1. User sends a request for the action
2. Container maps the request in the web.xml file and gets the class name of controller.
3. Container invokes the controller (StrutsPrepareAndExecuteFilter or FilterDispatcher). Since struts2.1, it is StrutsPrepareAndExecuteFilter. Before 2.1 it was FilterDispatcher.
4. Controller gets the information for the action from the ActionMapper
5. Controller invokes the ActionProxy
6. ActionProxy gets the information of action and interceptor stack from the configuration manager which gets the information from the struts.xml file.
7. ActionProxy forwards the request to the ActionInvocation
8. ActionInvocation invokes each interceptors and action
9. A result is generated
10. The result is sent back to the ActionInvocation
11. A HttpServletResponse is generated
12. Response is sent to the user