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# Chapter 11. Invoking Java Code with JSP Scripting Elements

## Topics in This Chapter

- Static vs. dynamic text
- Dynamic code and good JSP design
- The importance of packages for JSP helper/utility classes
- JSP expressions
- JSP scriptlets
- JSP declarations
- Servlet code resulting from JSP scripting elements
- Scriptlets and conditional text
- Predefined variables
- Servlets vs. JSP pages for similar tasks

This chapter discusses the "classic" approach to invoking Java code from within JSP pages. This approach works in both JSP 1 (i.e., JSP 1.2 and earlier) and JSP 2. [Chapter 16](#) discusses the JSP expression language, which provides a concise mechanism to indirectly invoke Java code, but only in JSP 2.0 and later.

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