

JSP

What is JSP? (Java server pages)

Dynamic Web page (having typically HTML 5 markup) , can embed Java code directly.
Dynamic web component , whose life-cycle is managed by WC(JSP container/Servlet container/Servlet engine)

WHY JSP?

1. JSP allows developer to separate presentation logic(dyn resp generation) from Business logic or data manipulation logic.

Typically JSPs -- used for P.L(presentation logic)

Java Beans or Custom Tags(actions) --- will contain Business logic.

2. Ease of development --- JSP pages are auto. translated by W.C in to servlet & compiled & deployed.

3. Can use web design tools -- for faster development (RAD --rapid application development) tools.

JSP API : is a part of Java EE specs

jsp-api.jar --- <tomcat>/lib : specs

Contains JSP API implementation classes. : jasper.jar

0. javax.servlet.Servlet -- super i/f

1. javax.servlet.jsp.JspPage -- extends Servlet i/f

1.1 public void jspInit()

1.2 public void jspDestroy()

Can be overridden by JSP page author

2. Further extended by javax.servlet.jsp.HttpJspPage

2.1 public void _jspService(HttpServletRequest rq,HttpServletResponse rs) throws ServletException,IOException.

Never override _jspService ---JSP container auto translates JSP tags (body) into _jspService.

JSP life-cycle

1. Clnt sends the 1st request to the JSP (test.jsp)

2. Web-container invokes the life cycle for JSP

3. Translation Phase : handled by the JSP container.

I/p : test.jsp O/p : test_jsp.java (name : specific to the Tomcat container)

Meaning : .jsp is translated into corresponding servlet page(.java)

Translation time errs : syntactical errs in using JSP syntax.

In case of errs : life-cycle is aborted.

4. Compilation Phase : handled by the JSP container.

I/p : Translated servlet page(.java) O/p : Page Translation class(.class)

Meaning : servlet page auto. compiled into .class file

Compilation time errs: syntacticle errs in generated Java syntax.

5. Request processing phase / Run time phase. : typically handled by the Servlet Container.

6. S.C : will try to locate,load,instantiate the generated servlet class.

7. The 1st it calls : `public void jspInit()` : one time inits can be performed.(jspInit available from `javax.servlet.jsp.JspPage`)
8. Then it will call following method using thrd created per clnt request :
 `public void _jspService(HttpServletRequest Rq, HttpServletResponse)` throws
 `ServletException,IOException`(API avlble from `javax.servlet.jsp.HttpJspPage`)
 When `_jspService` rets , thread's run method is over & thrd rets to the pool,
 where it can be used for servicing some other or same clnt's req.
9.. At the end ...(server shutting down or re-deployment of the context) : the S.C
calls

`public void jspDestroy()`
After this : translated servlet page class inst. will be GCed....

10 For 2nd req onwards : SC will invoke step 8 onwards.

JSP 2.0/2.1/2.2/2.3 syntax

1. JSP comments

1.1 server side comment

syntax : `<%-- comment text --%>`

significance : JSP translator & compiler ignores the commented text.

1.2 clnt side comment

syntax : `<!-- comment text -->`

significance : JSP translator & compiler does not ignore the commented text BUT
clnt browser will ignore it.

2. JSP's implicit objects (available only to `_jspService`) -- avlable to scriptlets,exprs

2.1 out - `javax.servlet.jsp.JspWriter` : represents the buffered writer stream
connected to the clnt via `HttpServletResponse`(similar to your `PrintWriter` in
servlets)

Has the same API as `PW`(except `printf`)

usage eg : `out.print("some text sent to clnt");`

2.2 request : `HttpServletRequest` (same API)

2.3 response : `HttpServletResponse`

2.4 config : `ServletConfig` (used for passing init params)

2.4 session : `HttpSession` (By def. all JSPs participate in session tracking i.e
session obj is created)

2.5 exception : `java.lang.Throwable` (available only to err handling pages)

2.6 pageContext : current page environment : `javax.servlet.jsp.PageContext`(this
class stores references to page specific objects viz --
exception,out,config,session)

2.7 application : ServletContext(used for Request dispatching, server side logging, for creating context listeners,to avail context params, to add/get context scoped attrs)

2.8 page --- current translated page class instance created for 'this' JSP

3. Scripting elements : To include the java content within JSP : to make it dynamic.

3.1 Scriptlets : can add the java code directly . AVOID scriptlets . (Use only till you learn Javabeans & custom tags or JSTL,). we will use use the scriptlets to add : Req. processing logic, B.L & P.L)

syntax : <% java code..... %> : within <body> tag.

location inside the translated page : within _jspService

usage : till Java beans / JSTL or cust. tags are introduced : scriptlets used for control flow/B.L/req. proc. logic

3.2 JSP expressions :

syntax : <%= expr to evaluate %>

--Evaluates an expression --converts it to string --send it to clnt browser.

eg : <%= new Date() %>

expr to evaluate : java method invocation which rets a value OR

const expr or attributes(getAttribute) or variables(instance vars or method local)

location inside the translated page : within _jspService

significance : the expr gets evaluated---> to string -> automatically sent to clnt browser.

eg <%= new Date() %>

eg <%= request.getAttribute("user_dtls") %>

<%= 12*34*456 %>

<%= session.getAttribute("user_dtls") %>

<%= session.setAttribute("nm",1234) %> -- compiler error

<%= session.getId() %>

Better alternative to JSP Expressions : EL syntax (Expression Language : avlble from JSP 1.2 onwards)

syntax : \${expr to evaluate} (to be added directly in ,<body> tag)

EL syntax will evaluate the expr ---to String --sends it clnt browser.

JSP implicit object --- request,response,session....---accessible from scriptlets & JSP exprs. ---

EL implicit objects --- can be accessible only via EL syntax

param =Name of the map , created by WC : containing request parameters

pageScope=Name of the map , created by WC : containing page scoped attrs

requestScope =map of request scoped attrs

sessionScope=map of session scoped attrs

applicationScope=map of application(=context) scoped attrs
pageContext --- instance of PageContext's sub class
cookie -- map of cookies(cookie objects)
initParam -- map of context params.

---avlable ONLY to EL syntax \${...}
---to be added directly within <body> ...</body>

eg : \${param.user_nm} ---param.get("user_nm") --value --to string ---> clnt
request.getParameter("user_nm") --value --to string ---> clnt

\${requestScope.abc} ---request.getAttribute("abc") ---to string --sent to clnt
browser.

eg : suppose ctx scoped attr --- loan_scheme
\${applicationScope.loan_scheme} ---
getServletContext().getAttribute("loan_scheme") ---to string --sent to clnt

\${abc} ---
pageContext.getAttribute("abc") ---not null -- to string -clnt
null
--request.getAttribute("abc") -- not null -- to string -clnt
null
session.getAttribute("abc") ---
null
getServletContext().getAttirbute("abc") --not null -- to string -clnt
null ---BLANK to clnt browser.

eg : \${sessionScope.nm} OR \${nm}

\${pageContext.session.id}
--pageContext.getSession().getId() --- val of JessionId cookie w/o java code.

\${pageContext.request.contextPath} ---/day5_web

\${pageContext.session.maxInactiveInterval}

\${param}
{user_nm=asdf, user_pass=123456}

eg : \${param.f1} ---> request.getParameter("f1").toString()---> sent to browser

param ----map of req parameters.

param : req. param map

\${requestScope.abc} ----- out.print(request.getAttribute("abc").toString())

\${abc} -----pageCotext.getAttribute("abc")-----null ---request
---session---application ---null ---EL prints blank.

3.3 JSP declarations (private members of the translated servlet class)

syntax : `<%! JSP declaration block %>` (outside `<body>`)

Usage : 1. for creating page scoped java variables & methods (instance vars & methods/static members)

2. Also can be used for overriding life cycle methods (`jspInit`, `jspDestroy`)
location inside the translated page : outside of `_jspService` (directly within JSP's translated class)

JSP Directives --- commands/messages for JSP Engine(=JSP container=WC) -- to be used @Translation time.

Syntax ---

`<%@ Directive name attrList %>`

1. page directive

--- all commands applicable to current page only.

Syntax

`<%@ page import="comma separated list of pkgs" contentType="text/html" %>`

eg -- `<%@ page import="java.util.*,java.text.SimpleDateFormat"`

`contentType="text/html" %>`

Imp page directive attributes

1. import --- comma separated list of pkgs

2. session --- boolean attribute. default=true.

To disable session tracking, spectify session="false"

3. `errorPage="URI of err handling page"` ---

tells WC to forward user to err handler page.

4. `isErrorPage="true|false"` def = false

If you enable this to true--- one can access 'exception' implicit object from this page.

This exception obj is stored under current page ---i.e under `pageContext`

(type=`javax.servlet.jsp.PageContext` -- class which represents curnt JSP)

EL expresssion to display error mesg

`${pageContext.exception.message}`

-- evals to `pageContext.getException().getMessage()`

Additional EL syntax

EL syntax to be used in error handling pages

ERR causing URI : `${pageContext.errorData.requestURI}`

ERR code : `${pageContext.errorData.statusCode}`

ERR Mesg : `${pageContext.exception.message}`

Throwable : `${pageContext.errorData.throwable}`

Throwable Root cause: `${pageContext.errorData.throwable.cause}`

5. `isThreadSafe="true|false"` default=true. "true" is recommended

true=>informing WC--- JSP is already written in thrd -safe manner ---- DON'T apply

thrd safety.

false=>informing WC --- apply thrd safety.

(NOT recommended) ---WC typically marks entire service(servlet scenario) or _jspService in JSP scenario --- synchronized. --- this removes concurrent handling of multiple client request --so not recommended.

What is recommended? --- isThreadSafe=true(def.) --- identify critical section(i.e code prone to race condition among threads)--guard it in synchronized block.
eg ---Context scoped attrs are inherently thrd -un safe. So access them always from within synched block.

Equivalent step in Servlet

Servlet class can imple. tag i/f -- javax.servlet.SingleThreadModel(DEPRECATED) -- WC ensures only 1thread (representing clnt request) can invoke service method.
--NOT recommended.

2. include directive

<%@ include file="URI of the page to be included" %>

Via include directive ---- contents are included @ Translation time.--- indicates page scope(continuation of the same page).

Typically used -- for including static content (can be used to include dyn conts)

eg ---one.jsp

....<%@ include file="two.jsp" %>

two.jsp.....

JSP actions ---- commands/messages meant for WC

to be interpreted @ translation time & applied @ req. processing time.(run time)

Syntax ---standard actions --specifications are present in
jsp-api.jar.(implementations in jasper jar)

<jsp:actionName attribute list>Body of the tag/action

</jsp:actionName>

OR

<jsp:actionName attr list />

JSP Using Java beans(JB)

Why Java Beans

1. allows prog to seperate B.L in Javabeans(Req processing logic, Page navigation & resp generation will be still part of JSP)

Javabeans can store conversational state of clnt(Javabeans 's properties will reflect clnt state) + supplies Business logic methods.

2. simple sharing of JBS across multiple web pages---gives rise to re-usability.

3. Automatic translation between req. params & JB props(string--->primitive data types automatically done by WC)

What is JB?

1. pkged public Java class

It's actually an attribute automatically created by WC.(trigger : jsp:useBean)
& WC will automatically store it under the specified scope

2. Must have def constr.(MUST in JSP using JB scenario)

3. Properties of JB's --- private, non-static , non-transient Data members ---
equivalent to request params sent by clnt.(Prop names MUST match with req params
for easy usage)

In proper words --- Java bean properties reflect the conversational state of the
clnt.

4. per property -- if RW

naming conventions of JB

supply getter & setter.

Rules for setter (Java Bean Naming convention) : strict

```
public void setPropertyName(Type val)
```

Type -- prop type.

eg -- private double regAmount;

```
public void setRegAmount(double val)
```

```
{...}
```

Rules for getter

```
public Type getPropertyName()
```

Type -- prop type.

```
eg -- public double getRegAmount(){...}
```

5. Business Logic --- methods

public methods --- no other restrictions

Using Java Beans from JSP Via standard actions

1. <jsp:useBean id="BeanRef name" class="F.Q. Bean class name"
scope="page|request|session|application"/>

default = page scope.

pre-requisite --- JB class exists under <WEB-INF>/classes.

JB = server side obj (attribute), attr name --- bean id,attr val -- bean inst.,can
be added to any scope using scope attribute.

eg :

eg --- beans.Userbean

props --- email,pass

setters/getters

B.L mehod -- for validation

Usage ---

```
<jsp:useBean id="user" class="beans.UserBean" scope="session"/>
```

W.C invokes JB life-cycle

1. WC chks if specified Bean inst alrdy exists in specified scope

```
java api --- request.getAttribute("user")
```

```

---null=>JB doesn't exist
---loc/load/inst JB class
UserBean u1=new UserBean();
--add JB inst to the specified scope
java api -- request.setAttribute("user",u1);
--- not-null -- WC continues....

```

2. JSP using JB action

2.1 <jsp:setProperty name="Bean ref Name" property="propName" value="propVal---static/dyn" />

Usage--

```

<jsp:setProperty name="user" property="email"
value="a@b"/>

```

WC invokes --- session.getAttribute("user").setEmail("a@b");

```

<jsp:setProperty name="user" property="email"
value="<%= request.getParameter("f1") %>"/>

```

OR via EL

```

<jsp:setProperty name="user" property="email"
value="${param.f1}"/>

```

WC invokes ---

```

session.getAttribute("user").setEmail(request.getParameter("f1"));

```

2.2

```

<jsp:setProperty name="Bean ref Name" property="propName" param="rq. param name"/>

```

Usage eg --

```

<jsp:setProperty name="user" property="email" param="f1"/>

```

WC invokes ---

```

((Userbean)request.getAttribute("user")).setEmail(request.getParameter("f1"));

```

2.3

```

<jsp:setProperty name="Bean ref Name" property="*/>

```

usage

```

<jsp:setProperty name="user" property="*/>

```

eg -- If rq. param names are email & password(i.e matching with JB prop names) then ---matching setters(2) will get called

3. <jsp:getProperty name="Bean ref name" property="propName"/>

Usage --

```

<jsp:getProperty name="user" property="email"/>

```

WC ---

```

session.getAttribute("user").getEmail()--- toString --- sent to clnt browser.

```


Better equivalent -- EL syntax
\${sessionScope.user.email} ---
session.getAttribute("user").getEmail()--- toString --- sent to client browser.

\${requestScope.user.validUser.email}
request.getAttribute("user").getValidUser().getEmail()

\${pageContext.exception.message}

4.JSP standard actions related to Request Dispatcher

RD's forward scenario

```
<jsp:forward page="dispatcher URI" />
```

eg : In one.jsp

```
<jsp:forward page="two.jsp"/>
```

WC invokes ---RequestDispatcher rd=request.getRequestDispatcher("two.jsp");
rd.forward(request,response);

RD's include scenario

```
<jsp:include page="dispatcher URI" />
```

eg : In one.jsp

```
<jsp:include page="two.jsp"/>
```

WC invokes ---RD rd=request.getRD("two.jsp");
rd.include(request,response);

Why JSTL ? JSP standard tag library

When JSP standard actions are insufficient to solve requirements ,
w/o writing scriptlets --- use additional standard actions --- supplied as JSTL
actions

JSP standard Tag Library

has become standard part of J2EE specs from version 1.5 onwards.

It's support exists in form of a JAR

1. jstl-1.2.jar

For using JSTL steps

1.Copy above JAR into your run-time classpath(copy jars either in <tomcat_home>/lib
OR <web-inf>/lib

2. Use taglib directive to import JSTL tag library into JSP pages.

tag=action

tag library=collection of tags

supplier = JSTL vendor(specification vendor=Sun, JAR vendor=Sun/any J2EE compliant
web/app server)

jstl.jar --- consists of Tag implementation classes

Tag lib- TLD -- Tag library descriptor -- desc of tags -- how to use tags

```
<%@ taglib uri="URI of JSTL tag lib" prefix="tag prefix" %>
```

eg --- To import JSTL core lib

```
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
```

3. Invoke JSTL tag/action

3.1 eg

```
<c:set var="abc" value="${param.f1}" />
```

WC :

```
pageContext.setAttribute("abc",request.getParameter("f1"))
```

WC invokes --- session.setAttribute("abc",request.getParameter("f1"));

meaning of <c:set> sets the specified attr to specified scope.

```
<c:set var="details" value="${sessionScope.abc}" />
```

WC

```
pageContext.setAttribute("details",session.getAttribute("abc"));
```

2. <c:remove var="abc" scope="request"/>

WC ---request.removeAttribute("abc") ---removes the attr from req scope.

3.2 JB --- ShopBean -- property --

```
private ArrayList<Category> categories; --g & s
```

```
<c:forEach var="cat" items="${sessionScope.shop.listCategories()}">
  ${cat}<br/>
</c:forEach>
```

WC invokes ---

```
for(Category cat : session.getAttribute("shop").listCategories())
    out.print(cat);
```

eg :

```
<c:forEach var="acct" items="${sessionScope.my_bank.acctSummary}">
  ${acct.acctID} ${acct.type} ${acct.balance} <br/>
</c:forEach>
```

http://localhost:8080/day6_web/close_acct.jsp?acId=101

```
<input type="submit" name="btn" value="Withdraw"
      formaction="transactions.jsp" /></td>
<td><input type="submit" name="btn" value="Deposit"
      formaction="transactions.jsp" /></td>
```

```
<%
    request.getParameter("btn").equals("Deposit") ---
%>
```

```
<c:if test="boolean val">
```

```
....
```

```
</c:if>
```

```
<c:if test="${param.btn eq 'Deposit'}">
```

```
    in deposit
```

```
</c:if>
```

```
<c:if test="${param.btn eq 'Withdraw'}">
  in withdraw
</c:if>
```

http://localhost:8080/day6_web/transactions.jsp?acId=102&amount=500&btn=Deposit

```
<c:redirect url="${sessionScope.my_bank.closeAccount()}" />
WC --- response.sendRedirect(session.getAttribute("my_bank").closeAccount());
```

3.3 JSTL action --- for URL rewriting

```
<c:url var="attr Name" value="URL to be encoded"
scope="page|request|session|application" />
```

eg : <c:url var="abc" value="next.jsp" />

WC invokes --- pageContext.setAttribute("abc",resp.encodeURL("next.jsp"));

```
<a href="${abc}">Next</a>
```

How to set session tm out ?

1. programmatically --- using Java API

From HttpSession --- setMaxInactiveInterval(int secs)

2. declaratively -- either using Java annotations OR using XML config files (web.xml)

Session Tracking technique :

HttpSession + URL rewriting

Why ????

To develop a web app , independent of cookies , for session tracking.

For tracking the clnt (clnt's session) : the only information, WC needs from the clnt browser is JSessionID value. If clnt browser is not sending it using cookie : Servlet/JSP prog can embed the JSessionID info in each outgoing URL .(response: location / href /form action)

What is URL Rewriting : Encoding the URL to contain the JSessionID info.

W.C always 1st chks if JsessionID is coming from cookie, if not ---> then it will chk in URL : if it finds JsessionID from the encoded URL : extracts its value & proceeds in the same manner as earlier.

How to ?

API :

For URLs generated by clicking link/buttons(clnt pull I) use

HttpServletResponse method

public String encodeURL(String origURL)

Rets : origURL;JSESSIONID=12345

For URLs generated by sendRedirect : clnt pull II : use
HttpServletResponse method
public String encodeRedirectURL(String redirectURL)
Rets : redirectURL;JSESSIONID=12345

Expression Language implicit variables(case sensitive)

1. pageContext : PageContext object (javax.servlet.jsp.PageContext) associate with current page.
2. pageScope - a Map that contains page-scoped attribute names and their values.
3. requestScope - a Map that contains request-scoped attribute names and their values.
4. sessionScope - a Map that contains session-scoped attribute names and their values.
5. applicationScope - a Map that contains application-scoped attribute names and their values.
6. param - a Map that contains rq. parameter names to a single String parameter value (obtained by calling ServletRequest.getParameter(String name)).
7. paramValues - a Map that contains rq. param name to a String[] of all values for that parameter (similar to calling ServletRequest.getParameterValues(name))
8. initParam - a Map that contains context initialization parameter names and their String value (obtained by calling ServletContext.getInitParameter(String name)).
eg : \${initParam.db_drvr}
9. cookie : Map.Entry of cookies. (entrySet of cookies)
eg : \${cookie.cookieName.value}

key ---cookie name

value ---javax.servlet.http.Cookie

\${cookie.JSESSIONID.value}
---cookie.get("JSESSIONID").getValue()

10. To retrieve err details from Error handling page.
ERR causing URI : \${pageContext.errorData.requestURI }
ERR code : \${pageContext.errorData.statusCode}
ERR Mesg : \${pageContext.exception.message }
Throwable : \${pageContext.errorData.throwable}
Throwable Root cause: \${pageContext.errorData.throwable.cause}
eg :
<c:set var="abc" scope="session" value="Hello User...."/>
\${sessionScope.abc}