Declarative Tags
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1. Declarative tags are similar to scriptlet tag because they also allow us to write pure Java code within their body.

2. However whatever code we write in them gets pasted by the Container in the generated Servlet's class body, outside any method.

Syntax
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<%!
   //pure Java code
%>

3. Since any code we write in declarative tags get pasted at the class level so we are allowed to write any such code in declarative tag which Java prohibits at the class level like **declaring instance variables**, **static variables**, **defining methods**, **creating static block**, etc.

4. However we can not write any executable statement like loop, switch, if else, etc. directly inside declarative tag.

5. Another point to remember about declarative tag is that they do not get access to any pre-defined objects supplied by the container like **out**. This is becuase all these pre-defined objects are actually created inside the method **_jspService()** by the container.