

## 1. What is the difference between a web server and a web container?

*Webserver is the software that gets user requests and send them a response, it is stateless. Server translates Http request received from the browser into action locating a resource, where after It produces a Http response and gives information about the requested resource.*

*A Web Container manages components such as Servlets, JSP ( it contains java code Container can store request in database and therefore be stateful).*

## 2. What is a servlet?

*A servlet is a Java class that extends HttpServlet class, it contains 2 overridden methods named: "doPost" and "doGet". Servlets create html in these overridden methods based on the user input. this provides dynamism in web applications and makes websites interactive.*

## 3. How do web servers and web containers interact with servlets?

- **User** Types in a message in the browser
- **Browser** formats this user input into a Http message and sends it to the server
- **Server** checks if the request needs a static or dynamic response
  - if it is static it looks up in a folder where the predefined html's are, performs action and sends the output of this action wrapped into a Http response back to browser.
  - If the incoming request is dynamic the server it passes request to the **container**
    - ✓ container loads the servlet, if no object was created before it creates one servlet instance using init() method .
    - ✓ Container creates HttpServletRequest and HttpServletResponse objects.
    - ✓ When thread completes, converts response object into HTTP response message

## 4. Who creates request objects?

*The web Container creates HttpServletRequest objects.*

## 5. What are the states in the servlet lifecycle?

- **Load:** check if there is already a servlet object created, if so use this, otherwise **create**
- **Create:** instantiation
- **Init:** initialization using the HttpServlet class (parent class) init() method
- **Service:** Implementation, define if the request is a get or post, this stage can have multiple calls.
- **Destroy:** when all threads have gotten a response, the servlet object is send for garbage collection, resources ( for example databases, files) are closed after use.

## 6. Who calls init and when?

*After an instance of the servlet is created the container calls the Servlet container calls the init method on the servlet object.*

## 7. Which of init, service, and doGet should you override?

doGet and doPost

**8. In what sense are servlets multi-threaded?**

*Servlets process multiple threads at the same time.*

**9. What are the implications of this for servlet instance variables?**

*A single object of the servlet is created and it is used by multiple threads*