



SOEN 387

WEB-BASED ENTERPRISE APPLICATIONS DESIGN

Tutorial 1

Java Web & Servlets

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IntelliJ IDEA Installation

Follow steps 1 & 2 if you **don't** have IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate

Step 1: Get a Free Educational Licence For JetBrains

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- For the **Email** field, you should use your Concordia email which should be: **your_netname@live.concordia.ca**
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 - **Password:** the same password as the one you use to access My Concordia
- Click on the link provided in the confirmation email and complete the creation of your educational account
- You will then receive an email (See Figure 1)
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If you have any questions, please email us – we would be glad to help.

Figure 1. Confirmation Email

Step 2: Download IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate

- After signing in, click on the **Download** button and choose to download **IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate**
- Install the application in your environment
- When you will first open the application, it will ask you to insert your username and password. Type in the credentials you used to create your JetBrains account





Creating a Web Project

- After opening IntelliJ IDEA, choose to create a new project
- Select Java Enterprise (See Figure 2)
- For the Project SDK field, choose Java 8 JDK
Note: You should install Java 8 JDK in advance.
- Select Maven for Build Tool and JUnit for Test Runner
- Click Next

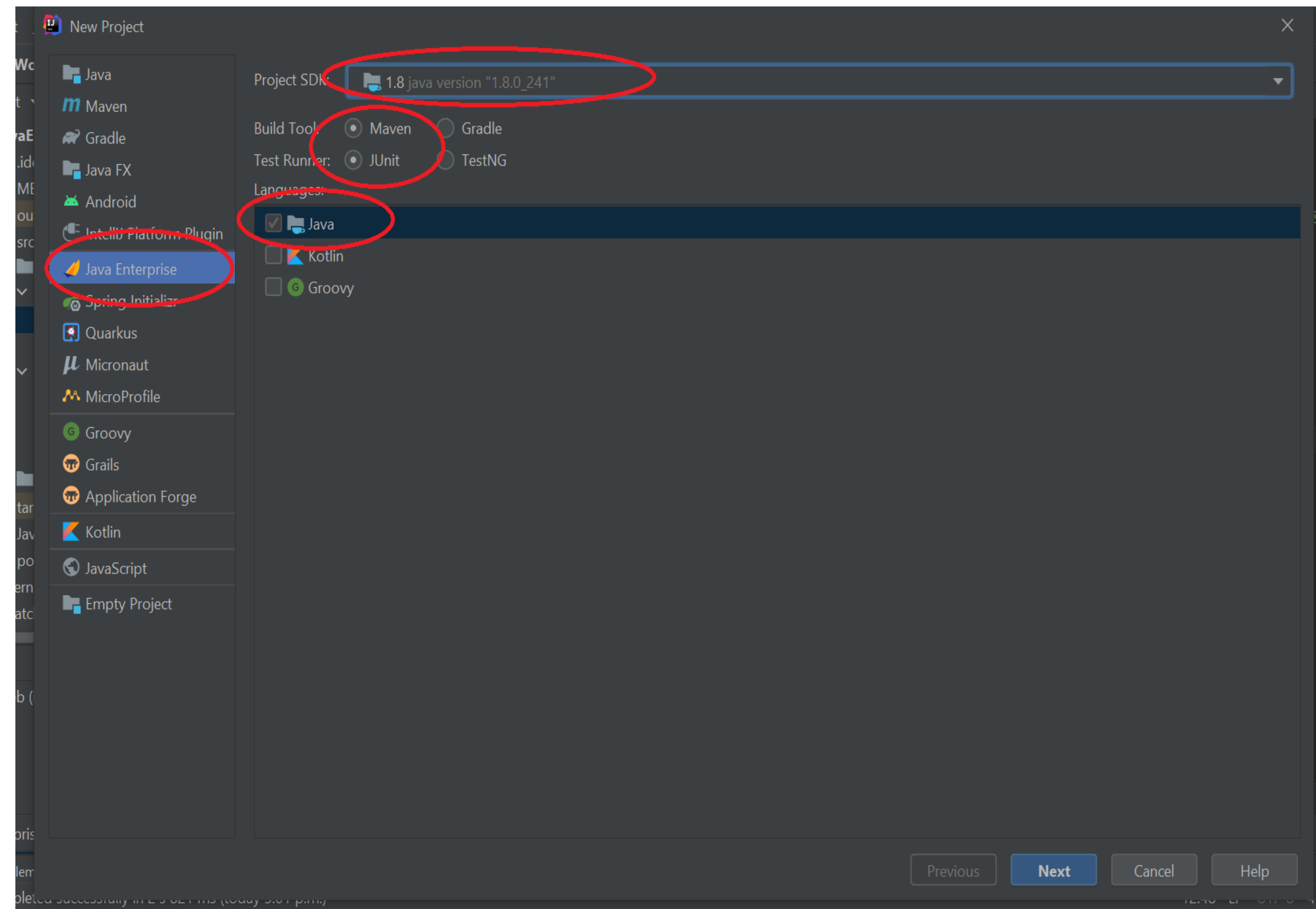
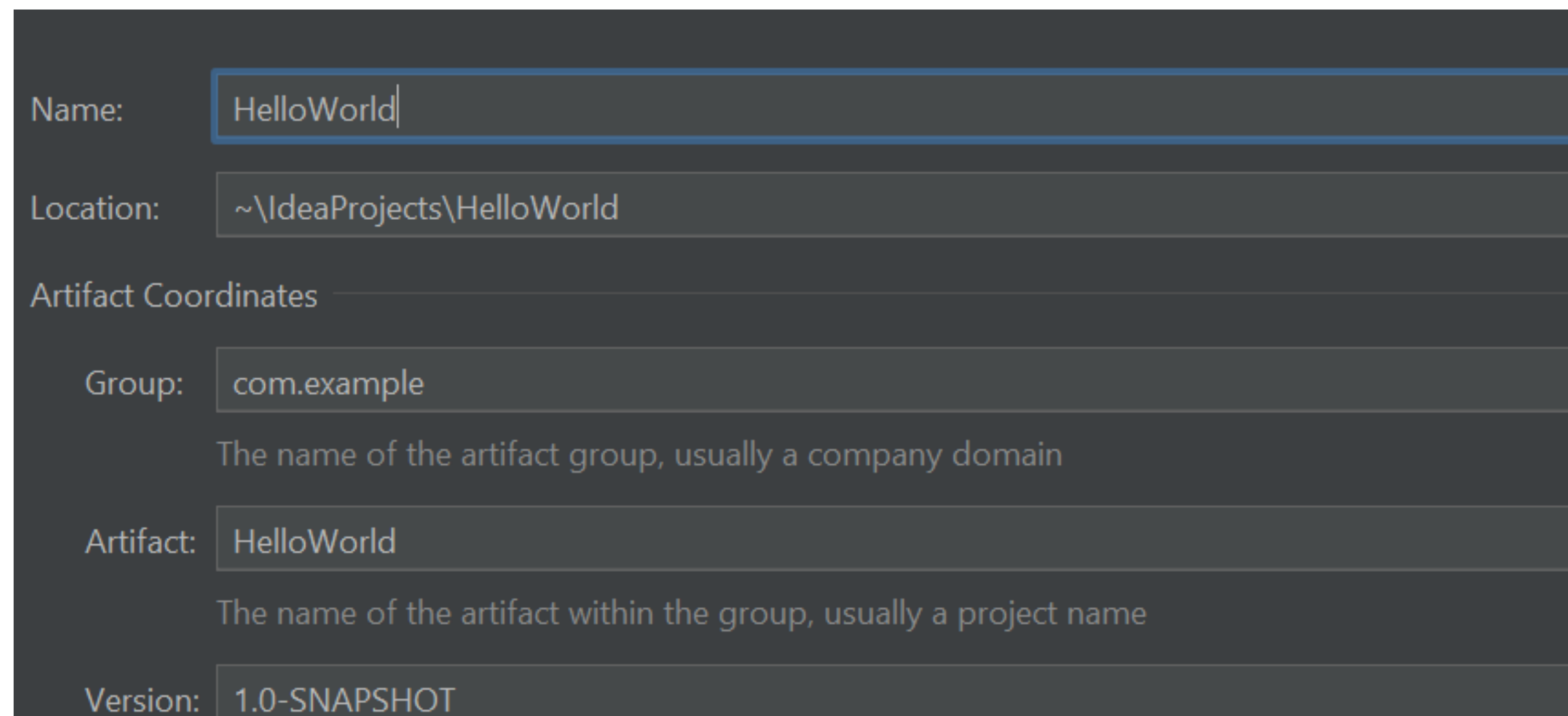


Figure 2. Start a New Java Enterprise Project

- From the **Libraries and Frameworks**, check **Servlet** (See Figure 3)
- Click **Next**
- Write a **Name** for the project (e.g. *HelloWorld*) (See Figure 4)
- Click **Finish**



Name: HelloWorld

Location: ~\IdeaProjects\HelloWorld

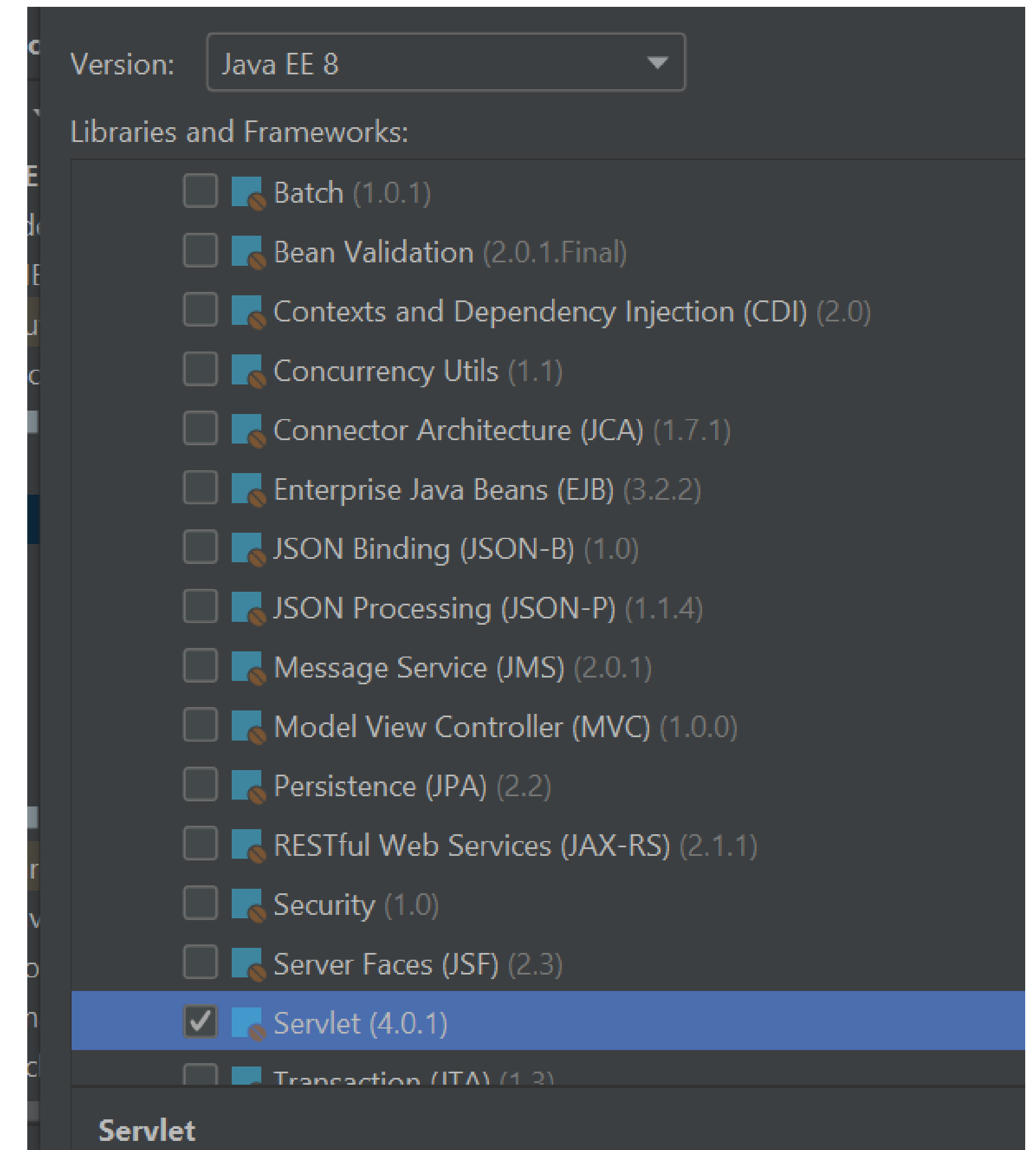
Artifact Coordinates

Group: com.example
The name of the artifact group, usually a company domain

Artifact: HelloWorld
The name of the artifact within the group, usually a project name

Version: 1.0-SNAPSHOT

Figure 4. Project Name



Version: Java EE 8

Libraries and Frameworks:

- ☐ Batch (1.0.1)
- ☐ Bean Validation (2.0.1.Final)
- ☐ Contexts and Dependency Injection (CDI) (2.0)
- ☐ Concurrency Utils (1.1)
- ☐ Connector Architecture (JCA) (1.7.1)
- ☐ Enterprise Java Beans (EJB) (3.2.2)
- ☐ JSON Binding (JSON-B) (1.0)
- ☐ JSON Processing (JSON-P) (1.1.4)
- ☐ Message Service (JMS) (2.0.1)
- ☐ Model View Controller (MVC) (1.0.0)
- ☐ Persistence (JPA) (2.2)
- ☐ RESTful Web Services (JAX-RS) (2.1.1)
- ☐ Security (1.0)
- ☐ Server Faces (JSF) (2.3)
- ☒ Servlet (4.0.1)
- ☐ Transaction (JTA) (1.2)

Servlet

Figure 3. Libraries & Frameworks Options

- The complete directory structure required for the **Java Web Application** will be created automatically by **IntelliJ IDEA** (See Figure 5)
- For Tomcat Installation & Run Configuration in IntelliJ IDEA, refer to the end of **Tutorial 1 Java Web & Servlets** video on Moodle

Note: if you want to access Tomcat Apache's page [click here](#)

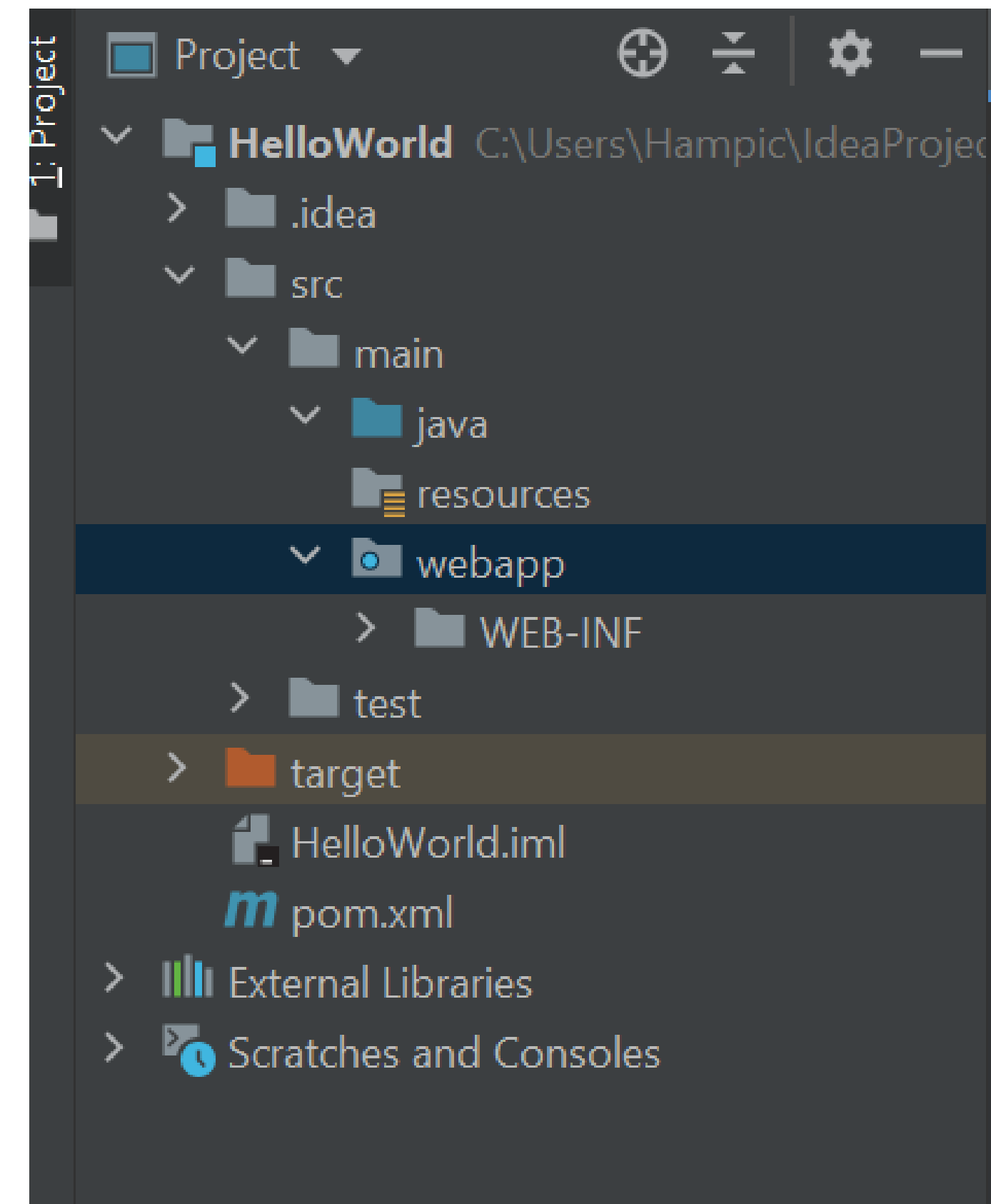


Figure 5. Project Directory Structure



What is a
Servlet?

What is a Servlet?

- Used to create a web application
- Resides at server side and generates a dynamic web page
- Client sends HTTP request
- Server receives request
- Servlets process request
- Results returned to the client (HTML document, images, binary data)

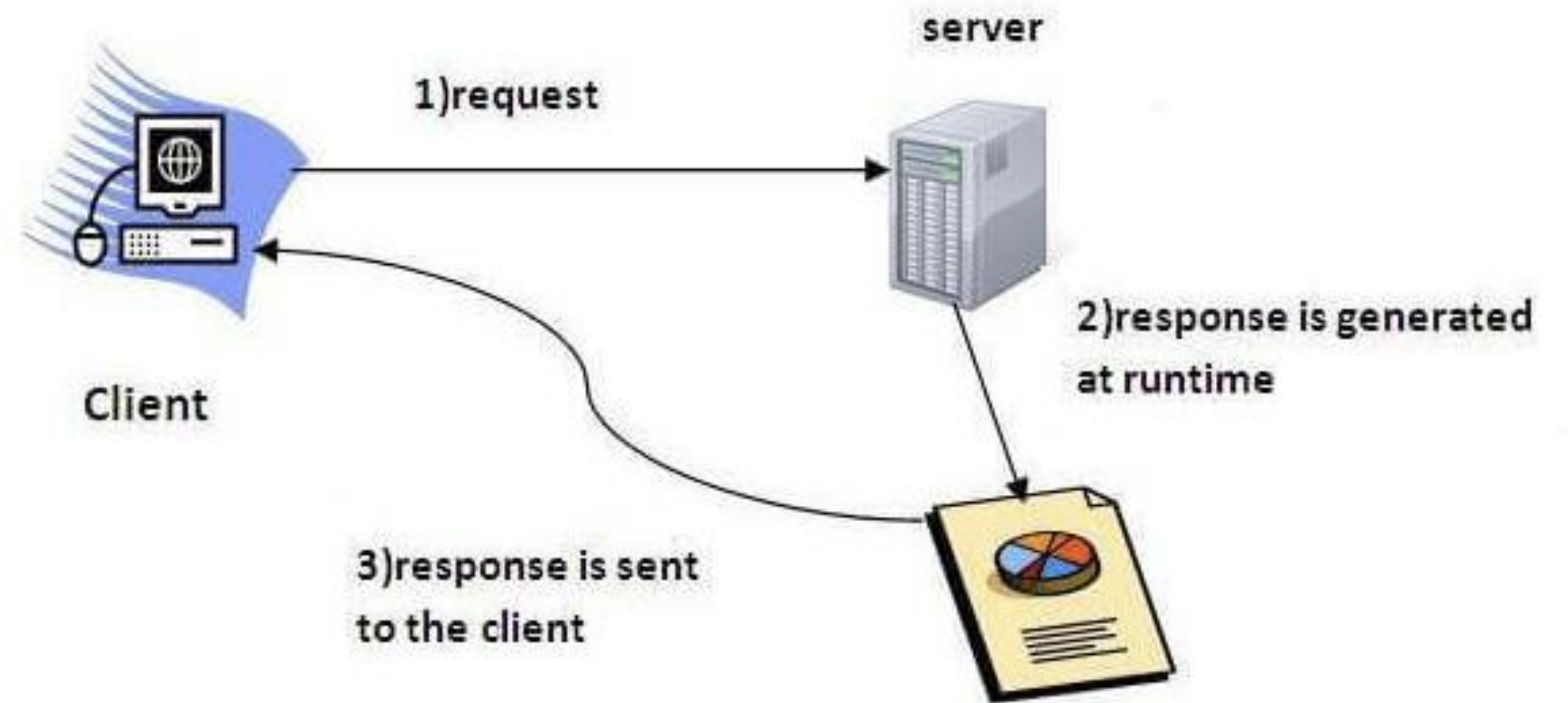


Figure 6. The HTTP Request-Response Data Flow



Creating a Servlet

- Right click on **Java** and select **Create New Servlet** (See Figure 7)
- Write a **Name** for the **servlet** (e.g. *HelloWorldServlet*) (See Figure 8)
- Click **OK**

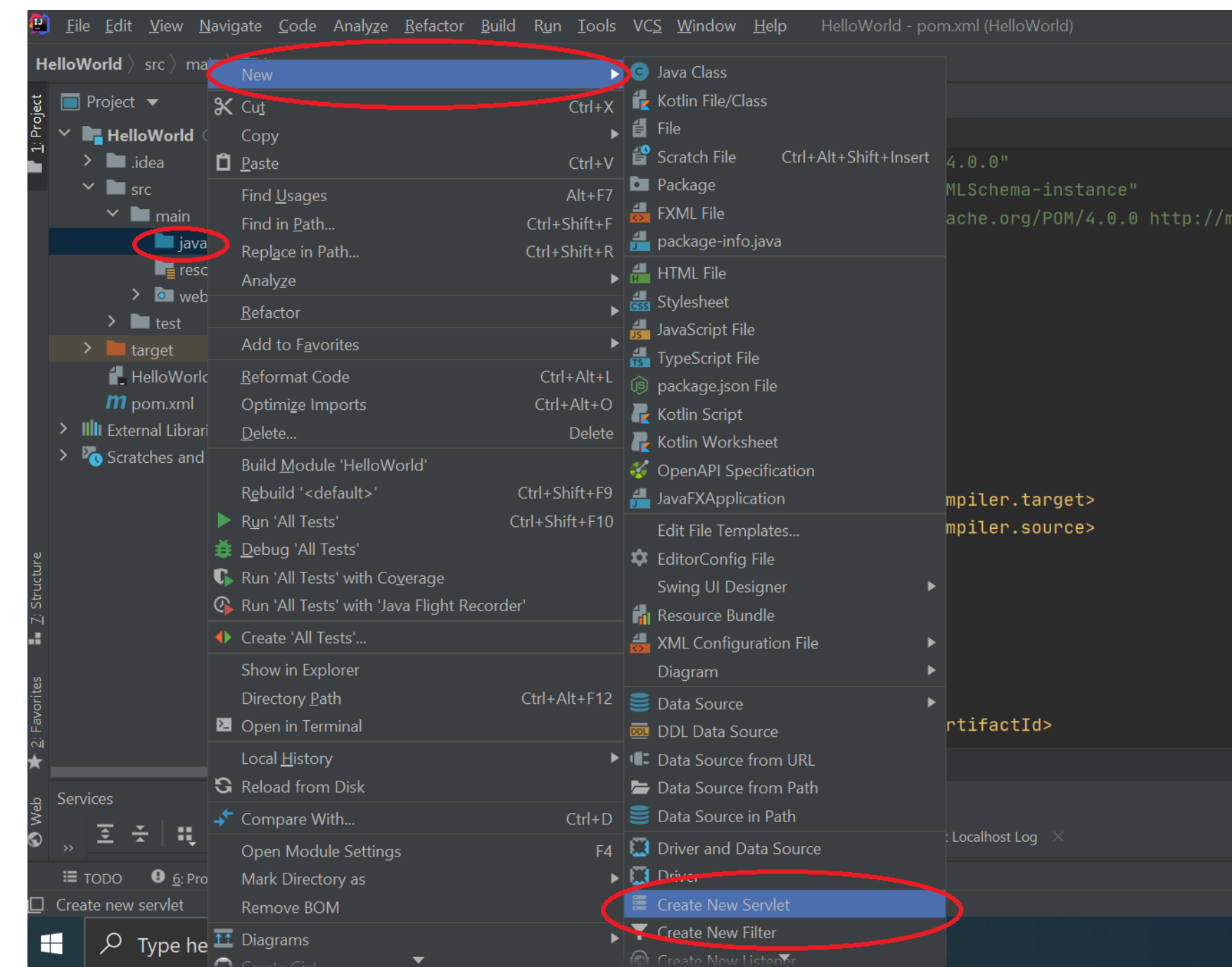


Figure 7. Create a New Servlet

Notes:

- By leaving the **Package** field empty, the servlet will reside in the default package
- By having the checkmark on **Create Java EE 6 annotated class**, it will generate the **WebServlet** annotation (See next slide)

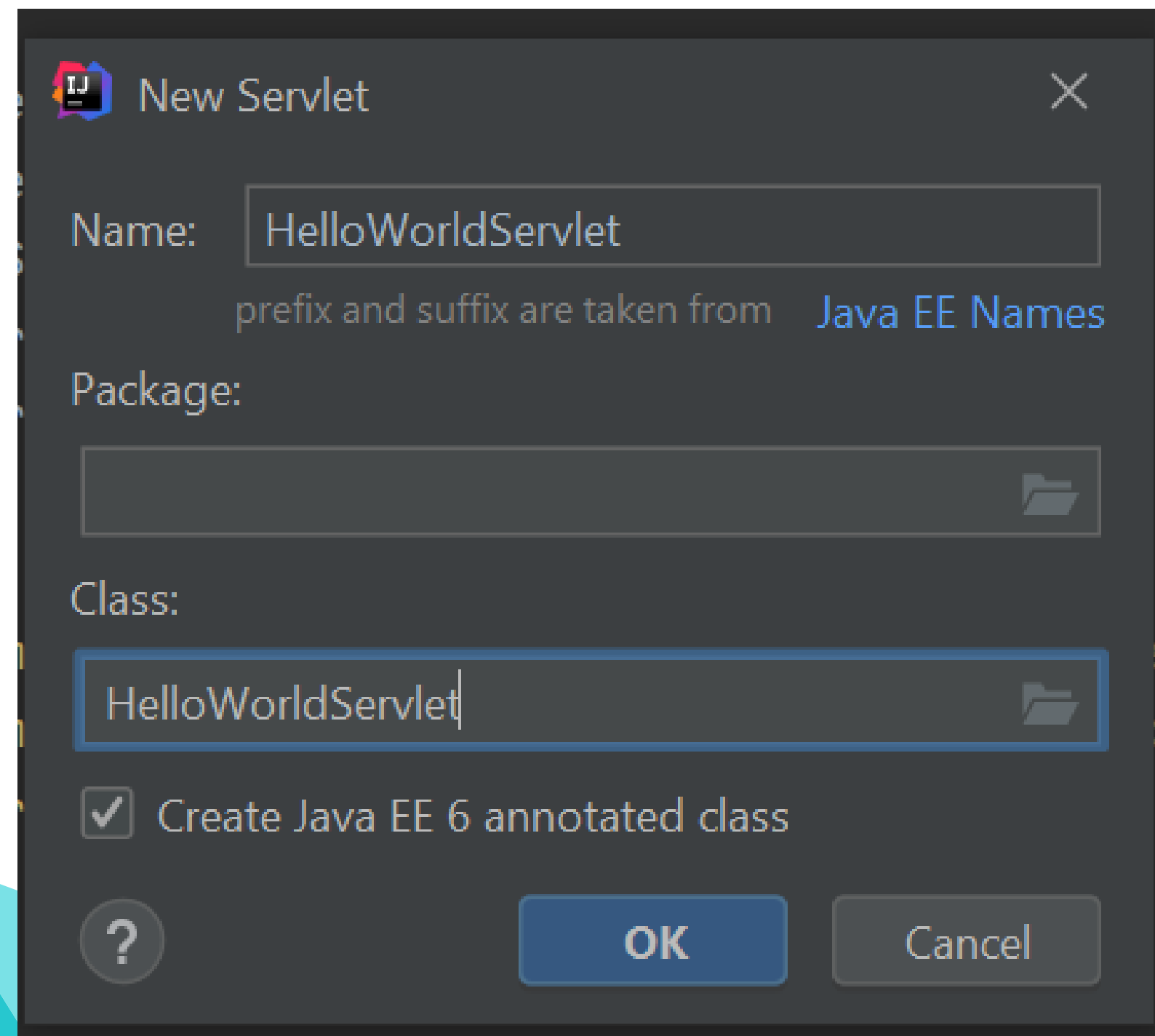


Figure 8. Set Servlet Name

Servlet Class

- In the servlet class, **@WebServlet** annotation is used to declare a java class as a servlet.
- This servlet class must extend **HttpServlet** and override the methods (e.g. **doGet** & **doPost**)
 - **doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)**: used for getting information from the server.
 - **doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)**: used for sending information to the server.

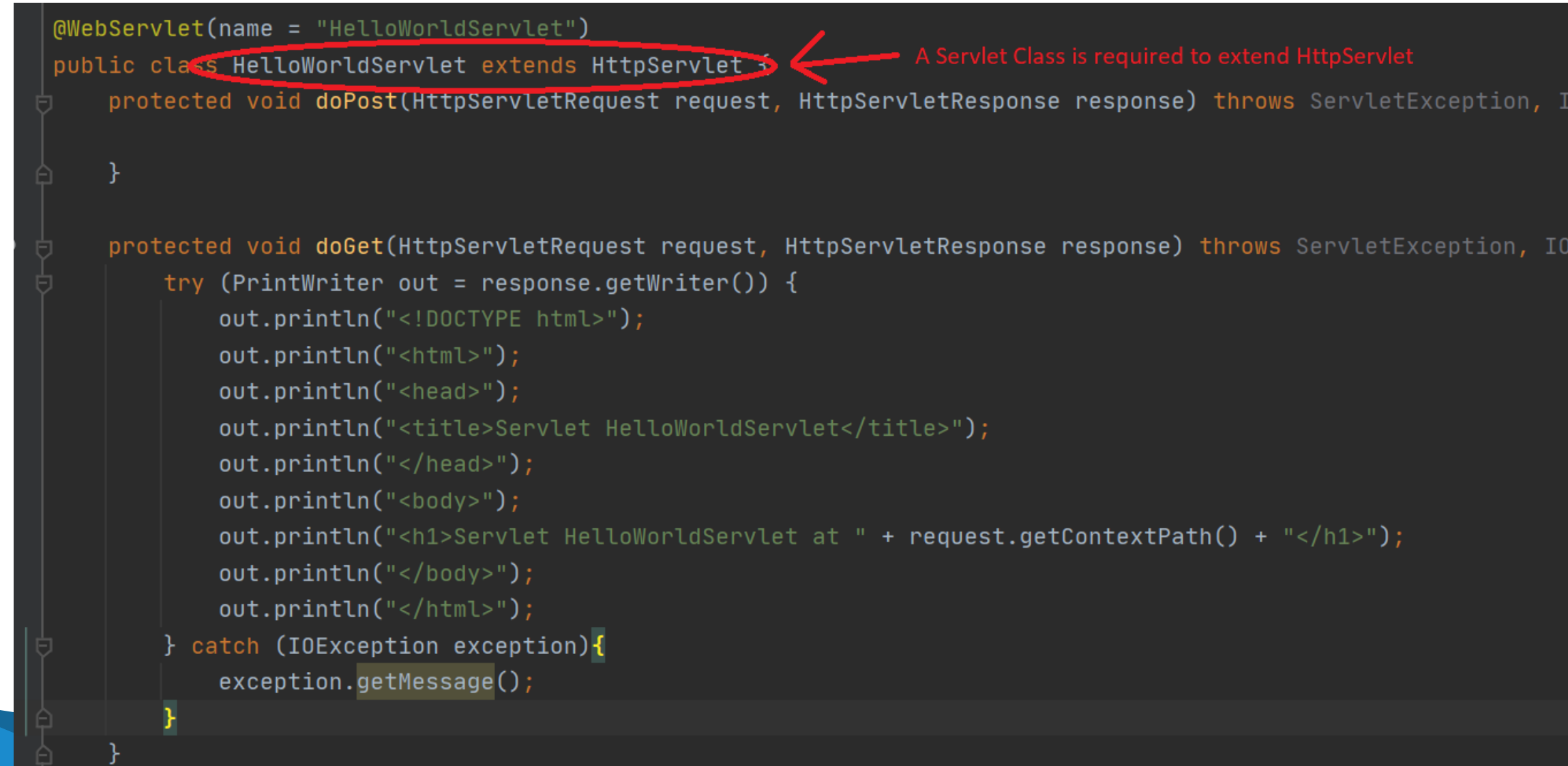
```
@WebServlet(name = "HelloWorldServlet")
public class HelloWorldServlet extends HttpServlet {
    protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest request,
                           HttpServletResponse response) {
    }

    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
                           HttpServletResponse response) {
    }
}
```

Figure 9. Autogenerated Servlet By IntelliJ IDEA

- In the **doGet** method in **HelloWorldServlet**, add this piece of code:

```
try (PrintWriter out = response.getWriter()) {  
    out.println("<!DOCTYPE html>");  
    out.println("<html>");  
    out.println("<head>");  
    out.println("<title>Servlet HelloWorldServlet</title>");  
    out.println("</head>");  
    out.println("<body>");  
    out.println("<h1>Servlet HelloWorldServlet at " + request.getContextPath() + "</h1>");  
    out.println("</body>");  
    out.println("</html>");  
} catch (IOException exception){  
    exception.getMessage();  
}
```



The screenshot shows the Java code for `HelloWorldServlet` in an IDE. A red circle highlights the line `public class HelloWorldServlet extends HttpServlet`. A red arrow points from a text annotation "A Servlet Class is required to extend HttpServlet" to this line. The code includes the `@WebServlet` annotation, the `doPost` method, and the `doGet` method which contains the `try` block with the `PrintWriter` code shown in the previous block.

```
@WebServlet(name = "HelloWorldServlet")  
public class HelloWorldServlet extends HttpServlet {  
    protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response) throws ServletException, IOException {  
    }  
  
    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response) throws ServletException, IOException {  
        try (PrintWriter out = response.getWriter()) {  
            out.println("<!DOCTYPE html>");  
            out.println("<html>");  
            out.println("<head>");  
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        } catch (IOException exception) {  
            exception.getMessage();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Figure 10. Servlet after Adding the `PrintWriter` Code

- Right click on the **webapp** folder (See Figure 11)
- Select **New** → **HTML File**
- Write a **Name** for the **HTML** file (e.g. *index*) (See Figure 12)
- Select **HTML 5 file**

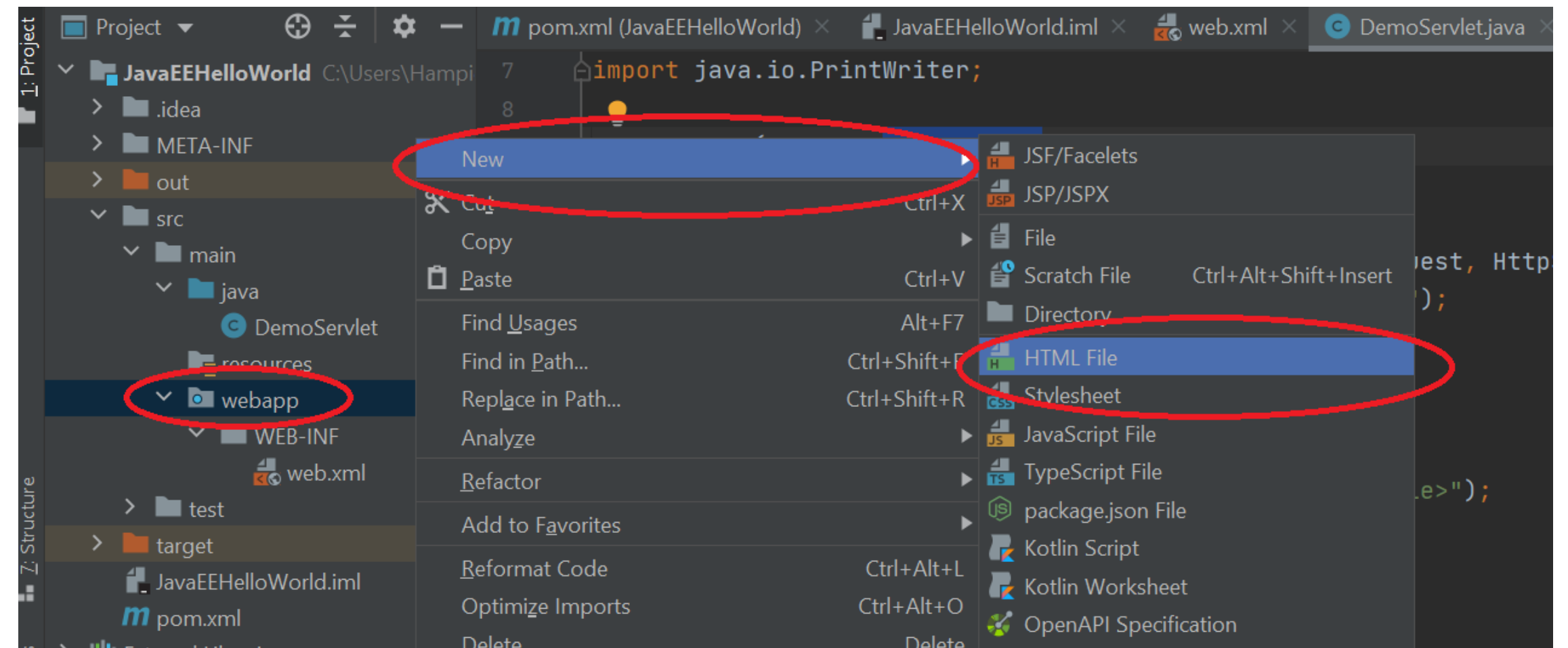


Figure 11. Create the Home Page

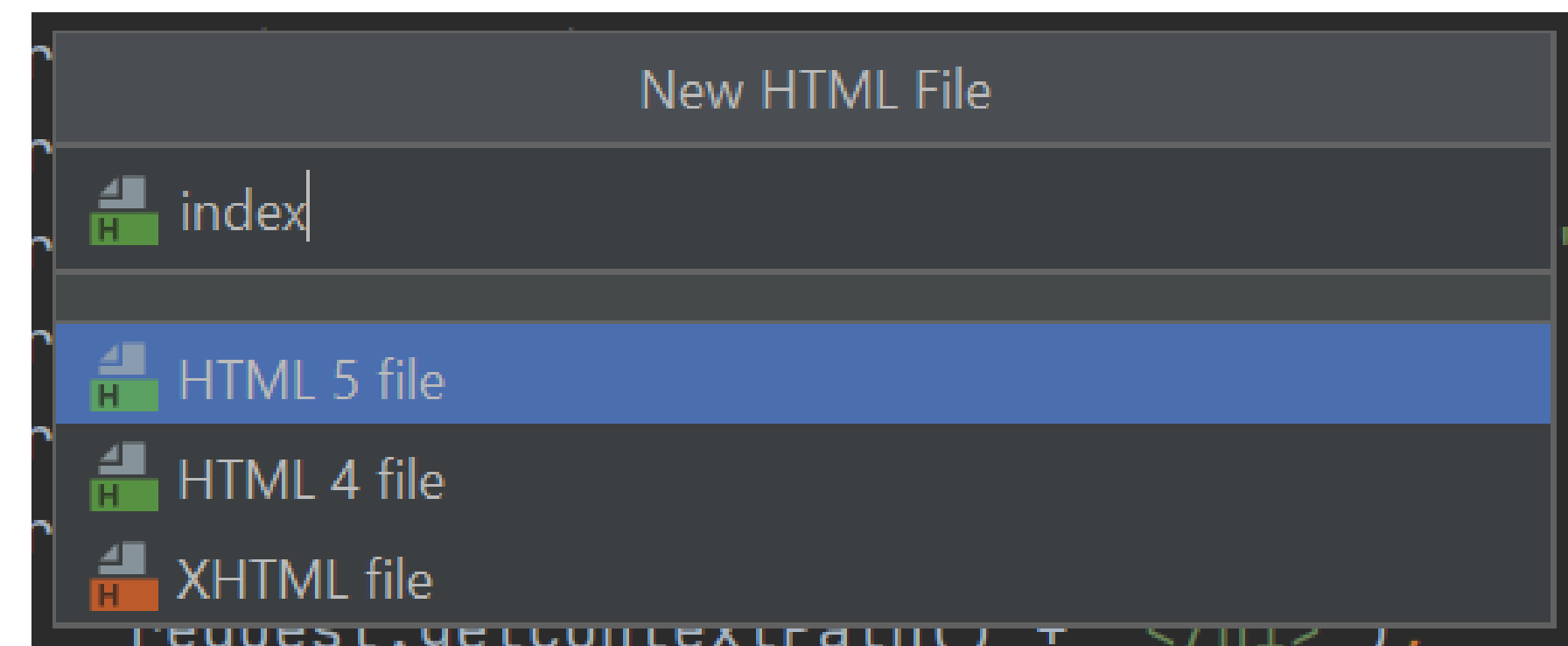


Figure 12. Set Name & Type of the Home Page Html File

- Replace the code inside the `index.html` file by the following code snippet:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <title>Hello World</title>
</head>
<body>
<div>Welcome to SOEN 387 Tutorial</div>
<div> Click here to go to <a href="HelloWorldServlet">Hello World</a></div>
</body>
</html>
```

- The tag `Hello World` will invoke the servlet `HelloWorldServlet` by calling the `doGet` method implemented in this servlet.



- Open the **web.xml** file which resides in this directory *HelloWorld/src/main/webapp/WEB-INF/web.xml* (See Figure 13)
- Insert the code below inside the `<web-app></web-app>` element

```

<servlet>
    <servlet-name>HelloWorldServlet</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>HelloWorldServlet</servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>HelloWorldServlet</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/HelloWorldServlet</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<welcome-file-list>
    <welcome-file>index.html</welcome-file>
</welcome-file-list>

```

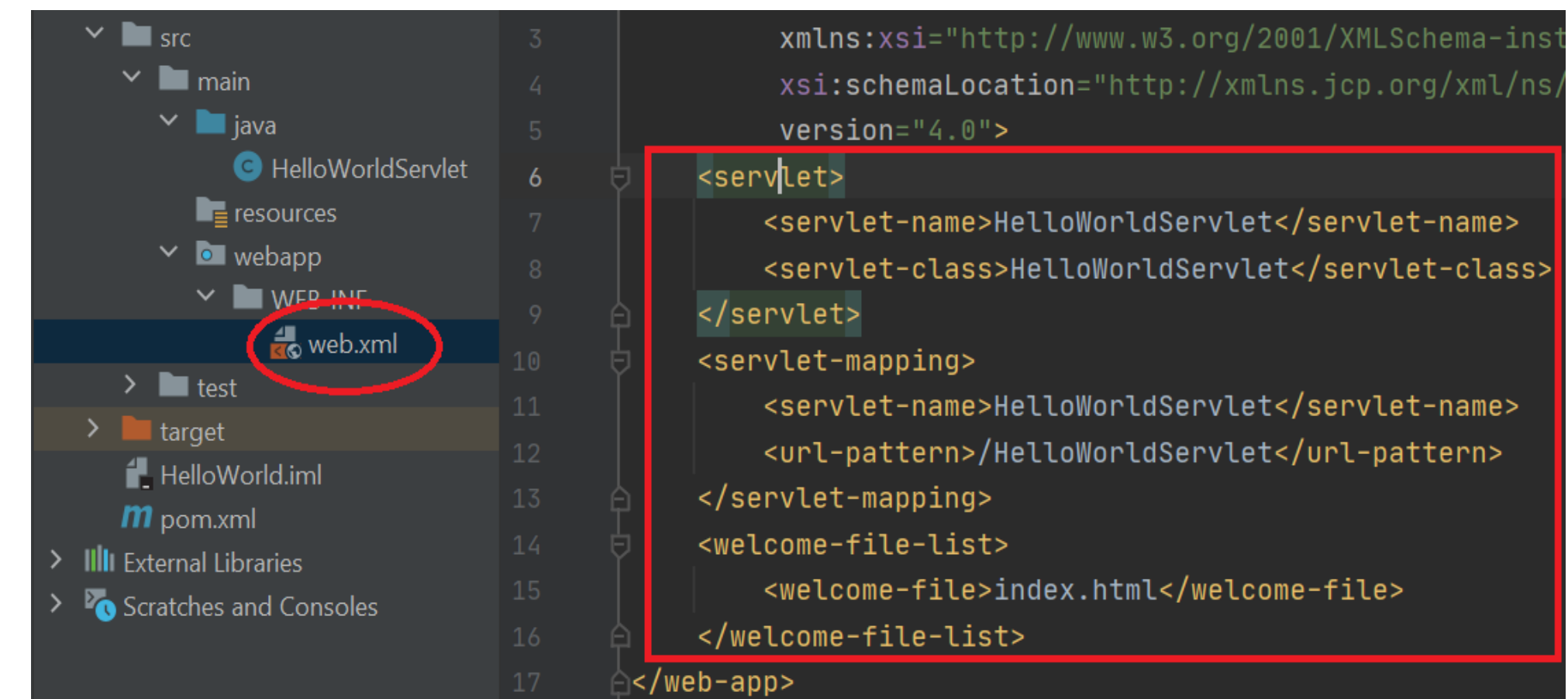


Figure 13. Web.xml Content

Notes:

- The `<servlet-mapping>` element defines a mapping between a **servlet** and a **URL** pattern.
- The `<welcome-file-list>` element is used to specify the files that need to be invoked by the server by default.



Building & Running the Application

- Select your **Local Tomcat Server** that you previously created (See Figure 14)
- Click on the **Play** icon to run your web application
- A web page will pop up after your app builds (See Figure 15)
- Click on the **Hello World** link
 - It will call the servlet which will send back an HTML page as a **response** (See Figure 16).

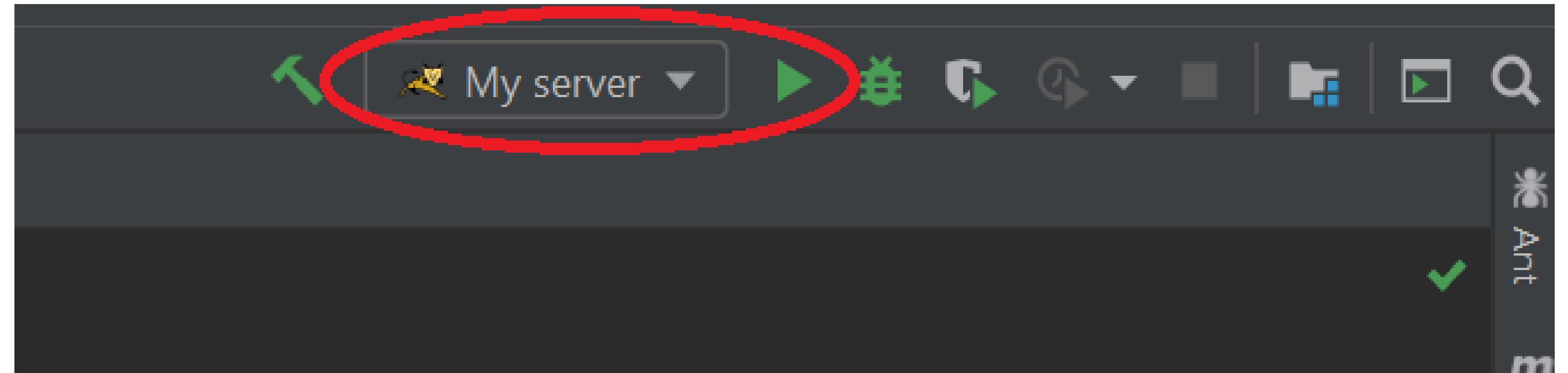
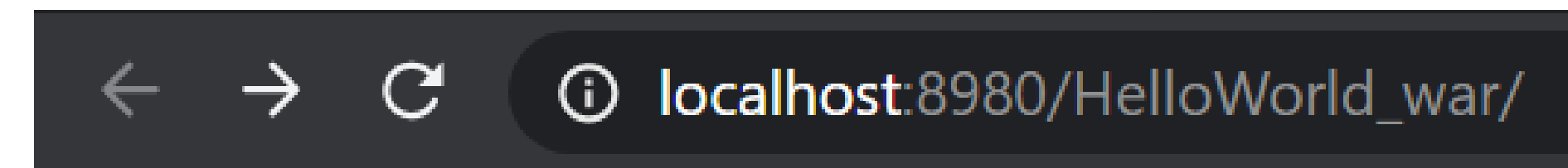
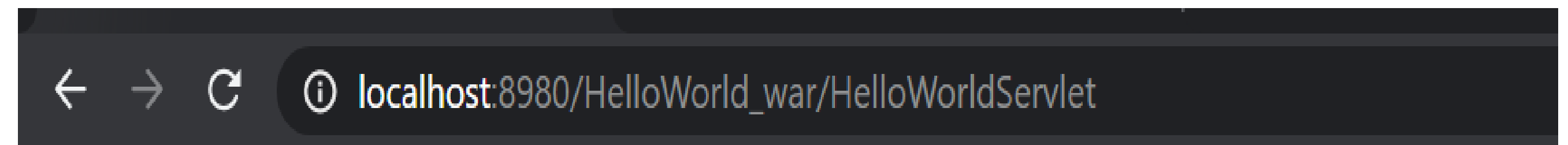


Figure 14. Running Your Web Application



Welcome to SOEN 387 Tutorial
Click here to go to [Hello World](#)

Figure 15. index.html Displayed in the Browser



Servlet HelloWorldServlet at /HelloWorld_war

Figure 16. Calling the Servlet



Types of Java Application

Web Application

Servlet technology is used to create **web applications** to fulfill user requests. It resides at server side and generates a dynamic web page. We have covered this in the previous slides.

Console Application

Unlike web applications, **console applications** don't need a server to run. It is designed to be used through the command line interface. Watch this [video](#) to see how you can create a simple console application.

Class Library

Java Class Library is a collection of packages, classes and interfaces which can be used in any Java project. Many libraries already exist but you can create your own and use it in any project.





Debugging a Servlet File

- Open the HelloWorldServlet file
- Place a **breakpoint** on any line in the **doGet** method by clicking on the margin (See Figure 17)



Figure 17. Breakpoint Indication

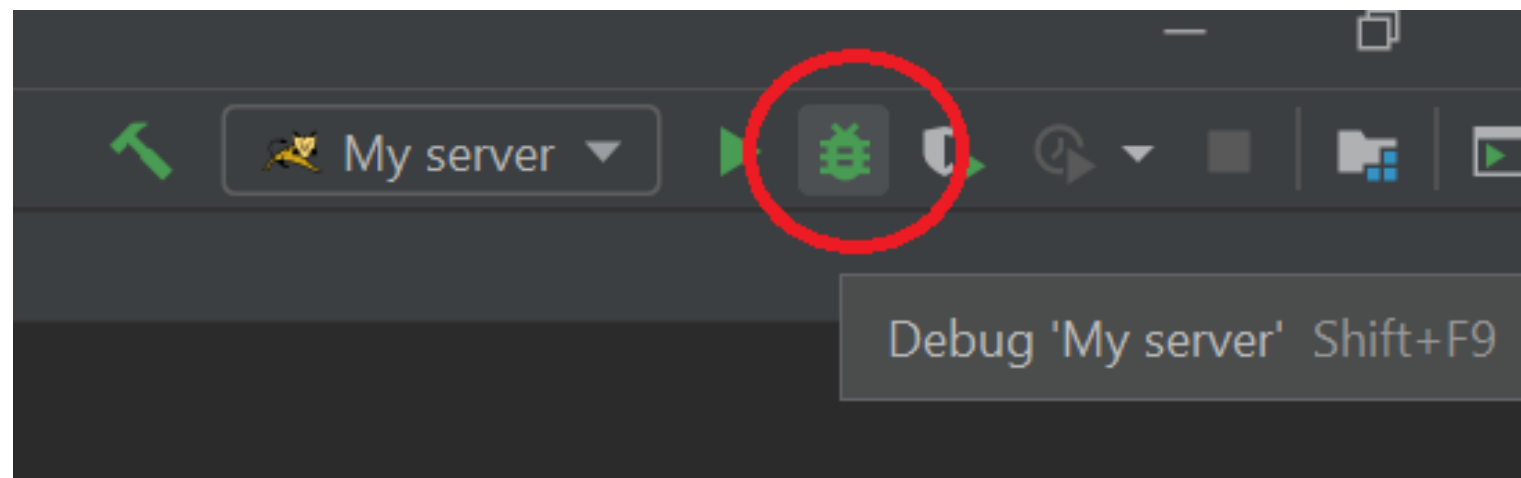


Figure 18. Debug Button

- Click on the **Debug** button to run the web application in **Debug Mode** (See Figure 18)
- Click the **Hello World** link on the web page and return on IntelliJ IDEA
- **Note:** The application will **run normally** until you click on the **Hello World** link which will then execute the **doGet** method in the HelloWorldServlet

Notes:

- When opening IntelliJ IDEA, you will see the debug tool window in the bottom half (See Figure 19).
- Under the **Variables Section**, you can view all the variables that currently exist in your application.
- At the top right in Figure 19, there are buttons to help you navigate the code during execution. You can find the description of their functionalities [here](#).

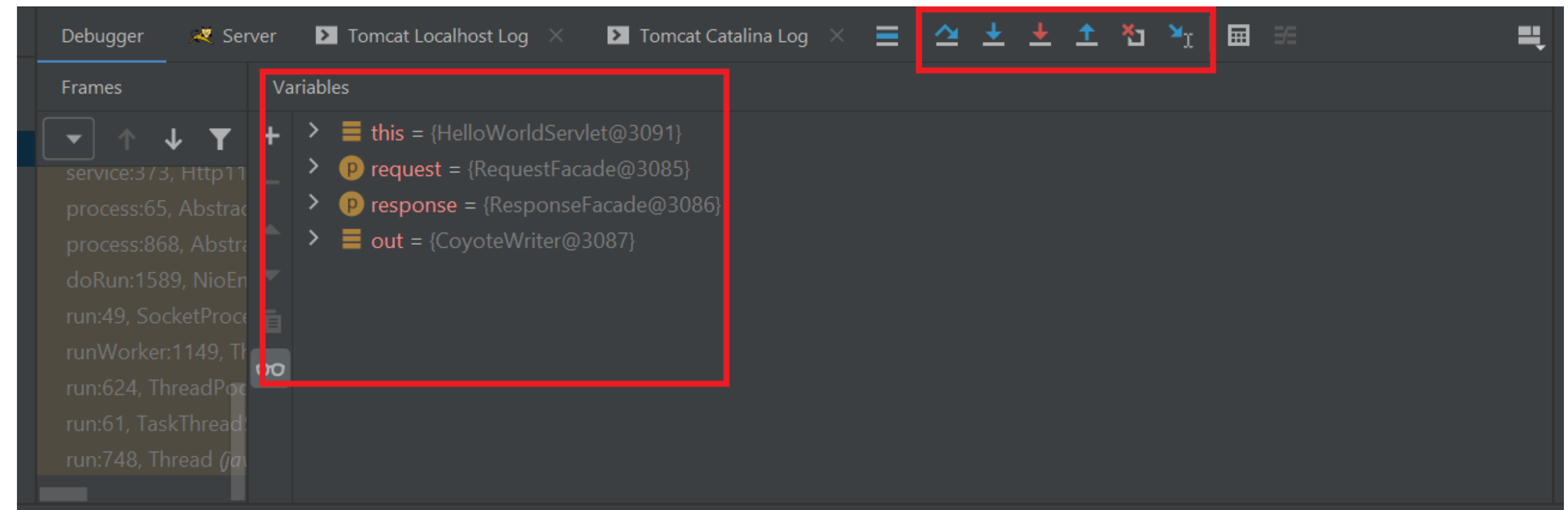


Figure 19. Debug Tool Window

Thank You!



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