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Java Servlets

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Java Servlets

UNIT OF COMPETENCE

The student builds Web applications based on Java Servlet specification



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Web Application Technologies

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- HTML over HTTP
- HTTP Client Server Architecture

HTTP Client Server Architecture

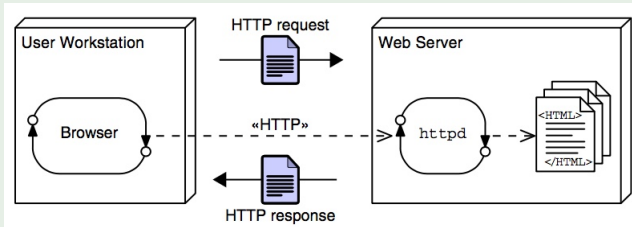


Figure: HTTP Client Server Architecture



```

docroot/
├── index.html
├── league/
│   ├── Spring2001.html
│   └── registration.html
├── tournaments/
│   └── GRUB2000.html
└── images/
    ├── Spring2001LOGO.png
    └── GRUB2001Finals.jpg

```

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Web Application Technologies

Uniform Resource Locator

- protocol://host:port/path/file
 - *http://148.204.56.120:8080/index.html*



Figure: Uniform Resource Locator



Web Sites and Web Applications

- Browser requests HTML form
- Server responds
- User provides data
- Browser sends second request
- Server processes data using specific computation
- Server sends results to browser
- Web applications are for users, web services for computers



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Introduction to Servlets

Understanding HTTP

HTTP defines the way in which web browsers interact with web servers. HTTP uses TCP/IP, the network protocol of the Internet, to communicate standard messages between machines across the Internet. By using standard protocols such as these, you're able to communicate with any web server from a variety of different web browsers and expect similar behavior.



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Understanding HTTP

At the heart of HTTP lies a request message and a response message. This is the fundamental way in which a web browser communicates with a web server (see Figure). The user types in the location of a document in the URL box, the browser issues a standard HTTP request for the document, and the document is located and returned to the browser as a standard HTTP response.

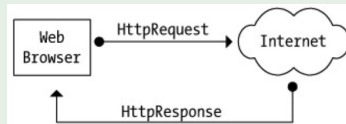


Figure: Basic HTTP exchange.



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Understanding HTTP

The HTTP request consists of a series of standard headers along with any parameters, or form data, necessary to fulfill the request. The web server, for which the request is intended, is able to read these headers and respond accordingly.

There are two common types of HTTP requests, GET and POST.

- * GET
- * POST

A GET request will append form data to the requested URL and send it as one packet. A POST request will first send a packet containing header information and then send a separate packet containing the form data.



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Understanding HTTP

A common question is, "Which type of request should I use in certain situations?"

A good rule of thumb is that you should use:

- * POST requests to modify a resource on the server
- * GET requests to simply retrieve information from the server

You may find that this doesn't always apply in every situation.



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Introduction to Servlets

Components of a Web Application

A typical web application involves a web server, an application server, and a database server.

Each of these servers listens to a specific TCP/IP port for incoming messages containing requests to carry out.

These listeners are sometimes called daemons. They're threads of execution that wait for TCP/IP messages to appear for a specific port. For instance, the web server will, by default, listen to requests addressed to port 80.



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Components of a Web Application

Because web servers default to this port, there's no need to specify it in the URL, it's just implied.

If you were to request `http://www.apress.com`, the request would be sent to port 80 of the machine on which the web server is running. To specify a different port, let's say port 8080, you would add it to the URL like this: `http://www.asuncionez.com.mx:8081`.



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Introduction to Servlets

Java in the Web

- Introduced with Servlets
- Similar execution model to CGI
- Single process, multiple threads

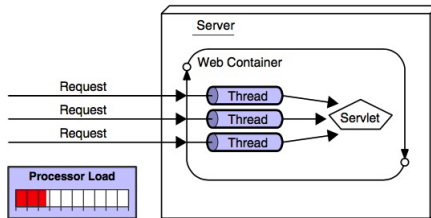


Figure: Java in the Web.



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Advantages and Disadvantages of Java Servlets

- Single process, so faster than CGI
- More scalable than CGI
- Use Java programming language
- Standardized logging
- Error handling and security
- Must use the Java programming language
- Concurrency not limited to the database





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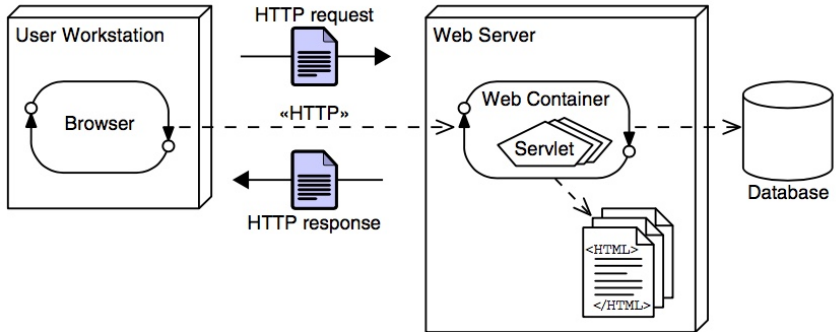


Figure: Java Servlets Architecture.



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```
package com.darkdestiny.mx;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.PrintWriter;
import javax.servlet.ServletException;
import javax.servlet.annotation.WebServlet;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;
/**** @author darkdestiny */
@WebServlet(name = "TablasDeMultiplicar", urlPatterns = {"/TablasDeMultiplicar"})
public class TablasDeMultiplicar extends HttpServlet {
    @Override
    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
        throws ServletException, IOException {
        response.setContentType("text/html;charset=UTF-8");
        try (PrintWriter out = response.getWriter()) {
            out.println("<!DOCTYPE html>");
            out.println("<html>");
            out.println("<head>");
            out.println("<title>Servlet TablasDeMultiplicar</title>");
            out.println("</head>");
            out.println("<body>");
            out.println("<h1>Tablas De Multiplicar </h1>");
            out.println("<table border=1>");
            for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
                out.println("<tr>");
                for (int j = 1; j <= 10; j++) {
                    out.println("<td> &nbsp; &nbsp; " + (i * j) + "&nbsp; &nbsp; </td>");
                }
                out.println("</tr>");
            }
            out.println("</table>");
            out.println("</body>");
            out.println("</html>");
        }
    }
}
```



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Life Cycle and the Servlet API

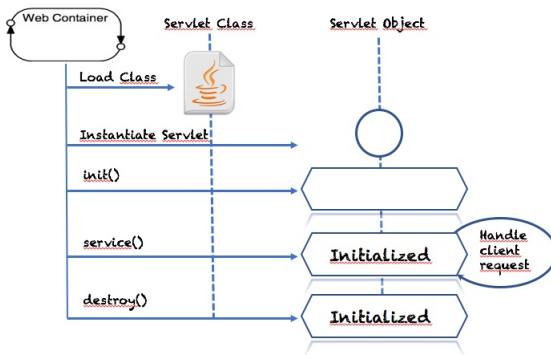


Figure: Servlet life cycle.



Life Cycle and the Servlet API



Figure: Instantiate Servlet.

Instantiate Servlet

- Run the servlet class no-arg constructor.
- Don't need to write a constructor.
- Just use the compiler-supplied default.



Life Cycle and the Servlet API



Figure: Servlet `init()` method.

Init method (`init()`)

- Called only ONCE in the servlet's life.
- Must complete before Container can call `service()` method.



Life Cycle and the Servlet API

Service Method (*service()*)

- doGet.
- doPost.
- other http methods.
- Each request runs in a separated thread.

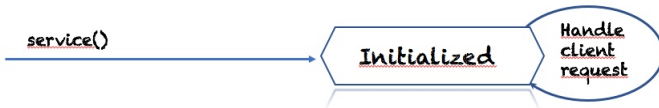


Figure: Service method.



Life Cycle and the Servlet API

Destroy Method (*destroy()*)

- Container calls to give the servlet a chance to clean up before the servlet is killed.
 - Ready for garbage collection.
- Like *init()* method, it's called only once.



Figure: Destroy method.



Life Cycle and the Servlet API

Tabla de Multiplicar sin Encabezados									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

 init method has been called and servlet is initialized

 service method has been called

 destroy method has been called and servlet is destroyed



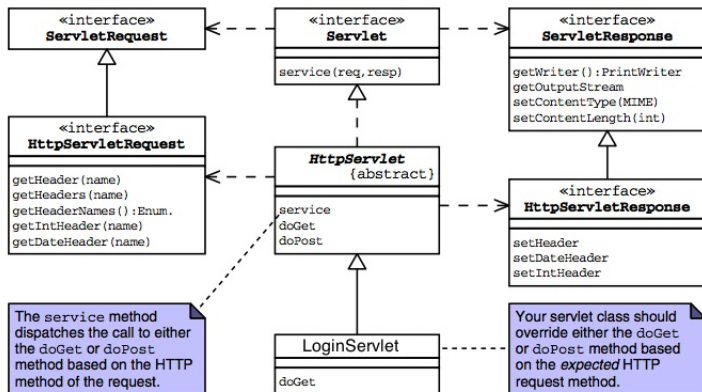
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Context of HttpServlets

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Sessions

Sessions

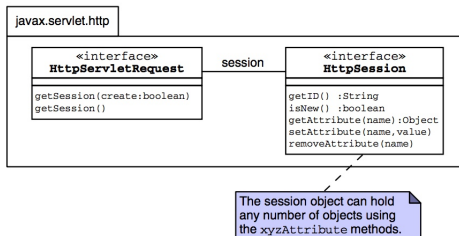
- The servlet API provides a convenient wrapper
 - A hashtable-like interface named `javax.servlet.http.HttpSession`
- has two important methods
 - `setAttribute()`
 - `getAttribute()`
- Store and retrieve objects by name.
- Provides a session ID key that a participating client stores and returns on subsequent requests in the same session. The servlet engine looks up the appropriate session object and makes it available to the current request.



Sessions

Sessions

- HTTP is stateless, good for clustering.
- Sessions are not directly supported.
- Browser must return identification data with every request.
- HttpSession class addresses needs.





Sessions

Sessions Configuration

- web.xml can specify default session timeout and preferred session tracking.

```
<web-app ...>
  <session-config>
    <session-timeout>30</session-timeout>
    <tracking-mode>SSL</tracking-mode>
  </session-config>
</web-app>
```



Sessions

Method	Description
Object getAttribute Attribute (String name)	Stores an object in the session under the specified name, or returns or removes an object by that name that was previously stored.
void setAttribute (String name, Object value) void removeAttribute (String name)	
Enumeration getAttribute- Names()	Returns an Enumeration of the names of all attributes currently bound to the session

Table: Methods in the HttpSession Interface.



Sessions

Method	Description
long getCreationTime()	Returns a long integer representing the date and time at which the session was created or last accessed. The integer is in the form used by the java.util.Date() constructor.
long getLastAccessedTime()	
String getId()	Returns the session ID, a unique key assigned by the servlet engine.
void invalidate()	Causes the session to expire and unbinds any objects in it.

Table: Methods in the HttpSession Interface.



Sessions

Method	Description
<code>int getMaxInactiveInterval()</code>	Sets or returns the maximum number of seconds the session will be kept alive if no interaction occurs with the client.
<code>void setMaxInactiveInterval (int seconds)</code>	
<code>boolean isNew()</code>	Returns true if the client hasn't yet joined the session. This is true when the session is first created and the session ID is passed to the client, but the client hasn't made a second request that includes the session ID..

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Cookies

Cookies

- Cookies are key-value data pairs stored on the browser.
- Cookies are created and updated in a server response to the browser.
- Cookies are stored by the browser in the client system.
- Cookies can be partitioned by server and path.
- All relevant cookies are sent by browser to server with every request.
- Cookies can have life-span limits

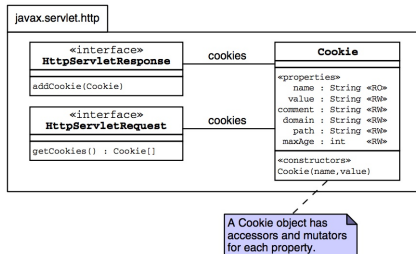




Cookies

Cookies

- Create cookies with new Cookie(name, value).
- Use response.addCookie to set the stored value.
- Use request.getCookies to read cookies.





Cookies

Using Cookies

- To store a username from a form for future use.

```
String name = request.getParameter("firstName");  
Cookie c = new Cookie("yourname", name);  
response.addCookie(c);
```

Using Cookies

- To retrieve username on subsequent request.

```
Cookie[] allCookies = request.getCookies();  
for ( int i=0; i < allCookies.length; i++ ) {  
    if ( allCookies[i].getName().equals("yourname") ) {  
        name = allCookies[i].getValue();  
    }  
}
```

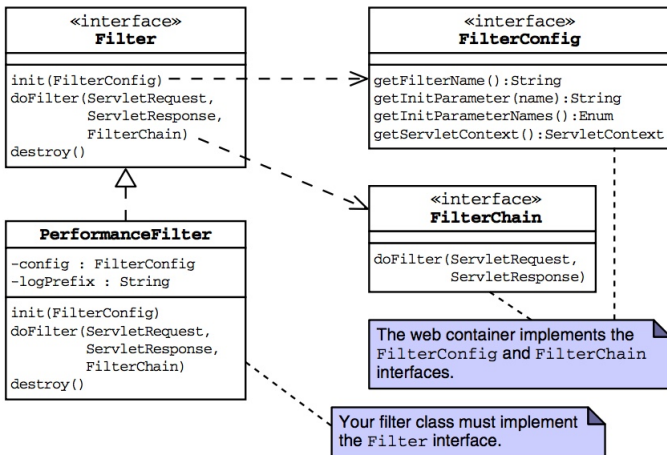


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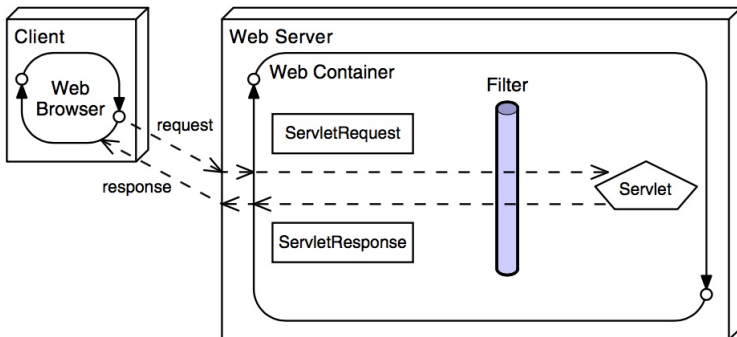
Filters

Applying Filters

- Container private pre-processing.
- Container checks for filter requirements for this URL
 - Locate filter and execute.
 - Repeat for other defined filters.
- If no errors pass request to target servlet.



Filters





Filters

Filter Applicability

- Blocking access to a resource based on user identity or role membership.
- Auditing incoming requests.
- Compressing the response data stream.
- Transforming the response.
- Measuring and logging servlet performance.



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Connection pool

Connection pool

- `java.sql.DriverManager.getConnection`
 - obtains an exclusive connection.
 - Poor scaling behavior.
- `javax.sql.DataSource`
 - Simplifies pooling and is portable across application servers and deployments.
 - is obtained from a JNDI lookup.

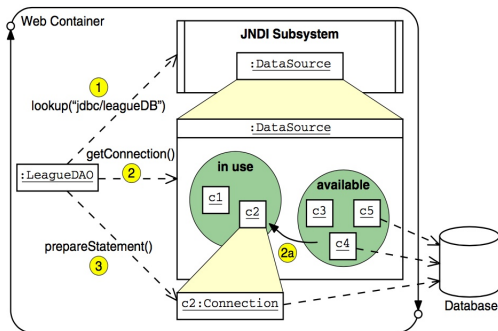
```
Context ctx = new InitialContext();  
ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup("java:comp/env/  
jdbc/leagueDB");
```



Connection pool

Obtaining a Pooled Connection

- `DataSource.getConnection` usually returns a connection from a pool.

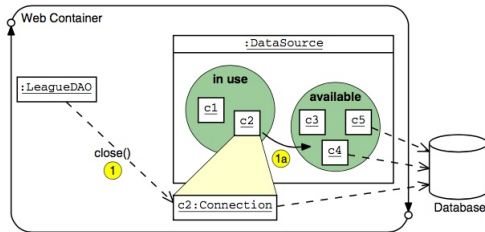




Connection pool

Obtaining a Pooled Connection

- Closing the connection returns it to the pool.





Connection pool

Configuring a DataSource

- The database and tables must exist.
- A connection pool must be prepared for that database.
- A JNDI entry must refer to the pool.



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