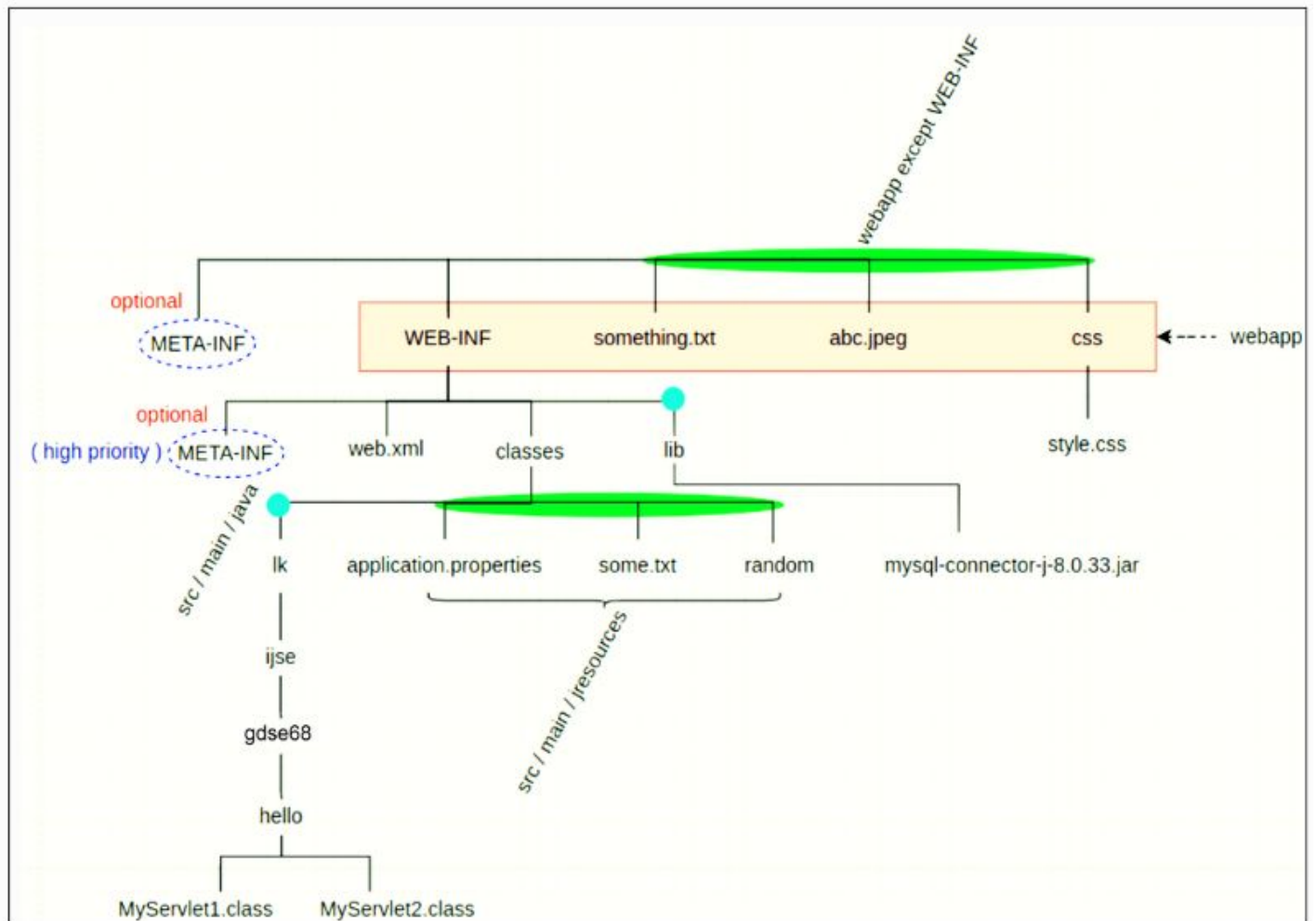


Artifact Type Comparison

WAR - Web Archive

- **WEB-INF**: Main directory containing essential deployment information and resources.
 - **web.xml**: **Mandatory deployment descriptor** file for servlet configurations.
 - **classes**: Directory for compiled Java classes.
 - **lib**: Directory for compiled dependencies (JAR files).
- **META-INF**: **Optional** directory (may exist inside or outside WEB-INF. Sometimes it may be located in both places).
- May include other file types such as images, stylesheets or configuration files.

WAR



JAR- Java Archive

- **META-INF**: Main directory that may have different types files
 - **MANIFEST.MF**:
 - An **mandatory** and important file.
 - Specifies metadata about the JAR file.
 - Identifies the class that contains the main method (critical for the JVM).
- Compiled Java classes are included package-wise
- May include other file types such as images, stylesheets or configuration files.
- Not include JAR files (compiled dependencies) within another JAR

