Java Servlets 3.0

Lesson 06: Configuring Database in WildFly



Lesson Objectives:

This lesson introduces database configuration in WildFly.

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Persistence Options in WildFly

- Persistence tier is also sometimes referred to as database tier.
- Data can be stored in either of the following:
 - Flat files
- XML files
- Databases
- Databases are the most trustworthy option for persisting data.



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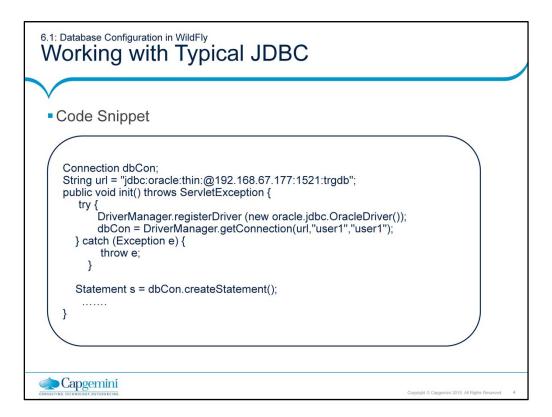
Persistence Options in WildFly:

Till now we have focused on designing simple web application, the focus was on the web tier. However, for any web application, the data storage is an integral part. Now, let us move to the persistence tier, which is also sometimes referred to as database tier. This is where application data is stored for a long term / persistently.

While working with JEE applications, data can be stored in Flat files, XML files, or Database. Databases are the most trustworthy options for persisting data.

Here, we all need to accept one simple fact. While dealing with relational databases in a JEE application, all paths some way or the other eventually lead to JDBC.

We are already familiar with JDBC.



Working with Typical JDBC:

In the previous chapter (Request-Response-DBServlet), already typical JDBC code in a Servlet is shown to interact with the database. The above slide shows a snippet of the code.

While this code definitely works, it does have some drawbacks: Every time that we connect and disconnect from the database, the physical database connection is created and destroyed. This leads to an overhead.

If there are any transactions related to the applications, then they need to be managed by developer.

If the application deals with only local transactions within the database, it is fine. However, in case it interacts with other resources, then managing the transactions and other aspects is difficult within the application.

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6.1: Database Configuration in WildFly
Working with Data Source

    Code Snippet

    try {
    InitialContext ic = new InitialContext();
    DataSource ds = (DataSource) ic.lookup("java:/jdbc/TestDS");
    Connection con = ds.getConnection();
    Statement st = con.createStatement();
    ResultSet rs = st.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM emp824177");
    while (rs.next()) {
    pw.println(rs.getInt("ID") + "<br>");
    pw.println(rs.getString("NAME") + "<br>");
    pw.println(rs.getFloat("SALARY") + "<br>");
    } catch (NamingException | SQLException e) {
    log("Error is:::::::" + e.getMessage());
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Working with DataSource:

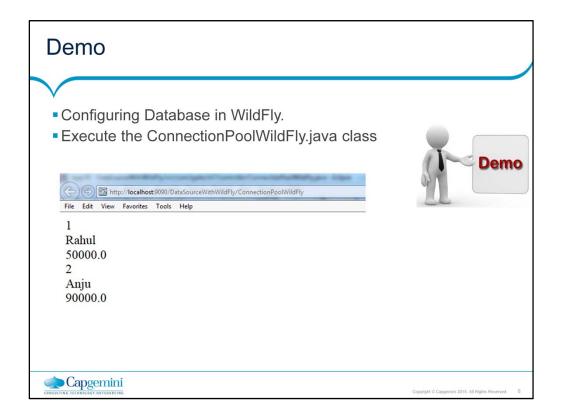
While working with an application server, gives a lot of benefits. In the previous slide, we mentioned a few drawbacks with the typical JDBC approach of programming in a web application. However, these issues can be taken care of very easily in an Application Server like WildFly. The above slide makes use of datasource, which is the change that is required to obtain Database connections. Instead of importing java.sql.DriverManager, import javax.sql.DataSource. Furthermore, since we would be using JNDI naming for looking up the DataSource, need to import javax.naming.lnitialContext and javax.naming.NamingException.

Using the DataSource has its own advantages:

When obtaining a Database connection using DataSource, no need to create a new connection. During startup WildFly creates a DB connection pool managed by DataSource. So essentially when accessing an existing connection from the pool and when the connection is closed, it is just returned back to the pool so someone else can use it.

When we use Container Managed DataSource (In this case JBoss Server Managed), all database access for a particular Transaction commits or rollback automatically. No need to manage the transaction anymore.

Let us now take some time and understand the code.



Note:

Steps to configure the database for your application in WildFly Database Configuration:

Refer to Lab Book: Steps to configure Database connection pool in WildFly in Lab 4:

Demo

Partial listing of standalone.xml

</statement>



statements>

</datasource>

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Review Questions

- Question 1: The package to be imported for using DataSource is ____.
- Question 2: The Datasource lookup happens in standalone.xml
- True/ False





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