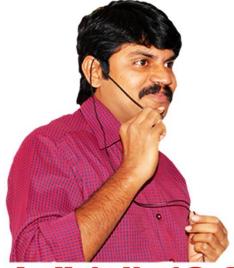
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Web Container Model

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ServletContext parameter :

For the ServletContext initialization parameter.

- 1. Write Servlet code to access initialization parameters.
- 2. Create the deployment descriptor elements for the initialization parameter.
- For every Servlet , web container will create one ServletConfig object to maintain Servlet level initialization parameter . By using this object Servlet can get its configuration information.
- 2. Similarly for every web-application webcontainer creates one ServletContext object to maintain application level configuration information
- 3. Servlet can get application level configuration information through this context object only.
- 4. ServletConfig per Servlet, where as ServletContext per Web-application.
- 5. If initialization parameters are common for all Servlets then it is not recommended to declare those parameters at Servlet level, we have to declare such type of parameters at application -level by using < context-param >

- 6. We can declare any number of context parameters but one < context-param > for each Servlet.
- 7. < context-param > is the direct child tag of <web-app > & hence we can declare any where with in <web-app>
- 8. The context initialization parameters are available through out the web-application any where.
- 9. If we want to use same init-parameters then we can declare at context-level as

<context-param>

```
<param-name>username</param-name>
  <param-value>scott</param-value>
</context-param>
```

- 10. With in the Servlet we can access these context initialization parameters by using ServletContext object.
- 11. We can get ServletContext object by using getServletContext() of ServletConfig interface.

With in out Servlet the following 3 possible ways to get the ServletContext object.

```
ServletContext context=getServletContext()

ServletContext context=getServletConfig().getServletContext()

ServletContext context=this.getServletConfig().getServletContext()
```

We can retrive ServletContext parameters by using ServletContext object for that purposeServletContext interface defines the following methods for accessing context initialization parameters.

- 1. String getInitParameter(String name)
- 2. Enumeration getInitParameterNames()

Demo program to display context initialization parameters :

web.xml

```
<web-app>
    <context-param>
        <param-name>user</param-name>
        <param-value>scott</param-value>
    </context-param>
    <context-param>
         <param-name>pwd</param-name>
         <param-value>tiger</param-value>
    </context-param>
    <servlet>
         <servlet-name>first</servlet-name>
         <servlet-class>FirstServlet</servlet-class>
         <init-param>
              <param-name></param-name>
              <param-value></param-value>
         </init-param>
    </servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
           <servlet-name>first</servlet-name>
           <url-pattern>/fs</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
</web-app>
```

<u>Note</u>: With in the Servlet if we can call getInitParameter() directly then it provides Servlet initialization parameters but not ServletContext parameters, hence initparameters by default Servlet initialization parameters.

Note: We can Access Servlet initialization parameters in the following ways .

```
String value=getInitParameter("movie");
String value=getServletConfig().getInitParameter("movie");

We can Access context initialization parameters in the following ways.

String value=getServletContext().getInitParameter("movie");

String value=getServletConfig().getServletContext().getInitParameter("movie");
```

<u>Note:</u> Whether Servlet or context init-parameters, these are deploy time constants i.e., from the Servlet, we can read their values but we are not allow to modify i.e., we have only getter()'s but not setter()'s

<u>Comparision between Servlet init & context initialization parameters :</u>

Property	Servlet init-param	Servlet context-param
Declaration	By using init-param with in Servlet. <servlet></servlet>	By using init-param with in web-app. <servlet></servlet>
Servlet Code to Access the Parameter	String value = getInitParameter("pname"); (or) String value = getServletConfig(). getInitParameter("pname");	String value = getServletContext(). getInitParameter("pname"); (or) String value=getServletConfig(). getServletContext(). getInitParameter("pname");
Availability (Scope)	Available only for a particular Servlet in which <init-param> is declared.</init-param>	Available for all Servlet's & Jsp's with in the web-application.

Servlet Scopes:

Objective: For the fundamental Servlet attribute scopes. (Request, session & context)

- 1. Write Servlet code to add retrieve and remove attributes.
- 2. For the given scenario identify the proper scope.
- 3. Identify multithreading issues associated with each scope.

There are 3 types of parameters available.

- 1. Form parameters or Request parameters
- 2. Servlet Initialization parameters
- 3. ServletContext parameters

Attribute: Place holder to store the information with in the web-application.

The main purpose of these parameters are to bring information from outside environment into the Servlet , and these are read-only .

Based on our requirement we can't create a new parameter, we can't modify and we can't remove existing parameters with in the Servlet. Here we can't use parameters to store and share information between the components of application.

To handle this requirement sun people introduced attributes concept.

Based on our requirement we can create a new attribute, we can modify and remove existing attributes. Hence attributes concept is best suitable to store and share information between the components of web-application.

Based on our requirement, we have to store this attributes into the proper scopes.

There are 3 scopes are possible in the Servlets.

- 1. Request Scope
- 2. Session Scope
- 3. Application (or) context scope

Request Scope:

- 1. We can maintain request scope by using ServletRequest (or) HttpServletRequest object .
- Request scope will start at the time of request object creation (i.e., just before starting service()) and end at the time of request object destruction i.e., just after completing service()
- 3. The information stored in request scope is available for all components which are processing that request.

<u>ServletRequest interface defines the following methods to perform attribute management in request scope:</u>

public void setAttribute(String name, Object value)

- To add an attribute.
- If the specified attribute is already available, then the old value replaced with new value.

public Object getAttribute(String name)

- Returns the value associated with specified attribute.
- If the attribute is not available then we will get null.

public void removeAttribute(String name);

This method remove an specified attribute from request scope.

public Enumeration getAttributeNames();

- This method returns all attribute names associated with request object.
- The most common area where we can use request scope is RequestDispatcher forward and include mechanisms.

Note:

- 1. Adding an attribute in a scope is called attribute binding, where as removing an attribute from a scope is called attribute unbinding.
- 2. In any scope, attribute name should be unique i.e., there is no chance of existing 2 attributes with in same name in the same scope.

Session Scope:

- 1. This scope is maintained by HttpSession object.
- 2. Session scope will start at the time of session object creation & ends at the time of session object destruction.
- 3. Information stored in the session scope is available for all components which are participating in that Session.

HttpSession interface defines the following methods to perform attribute management in session scope :

- 1. public void setAttribute(String name, Object value)
- 2. public Object getAttribute(String name)
- 3. public void removeAttribute(String name)
- 4. public Enumeration getAttributeNames()

Note:

Once session expires we can't call these methods, Other wise we will get "IllegalStateException".

```
session.invalidate();
session.getAttribute("raja");
```

• EX: Login information should be available for entire session . Hence we have to store this information in the Session scope .

Application Scope (or) Context Scope :

- 1. This Scope is maintained by ServletContext object.
- Application scope will start at the time of context object creation and end at the time
 of Context object destruction. i.e., application scope will start at application
 deployment time/server start up and ends at application undeployment/server
 shutdown.
- 3. The information stored in the application scope will be available for all components of web application irrespective of end-user.

ServletContext defines the following methods for attribute management in application scope:

- 1. public void setAttribute(String name, Object value)
- 2. public Object getAttribute(String name)
- 3. public void removeAttribute(String name)
- 4. public Enumeration getAttributeNames()

Multithreading issues associated with each scope:

- For every request, a new request object will be created which is accessed by only current thread. Other threads are not allowed to access request scoped attributes. Hence request scoped attribute are always Thread-safe.
- 2. With in the same session, we can send multiple requests symultaneously by opening new browser window. Hence Session object can be accessed simultaneously by multiple threads. Hence Session scoped attributes are not Thread-safe.
- 3. Context scoped attributes can be accessed simultaneously by multiple threads. Hence these are not Thread-safe.
- 4. Instance & static variables of Servlet can be accessed simultaneously by multiple threads, hence these are not Thread-safe.
- 5. For every thread a seperate copy of local variable will be created. Hence these local variables are Thread-safe.

Member	is Thread Safe?
Request Scoped attributes	YES
Session Scoped attributes	NO
Context Scoped attributes	NO
Static Variables	NO
Instance Variables	NO
Local Variables	YES

Parameters are key-value pairs.

Both key & value are String objects.

Hence at the time of retrieval it is not required to perform any type -casting.

We can assign directly parameter value to the String type variable without performing any type-casting.

```
String pvalue=request.getParameter("user");
String pvalue=request.getInitParameter("user");
```

Attributes also key-value pairs but keys are String type and values can be any Object type. Hence at the time of retrival. Compulsary we should perform type-casting.

```
String value = request.getAttribute("user");
CompiletimeError:Incompatible types
found:java.lang.Object
required:java.lang.String
```

String value=(String)request.getAttribute("user");

IIQ: To access the value of request scoped attribute user, which of the following is valid?

- 1. String user=getParameter("user"); ----> invalid
- 2. String user=request.getParameter("user"); ----> invalid
- 3. String user=request.getInitParameter("user"); ----> invalid
- 4. String user=request.getAttribute("user"); ----> invalid
- 5. String user=(String)request.getAttribute("user");----> valid

Example:

The above example which of the following are Thread Safe?

- 1. buffer1 X
- 2. buffer2 X
- request ✓
- filter √
- 5. session X

Differences between parameters and attributes:

Parameters	Attributes
We can use parameters to bring information from outside environment into Servlet.	We can use attributes to share information with in the application between components.
Parameters are read-only. i.e., with in the Servlet we can perform only read-operation and we can't modify their values i.e., we have only getter methods but not Setter.	Attributes are not read-only. We have both getter & setter methods. Based on our requirement we can create a new attribute remove & replace already existing attributes.
Parameters are deployment time constants.	Attributes are not deployment time constants
Parameters are key-value pairs where both key & value String objects only. key>String value> String	Attributes are key-value pairs where key is String type but value can be any Object type . key>String value> Object
At the time of retrieval it is not required to perform any type-casting.	At the time of retrieval compulsary we should perform type-casting.

CustRequest.java

TargetServlet.java

- 1. Usage Filters Concept in out web application is considered as following "Intercepting Filter Design pattern".
- 2. Usage of Wrapper concept in our web-application is considered as "decorator design pattern".

Demo program to print all context scoped attributes:

```
public class ContextAttributeDemo extends HttpServlet {
      public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
                          throws ServletException, IOException {
             PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
             out.println("<h1>Context Attributes </h1>");
             ServletContext context=getServletContext();
             context.setAttribute("course", "SCWCD");
             Enumeration e=context.getAttributeNames();
             while (e.hasMoreElements()) {
                 String aname = (String) e.nextElement();
                 Object avalue=context.getAttribute(aname);
                 out.println(aname+"....."+avalue+"<br>");
output:
org.apache.catalina.resources......
 org.apache.naming.resources.ProxyDirContext@50a649
course.....SCWCD
com.sun.faces.config.WebConfiguration......
  com.sun.faces.config.WebConfiguration@d507e9
org.apache.AnnotationProcessor......
  org.apache.catalina.util.DefaultAnnotationProcessor@1fa6d18
```

For every web-application, web-container always add some attributes in application Scope for its internal purpose. Here context Scoped attributes never be empty.

Ex 2: Write a program to print hit count of the web-application: (i.e., to print no. of requests to the web-application)

public class HitCountDemo extends HttpServlet {

<u>Note:</u>The main limitation of this program is count value can't persist across application redeployment and restarts.

Incrementing the count value code, we have to place in every Servlet which may result duplicate code and cause several problems. We can resoive these problems by using Listeners.

Write a program to print no. of requests send in each(current) Session.

- For every browser new Session will be created.
- Per every user count value is : 1 (first browser)

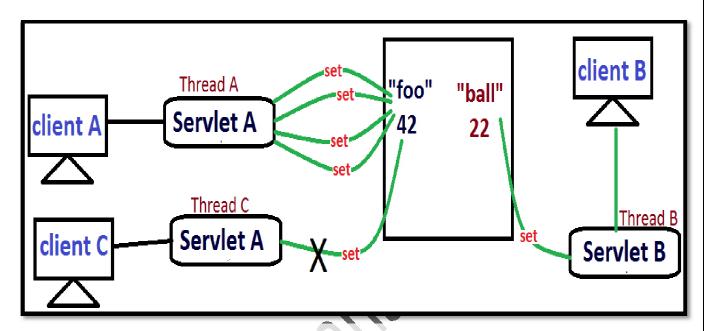
- Other browser value: 2
 (From one browser if we send any no.of requests, count value won't be increase.)
- If we open new browser(tab) from old-----> file -----> new ----> window

Write a program to print no.of Session objects created in application (i.e., to print total no. of users login to the application):

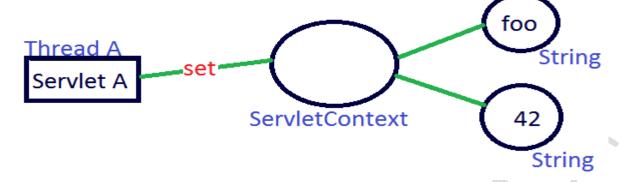
WAP to display no. of requests triggered lp-address wise. (from same machine):

```
}
```

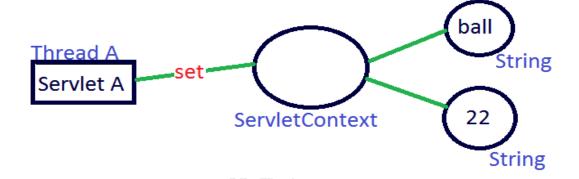
How do we make Context scoped attributes Thread safe?



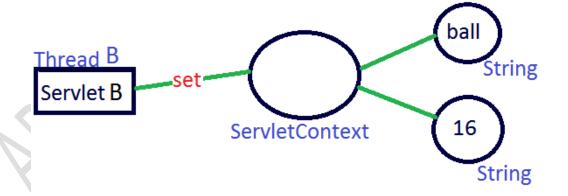
Step 1: Servlet A set the ContextAttribute foo with the value 42



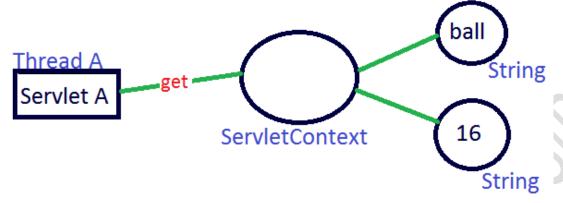
Step 2: Servlet A set the ContextAttribute ball with the value 22



Step 3: Thread B becomes the running Thread(Thread A goes back to runnable but not running) and set the context attributes ball with value of 16.



Step 4: Thread A become the running Thread again and get the value of ball and print it's to the response.



synchronized a doGet() won't product Context attributes.

synchronizing doGet() means that only one Thread of Servlet A can be running at a time it doesn't stop other servlets or jsp's from accessing context scoped attributes.

synchronizing doGet() would stop other Threads from the same Servlet from accessing context scoped attributes but it won't to any thing to stop a completely different servlets or jsp's

Note:

We don't need lock on the servlet object, we need to lock on ServletContext. The typical way to protect context attributes syncronize on context object it self.

If every one accessing context attributes get the lock on context object then you are guarantee that only one method at a time can be getting or setting context scoped attibutes.

Now we are getting lock on Contect object, in this way to proteced Context scoped attributes (you don't want to lock on Servlet object, synchronized(this))



RequestDispatcher:

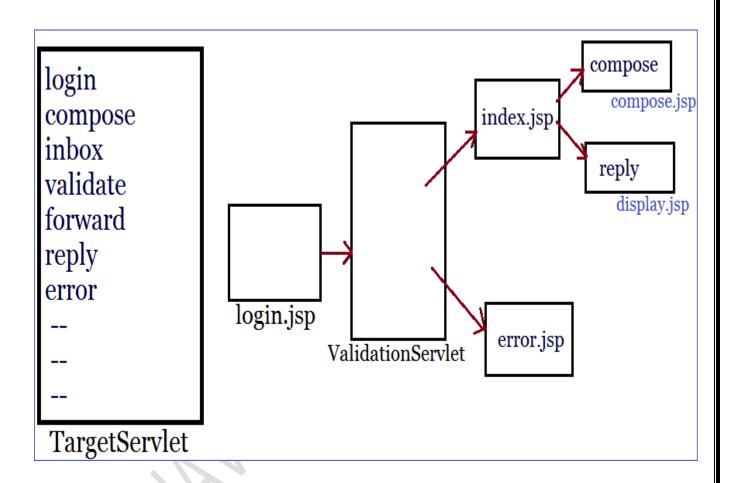
Objective:

- 1. Describes RequestDispatcher mechanism.
- 2. Write Servlet code to create RequestDispatcher.
- 3. Write Servlet code to forward or include target resource.
- 4. Identify and describe the attributes added by web-container while forwarding and including.

It is not recommended to define entire functionality in a single component. It has several serious dis-advantages:

- 1. For every change re-design of component is required. Hence enhancement will become very complex and creates maintainability problems.
- 2. It doesn't promote re-usability of the code.

 We can resolve these problems by maintaining a separate component for each task.



The main advantages of this approach is:

- 1. With out effecting remaining components, we can modify any component. Hence enhancement will become very easy and improves maintainability.
- 2. This approach promotes re-usability of the code.

Example:

- 1. Where ever validation logic is required we can reuse same validation logic without rewriting.
- 2. If the functionality is distributed across several components, these components have to communicate with each other to provide response to end-user. We can achieve this communication by using RequestDispatcher.

Servlet code to get RequestDispatcher:

We can get RequestDispatcher either by ServletRequest object (or) by ServletContext object.

By ServletRequest:

ServletRequest interface defines the following method to get RequestDispatcher object.

public RequestDispatcher getRequestDispatcher("String target")

The target resource path can be specified either by absolute path (or) relative path. <u>Example:</u>

RequestDispatcher rd=request.getRequestDispatcher("/test2"); //absolute path RequestDispatcher rd=request.getRequestDispatcher("test2"); //relative path

If the target resource is not available then we will get 404 status code saying requested resource is not available.

By ServletContext object:

ServletContext interface defines the following 2 methods to get the RequestDispatcher object.

public RequestDispatcher getRequestDispatcher("String target");

Target resource path compulsory we should specifying by using absolute path. If we are using relative path then we will get IllegalArgumentException.

Ex:

RequestDispatcher rd=context.getRequestDispatcher("/test2"); //valid because absolute path RequestDispatcher rd=context.getRequestDispatcher("test2"); //IllegalArgumentException because relative path

If the target resource is not available, then we will get 404 status code.

public RequestDispatcher getNamedDispatcher("String servletName"); //in this servletName is logicalname

1. If URL pattern is not defined for the target Servlet then we have to use this method.

- 2. The argument represents the value associated with Servlet name tag in web.xml which represents logical name of the Servlet.
- 3. If the target Servlet is not available then we will get null but not 404 status code .On that null if we are trying to perform forward (or) including we will NullPointerException.

Ex:

RequestDispatcher rd=context.getNamedDispatcher("targetServlet"); //in this targetServlet is logicalname

Differences between getting RequestDispatcher by ServletRequest & ServletContext:

RequestDispatcher from ServletRequest	RequestDispatcher from ServletContext
RequestDispatcher rd = request.getRequestDispatcher("/test2");	RequestDispatcher rd = context.getRequestDispatcher("/test2");
RequestDispatcher rd =	
request.getRequestDispatcher("test2");	The target resource should be specified only by absolute path but not relative path. Otherwise we
The target resource can be specified either by absolute path (or) relative path.	will get IllegalArgumentException.
We can use this RequestDispatcher to communicate only with in the same application	We can use this to communicate either with in the same or outside of the application. But recommended to use to communicate outside of the web-application
We can't get RequestDispatcher by <servlet- name> tag</servlet- 	We can get RequestDispatcher by <servlet-name> for this we have getNamedDispatcher()</servlet-name>

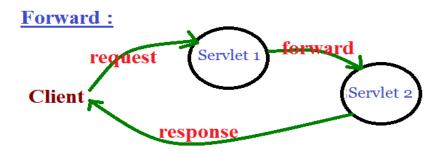
<u>Note</u>: <servlet-mapping> tag is optional to configure servlet with in the web.xml , that time nobody can access that servlet directly from browser, in that case the remaining servlets can communicate by using it's logical name.

RequestDispatcher's methods:

RequestDispatcher interface defines the following 2 methods.

 public void forward(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response) throws ServletException, IOException 2. public void include(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response) throws ServletException, IOException

Forward mechanism:



- 1. If the 1st Servlet is responsible for some preliminary processing & 2nd Servlet is responsible to provide requirement response then we should go for forward mechanism.
- 2. Just before forwarding response object will be cleared automatically by the webcontainer. Hence if any response added by the first servlet won't be delivered to the end-user. Only second servlet response will be displayed.
- 3. In forward mechanism second servlet has complete control on response object. Hence it can change response headers like contentType().
- 4. In forward mechanism, the same request object will be forwarded to the second servlet. Hence information sharing between the components is always possible in the form of request scoped attributes.
- 5. After forwarding the request to second servlet the control will come to the first servlet again to execute remaining statements. In the remaining statements if we are trying to write anything to the response these statements will be ignored by the webcontainer. In the remaining statements if any exception raised only that exception information will be displayed for end user instead of second servlet response. i.e., Second servlet response will be delivered after completing remaining statements execution only.

Ex:

- If we are sending the request to the FirstServlet, ArithmeticException will be displayed for the end-user instead of second Servlet response.
- If we are commenting line1, then only 2nd Servlet response will be displayed for the end-user.
- Recursive forward call always raises RuntimeException saying StackOverFlowError.

After committing the response , we can't perform forward (or) redirection . Otherwise we will get RuntimeException saying java.lang.lllegalStateException

Ex:

We can pass Query String as part of forward mechanism

login.html

```
<form action="/servlet/vs">

    Name :<input type="text" name="uname">
    Password : <input type="text" name="pwd">
    >tr>input type="submit" value="submit">
    </ra>
</form>
```

ValidateServlet.java

error.jsp

```
Invalid Credentials , please login here <a href="login.html">LOGIN</a> index.jsp
```

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- Attributes added by web-container while forwarding the request.
- While forwarding the request from one Servlet to another, web-container will always add some attributes in request scope to provide Original request information to the second Servlet.

The following is the list of attributes added by web-container:

- 1. javax.servlet.forward.request-uri
- 2. javax.servlet.forward.context-parh
- 3. javax.servlet.forward.servlet-path
- 4. javax.servlet.forward.path-info
- 5. javax.servlet.forward.query-string

Note:

- 1. If we are getting RequestDispatcher by using getNamedDispatcher, the web-container won't add any attributes in request scope.
- 2. With in the same Servlet we can't call forward more than once directly . Otherwise we will get IllegalStateException.

Include mechanism :

- In several components required some common functionality, Its never recommended
 to hardcode that functionality in every component. We have to separate component
 and we have to make that functionality available by using include mechanism for
 every component.
- 2. This approach promotes code re-usability and reduces maintainability problems.
- 3. Hence the maintain objective of include mechanism is to include the response of other resourses in the current response. This include is best suitable for JSP to include Headers and Footers, Banner information and Logos etc.
- 4. In the include mechanism the first Servlet is responsible to provide total response. But it can include the response of some other components.
- 5. In the Include, second servlet doesn't have complete control on the response object. It is not allowed to change response headers, If it is trying to change these changes will be ignored by web-container.

Ex:

When ever we are sending the request to IncludeServlet the following is the output:

```
First Include Servlet
Include Second Servlet
First Include Servlet Again
```

After committing the response we can call include() But we can't call forward() and sendRedirect().

With in the Servlet we can call include any no. of times . But we can call forward() only once and mostly as last statement.

Attributes added by Web-container while performing include:

While performing include web-container will add the following attributes in request scope to make original request information available to the second Servlet.

- 1. javax.servlet.include.request-uri
- 2. javax.servlet.include.context-parh
- 3. javax.servlet.include.servlet-path
- 4. javax.servlet.include.path-info
- 5. javax.servlet.include.query-string

<u>Note:</u> When ever we are getting RequestDispatcher by using getNamedDispatcher(), then web-container won't add these attributes in request scope.

Differences between forward() and include ():				
forward()	include()			

reguest Servlet 1 forward Client Servlet 2	Include: req Servlet 1 res Servlet 2
s1>forwarding Servlet s2>forwarded Servlet	s1> including Servlet s2> included Servlet
Once first Servlet forwards the request to the second Servlet, second Servlet is completely control on response object, provide the response.	In the case of include first Servlet is responsible to provide required response.
While performing forward call the response object will be cleared automatically. Hence FirstServlet response won't be displayed for the end-user.	While performing include, the response object won't be cleared. Hence first servlet response also will be displayed for the end-user.
After committing the response we can't perform forward. Otherwise we will get IllegalStateException.	After committing the response we can call include mechanism.
With in the same Servlet we can call forward() only once and mostly as the last statement.	With in the Servlet we can call include() any no. of times.
In the case of forward(), second Servlet has complete control on the response object.	In the case of include, 2 nd Servlet doesn't have complete control on the response object. It is not allowed to change response headers.
forward mechanism we can use frequently in Servlets because it is associated with processing.	Include mechanism we can use frequently in JSP's , Because it is associated with view part.

Foreign RequestDispatcher:

Inside Servlet1:

ServletContext context=getServletContext(); ServletContext fcontext=context.getServletContext("/webapp2"); RequestDispatcher rd=fcontext.getRequestDispatcher("/test2"); rd.forward(req , res);

- 1. By default most of the webservers including Tomcat won't provide support for cross context communication.
- 2. In this case getRequestDispatcher() returns null, on that null if we are trying call forward() (or) include() we will get NullPointerException.
- 3. To provide support for cross context communication at Server level some configuration changes are required.
- 4. As RequestDispatcher mechanism will work with in the same server. Hence both the applications should be deployed in the same Server.

Important Interview Questions:

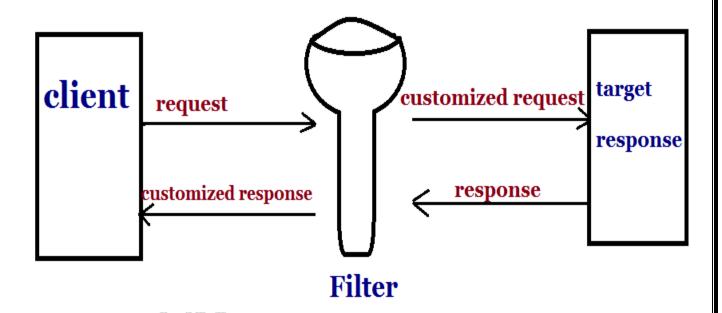
- 1. What is the purpose of RequestDispatcher?
- 2. Explain RequestDispatcher mechanism?
- 3. Differences between context.getRequestDispatcher() & context.getNamedDispatcher()?
- 4. Various possible ways to get RequestDispatcher?
- 5. Differences betwee forward & sendRedirection?
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- 7. What is foreign RequestDispatcher and how we can get?
- 8. Explain RequestDispatcher mechanism between 2 applications of the same Server?
- 9. What are the attributes added by the web-container while forwarding and including the request?
- 10. What is the purpose of these attributes & explain its meaning?



FILTERS (servlet 2.3 v):

Objective:

- 1. Describe web-container request processing model.
- 2. Write and configure a filter.
- 3. Create a request and response Wrapper for the given design problem.
- 4. If we want to perform any activity at the time of pre-processing and post-processing of the request. Then we should go for Filters.
- 5. This concept introduced in Servlet 2.3 version.



The most common application areas of Filter are...

- 1. Logging
- 2. Security checks like Authentication & Authorization
- 3. Altering request information
- 4. Altering response information
- 5. Compression of response
- 6. Encryption of response etc.

FILTER- API:

We can develop Filters concept by using the following 3 interfaces.

- 1) Filter
- 2) FilterConfig
- 3) FilterChain

Filter:

Every Filter in java should implement Filter interface either directly or indirectly. Filter interface defines the following 3 methods.

1. init():

public void init(FilterConfig config) throws ServletException

This method will be executed only once to perform initialization activity after instantiation immediately.

2. destroy():

public void destroy()

This method will be executed only once to perform CleanUp activities, just before taking the Filter from out of Serice.

3. doFilter():

public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response, FilterChain chain) throws ServletException, IOException

This method will be executed for every request, Entire Filtering logic we have to define in this method only.

We can use FilterChain object to forward the request to the next level . It can be another Filter (or) Servlet.

FilterConfig:

- For every Filter, web-container creates one FilterConfig object to hold its configuration information.
- Web-container handover FilterConfig object to the Filter as argument to init() method

FilterConfig interface defines the following 4 methods :

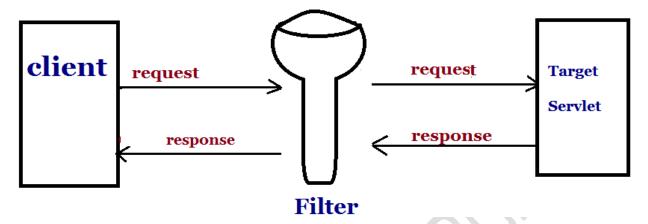
- public String getFilterName();
 Returns logical name of the Filter configured in web.xml by using <filter-name > tag.
- 2. public String getInitParameter(String parameter)
- 3. public Enumeration getInitParameterNames()
- 4. public ServletContext getServletContext()

FilterChain:

- We can use FilterChain to forward the request to the next level.[It may be another filter (or) Servlet].
- FilterChain interface defines the following doFilter().

public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response)throws ServletException, IOException

Analysis:



- 1. When ever we are Sending the request to the Servlet, web-container checks is any Filter configured for this Servlet (or) not
- 2. If any Filter is configured web-container forwards the request to the Filter instead of Servlet.
- 3. After completing Filtering logic Filter forwards the request to the TargetServlet.
- 4. After processing the request by TargetServlet the response will be forwarded to the Filter instead of browser.
- 5. After executing Filtering logic, Filter forwards the total response to the end-user.

Configuring Filter in web.xml:

```
<servlet>
      <servlet-name>TargetServletFilter</servlet-name>
      <servlet-class>jobs.TargetServletFilter</servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
       <servlet-name>TargetServletFilter</servlet-name>
       <url-pattern>/tsfilter</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<filter>
      <filter-name>firstfilter</filter-name>
      <filter-class>jobs.FirstFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
      <filter-name>firstfilter</filter-name>
      <url-pattern>/tsfilter</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
```

<u>Note:</u> The life cycle of a Filter will start at the time of application deployment (or) Server startup.i.e., Filter class loading, instantiation and execution of init() will be performed automatically at the time of either application deployment or Server StartUp. Hence load-on-

startup concept is not applicable for Filters.

Web-container is responsible to perform instantiation of the Filter for this it always calls public no-argument constructor. Hence every Filter class should compulsory contain public no-argument constructor.

Mapping of Filter:

We can map a Filter either for a particular url-pattern (or) to a particular Servlet (or) to the whole web-application.

Mapping to a particular url-pattern :

When ever we are sending a request for with specified url-pattern then only Filter will be executed.

Mapping to a particular Servlet:

```
<filter-mapping>
    <filter-name>DemoFilter</filter-name>
    <servlet-name>TargetServlet</servlet-name>
</filter-mapping>
```

Once Servlet got the request automatically Filter will be executed.

Filter mapping to entire web-application:

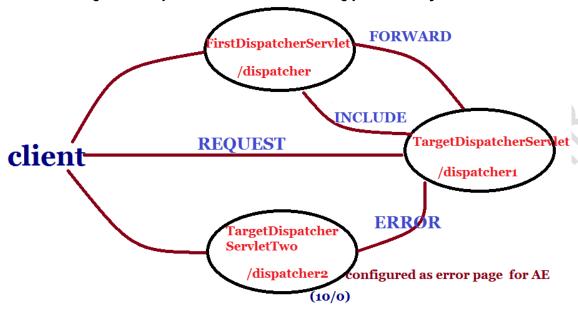
For any request to the web-application, whether it is for Servlet or JSP, this Filter will be executed.

<u>Note:</u> Mapping a Filter to the whole web-application is possible from Servlet 2.5 version onwards only.



<dispatcher>:

A servlet can get the request in one of the following possible ways.



A request directly from the browser. (REQUEST)

By RequestDispatcher's forward call. (FORWARD)

By RequestDispatcher's include call. (INCLUDE)

By RequestDispatcher's error call. (ERROR)

- By default Filter will be executed only for direct end-user request, and won't be executed for RequestDispatcher's forward & include and error-page calls.
- But in Servlet 2.4 version Sun people introduced <dispatcher> to extend Filter concepts for remaining cases also. i.e., for which type of request Filter will be executed is decided by < dispatcher > tag.

The allowed values for <dispatcher > tag are...

- REQUEST
- FORWARD
- INCLUDE
- ERROR

<u>Ex</u>: If we want to execute Filter for direct end-user request and for RequestDispatcher's forward call. We have to configure <filter-mapping > tag as follows.

<filter-mapping>

- <filter-name>DemoFilter</filter-name>
- <url-pattern>/test</url-pattern>
- <dispatcher>REQUEST</dispatcher>

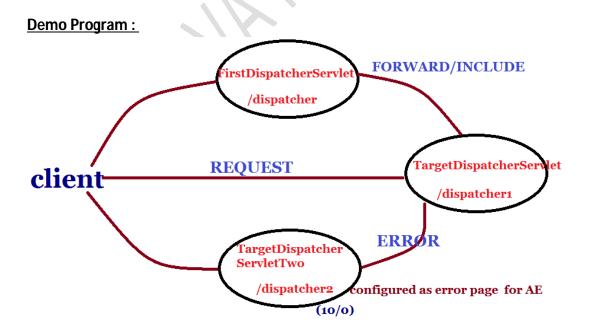
```
<dispatcher>FORWARD</dispatcher>
</filter-mapping>
```

In this case Filter won't be executed for RequestDispatcher's INCLUDE call and ERROR page call.

Ex 2: To execute a Filter only for RequestDispatcher's include call we have to configure <filter-mapping> as follows.

```
<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>
  <url-pattern>
  <dispatcher>INCLUDE</dispatcher>
</filter-mapping>
```

When ever we are Using <dispatcher> tag, then default behaviour won't be reflected. i.e., we are Overriding default-behaviour by using <dispatcher> tag.



FirstDispatcherServlet.java

```
public class FirstDispatcherServlet extends HttpServlet {
     public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
                              throws ServletException, IOException {
            response.setContentType("text/html");
            PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
            out.println("First Dispatcher Servlet Pre-processing<br/><br/>);
            RequestDispatcher rd=request.getRequestDispatcher("/dispatcher1");
            rd.include(request, response);
            out.println("<br/>br>First Dispatcher Servlet Post-processing<br/>br>");
     }
TargetDispatcherServlet.java
public class TargetDispatcherServlet extends HttpServlet {
         public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
                              throws ServletException, IOException {
                response.setContentType("text/html");
                PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
                for(int i=0;i<5;i++)
```

TargetDispatcherServletTwo.java

}

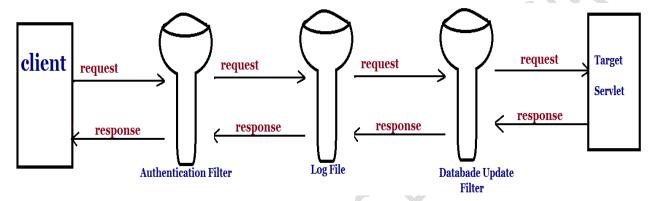
out.println("
This is Target Dispatcher Servlet"+i+"
");

DispatcherFilter.java

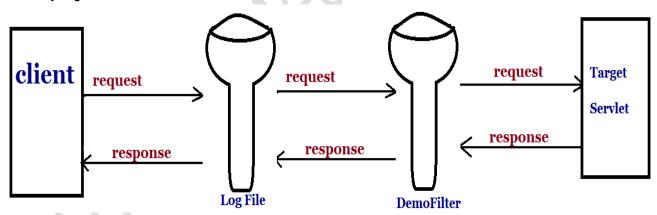
```
public class DispatcherFilter implements Filter {
    public void destroy() {
        System.out.println("Destroy method");
    }
    public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response,
        FilterChain chain) throws IOException, ServletException {
        PrintWriter out=response.getWriter();
        out.println("<br/>br>This is First Filter before processing the request i.e., pre-processing<br/>br>");
```

```
chain.doFilter(request, response);
    out.println("<br>This is First Filter after processing the request i.e., post-processing<br/>}
public void init(FilterConfig config) throws ServletException {
    System.out.println("Filter init method");
}
```

We can configure more than one Filter for a TargetServlet and all these Filters will be executed one by one and forms FilterChain.



Demo program:



<u>Note</u>: The log information will be stored in the following file locating in logs folder of Tomcat.(localhost.2013.04.16.txt......date)

Web-container's rule for ordering of Filters in FilterChain:

- 1. Identify all Filters which are configured according to url-pattern and Execute all these filters from top to bottom .
- 2. Identify all Filters which are configured according to servlet-name and execute all these Filters from top- to- bottom.

i.e., The Filters which are configured by url pattrens will get high priority when compared with Filters which are configured by servlet-name.

Ex:

```
<filter-mapping>
     <filter-name>Filter1</filter-name>
     <url-pattern>/Recipes/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter-mapping>
    <filter-name>Filter2</filter-name>
      <url-pattern>/Recipes/HotList.do</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter-mapping>
     <filter-name>Filter3</filter-name>
     <url-pattern>/Recipes/Add/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter-mapping>
     <filter-name>Filter4</filter-name>
     <url-pattern>/Recipes/Modify/Modify.do</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter-mapping>
     <filter-name>Filter5</filter-name>
     <url-pattern>*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
```

Request URI	Order of Execution
/Recipes/HotList.do	Filter 1,5,2
/Recipes/HotReport.do	Filter 1,5
/HotList.do	Filter 5
/Recipes/Modify/Modify.do	Filter 1,5,4
/Recipes/Add/AddRecipes.do	Filter 1,3,5

Difference between Filter's doFilter() and FilterChain's doFilter():

Filter's doFilter()	FilterChain's doFilter()
	public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response) throws

throws ServletException, IOException	ServletException, IOException
We can use this method to define entire filtering logic.	We can use this method to forward request to the next level.
This doFilter() is a callback method because web-container will call this method automatically for every request.	It is a inline method because we have to call this method explicitly then only it will be executed.



Wrappers:

- Some times it is required to alter request and response information in filters, we can achieve this by using Wrapper class.
 - Ex 1: With in the filter we have to convert end-users resume format from PDF to DOC file, We can achieve this by Wrapper.
 - Ex 2: In the filter we have to compress the response and we can send that compressed response to the end-user. So that we can reduce download time, We can achieve this by using Wrapper.

There are 2 types of Wrapper classes

1. RequestWrapper

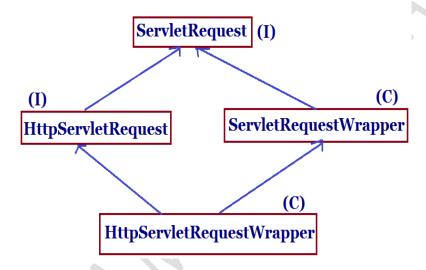
2. ResponseWrapper

RequestWrapper:

To alter request information

There are 2 types of RequestWrapper classes

- 1. ServletRequestWrapper
- 2. HttpServletRequestWrapper

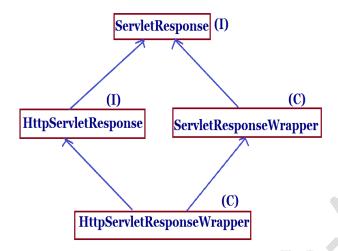


ResponseWrappers:

To alter response information

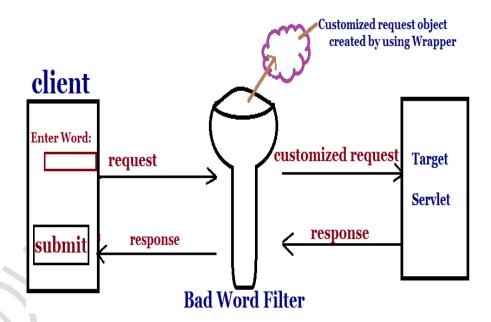
There are two types of Response Wrappers.

- 1. ServletResponseWrapper
- 2. HttpServletResponseWrapper



Demo program for RequestWrapper:

(Sending the duplicate manager instead of original manager to the estate)



- 1. End user enter the word and click the submit button.
- 2. Web-container forwards the request to the filter instead of Servlet.
- 3. Filter creates a customized request object by using Wrapper.
- 4. Filter forwards that customized request object to the target Servlet instead of Origial request.
- 5. With in the target Servlet if we are applying any operation on the request object our own customized behaviour will be reflected. but not original request behaviour.
- 6. Target Servlet prepares the response & forward to filter instead of browser.

7. Filter forwards that response to the end-user.

```
Demo Program:
```

wrapper.html

```
<form action="./wrapper">
    Enter Word : <input type="text" name="word"><br>
    <input type="submit" value="submit">
</form>
BadWordWrapperFilter.java
public class BadWordWrapperFilter implements Filter {
    public void destroy() {
         System.out.println("destroy method");
    public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response,
         FilterChain chain) throws IOException, ServletException {
           CustomizeWrapperRequest myRequest = new
                    CustomizeWrapperRequest((HttpServletRequest) request);
           chain.doFilter(myRequest, response);
     }
     public void init(FilterConfig config) throws ServletException {
           System.out.println("init method");
```

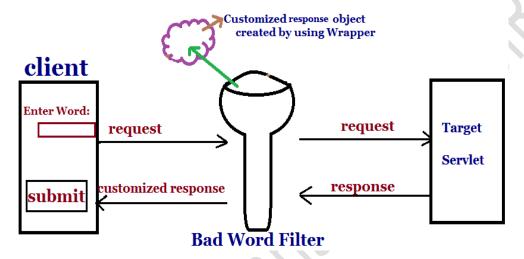
CustomizeWrapperRequest.java

```
public class CustomizeWrapperRequest extends HttpServletRequestWrapper {
    public CustomizeWrapperRequest(HttpServletRequest request) {
        super(request);
    }
    public String getParameter(String x) {
        String word1=super.getParameter(x);
        if(word1.equalsIgnoreCase("java") || word1.equalsIgnoreCase("scjp")) {
            return "SLEEP";
        }
        else {
            return word1;
        }
}
```

TargetWrapperServlet.java

```
PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
String word=request.getParameter("word");
out.println("The Entered word is :"+word);
}
}
```

Write a Demo program for response wrapper:



ResponseWrapperFilter.java

CustomizeWrapperResponse.java

public class CustomizeWrapperResponse extends HttpServletResponseWrapper {

```
protected CharArrayWriter charWriter;
         protected PrintWriter writer;
         public CustomizeWrapperResponse(HttpServletResponse response) {
                   super(response);
                   charWriter=new CharArrayWriter();
         public PrintWriter getWriter() throws IOException {
                   if(writer!=null){
                             return writer;
                   return writer=new PrintWriter(charWriter);
         public String toString() {
                   String text=null;
                   if(writer!=null) {
                             text=charWriter.toString();
                   return text;
         }
TargetResponseWrapperServlet.java
```

In the above program some implementations required

- We have to override getOutputStream() method.
- Suppose if we are getting PrintWriter and ServletOutputStream , we have to handle "IllegalStateException".
- Usage Filter concept in our web application is considered as following "Intercepting Filter Design Pattern".
- Usage of wrapper concept in our web application is considered as "Decorator Design Pattern".

all programs web.xml

```
<web-app>
<servlet>
```

```
<servlet-name>FirstServlet</servlet-name>
   <servlet-class>jobs.FirstServlet</servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>FirstServlet</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/fs</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
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    <servlet-class>jobs.CustRequest</servlet-class>
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     <servlet-class>jobs.TargetServlet</servlet-class>
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 </servlet-mapping>
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     <servlet-class>jobs.ContextAttributeDemo</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
 <servlet-mapping>
      <servlet-name>ContextAttributeDemo</servlet-name>
      <url-pattern>/cad</url-pattern>
  </servlet-mapping>
  <servlet>
      <servlet-name>HitCountDemo</servlet-name>
      <servlet-class>jobs.HitCountDemo</servlet-class>
  </servlet>
```

```
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>HitCountDemo</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/hcd</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet>
   <servlet-name>SessionCount</servlet-name>
   <servlet-class>jobs.SessionCount</servlet-class>
</servlet>
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</servlet-mapping>
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    <servlet-class>jobs.UserCount</servlet-class>
</servlet>
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    <servlet-name>UserCount</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/uc</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
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     <servlet-class>jobs.IPAddress</servlet-class>
</servlet>
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 </servlet-mapping>
 <servlet>
     <servlet-name>ContextScopeThreadSafe</servlet-name>
     <servlet-class>jobs.ContextScopeThreadSafe</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
     <servlet-name>ContextScopeThreadSafe</servlet-name>
```

```
<url-pattern>/csts</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet>
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    <servlet-class>jobs.ContextSyncronize</servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
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    <url-pattern>/cs</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet>
    <servlet-name>ForwardServlet</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>jobs.ForwardServlet</servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>ForwardServlet</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/forward</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet>
    <servlet-name>ForwardTwo</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>jobs.ForwardTwo</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
 <servlet-mapping>
      <servlet-name>ForwardTwo</servlet-name>
      <url-pattern>/forward2</url-pattern>
 </servlet-mapping>
 <servlet>
    <servlet-name>ValidateServlet</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>jobs.ValidateServlet</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
 <servlet-mapping>
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    <url-pattern>/vs</url-pattern>
 </servlet-mapping>
```

```
<servlet>
   <servlet-name>IncludeServlet</servlet-name>
   <servlet-class>jobs.IncludeServlet</servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
     <servlet-name>IncludeServlet</servlet-name>
     <url-pattern>/include</url-pattern>
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      <servlet-class>jobs.TargetServletFilter</servlet-class>
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      <url-pattern>/tsfilter</url-pattern>
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 <servlet>
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      <servlet-class>jobs.FirstDispatcherServlet</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
 <servlet-mapping>
      <servlet-name>FirstDispatcherServlet</servlet-name>
      <url-pattern>/dispatcher</url-pattern>
  </servlet-mapping>
  <servlet>
       <servlet-name>TargetDispatcherServlet</servlet-name>
       <servlet-class>jobs.TargetDispatcherServlet</servlet-class>
```

```
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 </servlet-mapping>
 <servlet>
     <servlet-name>TargetWrapperServlet</servlet-name>
     <servlet-class>jobs.TargetWrapperServlet</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
 <servlet-mapping>
     <servlet-name>TargetWrapperServlet</servlet-name>
     <url-pattern>/wrapper</url-pattern>
 </servlet-mapping>
 <servlet>
     <servlet-name>ResponseWrapperFilter</servlet-name>
     <servlet-class>jobs.ResponseWrapperFilter</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
 <servlet-mapping>
     <servlet-name>ResponseWrapperFilter</servlet-name>
     <url-pattern>/responsefilter</url-pattern>
 </servlet-mapping>
 <servlet>
     <servlet-name>TargetResponseWrapperServlet</servlet-name>
     <servlet-class>jobs.TargetResponseWrapperServlet</servlet-class>
 </servlet>
 <servlet-mapping>
```

```
<servlet-name>TargetResponseWrapperServlet</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/responsewrapper</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<filter>
     <filter-name>firstfilter</filter-name>
     <filter-class>jobs.FirstFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
     <filter-name>firstfilter</filter-name>
     <url-pattern>/tsfilter</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter>
    <filter-name>dispatcherfilter</filter-name>
    <filter-class>jobs.DispatcherFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
     <filter-name>dispatcherfilter</filter-name>
     <servlet-name>FirstDispatcherServlet</servlet-name>
     <dispatcher>INCLUDE</dispatcher>
     <dispatcher>REQUEST</dispatcher>
     <dispatcher>FORWARD</dispatcher>
     <dispatcher>ERROR</dispatcher>
</filter-mapping>
<filter>
     <filter-name>BadWordWrapperFilter</filter-name>
     <filter-class>jobs.BadWordWrapperFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
     <filter-name>BadWordWrapperFilter</filter-name>
     <url-pattern>/wrapper</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter>
     <filter-name>ResponseWrapperFilter</filter-name>
     <filter-class>jobs.ResponseWrapperFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
```

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