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MDTU JAVA Workshop
Worksheet 04

Objective

The objective of the worksheet sheet is to rebuild applications in **practical 3** and **exercise 3** as a fully functional dynamic Java web application using JSP/Servlets and MVC architecture

Java Web Applications (Java servlet)

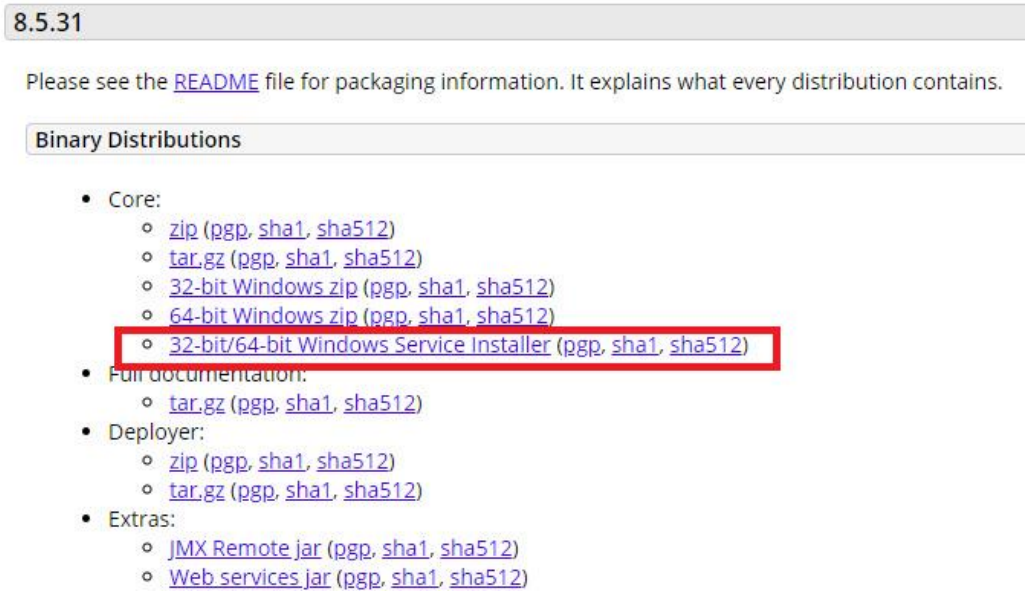
Servlet technology is used to create a web application (resides at server side and generates a dynamic web page).

Servlet technology is robust and scalable because of java language. Before Servlet, CGI (Common Gateway Interface) scripting language was common as a server-side programming language. However, there were many disadvantages to this technology.

There are many interfaces and classes in the Servlet API such as Servlet, GenericServlet, HttpServlet, ServletRequest, ServletResponse, etc.

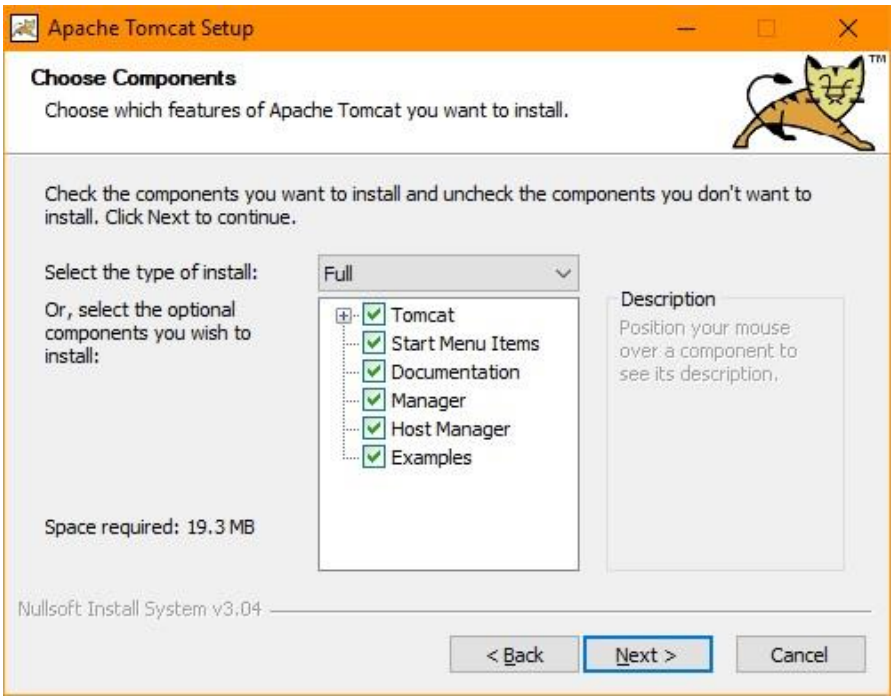
1. Installing Tomcat server

You can download Tomcat from **Apache Tomcat 9** website pages. Go for Binary Installable versions like **32-bit/64-bit Windows Service Installer (pgp, sha1, sha512).**

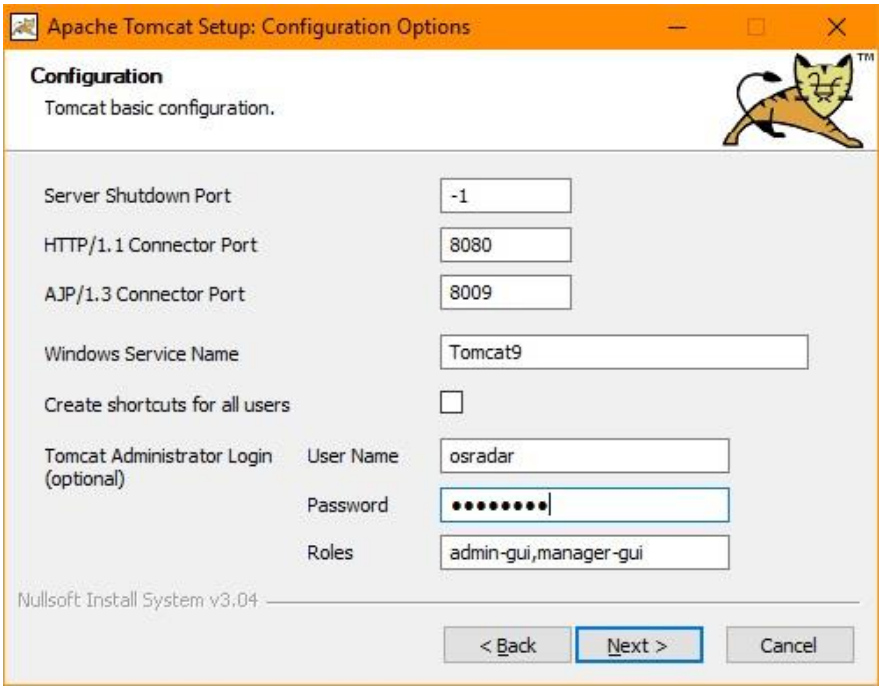


After downloading the installer, proceed to run it. Press Next to continue.

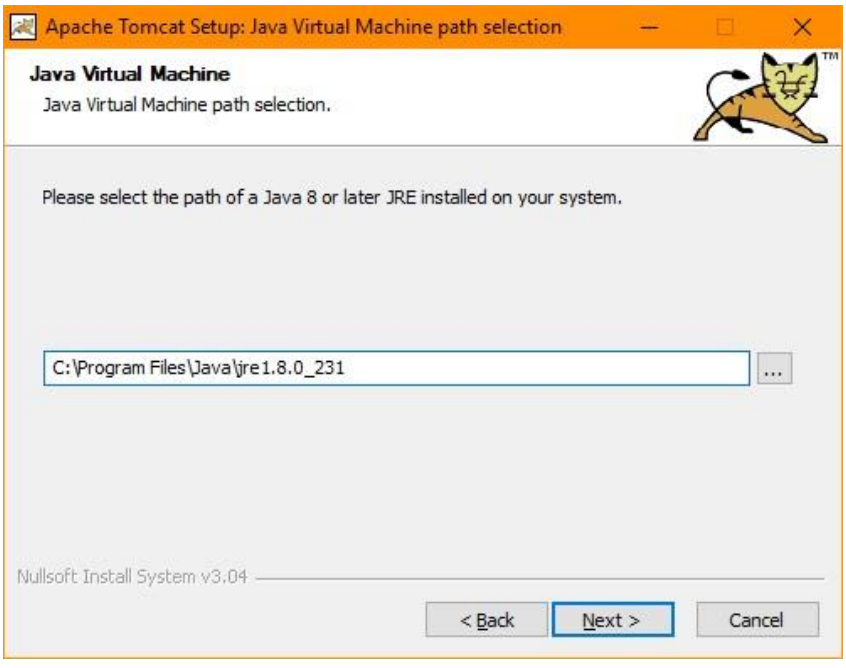
Then choose the components to install. You can select the ones you want, but I recommend that you do a full installation.



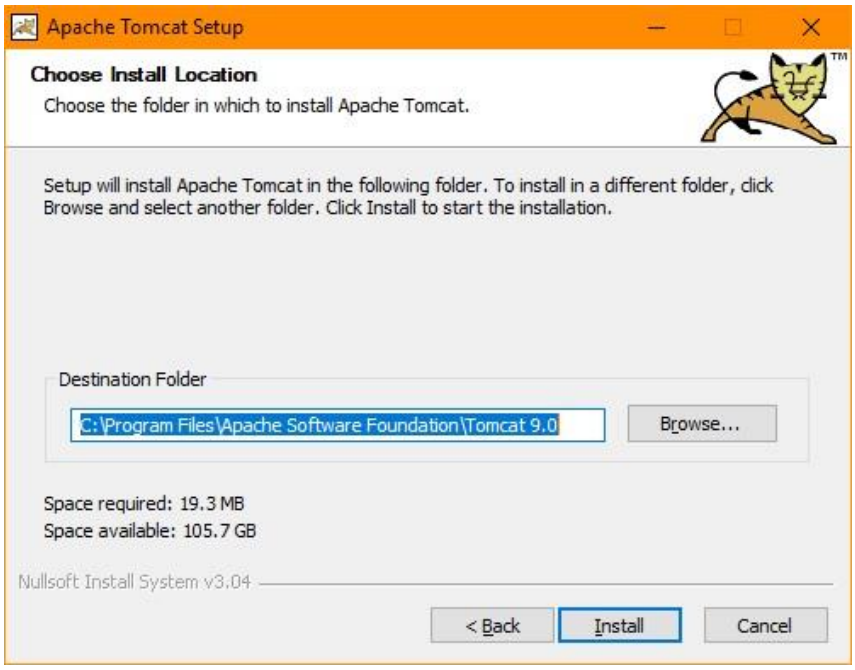
In the next window, you will see the configuration options. You can leave almost everything by default. Just keep in mind that the ports must be free. In addition, add a username and password.



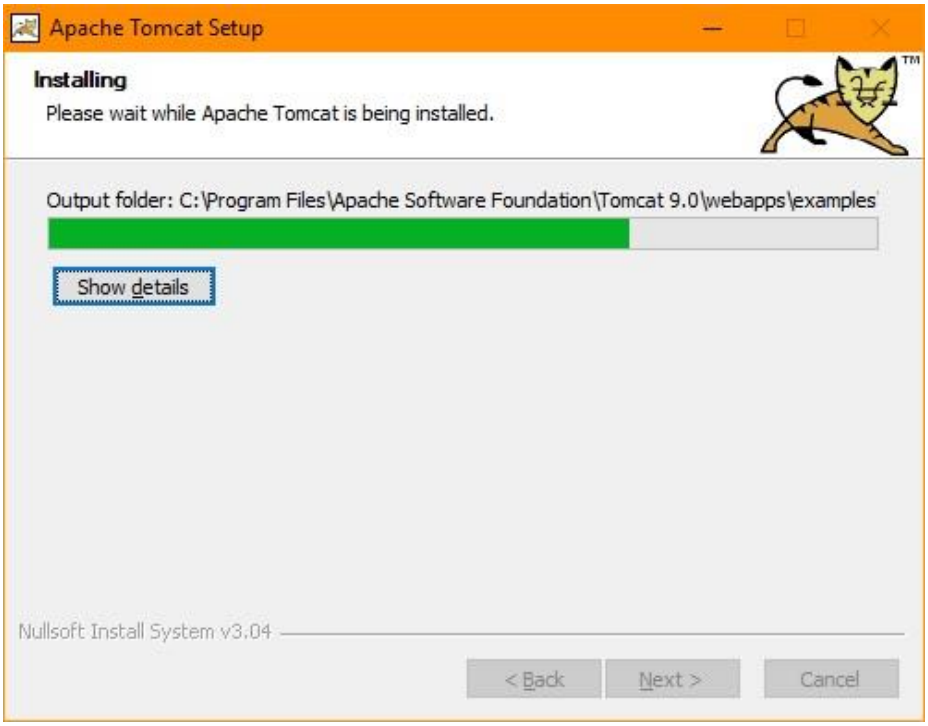
Now select the path where JDK is installed.



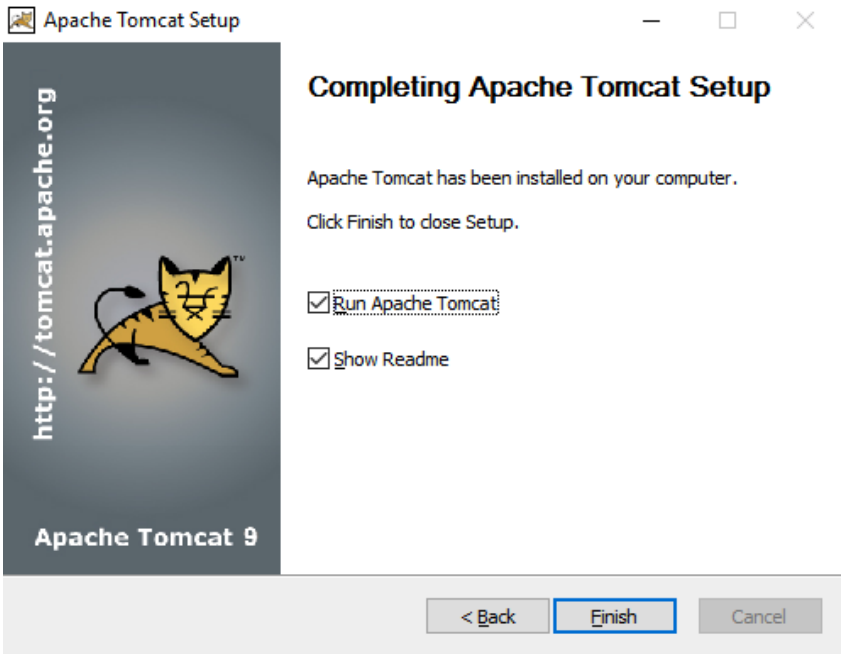
Now set the installation path for Apache Tomcat.



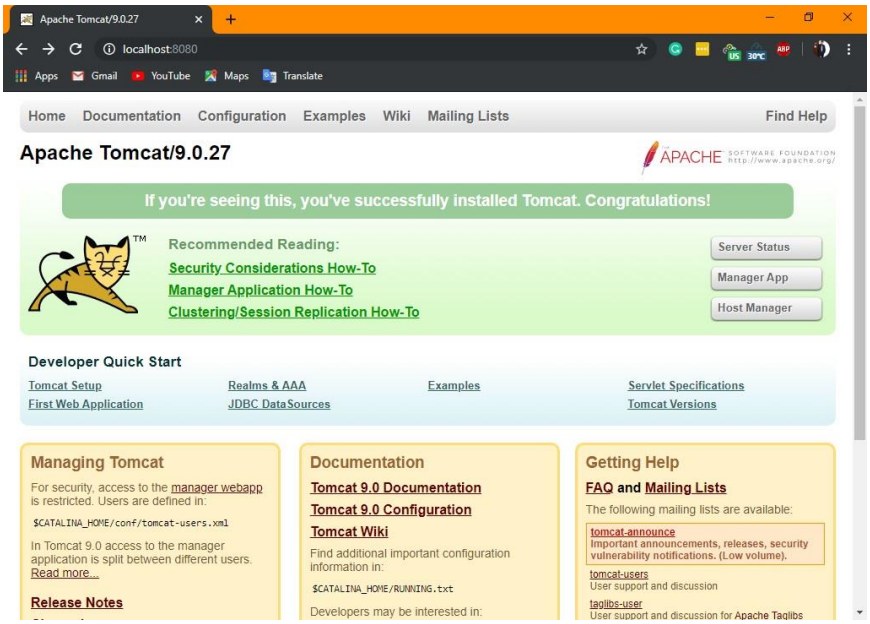
Once all the configurations have been completed, the installation process will begin.



Finally, the wizard will have finished its work, and we will have Tomcat installed in the system.

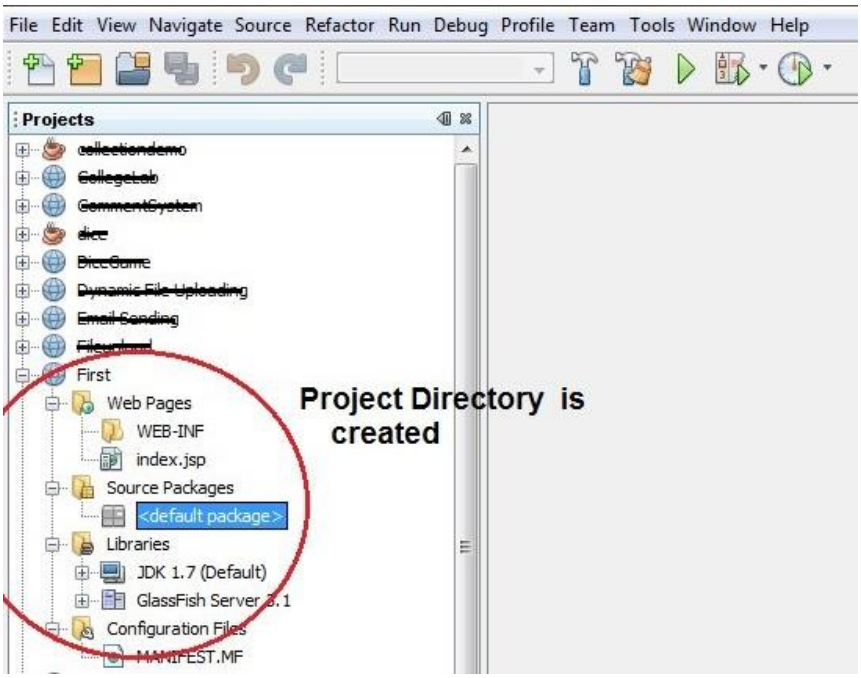


Now, to test that the server is properly installed and running, please open a web browser. Then go to this address: **http://localhost:8080/** If you've done everything right, the page should look like this:

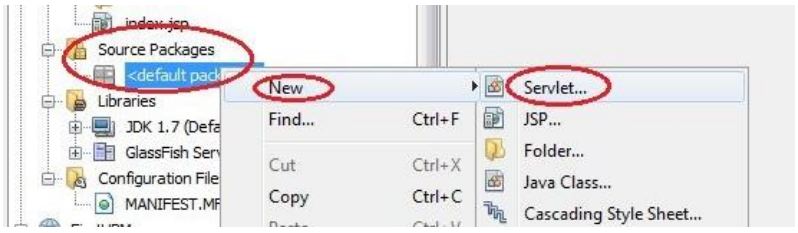


2. Create Java Web Project

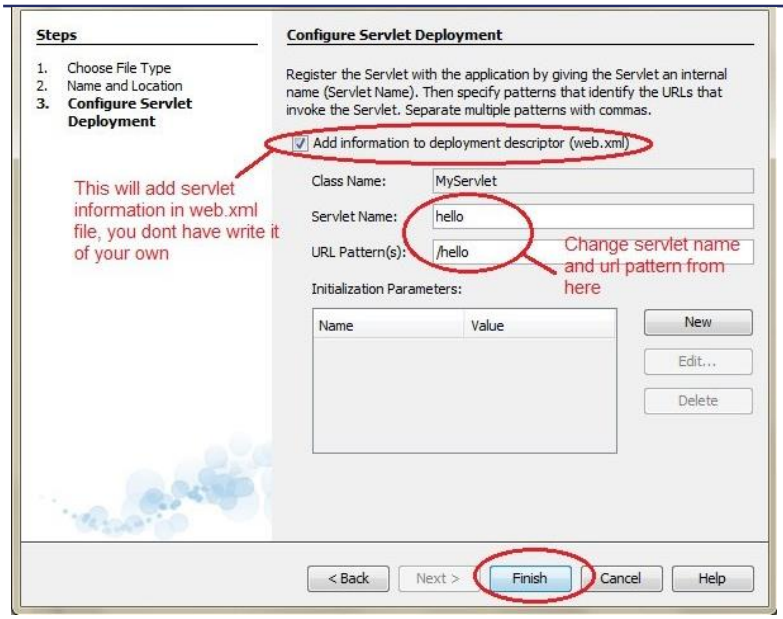
- Open Netbeans IDE, Select File -> New Project
- Select Java with Ant -> Web Application, then click on Next
- Give a name to your project and click on Next
- and then, Click Finish
- The complete directory structure required for the Servlet Application will be created automatically by the IDE.



- To create a Servlet, open Source Package, right click on default packages -> New -> Servlet.



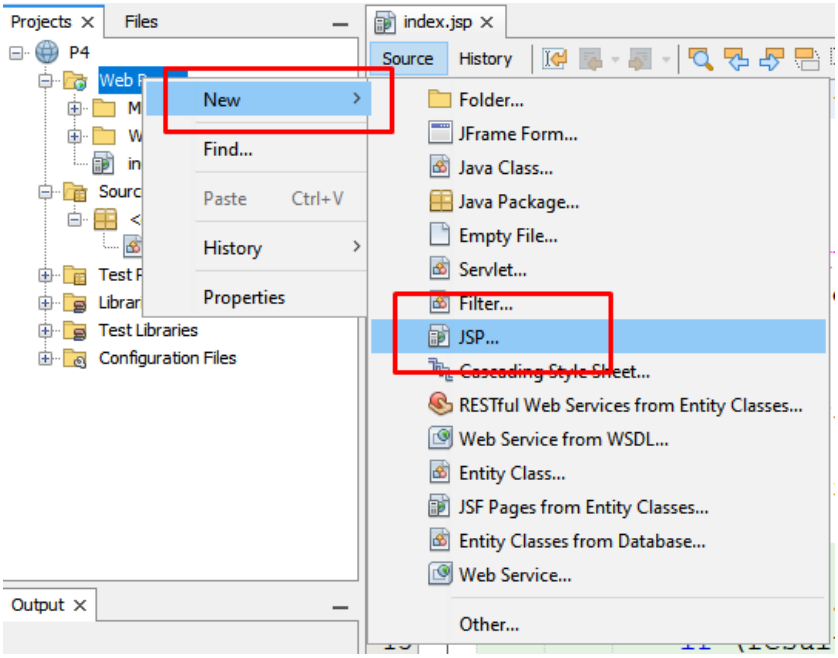
- Give a Name to your Servlet class file like below image.



- Now, your Servlet class is ready, and you just need to change the method definitions and you will be good to go.

3. **Create a JSP File**

- right click on Web Pages -> New -> JSP



- Give it a name. We recommend you to name it index, because browser will always pick up the index.jsp file automatically from a directory. Index file is read as the first page of the web application.

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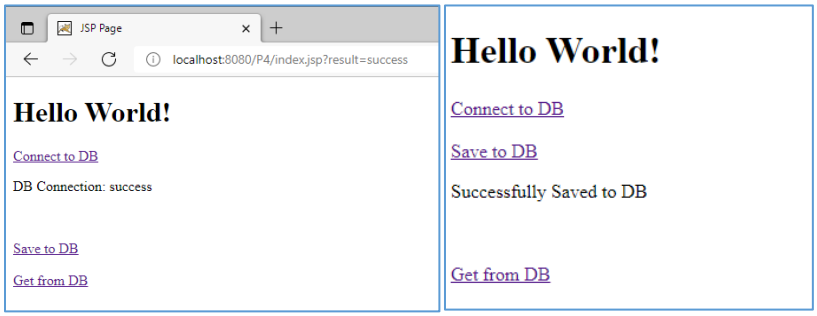
Activity 1

Create a web page similar to the GUI window you created in **practical 3**. Click here is a clickable link "Connect to the DB" and once you click the link, you should be able to connect to the data base successfully. It should then return to the JSP page and display "DB Connection: success"

Activity 2

Add another link to display as "Save to DB", and once you click the link, you should be able to write to the table successfully. It should then return to the JSP page and display "Successfully saved to the DB"



Activity 3

Add another link to display as "Get from DB", and once you click the link, you should be able to read from the table successfully. Records should be display in the web page in a tabular manner.