

Q3. How do Servlets and JSPs work together in a web application following the MVC (Model-View-Controller) architecture? Provide a brief use case showing the servlet as a controller, JSP as a view, and Java as the model.

Answer:

Servlet : Handles client requests, interacts with the model, and forwards data to JSP.

JSP (view) : Displays data to the user.

Java class : Encapsulation business logic or data.

Code:

```

public class User {
    private String Name;
    public User (String name) {this.name=name}
    public String getName () {return name}
}

// controller (servlet)
@WebServlet ("/greet")
public class UserServlet extends HttpServlet {
    protected void doGet
        User user = new User ("Alice");
        req.setAttribute ("User", user);
        req.getRequestDispatcher ("view.jsp").forward
        (req, res);
}

```

14. Explain the life cycle of a Java servlet. Where to are the roles of the init(), service(), and destroy() methods? Discuss how servlets handle concurrent requests and how thread safety issues may arise.

Answer:

Life Cycle Overview: A servlet goes through 3 main stages: initialization, request handling, and destruction.

1. init() - called once when the servlet is first loaded
2. service() - called for each client request
3. destroy() - called once before the servlet is unloaded.

Handling concurrent Request:

A single servlet instance handles multiple requests via multiple threads. service() is called simultaneously in separate threads.

15. A single instance of a servlet handles multiple requests using threads. What problems can occur if shared resources are accessed by multiple threads? Illustrate your answer with an example and suggest a solution using synchronization.

Answer:

Problem:

A single servlet instance handle multiple request using multiple threads. If shared resource are accessed / modified by multiple threads simultaneously, it can lead to data inconsistency or race condition.

Problematic code:

```
@web servlet ("/counter")
public class CounterServlet extends HttpServlet {
    private int count = 0;
    protected void doGet()
        count++;
        res.getWriter().println ("count:" + count);
}
```

Synchronization

```
@WebServlet("/counter")
```

```
public class CounterServlet extends HttpServlet {
```

```
    private int count = 0;
```

```
    protected synchronized void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
```

```
        HttpServletResponse response) throws IOException {
```

```
        response.getWriter().println("Count: " + count);
```

Alternative solution: Using atomic variables

Alternative solution:

i) Use local variables inside `doGet()`

ii) Use `AtomicInteger` for atomic operations

Using `AtomicInteger` (Constructor) because due to
multiple threads it will not work as expected
due to race condition

-lock free technology

(Guava's `CountDownLatch`) utilizing `CountDownLatch`,
which is lock free

Q6. Describe how the MVC (Model-view-controller) pattern separates concerns in a Java web application. Explain the advantages of this structure in terms of maintainability and scalability, using a student register as an example.

Answer:

Separation of concerns:

1. Model: Encapsulates data and business logic
2. View: Handle presentation
3. Controller: Handles user request, interacts with the model, and forward data to the view.

Example:

model - student class stores student info, studentDAO handle database operations

Controller: registrationServlet process form input, calls studentDAO

View: register.jsp displays the form, success.jsp show confirmation.

17. In a Java EE application, how does a servlet controller manage the flow between the model and the view. Provide a brief example that demonstrates forwarding data from a servlet to a JSP and rendering a response.

Answer:

In a Java EE (MVC) application, a servlet acts as the controller. Its main job is to:

1. Receive the client request. (HTTP request)
2. Invoke the model (business logic, service, DAO, entity)
3. Store results in request/session scope
4. Forward the request to a view (JSP) for presentation.

(The servlet does not generate HTML directly).

This keeps business logic separate from UI, which is the core idea of MVC

Flow: Client → servlet (controller) → Model → JSP (view)

Browser



servlet (controller)



Model (Business Logic/data)



JSP (view)



Response to browser

1. servlet (controller)

```
import jakarta.servlet.*;
import jakarta.servlet.http.*;
import java.io.IOException;

public class studentServlet extends HttpServlet {
    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
                         HttpServletResponse response)
        throws ServletException, IOException {
        // Model data (normally comes from service/DB)
        String studentName = "Mimi";
        int marks = 85;
        // Store data in request scope
        request.setAttribute("Name", studentName);
        request.setAttribute("marks", marks);
    }
}
```

```

    // Forward to JSP (view)
    RequestDispatcher rd =
        request.getRequestDispatcher("result.jsp");
    rd.forward(request, response);
}

}

```

the servlet controls the flow

No HTML is written here

Data is passing using `request.setAttribute()`

2. JSP (view) - result.jsp

```

<html>
<head>
    <title> Result </title>
</head>
<body>
    <h2> student Result </h2>
    Name: ${name} <br>
    marks: ${marks} <br>
    <c:if test = "${marks} >= 90" >
        <b> status: Pass </b>
    </c:if>
</body>
</html>

```

1. JSP only handles presentation
2. Uses Expression Language to access data
3. No business logic inside JSP.

Q8. Compare and contrast cookies, URL rewriting, and HttpSession as methods for session tracking in servlets. Discuss their advantages, limitations, and ideal use cases.

Answer:

1. Cookies:

- i) How: Stores small data on the client browser
- ii) Advantages: persistent across browser sessions
- iii) Limitation: Disabled if client blocks cookies
- iv) Use case: Remembering user preferences, login information, shopping cart items.

2. URL Rewriting:

- i) Appends session in URL
- ii) Advantages: works even if cookies are disabled
- iii) URLs become messy, security risk
- iv) Small application where cookies may be blocked.

3. HttpSession

- i) server-side storage of session objects
 - each client gets a unique session ID.
 - secure, stores large objects, no dependency on client setting.
 - consumes server memory, expires after timeout.
 - E-commerce, cart, login sessions, sensitive data.

Comparison table:

Method	Storage	Client Dependency	Security	Lifetime	Use case
Cookie	client	yes	medium	persistent or session	preferences, login
URL Rewrite	URL	no	low	session only	small app, no cookies
HttpSession	server	no	high	session	sensitive data, cart

19. A web Application stores user login information using HttpSession. Explain how the session tracking is implemented in servlets. b. Across requests and how session timeout on invalidation is handled securely.

Answer:

HttpSession used in web applications to stores user login information and maintain user state across multiple request. Since HTTP is a stateless protocol, the servers cannot remember users by default. HttpSession solves this problem.

How.. HttpSession Work

When a user logs in, the server creates an HttpSession and assigns a unique session ID.

Session timeout and Invalidation

for security a session has a timeout period. If the user remains inactive for a certain time the session expires automatically and the user must log in again.

20. Explain how Spring MVC handle an HTTP request from a browser. Describe the role of the @Controller, @RequestMapping, and model objects in separating business logic from presentation. Provide a brief flow example of a login form submission.

Answer:

Spring MVC HTTP Request Handling

- i) Spring MVC follows the Model-view-Controller
- ii) The browser sends an HTTP request to the ~~dispatcher servlet~~

Role of key component

- i) **@Controller:** Handles requests and connects business logic with the view.
- ii) **@RequestMapping:** Maps URLs and HTTP method to controller methods.
- iii) **Model:** Transfers data from controller to view.

21. spring MVC uses the DispatcherServlet as a front controller. Describe its role in the request processing workflow. How does it interact with view resolvers and handlers mapping.

Answer:

DispatcherServlet acts as the front controller in Spring MVC. It receives all HTTP requests, uses HandlerMapping to find the appropriate controller, and then forwards the request to it. After the controller returns a view name, dispatcherServlet uses a ViewResolver to resolve the actual view and sends the rendered response back to the client.

22. How does Prepared Statement improve performance and security over statement in JDBC? Write a short example to insert a record into a MySQL table using Prepared Statement.

Answer:

prepared statement improves performance and security compared to statement in the following ways:

Performance Improvement

1. Precompiled SQL

- i) The SQL query is compiled once and reused
- ii) Faster execution when the same query runs multiple times.

2. Efficient Parameter Handling

- i) Parameters are passed separately, avoiding repeated SQL parsing.

Security improvement

1. Prevents SQL Injection

- i) User input is treated as data, not executable SQL
- ii) Protects against malicious input like 'OR '1'='1

statement limitation:

- i) SQL is built using string concatenation
- ii) Vulnerable to SQL injection.
- iii) Slower for repeated queries.

Insert Record Using Prepared Statement (MySQL)

```
import java.sql.*;  
public class InsertStudent  
{  
    public static void main (String [] args)  
    {  
        String url = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:8306/college";  
        String user = "root";  
        String password = "";  
        String sql = "Insert INTO student (id, name, marks)  
VALUES (?, ?, ?)";  
  
        try {  
            // Load driver  
            Class.forName ("com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver");  
  
            // Create connection  
            Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection  
                (url, user, password);  
            // Prepare statement  
            PreparedStatement ps = con.prepareStatement(sql);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
//set parameters  
ps.setInt(1, 101);  
ps.setString(2, "Kanim");  
ps.setInt(3, 88);  
  
//Execute query  
ps.executeUpdate();  
System.out.println("Record inserted successfully");  
  
//close resources  
ps.close();  
con.close();  
}  
catch (Exception e){  
e.printStackTrace();  
}  
}
```

Why Prepared statement is better

Feature	Statement	Prepared statement
SQL Injection Risk	High	None
Query Compilation	Every time	Once
performance	Slower	Faster
Parameter Support	No	Yes

23. What is resultSet in JDBC and how is it used to retrieve data from a MySQL database? Briefly explain the use of next(), getString(), and getInt() method with an example.

Answer:

A resultSet in JDBC is an object that holds the data returned by executing a SELECT query on a database. It represents a table of data where the cursor initially points before the first row.

The data is retrieved row by row using cursor movement method.

Commonly Used Resultset Methods

next()

moves the cursor to the next row

return true if a row exists, otherwise false.
must be called before accessing any data.

getString(columnName / columnIndex)

Retrieves string data from the current row.

Used for VARCHAR, CHAR, TEXT columns.

getInt(columnName / columnIndex)

Retrieves integer data from the current row.

Used for INT, NUMBER columns

Example: Retrieve Data from MySQL Using
ResultSet

```
import java.sql.*;
public class FetchStudents {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String url = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/college";
        String user = "root";
        String password = "mimi@2701M";
        String sql = "SELECT id, name, marks FROM
                     student";
        try {
            Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
            Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(
                url, user, password);
            Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sql);
            // process ResultSet
        }
    }
}
```

```

while(rs.next()) {
    int id = rs.getInt("id"); //getInt()
    String Name = rs.getString("name"); //getString()
    int marks = rs.getInt("marks");
    System.out.println(id + " " + name + " " + marks);
}
rs.close();
stmt.close();
con.close();
} catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
}
}

```

ResultSet stores the result of a SELECT query
next() moves the cursor now by now
getString() retrieves text data
getInt() retrieves numeric data