JSP Lecture 0

HTML

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Markup Language

- **H**yper-**T**ext **M**arkup **L**anguage
- Markup Languages are not compiled
- ML is processed by the client (eg. web browser)

- Text is processed using *tags* and *attributes*

Basic HTML Example

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>Title Bar</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Header</h1>
Regular text.
<br>
More Text
<hr>
Even More Text
</body>
</html>
```


<html> Tag

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>TitleBar</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Header</h1>
Regular text.
<br>
More Text
<hr>
Even More Text
</body>
</html>
```

- <html> - signifies the start of an HTML document, should always be the first and last tag on the page

Basic HTML Tags

```
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</head>
<body>
<h1>Header</h1>
Regular text.
<br>
More Text
<hr>
Even More Text
</body>
</html>
```

- <head> - marks the section of the page that will contain basic header information
- <title> - text will be shown at the top of the window bar
- <body> - text in this area will be displayed inside the main part of the browser window

Basic HTML Tags II

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>TitleBar</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Header</h1>
Regular text.
<br>
More Text
<hr>
Even More Text
</body>
</html>
```

- <h1> - <h4> - header tags which make the text larger and bold; there is an automatic
 after this
-
 - no end tag; same as a carriage return (ENTER)
- <hr> - no end tag; puts a horizontal rule (line) on the page

Attributes

- HTML tags can have properties
- Properties are defined by attributes
- Each tag may have one or more attributes.
- Attributes give greater power to tags by expanding their capabilities

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>TitleBar</title>
</head>
<body bgcolor="green">
Regular text.
<a href =
"http://www.yahoo.com">
 This is a link.</a>
<font face="Arial">Text in
Arial font</font>
</body>
</html>
```


Basic Tags & Attributes

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<head>
  <title>TitleBar</title>
</head>
<body bgcolor="green">
Regular text.
<a href =
  "http://www.yahoo.com">
 This is a link.</a>
<font face="Arial">Text in
  Arial font</font>
</body>
</html>
```

- <a> - anchor tag; used for links; main attribute is "href" which defines the location of where the link will go
- <font> - font tag; used to define a particular font or style of font to display on the page; attributes used most often: "face", "color", "size"

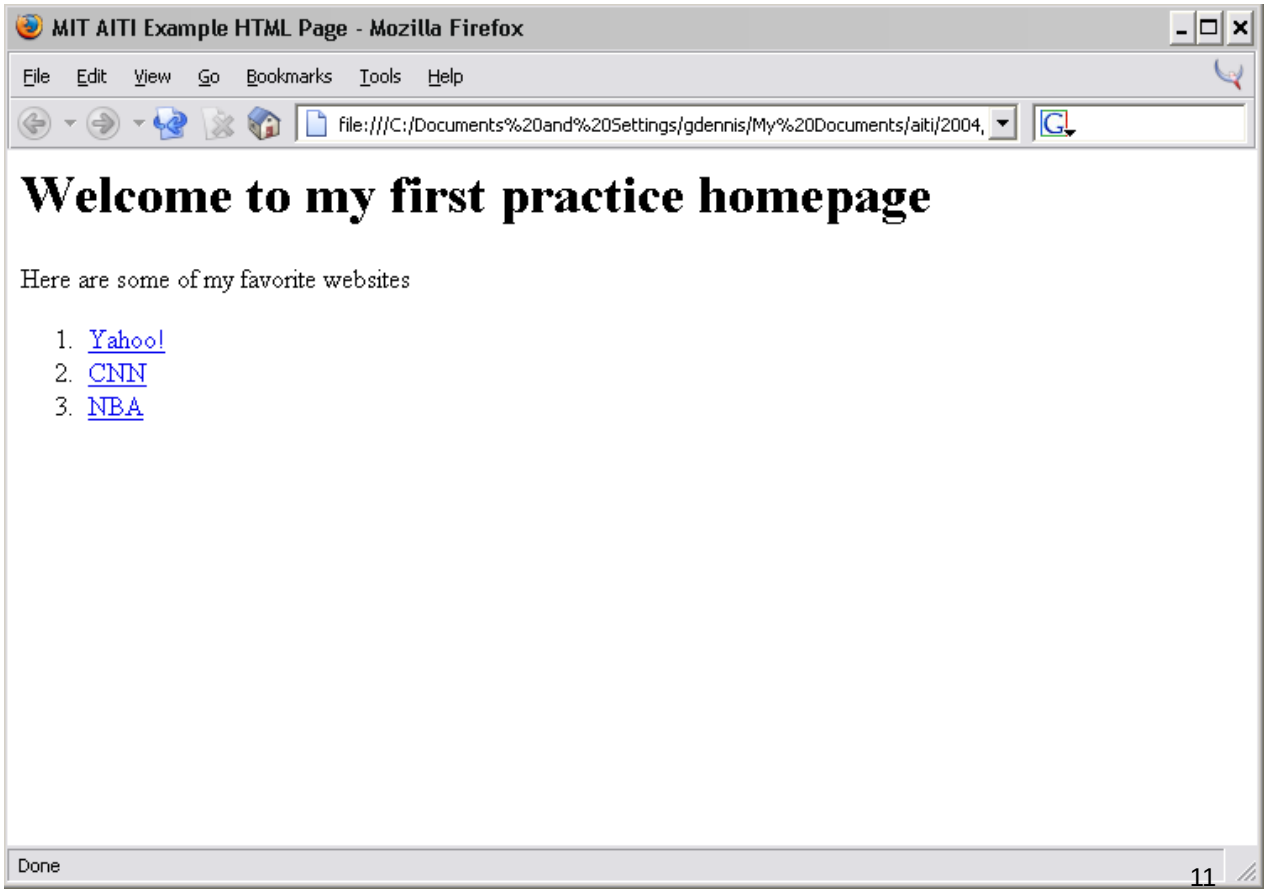
More Basic Tags

- <i> - italics
- <b> - bold
- <u> - underline
- <img> - image tag; used to place photos, images or graphics within a page; attributes used are "src" and "border"
- <p> - paragraph tag; used to separate paragraphs by a break
- - unordered list tag; signifies the start of an unordered list of items
- - same as the unordered list tag, but items are numbered (ordered)
- - used within the <ul> or <ol> tags, this signifies a list item

HTML Example I

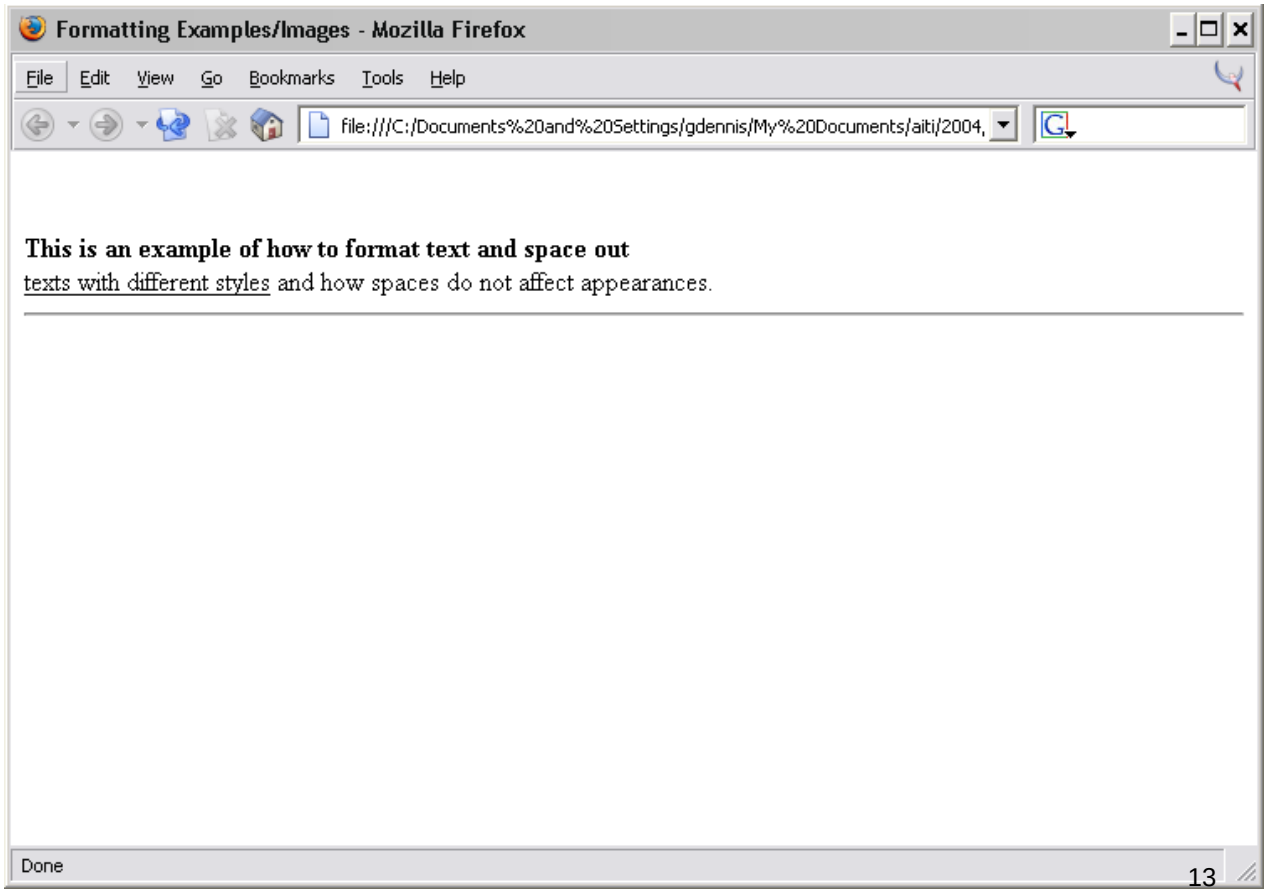
```
<html>
<head>
  <title>MIT AITI Example HTML Page</title>
</head>

<body bgcolor="white">
<h1>Welcome to my first practice homepage</h1>
Here are some of my favorite websites
  <ol>
  <li><a
  href="http://www.yahoo.com">Yahoo!</a></li>
  <li><a href="http://www.cnn.com">CNN</a></li>
  <li><a href="http://www.nba.com">NBA</a></li>
  </ol>
</body>
</html>
```



HTML Example II

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>Formatting Examples/Images</title>
</head>
<body bgcolor="white">
<br><br>
<b>This is an example of how to
  format text and space out</b>
<br>
<u>texts with different styles</u> and how
  spaces do not affect appearances.
<hr>
</body>
</html>
```



HTML Tables

- Tables provide a way to format the way information is displayed on pages
- Tables are just a series of tags which define rows and columns, as well as properties of the table through attributes
- Tables are important since they can change the layout of a webpage

Table Tags

- <table> - basic table tag; signifies the start and end of a table
- <tr> - table row tag; signifies the start of a row; <tr> tags are always found within <table> tags; in HTML, rows are always defined before columns
- <td> - table down tags; signifies start of columns; <td> tags are always found within <tr> tags

Table Example 1

```
<html>
<head><title>Table Example 1</title></head>
<body bgcolor="ffffff">
<h2>Here's a very simple table (2 x 2)</h2>
<table border=1 cellpadding=3 cellspacing=2
  width=300>
  <tr>
      <td width=150>First name:</td>
      <td width=150>Greg</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
      <td width=150>Last name:</td>
      <td width=150>Dennis</td>
  </tr>
</table>
</body>
</html>
```

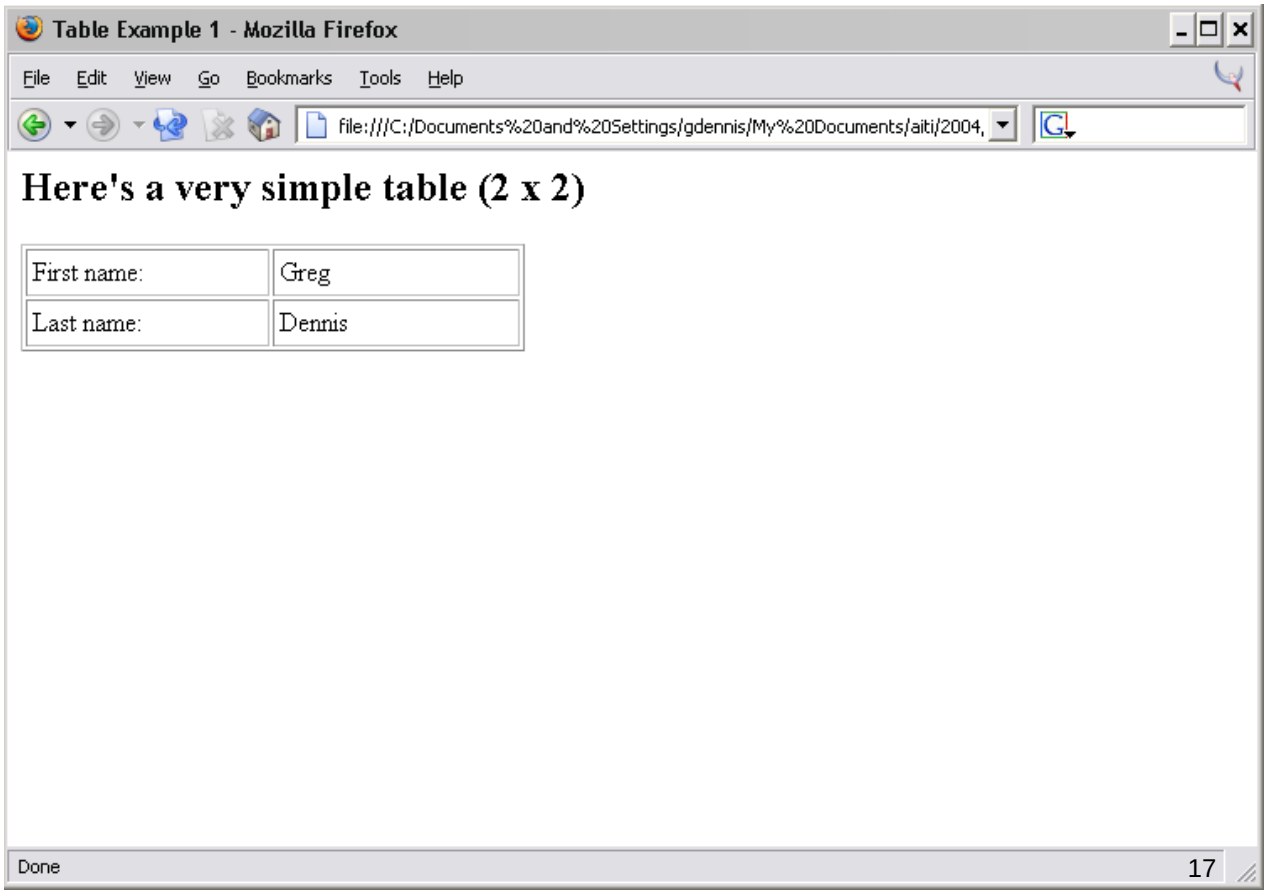
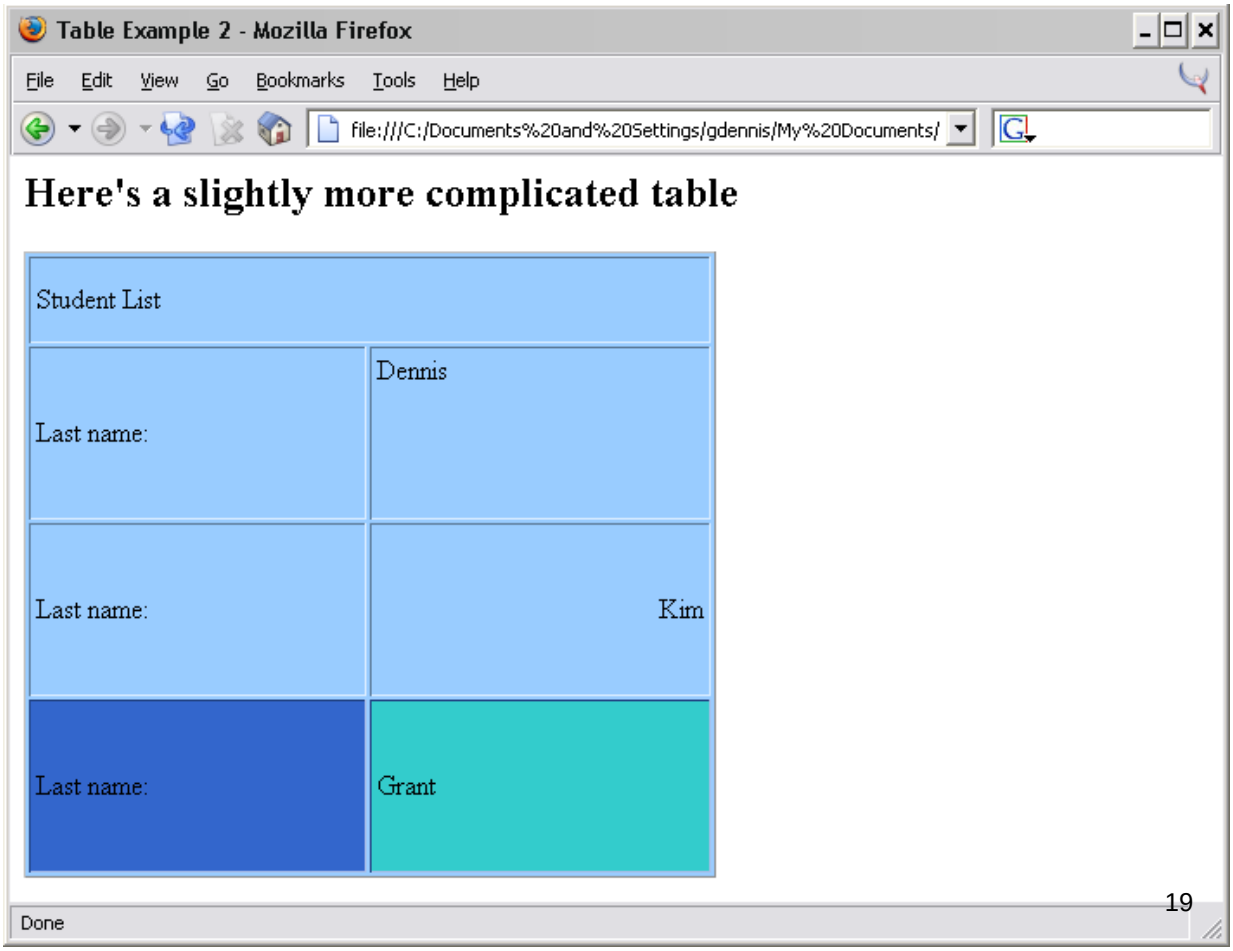


Table Example 2

```
<html>
<head><title>Table Example 2</title></head>
<body bgcolor="ffffff">
<h2>Here's a slightly more complicated table</h2>
<table border=1 cellpadding=3 cellspacing=2
       width=400 height=350 bgcolor="99CCFF">
  <tr>
    <td colspan=2 width=400 height=50>
      Student List</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td width=200 height=100>Last name:</td>
    <td width=200 valign="top">Dennis</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td width=200 height=100>Last name:</td>
    <td width=200 align="right">Kim</td>
  </tr>
  <tr bgcolor="3366CC">
    <td width=200 height=100>Last name:</td>
    <td width=200 bgcolor="33CCCC">Grant</td>
  </tr>
</table>
</body>
</html>
```



Important <table> Attributes

- align – aligns the table to the *left, right,* or *center*
- bgcolor – specifies a background color for the entire table
- border – specifies a width (in pixels) of the border around the table and its cells
- cellpadding – sets the amount of space (in pixels) between the cell border and its contents
- cellspacing – sets the amounts of space (in pixels) between table cells
- height – specifies the height of the entire table (pixels or percentage)
- width – specifies the width of the entire table (pixels or percentage)

Important <tr> Attributes

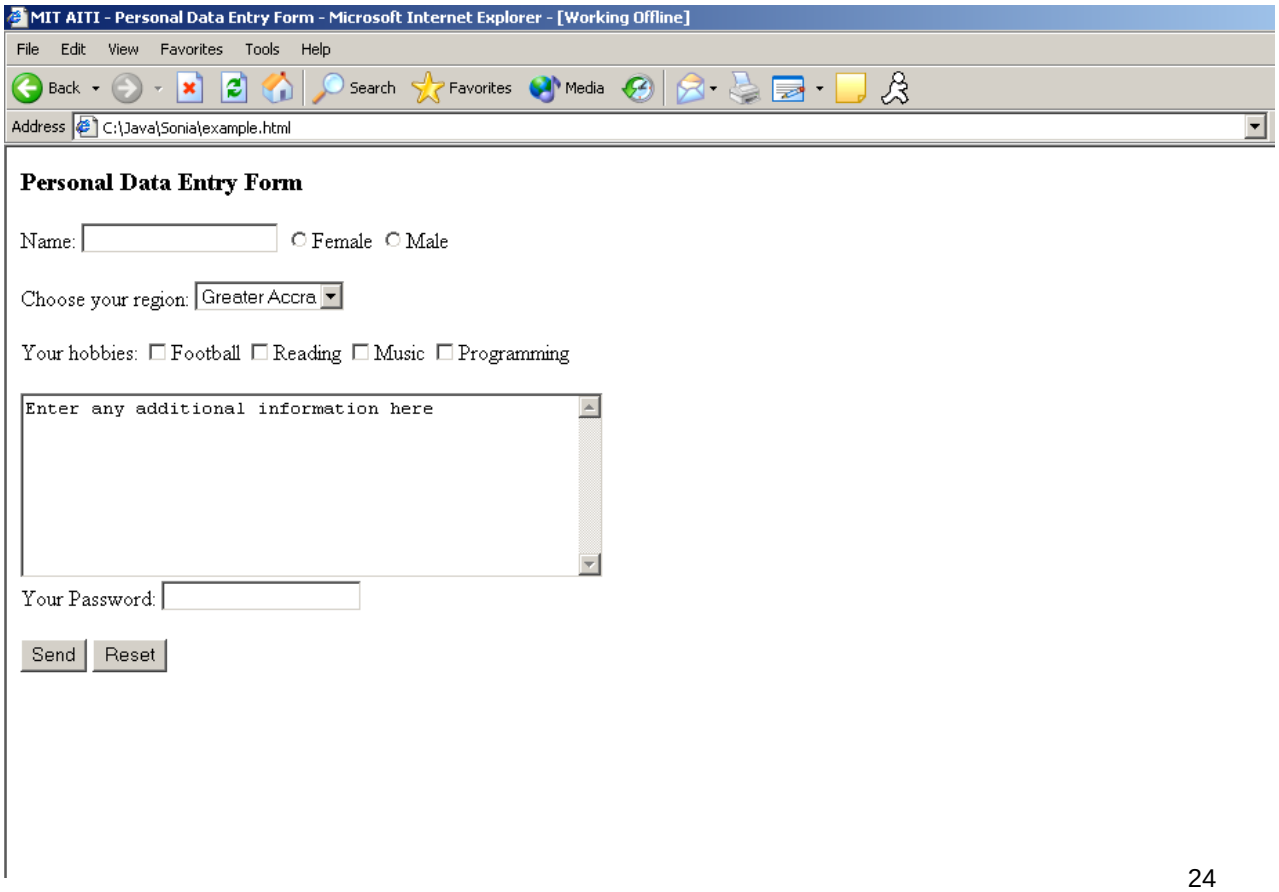
- align – aligns the row to the *left*, *right*, or *center*
- bgcolor – specifies a background color for the entire row (overrides the table's bgcolor)
- valign – specifies the vertical alignment of the text within the cell or row to *top, middle,* or *bottom*

Important <td> attributes

- align – aligns the cell to the *left*, *right*, or *center*
- bgcolor – specifies a background color for the cell (overrides table or row color)
- colspan – specifies the number of columns a cell should span
- height – specifies the height of the cell in pixels or percentage (relative to table)
- rowspan – specifies the number of rows spanned by a current cell
- valign – specifies the vertical alignment of the text within the cell to *top, middle,* or *bottom*
- width – specifies the width of the cell in pixels or percentage (relative to table)

HTML Forms

- Use forms to get information from users
- Have interacted with web forms anytime you have typed words, selected buttons or clicked checkboxes
- Learn how to create the "front end" of a form, which is the look and feel of the form, using HTML



```
<form action="process_data.jsp" method="POST">
 Name: <input type="text" name="name">
 <input type="radio" name="gender" value="female">Female
 <input type="radio" name="gender" value="male">Male
 <br><br>Choose your region:
 <select name="region">
     <option>Ashanti</option>  <option>Brong Ahafo</option>
     <option>Central</option>  <option>Eastern</option>
     <option selected>Greater Accra</option>
     <option>Northern</option> <option>Upper</option>
     <option>Volta</option>    <option>Western</option>
 </select><br><br>
 Your hobbies:
 <input type="checkbox" name="hobby" value="fball">Football
 <input type="checkbox" name="hobby" value="read">Reading
 <input type="checkbox" name="hobby" value="music">Music
 <input type="checkbox" name="hobby" value="java">Java<br>
 <textarea name="info" cols=50 rows=8>More Info</textarea>
 Your Password: <input type="password" name="pwd"><br><br>
 <input type="submit" value="Send"> <input type="reset">
 <input type="hidden" name="id" value="497">
</form>
```


Form Tags and Attributes

- <form> - indicates the beginning and end of a form; there can be multiple forms in one page but they cannot be nested and must never overlap
  - action – a URL which will process the form when it is submitted
  - method – get or post; get adds the information at the end of the URL, post adds the information in the HTML header
- <input type=checkbox> - this creates a checkbox;
  - checked: when added, the checkbox will be checked by default
  - name: assigns a name to the checkbox to be passed to the form processing page
  - value: specifies a value that will be passed; if not specified, "on" will be used

Form Tags and Attributes …

- <input type=radio> - creates a radio button; when various radio buttons share the same name only one can be selected
  - checked: select the button as default
  - name: assigns a name to the button
  - value: value passed to processing page
- <input type=submit> - creates a submit button that sends the information in a form
  - value: specifies text to appear on button
- <input type=reset>
  - creates a reset button that clears the contents of an entire form
  - value: specifies text to appear on button

Form Tags and Attributes …

- <input type=hidden> - creates a hidden element that is not displayed
  - name: name of hidden input
  - value – same as checkbox
- <input type=text> - creates a text input element
  - maxlength: max # of characters
  - name: name of textbox passed to processing page
  - size: size of the textbox
  - value: value passed to the processing page
- <input type=password> - creates a text input element with the text rendered so that it hides the characters (usually with *'s)
  - maxlength: maximum # of characters allowed
  - name: same as above
  - size: specifies the size of the text entry box
  - value: same as above

Form Tags and Attributes …

- <select> - defines a multiple choice menu or scrolling list; contains <option> tags
  - multiple: allows the user to select more than one option
  - name: name of drop down
  - size: same as above
- <option> - defines an option within a select element
  - selected: makes this item selected initially
  - value: value of menu option
- <textarea> - creates a multiline entry; the text within the tag will be displayed when the form is displayed
  - cols: specifies the visible width of the field in # of characters
  - name: name of text area
  - rows: specifies height
  - wrap: off/virtual/physical; sets the word wrap for the textarea

JSP – Lecture 1

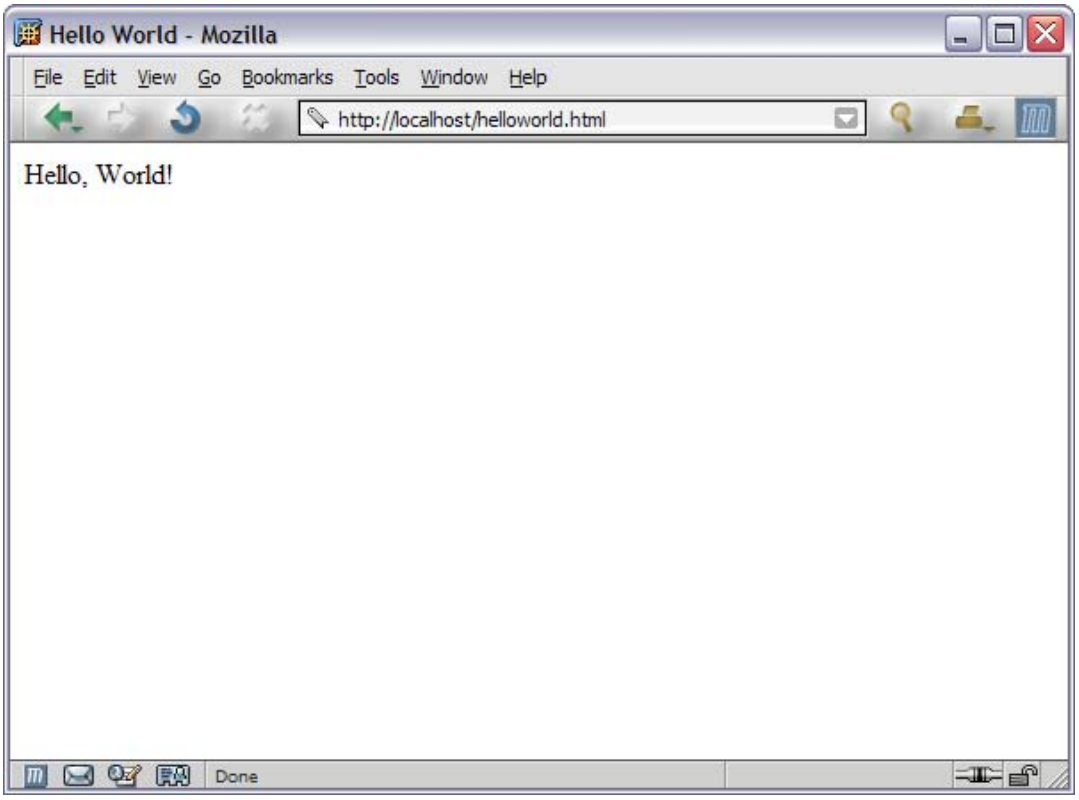
JSP Basics

HTML Review

- `helloworld.html`

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>Hello World</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
      Hello, World!
</BODY>
</HTML>
```


Hello World Snapshot



HTML is Static

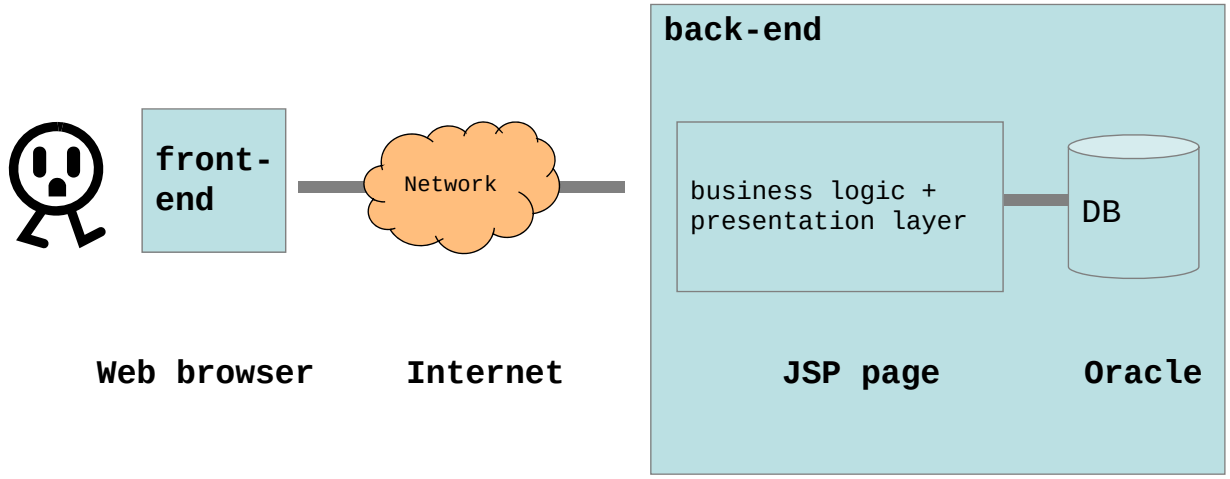
- HTML page shows the same thing every time you load it in your browser
- But you may want the content to change
  - Show latest weather, news, scores, etc . . .
  - Disallow certain people for logging in
  - Remember user's preferences for future

JSP to the Rescue!

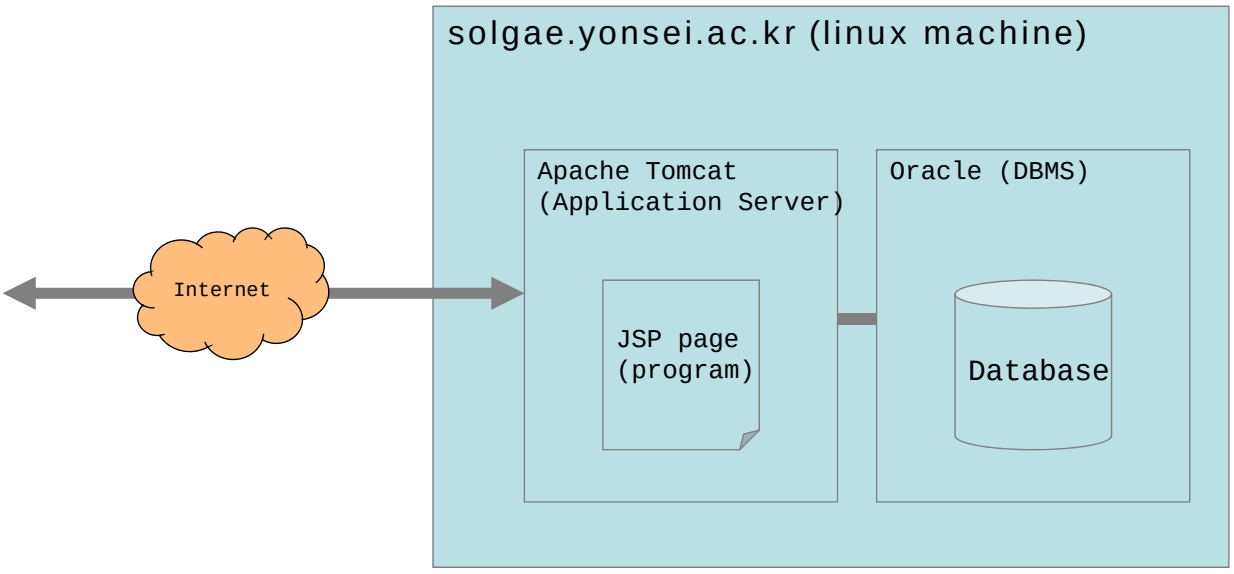
- JSP = Java Server Pages
- Combines Java and HTML to create dynamic (changing) Web pages
- Similar technologies:

  ASP, PHP, Perl, Cold Fusion, etc.
- But JSP is the only one in Java!

Architecture



Back-End Architecture



More Details: Servlets & JSP

- The purpose of a servlet is to create a Web page in response to a client request
- Servlets are written in Java, with a little HTML mixed in
  - The HTML is enclosed in `out.println( )` statements
- JSP (Java Server Pages) is an alternate way of creating servlets
  - JSP is written as ordinary HTML, with a little Java mixed in
  - The Java is enclosed in special tags, such as `<% … %>`
  - The HTML is known as the template text
- JSP files must have the extension `.jsp`
  - JSP is *translated* into a Java servlet, which is then *compiled*
  - Servlets are run in the usual way
  - The browser or other client sees only the resultant HTML, as usual
- Tomcat knows how to handle servlets and JSP pages

More Details: How JSP works

- When Tomcat needs to use a JSP page, it:
  - Translates the JSP into a Java servlet
  - Compiles the servlet
  - Creates one instance of the JSP servlet
  - Executes the servlet as normal Java code
  - Hence, when you are writing JSP, you are writing "higher-level" Java code
- Each call to the JSP servlet is executed in a new Thread
  - Since there is only one JSP object, you have to use synchronization if you use any instance variables of the servlet
- Bottom line: JSP is just a convenient way of writing Java code!

Your First JSP Page

- `helloworld.jsp`

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>Hello World</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
      Hello, World!
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

- `Every legal HTML page is a legal JSP page`

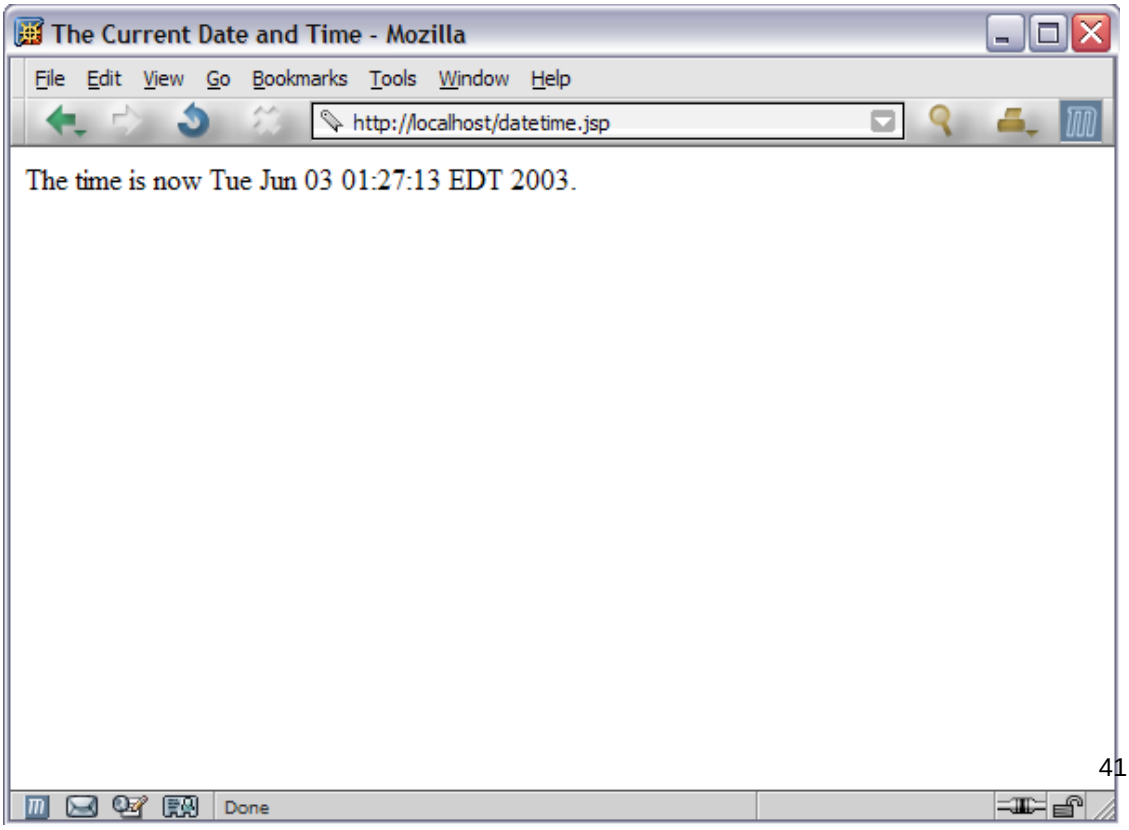
JSP Expressions

- JSP Page to show the time of day:

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>The Current Date and Time</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
     The time is now <%=new java.util.Date()%>.
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

- Any Java expression inside <%=. . . %> tags will be printed to HTML

Date and Time Snapshot



JSP Expressions 2

- Other examples:
  - `<%="<B>" + new java.util.Date() + "</B>"%>`
  - `<%= "Hello, World!" %>`
  - `<%= i %>`, for some integer variable `i`
- Prints to HTML like System.out.println does:
  - for numbers, prints the number
  - for booleans, prints "true" or "false"
  - for null, prints "null"
  - for non-null objects, prints `Object.toString()`

JSP Scriptlets

- Another page to show the current time:

```
<%
     java.util.Date now = new java.util.Date();
%>
<HTML>
<BODY>
     The time is now <%= now %>
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

- Java code in <% . . . %> tags executed.

JSP Scriptlets 2

- We can intersperse code and HTML

```
<BODY>
<%
    if (Math.random() > 0.5) {
    %>
        Hello, World
        <%
    } else {
        %>
        Goodbye, World
        <%
    }
%>
</BODY>
```

JSP Scriptlets 3

- Alternatively . . .

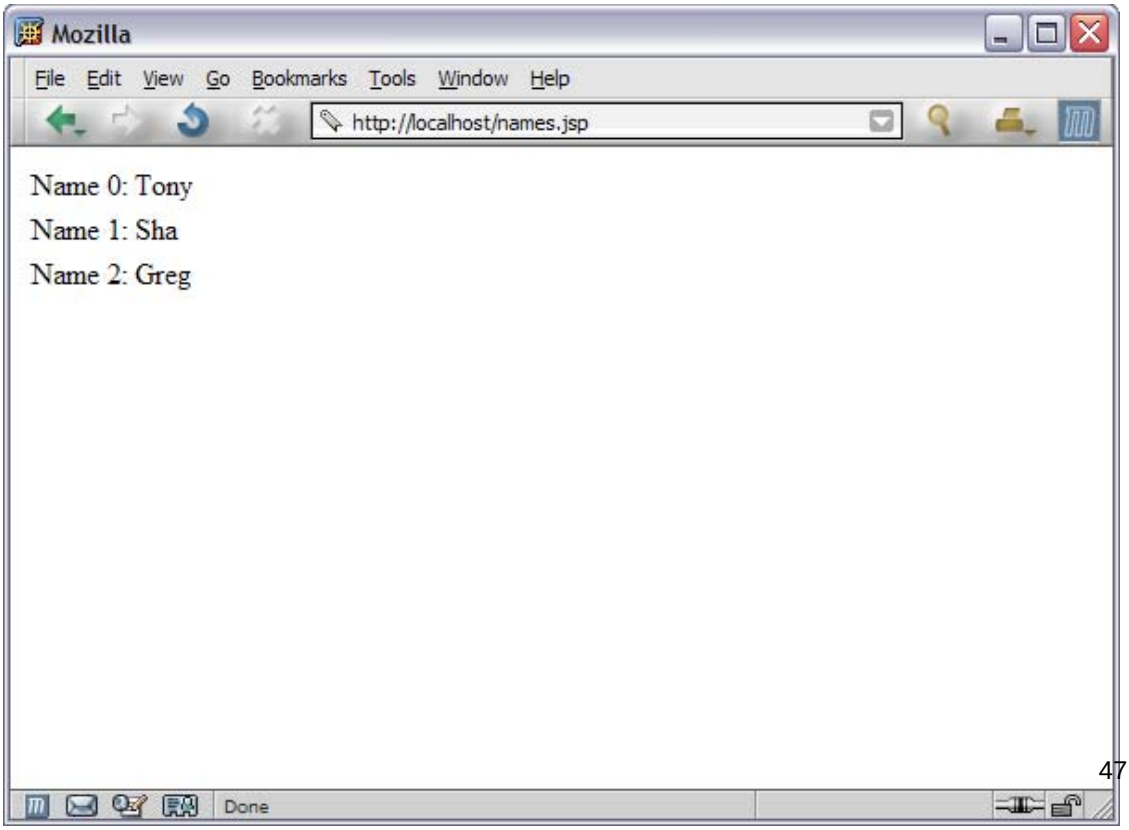
```
<BODY>
<%
    String greeting;
    if (Math.random() > 0.5) {
        greeting = "Hello, World";
    } else {
        greeting = "Goodbye, World"
    }
%>
<%= greeting %>
</BODY>
```


JSP Scriptlets 4

- Example of JSP with iteration

```
<TABLE>
<%
  String[] names = {"Tony", "Sha", "Greg"};
  for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    %>
    <tr><td>Name <%=i%>:</td>
        <td><%=names[i]%></td></tr>
    <%
  }
%>
</TABLE>
```

Iteration Snapshot



JSP Declarations

- Declare methods and variables that are reused every time the page is loaded.

```
<%!
     int n = 2;
     int addn(int i) {
          return i + n;
     }
%>
<%= addn(5) %>
```

- Q: What does this print to the screen?

JSP Declarations 2

- Q: Are these two equivalent?

```
<% double randomNum =
        Math.random(); %>
<%= randomNum %>
```

```
<%! double randomNum =
        Math.random(); %>
<%= randomNum %>
```

- A: No! While the left prints out a new random number each time, the right prints out the same one. Declarations declare variables that are reused on every load.

Page Directive

- How do we avoid writing out "java.util.Date"?
- In Java, we would write

```
import java.util.Date;
```

- In JSP, we use a page *directive*:

```
<%@ page import="java.util.Date" %>
```

- We will learn other directives in this class. All use the <%@ . . . %> tags.

Using the Page Directive

```
<%@page import="java.util.Date" %>

<%
    Date now = new Date();
%>

<HTML>
<BODY>
    The time is now <%= now %>
</BODY>
</HTML>
```


Quick JSP Quiz

- Which print out the current date on each load?

```
<%
    Date d = new Date();
%>
<%= d %>
```

```
<%!
    Date d = new Date();
%>
<%= d %>
```

```
<%!
    Date d = new Date();
    Date getDate() {
        return d;
    }
%>
<%= getDate() %>
```

```
<%!
    Date getDate() {
        return new Date();
    }
%>
<%= getDate() %>
```

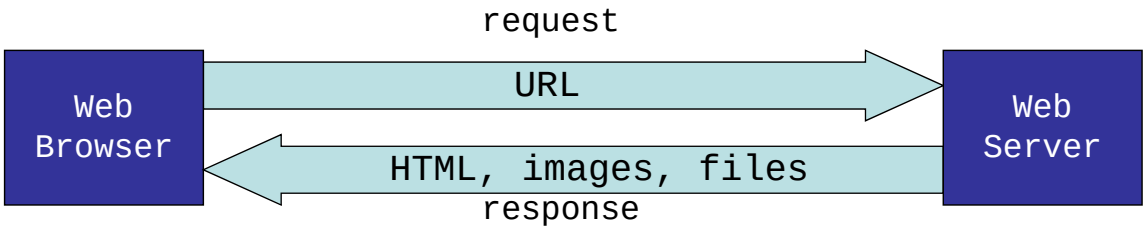
JSP Review

- Expressions <%= . . . %>
  - Prints a Java Expression to HTML
  - Example: <%= new Date() %>
- Scriptlets <% . . . %>
  - Executes Java code block
  - Example: <% Date now = new Date() %>
- Declarations <%! . . . %>
  - Declare global methods and variables
  - Example: <%! Date getDate() {return new Date();} %>
- Page Directive <%@ page import = . . . %>
  - Imports a Java class or classes
  - Example <%@ page import="java.util.Date" %>

JSP – Lecture 2

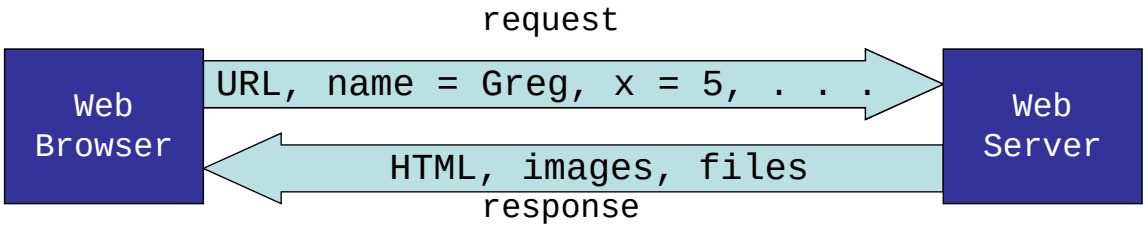
Get and Post Requests

Request-Response Cycle



- When enter an address (URL) into the address bar of a web browser or click on a link, we generate a **request** for a file
- The request is routed to a Web server, which sends back a **response**, usually an HTML page

Not Interactive :-(



- So far request just includes a URL
- We still cannot
  - Login
  - Enter search queries
  - Make online purchases
- We can also send arguments in the request!

Get Method

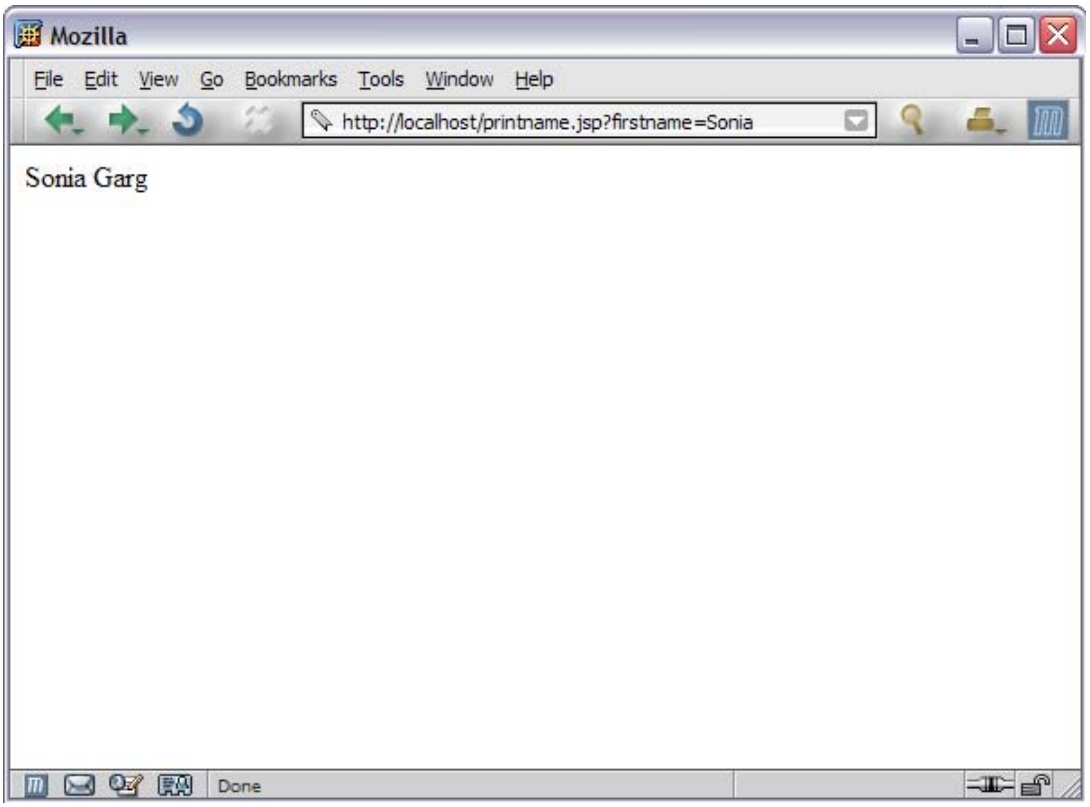
- Send parameters in the URL

```
http://www.domain.com/printname.jsp?firstname=Sonia
```

- **printname.jsp**

```
<%
  String first = request.getParameter("firstname");
  if (first.equals("Sonia")) {
    %> Sonia Garg <%
  } else if(first.equals("Greg") {
    %> Greg Dennis <%
  } else if (first.equals("Eric") {
    %> Eric Mibuari <%
  }
%>
```


URL Parameter Snapshot



URL Encoding

- Send parameters to a page via a URL

  ```
  page.jsp?param1=value1&param2=value2&...
  ```

- Get the valueX of paramX with:

  ```
  String valueX = request.getParameter("paramX");
  ```

- Request Object
  - *Implicit Object* = it is never declared
  - Every JSP page automatically has it
  - Contains the parameters passed to the page

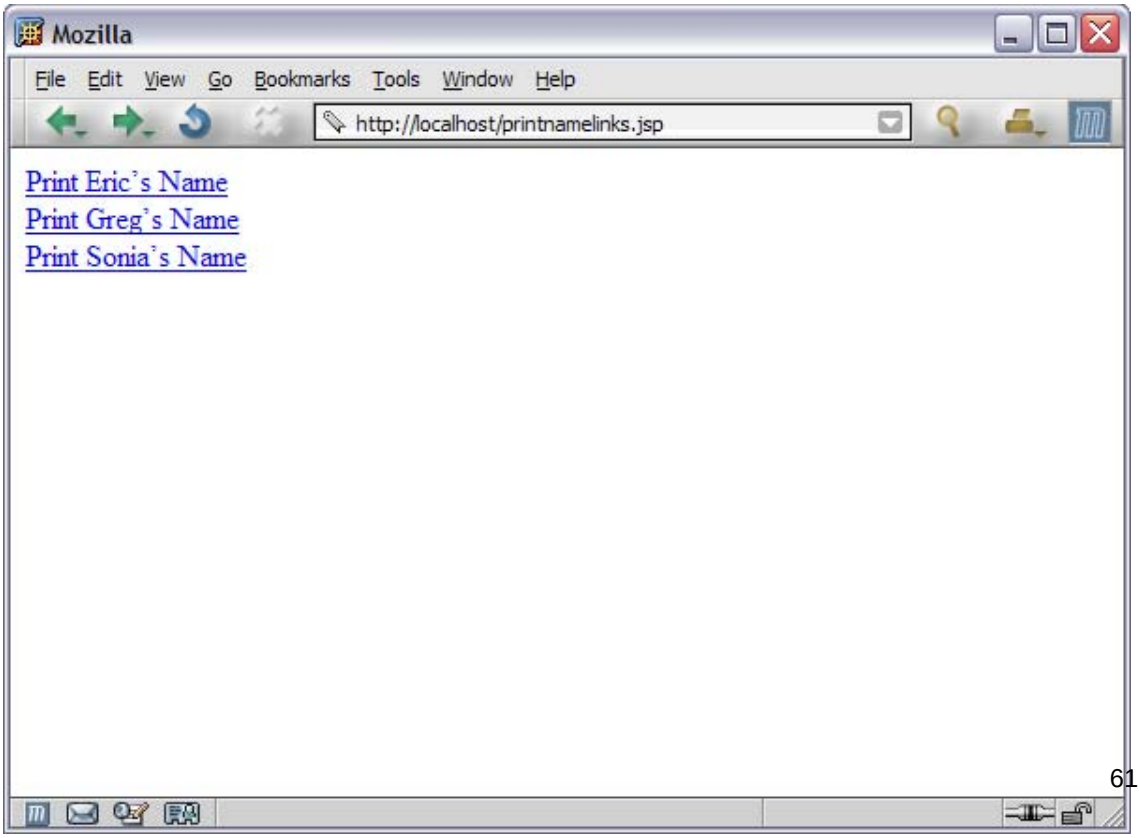
URL Encoding Example

- **printnamelinks.jsp:**

```
<%!
  String[] names = {"Eric", "Greg", "Sonia"};
%>

<%
  for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    %>
    <a href="printname.jsp?firstname=<%=names[i]%>">
      Print <%=names[i]%>'s Name</a>
    <br>
    <%
  }
%>
```

URL Encoding Snapshot



HTML Forms

- Send parameters via forms

```
<FORM ACTION="printname.jsp" METHOD="get">
<INPUT TYPE="text" NAME="firstname" SIZE=40>
<INPUT TYPE="submit" value="Print Name">
</FORM>
```

- Access these with the request object

```
<%
  String name = request.getParameter("firstname");
  . . .
%>
```

Post Method

- Post attaches parameter values to request
- `login.html`

```
<FORM ACTION="checklogin.jsp" METHOD="post">
<INPUT TYPE="password" NAME="passwd" SIZE=20>
<INPUT TYPE="submit" value="Login">
</FORM>
```

- `checklogin.jsp`

```
<%
 String password = request.getParameter("passwd");
 if (password.equals("somePassword")) {
   %> Correct password <%
 else {
   %> Incorrect password <%
 }
%>
```


Get versus Post

	GET	POST
parameters	encoded in URL	attached to request
data limit	URL length	no limit
bookmark	yes	no
reload warning	no	yes

- Default to POST
- Use GET if
  - No passwords
  - Short data
  - Request has no side effects

Form Data Validation

- What if user leaves a text field blank?
- What if user types a letter instead of a number?
- What if user types a negative number for their age?

- Need to validate data typed into a form!

How to Validate Form Data

1. Get the String value of the parameter
2. Check if string is empty
   - Error if must provide non-empty value
3. Convert it to proper datatype
   - Error if value not in incorrect format
4. Check if value in proper range
   - Error if illegal value for parameter

Data Validation Example

- **print_age.jsp**

```
<%
  String ageStr = request.getParameter("age");
   if (ageStr.length() == 0) {
       %> Error: must provide an age <%
  } else {
    try {
      int age = Integer.parseInt(ageStr);
      if (age <= 0) {
        %> Error: age must be positive <%
      } else {
        %> Your age is <%=age%> <%
      }
    } catch (NumberFormatException e) {
      %> Error: age must be a valid integer <%
    }
  }
%>
```


Quick Get and Post Quiz

- Should we use Get or Post for . . .
  - Login with password — POST
  - Entering search query — GET
  - Adding a message to a bulletin board — POST
  - Making a purchase online — POST
- Describe process for validating a parameter value is a score on a test, e.g. "92.5"

1. value is not empty
2. value converts to a double with `Double.parseDouble`
3. double value is between 0 and 100 inclusive

Get and Post Review

- Get puts parameters and values in the URL
  `page.jsp?param1=value1&param2=value2&...`
  - Send with a link or in a form with `method="get"`
- Post attaches parameters to request
  - Send in a form with `method="post"`
- Get value of parameter through request object
  ```
  String valueX = request.getParameter("paramX");
  ```
- Must validate manually entered form data

JSP – Lecture 3

Database Connection

Databases and Web Application

•Variety of databases available for use by web applications

•Typically will use relational database with support for Structured Query Language

•Examples of common databases used: SQL server, MySQL, Oracle, Access

Accessing a database from JSP

- Need to identify and connect to the database to be used with the JSP page:

  1) **Global datasource:** Can specifying a default datasource in a Tomcat configuration file for the application called the *web.xml* file. The datasource will automatically be made available to the JSP if done this way – Good approach for larger applications.

  OR

  2) **Direct from JSP:** by specifying the database details directly within the JSP page. Use instead of (1) all the time OR just to override the default data source specified in (1)

Accessing a database directly from JSP page

Will use 2) for development purposes.
(Useful for smaller applications)

Using option 2):

- Can use java code(via scriptlets) OR
- JSTL <SQL> tags to access databases

1. Using Java Codes

- Load a driver
- Connect to the database
- Create a `Statement`
- Execute the `Statement`
- Process the `ResultSet`

Loading the Driver

```
<%@ page import="java.sql.*"%>

Class.forName( "oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
```

- This specified the database driver to load
- This driver can then be used in subsequent calls to `DriverManager.getConnection()`

Creating the Connection

```
Connection con =
  DriverManager.getConnection(
  "jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:orcl",
  “system", “your_passwd");
```

- Specifies the database URL, the user name and the password
- This URL is same to the URL which we have used in the JDBC examples
- Also possible to have web urls, with different drivers

Creating a Statement

```
Statement statement = con.createStatement();
```

- A Statement is used to execute SQL calls on the database
- Common methods are:

```
ResultSet rs = statement.executeQuery(String query);
int nRows = statement.executeUpdate(String update);
```


Using the ResultSet

- Iterating over the ResultSet
- Extracting fields from each tuple

```
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(select);
while ( rs.next() ) {
    out.println(rs.getString(“name") );
}
```

- Here we used getString() – can also get other types

Do It Yourself !!

```
<HTML><BODY>

<%@ page import="java.sql.*"%>

<%
   String DB_URL = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:orcl";
   try{
      Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
      Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(DB_URL, “system", "your_passwd");

      Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
      ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT id, name FROM instructor");
      while (rs.next()) {
         int id = rs.getInt("id");
         String name = rs.getString("name");
         out.println(id + " : " + name + "<BR>");
      }
        rs.close();
        stmt.close();
        con.close();

    } catch (Exception e){
      out.println("ERROR");
      e.printStackTrace();
   }

%>

</BODY></HTML>
```


Another Example

```
<body>

<%
    try {
        Class.forName("sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver");
        System.out.println("loaded class");
        Connection con =
                DriverManager.getConnection(
                        "jdbc:odbc:artshop", "", "");
%>
  <table>

  <tr><th>Product</th><th>Price</th></tr>
```

Another Example (cont'd)

```
<%    // now for each row of the table
      Statement s = con.createStatement();
      ResultSet rs = s.executeQuery("Select * from Product");

      while(rs.next()) {
%>
   <tr> <td> <%= rs.getString("Title") %> </td>
   <td> <%= rs.getString("Price") %>  </td></tr>
<%
      }
%>

  </table>
<%
    } catch (Exception e) {
        out.println(e);
    }
%>
</body>
```


Generalising DB Code

- Not good to put SQL directly in your JSP code
- Generally better to define DB access in an interface
- This makes the JSP code
  - Neater
  - Easier to understand
  - Easier to debug

Example Atomic Transaction

- Following outline example uses a JDBC connection to make an atomic transaction
- It assumes that the Strings *update1 and update2* have been set up appropriately
- And that DB constraints have been placed on the value of an account (e.g. not allowed to be negative)
- Note that `con` is of type `java.sql.Connection`

JDBC Transaction

```
try {
  con.setAutoCommit( false );
  statement = con.createStatement();
  statement.executeUpdate( update1 );
  statement.executeUpdate( update2 );
  // to get here, both must have worked
  con.commit();
}
catch(SQLException e) { // something wrong!
  con.rollback();
}
```