



Case Study: Online Feedback Collection System



Objective:

An educational institution needs an online system to collect **student feedback** on courses or instructors. Students will fill out a form, and the data will be processed by a backend Java servlet hosted on a Tomcat 10+ server using Jakarta EE 9+ APIs.



Scenario Description:

The institute offers various technical and non-technical courses. They want to capture feedback from students after course completion. The feedback form includes fields like:

- Student Name
- Email Address
- Course Attended
- Feedback or Suggestions

The institution also wants to:

- Display a confirmation page showing submitted data.
- Optionally store this feedback in a database for future reference.
- Track if a student has already submitted feedback using session/cookie-based mechanisms.



System Design Overview:

1. Frontend (User Interface):

- A JSP (or HTML) page with a form that asks students to enter their feedback.
- The form uses HTTP POST to submit data to the server.

2. Servlet Processing (Backend):

- A Java servlet receives the form data through a POST request.
- The servlet:
 - Extracts parameters (e.g., name, email, feedback).
 - Validates the input (e.g., non-empty fields).

- Generates a response page thanking the student and echoing back the submitted data.
- Optionally, stores the feedback in a database or writes it to a file.

3. Optional Enhancements:

- Use **cookies** to track if a student has already submitted feedback.
- Use **HTTP sessions** to temporarily store user data across requests.
- Redirect to different pages based on whether the feedback was already submitted.

Tools & Technologies:

- **Jakarta EE 9+ (Servlet 5.0)** — For writing the HttpServlet
- **Apache Tomcat 10+** — Web server and servlet container
- **JSP/HTML** — Frontend form
- **Eclipse IDE / IntelliJ** — Development environment
- **Maven** or manual `.war` deployment — For packaging and deployment

Workflow:

1. **Student accesses** the feedback form via a browser (`index.jsp` or `feedback.html`).
2. **Student submits** the form after filling out the details.
3. **Servlet receives** the POST request, processes data, and optionally stores it.
4. **Response page** is generated by the servlet, confirming submission.
5. **Cookie or session tracking** prevents duplicate submissions.

Key Servlet Concepts Demonstrated:

- HttpServlet usage (`doPost()` method)
- Request parameter extraction (`getParameter()`)
- Response generation using `PrintWriter` or JSP forwarding
- `@WebServlet` annotation (alternative to `web.xml` mapping)

- Session and cookie handling (optional advanced part)
- Deployment on Tomcat 10+ with Jakarta namespace

Code :

index.jsp (Feedback Form)

```
<%@ page contentType="text/html; charset=UTF-8" %>

<html>

<head>

    <title>Student Feedback</title>

</head>

<body>

    <h2>Course Feedback Form</h2>

    <form method="post" action="feedback">

        Name: <input type="text" name="name" required><br><br>

        Email: <input type="email" name="email" required><br><br>

        Course: <input type="text" name="course" required><br><br>

        Feedback:<br>

        <text area name="feedback" rows="5" cols="30" required></textarea><br><br>

        <input type="submit" value="Submit Feedback">

    </form>

</body>

</html>
```

FeedbackServlet.java

```
package co. Feedback;
```

```
import jakarta.servlet.ServletException;
```

```
import Servlet Exception;
```

```
import jakarta. servlet. http. *;
```

```
import http. *;
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```

```
@WebServlet("/feedback")
```

```
public class Feedback Servlet extends HttpServlet {
```

```
    protected void doPost (Feedback Servlet request, Feedback Servlet response)
```

```
        throws ServletException, IO Exception {
```

```
        String name = request. GetParameter("name");
```

```
        String email = request. GetParameter("email");
```

```
        String course = request. GetParameter("course");
```

```
        String feedback = request. GetParameter("feedback");
```

```
        request. GetParameter("text/html");
```

```
        Print Writer out = Print Writer ();
```

```
        // Check cookie if already submitted
```

```
        Cookie [] cookies = Writer ();
```

```
        Boolean already Submitted = false;
```

```
        if (cookies! = null) {
```

```
            for (Cookie c: cookies) {
```

```
                if (cetane (). equals("submitted") && cogitable (). equals(email)) {
```

```
                    already Submitted = true;
```

```
                    break;
```

```

    }

}

}

if (already Submitted) {

    outspinting("<h3>You have already submitted feedback. Thank you! </h3>");

} else {

    // Set cookie to avoid future submissions

    Cookie submitted Cookie = new Cookie ("submitted", email);

    Cookie ((24 * 60 * 60); // 1 day

    Cookie ((submitted Cookie);


    // Display response

    outspinting("<h2>Thank you for your feedback! </h2>");

    outspinting("<p><strong>Name:</strong> " + name + "</p>");

    outspinting("<p><strong>Email:</strong> " + email + "</p>");

    outspinting("<p><strong>Course:</strong> " + course + "</p>");

    outspinting("<p><strong>Feedback:</strong> " + feedback + "</p>");

}

}

}

```