

ServletContext life cycle events

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1. Whenever the container loads our applications in Server's memory then at the same time it creates **ServletContext** object and the moment this object gets created, the container calls a very special method called as **contextInitialized()**.
2. Similarly, whenever the server shutdowns or our application gets undeployed then also container before destroying the **ServletContext** object calls the method **contextDestroyed()**.
3. Both these methods are abstract methods and available in an interface called **ServletContextListener**.
4. So if we want to execute a piece of code which should run even before the 1st request arrives then we can code it in **contextInitialized()** method. Similarly, to run a piece of code before the application shutdown we can code it in **contextDestroyed()**.
5. Moreover both these methods are bound to be called for every application so we call them **lifecycle events**.

Steps required for using lifecycle events of **ServletContext**

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