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18. Implementation of Servlets.

Aim/Objective: To understand the concept of servlets in Java and implement them in a web application.

Description: The student will understand the concepts of servlets, which are Java classes used to extend the functionality of web servers and handle client requests.

Pre-Requisites: Classes, Objects, Java Servlet API, Understanding of HTTP protocol and web development concepts.

Tools: Eclipse IDE for Enterprise Java and Web Developers, Apache Tomcat - Web Server, Java Servlet APIs.

Pre-Lab:

- 1) Explanation of what a servlet is and how it differs from other Java classes. What are the main advantages of using servlets in web development?

A Servlet is a java class that extends web server capabilities to handle HTTP requests and deliver dynamic content. Unlike standard java classes, servlets run on a server and support client server interactions.

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2) Write a servlet application code to print the current date and time.

```

Public class Datatimeservlet extends
    HttpServlet {
    Protected void doGet (HttpServlet Request request,
        HttpServletResponse response)
        throws ServletException, IOException {
        response.setContentType("text/html");
        PrintWriters out = response.getWriter();
        out.println("<html><body>");
        out.println("<h1>Current Date & Time:</h1>");
        out.println(new Date() + "</h1>");
        out.println("</body></html>");
        out.close();
    }
}

```

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In-Lab:

- 1) You are developing a voter eligibility checker web application. The application should accept the user's age and name through a form submission and display a message indicating whether the user is eligible for voting or not. In this scenario, implement a servlet called "VoterEligibilityServlet" that handles the form submission and displays the eligibility message based on the user's age. If the age is 18 or above, display a message like "Hello [name], you are eligible to vote!" Otherwise, display a message like "Hello [name], you are not eligible to vote yet." Ensure proper validation and error handling for invalid input

Procedure/Program:

```
import javax.servlet.httpServletRequest;
import javax.servlet.httpServletResponse;

Public class Voter EligibilityServlet extends
HttpServlet {
Protected void doPost (HttpServletRequest,
HttpServletResponse response)
throws ServletException, IOException {
}
```


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```

response.setContentType("text/html");
PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
String name = request.getParameter("name");
String ageStr = request.getParameter("age");
try {
    int age = Integer.parseInt(ageStr);
    if (age >= 18) {
        out.println("<h1>Hello " + name + " you are  
eligible to vote! </h1>");
    } else {
        out.println("<h1>Hello " + name + " you are  
not eligible to vote yet. </h1>");
    }
    catch (NumberFormatException e) {
        out.println("<h1>Invalid age input - please  
enter a valid number </h1>");
    }
    out.close();
}

```

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✓ **Data and Results:**

The Server captures user's input (name and age), checks eligibility for voting, and displays a message based on age criteria

✓ **Analysis and Inferences:**

This application effectively validates age input & provides feedback, ensuring user-friendly interaction by handling both valid & invalid entries

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VIVA-VOCE Questions (In-Lab):

1) What is a servlet? How does it relate to web development?

A servlet is a Java class that extends web server functionality to handle HTTP requests, allowing for dynamic content generation for web applications.

2) How does a servlet handle client requests and generate responses?

A servlet client requests, processes them (usually in the `doGet` or `doPost` methods), and sends back response, typically in HTML format.

3) How can servlets handle user input data submitted through an HTML form?

Servlets retrieve form data via `request.getParameter()` to access user input fields submitted through HTML forms.

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4) What is the role of a servlet in a web application

Servlets serve as the backbone for server-side processing in java web applications, managing client requests and generating dynamic content.

5) What are the steps involved in configuring and deploying a servlet in a web application

Define the servlet web.xml or use annotations, compile the code, and deploy it in a server (eg: Tomcat) to make it accessible on the web.

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Post-Lab:

- 1) Write a code demonstrating the usage of request and response objects in a servlet. Use a scenario where you need to retrieve user input from a form and display a customized response based on that input the entered data on the web page.

Procedure/Program:

```

Public class welcomeServlet extends HttpServlet {
    protected void doPost (HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response)
        throws ServletException, IOException {
        response.setContentType ("text/html");
        PrintWriter out = response.getWriter ();
        String name = request.getParameter ("name");
        String ageStr = request.getParameter ("age");
        out.println ("<html><body>");
        out.println ("<h1>welcome, " + name + "!</h1>");
        out.println ("<p>your age is: " + ageStr
            + "</p>");
        out.println ("</body></html>");
        out.close ();
    }
}

```

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✓ **Data and Results:**

The servlet captures name & age from user input and display a personalized message with his information.

✓ **Analysis and Inferences:**

The demonstrates how servlets handle form data and dynamically generate HTML responses, enhancing user interactivity in web applications.

Evaluator Remark (if Any):	Marks Secured: ____ out of 50
	Signature of the Evaluator with Date

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