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|  | **ServletContextListener v/s init() method And Load onstart up** |
| One important thing to note here is the order in which the webserver loads them and secondly what the application demands.  Suppose the logic which you are planning to write in that init() method is something that only one servlet needs, then its better to go for servlet init method.  Whereas if the logic is required by other servlets then it should be in the Servlet Context:  According to the Servlet Spec the following is the order teh server should follow: Instantiate an instance of each event listener identified by a <listener> element in the deployment descriptor. � For instantiated listener instances that implement [ServletContextListener](http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/api/javax/servlet/ServletContextListener.html), call the contextInitialized() method. � Instantiate an instance of each filter identified by a <filter> element in the deployment descriptor and call each filter instance�s init() method. � Instantiate an instance of each servlet identified by a <servlet> element that includes a <load-on-startup> element in the order defined by the load-onstartup element values, and call each servlet instance�s init() method. |