

Indicates successful execution and that means the result view is shown to the end user.

#### **static final String ERROR**

Indicates that there was a failure.  
Show an error view, possibly asking the user to retry entering data

#### **static final String INPUT**

This is used for a form action indicating that inputs are. The form associated with the handler should be shown to the end user.

This result is also used if the given input params are invalid, meaning the user should try providing input again.

#### **static final String LOGIN**

Indicates that the user was not logged in.  
The login view should be shown.

#### **static final String NONE**

Indicates successful execution but no action is taken.  
Useful for actions which wants to redirect etc.

#### **ActionSupport**

ActionSupport class provides default implementaion for various services required by common actions classes...

```
class ActionSupport implements Validateable,  
    ValidationAware,LocaleProvider,TextProvider,ValidationAware,Action,Serilizable{
```

```
}
```

<<Validateable>>:

provide validate() method  
that allows our action is to be validate  
validate() called before execute() method

### <<LocaleProvider>>

getLocale() method to provide locate to  
be used for localized methods

### <<ValidationAware>>

provides methods for saving/retrieving errors messages  
eX:  
void addActionError(String message);  
void addFieldError(String fieldName, String message);

### <<TextProvider>>

provides methods to access to resoure bundles  
Ex:  
String getText(String key, String val);

### <<Serializable>>

marker interface.....

Ex:

Use of ActionSupport class for <<Validateable>>and <<TextProvider>>  
and property file

Write login application with validation and ApplicationResources.properties file

## Login.jsp

Note that key= "....." will pick values form .property file....

```
<%@ page contentType="text/html; charset=UTF-8"%>
<%@ taglib prefix="s" uri="/struts-tags"%>
<html>
<body>
<s:actionerror />
<s:form action="login.action" method="post">
  <s:textfield name="username" key="label.username" size="20" />
  <s:password name="password" key="label.password" size="20" />
  <s:submit method="execute" key="label.login" align="center" />
</s:form>
</body>
</html>
```

Have validate() in action class.....

```
@Override
public void validate() {
    if ( (username==null) || (username.length()==0) )
    {
        addFieldError("username", getText("username.blank"));
    }

    if ( (password==null) || (password.length()==0) )
    {
        addFieldError("password", getText("password.blank"));
    }
}
```

Have property file

```
label.username=Username
label.password=Password
label.login=Login
error.login=Invalid Username/Password. Please try again.
username.blank=Enter user name
password.blank=Enter user password
```

## Mapping for “input” in struts.xml

```
<package name="default" extends="struts-default" namespace="/">
  <action name="login" method="execute"
    class="com.actions.LoginAction">
    <result name="success">Welcome.jsp</result>
    <result name="error">Login.jsp</result>
    <result name="input">Login.jsp</result>
  </action>
</package>
```

## Order of execution of action is as follows:

1. if action implements validateable interface , action validate() method is going to execute before execute() method
2. it return “input” if validation fail.

## ActionContext

ActionContext can be define as container, which contain objects that require Action for its execution

We can use ActionContext to get object like request, response,session,parameter etc

```
public String execute() {

    ActionContext ctx=ActionContext.getContext();
    HttpServletRequest req=(HttpServletRequest) ctx.get(ServletActionContext.HTTP_REQUEST);
    req.setAttribute("name", username);

    HttpSession session=(HttpSession) ctx.get(ServletActionContext.SESSION);
    session.setAttribute("name", username);
```

Although we have better technique to get session, request etc that we are going to discuss next topic.



## 4. Aware Interfaces

AKA Dependency Injection in Struts2

When we want HTTP specific object in action, we can use aware interface to inject dependencies....

<<ApplicationAware>>

```
public void setApplication(Map app);
```

<<SessionAware>>

```
public void setSession(Map session);
```

<<ParameterAware>>

```
public void setParameter(Map param);
```

<<ServletResponseAware>>

```
public void setServletResponseAware(HttpServletResponse res);
```

<<ServletRequestAware>>

```
public void setServletRequestAware(HttpServletRequest res)
```

Ex:

Setting something in session scope:

```
public class InjectSession extends ActionSupport implements SessionAware{  
    Map<String,Object> session;  
    @Override  
    public void setSession(Map<String,Object> session) {  
        this.session=session;  
    }  
    public String execute() {  
        User user=new User();  
        user.setName("raj");  
        user.setPassword("pass");  
        session.put("user",user);  
        return SUCCESS;  
    }  
}
```

Now getting in jsp:

```
<s:property value="#session.user.name"/>
```

Simlirly.....

```
<s:property value="#session.user"/>
```

```
<s:property value="#session['user']"/>
```

```
<s:property value="#application.user"/>
```

```
<s:property value="#parameters.user"/>
```

## More about Struts 2 Actions classes..

primary job of actions

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1. action act as a data carrier (DTO)
2. action also working as controller  
(mini controller)

u should not write bussiness logic in action we should call  
trete action class as an mini controller

### How action pojo works

First, the action plays an important role in the transfer of data from the request through to the view, whether its a JSP or other type of result.

Second, the action assist the framework in determining which result should render the view that will be returned in the response to the request.

### Condition to be an action

The only requirement for actions in Struts2 is that there must be one no-argument method that returns either a String or Result object and must be a POJO.

If the no-argument method is not specified, the default behavior is to use the execute() method.

### ActionSupport

Optionally you can extend the ActionSupport class which implements **six interfaces** including <<Action>> interface.

```
class ActionSupport implemts Action ....  
{  
}
```

## 5.Namespace, Multiple mapping files, Dynamic Method Invocation

### Namespace

Note that package tag(struts.xml) has the following attributes:

Attribute	Description
name (required)	The unique identifier for the package
extends	Which package does this package extend from? By default, we use struts-default as the base package.
abstract	If marked true, the package is not available for end user consumption.
namesapce	Unique namespace for the actions

### Why namespace

Namespace is a concept to handle the multiple modules by given a namespace to each module.

In addition, it can used to avoid conflicts between same action names located at different modules



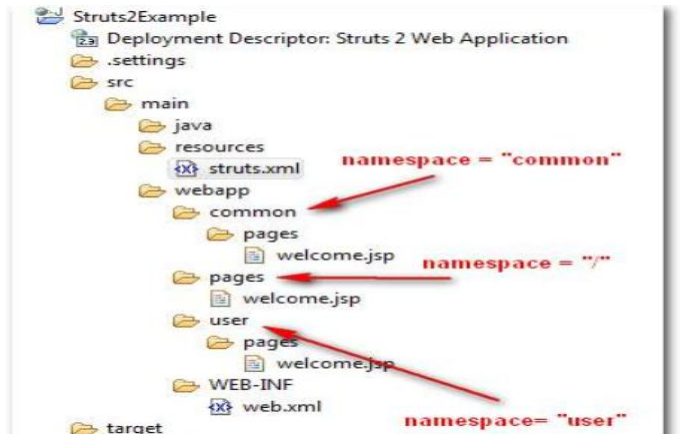
*The package "name" will not affect the result, just give a meaningful name.*

```
<struts>
<package name="default" namespace="/" extends="struts-default">
  <action name="SayWelcome">
    <result>pages/welcome.jsp</result>
  </action>
</package>

<package name="common" namespace="/common" extends="struts-default">
  <action name="SayWelcome">
    <result>pages/welcome.jsp</result>
  </action>
</package>

<package name="user" namespace="/user" extends="struts-default">
  <action name="SayWelcome">
    <result>pages/welcome.jsp</result>
  </action>
</package>
</struts>
```

## Struts 2 action namespace map to folder structure.



## Mapping how it works?

### Example 1

URL : <http://localhost:8080/Struts2Example/SayWelcome.action>

Will match the root namespace.

```
<package name="default" namespace="/" extends="struts-default">
  <action name="SayWelcome">
    <result>pages/welcome.jsp</result>
  </action>
</package>
```

And display the content of `webapp/pages/welcome.jsp`.

### Example 2

URL : <http://localhost:8080/Struts2Example/common/SayWelcome.action>

Will match the common namespace.

```
<package name="common" namespace="/common" extends="struts-default">
  <action name="SayWelcome">
    <result>pages/welcome.jsp</result>
  </action>
</package>
```

## Dynamic Method Invocation

- It help us to avoid configuring a separate action mapping for each method in the Action class by using the wildcard method
- AKA short cut can create problems

Ex:

The word that matches for the first asterisk will be substituted for the method attribute. So when the request URL is "addUser" the `add()` method in the `UserAction` class will be invoked.

```
<struts>
  <package name="default" extends="struts-default">
    <action name="*User" method="{1}" class="com.actions.UserAction">
      <result name="success"/>success.jsp</result>
    </action>
  </package>
</struts>
```

```
<s:form action="User" >
<s:submit />
<s:submit action="addUser" value="Add" />
<s:submit action="updateUser" value="Update" />
<s:submit action="deleteUser" value="Delete" />
</s:form>
```

```
public class UserAction extends ActionSupport
{
    private String message;

    public String execute()
    {
        message = "Inside execute method";
        return SUCCESS;
    }

    public String add()
    {
        message = "Inside add method";
        return SUCCESS;
    }

    public String update()
    {
        message = "Inside update method";
        return SUCCESS;
    }

    public String delete()
    {
        message = "Inside delete method";
        return SUCCESS;
    }

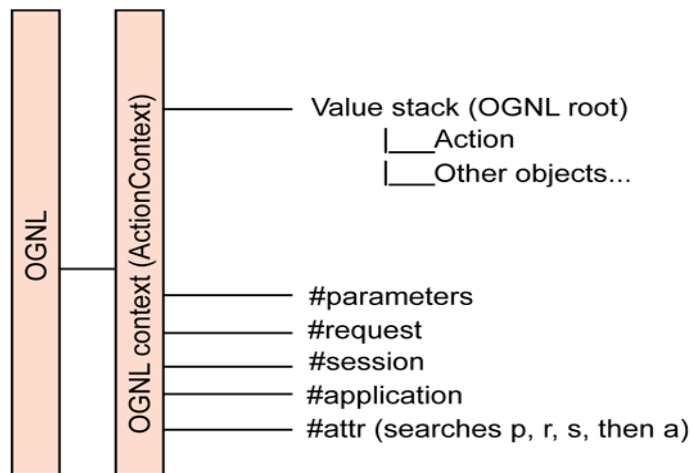
    public String getMessage() {
        return message;
    }

    public void setMessage(String message) {
        this.message = message;
    }
}
```

## 6. OGNL, valueStack

- The automation of **data transfer and type conversion** is one of the most powerful features of Struts 2. With the help of OGNL, the Struts 2 framework allows transfer of data onto more complex Java-side types like List, Map, etc.
- OGNL is the interface between the Struts 2 framework string-based HTTP Input and Output and the Java-based internal processing
- OGNL is a powerful expression language that is used to reference and manipulate data on the ValueStack.
- OGNL also helps in data transfer and type conversion.
- The OGNL is very similar to the JSP Expression Language.
- OGNL is based on the idea of having a root or default object within the context.

Figure 2. OGNL stack



Ex:

## 7. Generic tags

Struts2 tags are divided into

1. Generic tags

Used for controlling flow of data

And for data extraction from the value stack.

There are two type of generic tags

Control tags

Data tags

2. UI tags

Convern about form creation etc.

### Control tags

#### if

Ex:

```
<s:if test="%{true}">
    this line will be displayed.
</s:if>
```

```
<s:if test="%{false}">
    this line will be displayed.
</s:if>
```

#### else

```
<s:if test="type=="manager">
    your are an manager
</s:if>
```

```
<s:else>
    not an manager
</s:if>
```

#### iterator

aka for loop to iterate for collection array etc

Ex:

```
<s:iterator status="stat" value="{ 11,22,33,44,55,66 }">
    <s:property value="#stat.index"/>
    <s:property value="top"/>
    <s:if test="#stat.last==false">,</s:if>
</s:iterator>
```

#### append

used to append collection objects to an single collection

```
<s:append id="myAppender">
    <s:param value="% {fruits}"/>
    <s:param value="% {books}"/>
    <s:param value="% {colors}"/>
</s:append>
```

Now:

```
<s:iterator value="% {#myAppender} ">

</s:iterator>
```

merge  
sort  
subset  
generator  
elseIf

### Example:

#### Setting values in an action

```
public String execute() {
    fruits=new ArrayList<String>();
    cities=new ArrayList<String>();
    colors=new ArrayList<String>();
    fruits.add("Apple");
    fruits.add("Mango");
    fruits.add("Orange");

    cities.add("Delhi");
    cities.add("Mumbai");
    cities.add("Pune");

    colors.add("Red");
    colors.add("Green");
    colors.add("Blue");

    return SUCCESS;
}
```

#### How to display in an view:



```

<s:append id="appendedItr">
  <s:param value="%{fruits}"/>
  <s:param value="%{cities}"/>
  <s:param value="%{colors}"/>
</s:append>
<s:iterator value="%{#appendedItr}">
  <s:property />,
</s:iterator>
<br><br><b>Merging Iterators:</b><br>
<s:merge id="mergedItr">
  <s:param value="%{fruits}"/>
  <s:param value="%{cities}"/>
  <s:param value="%{colors}"/>
</s:merge>
<s:iterator value="%{#mergedItr}">
  <s:property />,
</s:iterator>

```

## Data tags

data tags used for creating and manipulating data  
helps to access data from value stack or help to put data to value stack

### a

simpler to <a href.../>

Ex:

```
<s:url id="url" action="addAction"></s:url>
```

```
<s:a href="%{url}">adding</s:a>
```

### action

Used to call actions directly from jsp

Ex: consider following in struts.xml

```

<action name="regForm" class="com.RegistrationAction">
  <result name="success">reg.jsp</result>
</action>

```

Now:

in an jsp....

```
<s:action name="regForm" executeResult="true"/>
```

by default it is false

### date

```

<s:date name="new java.util.Date()" format="dd/mmm/yyyy"/>
<s:date name="new java.util.Date()" format="%{getText('app.date.format')}" />

```

### include

```
<s:include value="header.jsp"/>
```

## param

### push

used to push the value on value stack

id : used for referencing element

value: specify value to be pushed to value stack

make accessing data simple...use if you have to use that data object extensively....

### Example :

Consider below example , how use of push make easy to access session scoped variables....

```
<s:set name="user" value="#session['user']"/>
```

```
<s:push value="#user"/>
```

```
    <s:property value="userName"/>
```

```
    ....
```

```
    ....
```

```
    <s:property value="address"/>
```

```
</s:push>
```

bean

set

text

url

property

debug

i18n

### calling an action from href

```
<p><a href="<s:url action='hello'/>">Hello World</a></p>
```

### mapping of that action

```
<action name="hello" class="org.apache.struts.helloworld.action.HelloWorldAction" method="execute">
```

```
    <result name="success">/HelloWorld.jsp</result>
```

```
</action>
```

### url tag with param

```
<s:url action="hello" var="helloLink">
```

```
    <s:param name="userName">Bruce Phillips</s:param>
```

```
</s:url>
```

```
<p><a href="{helloLink}">Hello Bruce Phillips</a></p>
```

## 8. UI tags

### Form tags

form  
checkboxlist  
file  
token  
password  
textarea  
checkbox  
select  
radio  
head  
optiontransfersselect  
reset  
updownselect  
label  
hidden  
doubleselect  
combobox  
submit  
datetimepicker  
optgroup  
textfield

list is long...lets us do some form processing example and try to cover most.

### Enter Personal Information

User Name:	<input type="text" value="raj"/>
Password:	<input type="password"/>
Name:	<input type="text" value="rajiv"/>
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text" value="j k l j"/>
Select Country and City:	<input type="text" value="India"/>
Preferred Language (s):	<input type="text" value="French"/>
Marital Status:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Married <input type="radio"/> Divorcee
Your Interest:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Testing <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Web Designing
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	
<a href="#">Back</a>	

## 9. Interceptors

Interceptors are conceptually the same as servlet filters.

Interceptors allow for **crosscutting functionality** to be implemented separately from the action as well as the framework.

### **AOP ie Aspect oriented programming**

is not the replacement of OOP but it is support concept to oops

**You can achieve the following using interceptors:**

- Providing preprocessing logic before the action is called.
- Providing postprocessing logic after the action is called.
- Catching exceptions so that alternate processing can be performed.

Many of the features provided in the Struts2 framework are implemented using interceptors

**examples include**

exception handling,  
file uploading,  
lifecycle callbacks and  
validation etc.

In fact, as Struts2 bases much of its functionality on interceptors, it is not unlikely to have 7 or 8 interceptors assigned per action.

**some imp interceptor in struts2**

#### **alias**

Allows parameters to have different name aliases across requests.

#### **checkbox**

Assists in managing check boxes by adding a parameter value of false for check boxes that are not checked.

#### **conversionError**

Places error information from converting strings to parameter types into the action's field errors.

#### **createSession**

Automatically creates an HTTP session if one does not already exist

**debugging**

Provides several different debugging screens to the developer.

**execAndWait**

Sends the user to an intermediary waiting page while the action executes in the background.

**exception**

Maps exceptions that are thrown from an action to a result, allowing automatic exception handling via redirection.

**fileUpload**

Facilitates easy file uploading.

**i18n**

Keeps track of the selected locale during a user's session.

**logger**

Provides simple logging by outputting the name of the action being executed.

**params**

Sets the request parameters on the action.

**prepare**

This is typically used to do pre-processing work, such as setup database connections.

**profile**

Allows simple profiling information to be logged for actions.

**scope**

Stores and retrieves the action's state in the session or application scope.

**ServletConfig**

Provides the action with access to various servlet-based information.

**timer**

Provides simple profiling information in the form of how long the action takes to execute.

**token**

Checks the action for a valid token to prevent duplicate formsubmission.

**validation**

Provides validation support for actions

## How to use Interceptors?

```
<interceptor-ref name="params"/>
<interceptor-ref name="timer" />
```

## Create Custom Interceptors

Using custom interceptors in your application is an elegant way to provide cross-cutting application features.

Creating a custom interceptor is easy; the interface that needs to be extended is the following Interceptor interface:

```
public interface Interceptor extends Serializable
{
    void destroy();
    void init();
    String intercept(ActionInvocation invocation) throws Exception;
}
```

## Steps: Hello World User define interceptor

1. create an interceptor (eg: MyInterceptor ) and implement <<Interceptor >>
2. and overrid

```
public String intercept(ActionInvocation invocation) throws Exception
{
    /* let us do some pre-processing */
    String output = "Pre-Processing";
    System.out.println(output);

    /* let us call action or next interceptor */
    String result = invocation.invoke();

    /* let us do some post-processing */
    output = "Post-Processing";
    System.out.println(output);

    return result;
}
```

## 3. mention mapping in struts.xml

```
<struts>
<constant name="struts.devMode" value="true" />
<package name="helloworld" extends="struts-default">
    <interceptors>
        <interceptor name="myinterceptor" class="com.interceptors.MyInterceptor" />
    </interceptors>

    <action name="hello" class="com.tutorialspoint.struts2.HelloWorldAction" method="execute">
        <interceptor-ref name="basicStack"/>
        <interceptor-ref name="myinterceptor" />
        <result name="success">/HelloWorld.jsp</result>
    </action>
```

```

</package>
</struts>

<struts>

<constant name="struts.enable.DynamicMethodInvocation" value="false" />
<constant name="struts.devMode" value="false" />
<package name="default" namespace="/" extends="struts-default">

    <interceptors>
        <interceptor name="myinterceptor1" class="com.interceptors.MyInterceptor1" />
        <interceptor name="myinterceptor2" class="com.interceptors.MyInterceptor2" />

        <interceptor-stack name="custom_stack">
            <interceptor-ref name="myinterceptor1"></interceptor-ref>
            <interceptor-ref name="myinterceptor2"></interceptor-ref>
        </interceptor-stack>
    </interceptors>

    <action name="LoginAction" class="com.actions.LoginAction" method="execute">
        <interceptor-ref name="basicStack"></interceptor-ref>
        <interceptor-ref name="custom_stack" />

        <result name="success">pages/success.jsp</result>
        <result name="error">pages/failure.jsp</result>
    </action>
</package>

</struts>

```

## basic stack

```

<interceptor-stack name="basicStack">
    <interceptor-ref name="exception"/>
    <interceptor-ref name="servlet-config"/>
    <interceptor-ref name="prepare"/>
    <interceptor-ref name="checkbox"/>
    <interceptor-ref name="params"/>
    <interceptor-ref name="conversionError"/>
</interceptor-stack>

```

## Applying basic stack

```

<action name="hello" class="com.MyAction">
    <interceptor-ref name="basicStack"/>
    <result>view.jsp</result>
</action>

```

The above registration of "basicStack" will register complete stack of all the six interceptors with hello action.

This should be noted that interceptors are executed in the order, in which they have been configured. For example, in above case, exception will be executed first, second would be servlet-config and so on.

Now let discuss some imp interceptor one by one.....

## Chaining interceptor

Used to copy all the objects from the value stack of currently executing Action to next one aligned in action chaining

## Action chaining

```

<action name="Action1" class="com.actions.Action1" method="execute">
    <interceptor-ref name="basicStack"/>
    <result name="success" type="chain">action2</result>

```

```

        <result name="error">failure.jsp</result>
    </action>
    <action name="action2" class="com.actions.Action2" method="execute">
        <interceptor-ref name="basicStack"/>
        <result name="success">success.jsp</result>
        <result name="error">failure.jsp</result>
    </action>

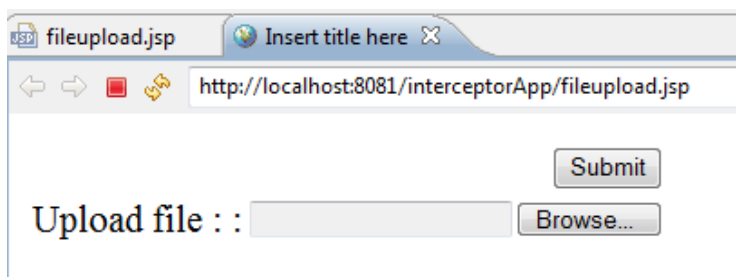
    <action name="Action1" class="com.actions.Action1" method="execute">
        <interceptor-ref name="basicStack"/>
        <result name="success" type="chain">Action2</result>
        <result name="error">pages/failure.jsp</result>
    </action>
    <action name="Action2" class="com.actions.Action2" method="execute">
        <interceptor-ref name="basicStack"/>
        <result name="success">pages/resultchain.jsp</result>
        <result name="error">pages/failure.jsp</result>
    </action>

```

## FileUpload interceptor

When we upload a file using html form action class need to know some description about file to be uploaded

1. File object to handle file
2. Content type of file
3. Name of file



## SendRedirect in Struts2

```

<action name="hello" class="com..HelloWorldAction" method="execute">
    <result name="success" type="redirect">
        <param name="location">/NewWorld.jsp</param>
    </result>
</action>

```

## Logger interceptor

When added to intercepor stack, logs the start and end point fo execution of action or execution of whole whole stack define for that action including all interceptors and action itself

```

<interceptor-ref name="logger"></interceptor-ref>

```

## Model driven interceptor

Responsible for looking for model driven actions and add model of the action into the actions value stack making it available in actions

We need to implement two things:

1. Action class must implements ModelDriven interface
2. Model-Driven interceptor must be applied to the action



## 10. validation framework

### 2 ways to do validation

1. with the help of ActionSupport
2. XML way: more flexible

### with the help of ActionSupport

create a page

```
<s:form action="empinfo" method="post">
  <s:textfield name="name" label="Name" size="20" />
  <s:textfield name="age" label="Age" size="20" />
  <s:submit name="submit" label="Submit" align="center" />
</s:form>
```

add following in action class

```
public void validate()
{
  if (name == null || name.trim().equals(""))
  {
    addFieldError("name", "The name is required");
  }
  if (age < 28 || age > 65)
  {
    addFieldError("age", "Age must be in between 28 and 65");
  }
}
```

dont forget to map for input in struts2

```
<package name="default" namespace="/" extends="struts-default">
  <action name="EmployeeReg" class="com.actions.EmployeeReg" method="execute">
    <result name="success">success.jsp</result>
    <result name="input">regform.jsp</result>
  </action>
</package>
```

When the user presses the submit button, Struts 2 will automatically execute the validate method and if any of the if statements listed inside the method are true, Struts 2 will call its addFieldError method. If any errors have been added then Struts 2 will not proceed to call the execute method. Rather the Struts 2 framework will return input as the result of calling the action.

So when validation fails and Struts 2 returns input, the Struts 2 framework will redisplay the index.jsp file.

### Struts - XML Based Validators

if it is the action **EmployeeReg** then name of validation file must be **EmployeeReg-validation.xml**

create validation xml file in '[action-class]'-validation.xml

## create an reg form

```
<% @taglib prefix="s" uri="/struts-tags" %>
<s:form action="EmployeeReg.action" method="post" validate="true">
  <s:textfield name="name" label="Name" size="20" />
  <s:textfield name="age" label="Age" size="20" />
  <s:submit name="submit" label="Submit" align="center" />
</s:form>
```

## EmployeeReg-validation.xml

```
<!DOCTYPE validators PUBLIC
"-//OpenSymphony Group//XWork Validator 1.0.2//EN"
"http://www.opensymphony.com/xwork/xwork-validator-1.0.2.dtd">

<validators>
  <field name="name">
    <field-validator type="required">
      <message>
        The name is required.
      </message>
    </field-validator>
  </field>

  <field name="age">
    <field-validator type="int">
      <param name="min">29</param>
      <param name="max">64</param>
      <message>
        Age must be in between 28 and 65
      </message>
    </field-validator>
  </field>
</validators>
```

## Client side validation

validate="true"  
this option let java script produce at client side.....

## More Example:

### Using Field Validators

#### Enter new employee details:

Employee ID is required  
Employee ID:

Password field is empty.  
Password:

Re-Enter Password:

Employee Name is required.  
Employee Name:

Date of Joining:

Age:

City:

E-Mail field is empty  
E-Mail:

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E-Mail field is empty  
E-Mail:

## 11. Struts 2 Type Conversion

Struts2 provide automatical type conversion for basic data types

such as ....

- Integer, Float, Double, Decimal
- Date and Datetime
- Arrays and Collections
- Enumerations
- Boolean
- BigDecimal

**what if we have user define object?**

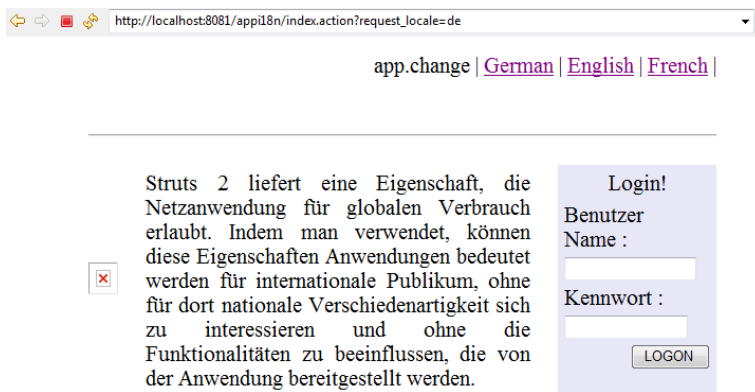
in that cases Struts 2 Type Conversion is very handy.....struts will print object identification number...

Ex:

## 12. Internationalization (i18n) support

1. resource bundles
2. interceptors and
3. tag libraries

### Hello world example



You don't need to worry about writing pages in different languages.  
All you have to do is to create a resource bundle for each language that you want.

The resource bundles will contain titles, messages, and other text in the language of your user.

Resource bundles are the file that contains the key/value pairs for the default language of your application.  
To develop your application in multiple languages, you would have to maintain multiple property files corresponding to those languages/locale and define all the content in terms of key/value pairs.

For example if you are going to develop your application for US English (Default), Spanish, and Franch the you would have to create three properties files.

global.properties

global.properties: By default English (United States) will be applied

global\_fr.properties: This will be used for Franch locale.

global\_es.properties: This will be used for Spanish locale.