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1. **Client-server architecture:**

- Divides tasks between client devices (like your phone) and servers (powerful computers).
- Server handles data and logic, client displays information.

Web application:

- A specific type of application that uses client-server architecture.
- Runs in your web browser, so no software installation needed.
- Examples: Gmail, online banking, social media.

2. A servlet is a program written in Java that runs on a server. It acts like a behind-the-scenes helper for websites, handling requests (like form submissions) and generating responses (like web pages you see). Think of it as an engine that makes websites dynamic and interactive.
3. In servlets, PrintWriter acts like a writer for your web page. Imagine the servlet as creating the content, and PrintWriter lets you write that content (text, HTML, etc.) back to the web browser.
Here's the gist:

1. Servlet does its work (like processing data).
2. Servlet gets a PrintWriter from the response object.
3. You use the PrintWriter to write the response content (HTML, text, etc.).
4. The servlet sends the written content back to the browser using the PrintWriter.

4. Servlet architecture works:

1. **Customer (Browser):** Sends a request (like placing an order).
2. **Waiter (Web Server):** Receives the request and finds the right servlet (the waiter assigned to your table).
3. **Servlet (The waiter):** Takes the request, does the work (like fetching food from the kitchen), and prepares a response (your meal).
4. **Waiter (Web Server):** Delivers the response (your meal) back to the customer (browser).

This back-and-forth between browser, server, and servlet creates dynamic web applications.

5. A servlet goes through 3 main stages:

1. **Init:** Like setting up a shop - runs once when the servlet is first loaded, used for initialization tasks.

2. **Service:** The busy waiter stage - handles each client request (like taking orders).
3. **Destroy:** Closing time! Runs once before the servlet is unloaded (like cleaning up after closing).

6. doGet and doPost are both methods in servlets used to handle requests from a web browser, but they differ in how they handle data:

- **doGet** is like a **verbal request**:
    - Used for simple requests with of data (e.g., searching a website).
    - Data is included in the URL itself (after the question mark, like ?q=your+search).
- **doPost** is like a **written form**:
    - Used for complex requests with more data (e.g., submitting a form).
    - Data is sent separately from the URL, in the body of the request.

Think of doGet for quick questions and doPost for submitting data to the server.

7. The destroy method of a servlet gets called by the web container **when the servlet is being taken out of service**. This can happen for various reasons, but typically it occurs when the server is shutting down or when the container decides the servlet is no longer needed (e.g., due to inactivity).

8. Here are the two main ways to implement a servlet:

1. **Extend javax.servlet.Servlet:** This is the most basic approach, but requires you to handle all the lifecycle methods (init, service, destroy) yourself.
2. **Extend javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet:** This is a common subclass that simplifies things by providing default implementations for common tasks and separate methods for handling GET (doGet) and POST (doPost) requests.

9. HTTP methods, also called verbs, are instructions sent from a web browser (client) to a server telling it what to do with a particular resource (like a web page). Here are some common ones:

- **GET:** Retrieves data from a server (like opening a web page).
- **POST:** Sends data to the server (like submitting a form).
- **PUT:** Updates data on the server (like editing a record).
- **DELETE:** Removes data from the server (like deleting a file).

10. Servlets themselves don't inherently use a single HTTP method. They are designed to handle requests regardless of the method used (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, etc.).
The specific method used depends on how the client (browser or other program) sends the request. The servlet will then have different methods (like doGet and doPost) to handle these different types of requests.

11. Here's the difference between GenericServlet and HttpServlet:

- **GenericServlet:**
  - **General purpose:** Handles requests from any protocol (not just HTTP).
  - **Less common:** You'll typically use HttpServlet for web development.
  - **Abstract class:** You can't directly create a GenericServlet object.
- **HttpServlet:**
  - **Web-focused:** Specifically designed to handle HTTP requests.
  - **More common:** The go-to choice for servlet development.
  - **Subclass of GenericServlet:** Inherits functionality from GenericServlet but adds methods like doGet and doPost for handling GET and POST requests.

12. The RequestDispatcher interface in servlets lets you forward or include other resources within your servlet's response. Imagine it as a conductor in an orchestra:

- **Forward:** The servlet acts like the conductor, passing on the request (like the music score) to another resource (a different musician) to handle and generate the final response (the music played).
- **Include:** The servlet incorporates content from another resource (like a section from another musician) into its own response (the final piece).

12. **ServletConfig:**

- Specific to a particular servlet.
- Holds initialization parameters defined for that specific servlet in the deployment descriptor (web.xml).
- Accessed through the getServletConfig() method of the servlet.

ServletContext:

- Application-wide.
- Holds initialization parameters defined for the entire web application in the deployment descriptor.
- Accessed through the getServletContext() method of the servlet.

13. Both ServletConfig and ServletContext deal with configuration in servlets, but they target different levels:

- **ServletConfig:**
  - **Individual servlet:** Provides configuration specific to a single servlet.
  - **Initialization parameters:** Holds settings defined for that particular servlet in the deployment descriptor (web.xml).
  - **Access:** Retrieved using getServletConfig() within the servlet.
- **ServletContext:**
  - **Entire web application:** Provides configuration for the whole application.
  - **Initialization parameters:** Holds settings defined for the entire web application in the deployment descriptor (web.xml).
  - **Access:** Retrieved using getServletContext() within the servlet.

14. InterServlet communication refers to the exchange of data or messages between different servlets running within the same web application. It allows servlets to collaborate and share information, enhancing the functionality and flexibility of the application.

15. The `web.xml` file is a deployment descriptor in Java web applications that configures the application's components and their behaviors. It defines settings such as servlets, servlet mappings, initialization parameters, and security constraints, thereby directing how the web application should respond to various requests and handle specific resources.

16. A Web Container, also known as a Servlet Container, is part of a web server or application server that manages the lifecycle, execution, and communication of servlets and JavaServer Pages (JSP). It provides the environment for web applications to run, handling requests, responses, session management, and other web-related tasks.

17. Servlet chaining is a technique where multiple servlets are linked together to process a single request. In this process, the output of one servlet is passed as input to the next servlet in the chain, allowing for modular processing and the ability to add, remove, or modify processing steps easily.

18. The `sendRedirect()` method is used to redirect the client to a different URL. This method sends a response to the browser with a new URL, causing the browser to make a new request to that URL. It is often used to direct clients to a different resource or page, such as after form submission or authentication.

19. Servlet filters are components that intercept and process requests and responses in a Java web application. They can perform tasks such as logging, authentication, input validation, and data compression before the request reaches a servlet or after the servlet generates a response. Filters can be configured to apply to specific URLs or servlets.

20. Use a servlet filter when you need to perform common tasks for multiple servlets or resources, such as logging, authentication, authorization, input validation, or response compression, before the request is processed by a servlet or after the servlet generates a response.

21. JSP (JavaServer Pages) are translated into servlets by the web container. When a JSP page is requested for the first time, the container translates the JSP code into a servlet source file, compiles it into a servlet class, and then loads and executes it. This process allows JSP to dynamically generate HTML content.

22. JSP (JavaServer Pages) is a technology used to create dynamic web content by embedding Java code directly into HTML pages. It allows for the easy creation of web pages that can interact with server-side applications, providing a simplified way to generate dynamic content and separate the presentation layer from the business logic.

23. JSP is used to create dynamic, data-driven web pages efficiently. It simplifies the development process by allowing developers to embed Java code within HTML, enabling seamless integration of server-side logic and presentation. This helps in separating the user interface from business logic, making web applications easier to develop and maintain.

24. Implicit objects in JSP are predefined variables that provide access to various objects related to the servlet environment without needing to be explicitly declared. They include `request`, `response`, `session`, `application`, `out`, `config`, `pageContext`, `page`, and `exception`. These objects simplify the development process by allowing easy interaction with the server and client data.

25. Scriptlets in JSP are sections of Java code embedded within `<% %>` tags directly in the JSP page. They allow developers to include Java code snippets for dynamic content generation, data processing, or other server-side logic directly within the HTML structure of the page. However, excessive use of scriptlets can lead to code mixing concerns and hinder the maintainability of the application.

26. In the context of servlets, directives are generally not used. This term is more commonly associated with JSP (Java Server Pages), which pre-processes HTML files with Java code. JSP directives provide instructions to the JSP container on how to translate the JSP page into a corresponding servlet. So, they don't directly relate to servlets themselves.

27. There are two main ways to execute Java code in JSP\

1. Scriptlets (<% ... %>)

- This method allows you to write Java code directly within your JSP page using scriptlet tags.
- While convenient for small code snippets, it can lead to messy and hard-to-maintain JSP pages.
- It mixes presentation logic (HTML) with business logic (Java), making code harder to reuse.

2. Recommended Approach: Separating Logic and Presentation

- This approach promotes cleaner separation of concerns.
    - **Java Beans and Classes:** Create reusable Java classes to handle business logic.
    - **JSP Expressions (<%= ... %>) and JSTL (JavaServer Pages Standard Tag Library):** Use these techniques to access data and functionality from your Java classes within your JSP for presentation.

28. servlets can technically do everything JSP can do. JSP offers advantages though, especially for separating logic and presentation:

- **Separation of Concerns:** JSP keeps presentation logic (HTML) and business logic (Java) separate. This makes JSP pages cleaner and easier to maintain.
- **Focus on Presentation:** Developers can focus on writing clear, well-structured HTML with JSP expressions and tags.
- **Easier for Designers:** JSP allows designers to work on the HTML structure without needing to write complex Java code.

Here's an analogy: Imagine building a house.

- **Servlet:** Like using only bricks for everything (walls, roof, windows). Powerful, but complex.
- **JSP:** Like having separate pre-fabricated walls, windows, etc. Easier to assemble a nice-looking house (web page).

29. The lifecycle phases of a JSP (JavaServer Pages) include:

1. Translation: When a JSP page is first accessed, the JSP container translates it into a servlet class. This involves parsing the JSP file, generating the corresponding servlet source code, and compiling it.

2. Initialization: After compilation, the servlet instance is initialized by calling its `init()` method. This phase allows the servlet to perform any necessary setup tasks, such as initializing variables or establishing database connections.

3. Request Handling: Each request to the JSP page results in the execution of the servlet's `service()` method. Here, the servlet processes the request, executes any embedded Java code or expressions, and generates dynamic content (typically HTML) to be sent back to the client.

4. Destroy: When the JSP container determines that the servlet instance is no longer needed (e.g., when the web application is being shut down or the servlet is being unloaded), it calls the servlet's `destroy()` method. This allows the servlet to perform any cleanup tasks, such as releasing resources like database connections.

These phases collectively define how a JSP page is translated, executed, and managed by the JSP container throughout its lifecycle.

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1.init(): Called by the container to initialize the JSP instance before processing the first request. It's typically used for initialization tasks.

2. service(): Handles each request to the JSP page. This method processes the request, executes any embedded Java code or expressions, and generates the response.

3. destroy(): Called by the container before removing the JSP instance. It allows for cleanup tasks, such as closing database connections or releasing other resources.

4. jspInit(): Similar to `init()`, but specific to JSP. It's called by the container to initialize the JSP instance before processing the first request.

5. jspDestroy(): Similar to `destroy()`, but specific to JSP. It's called by the container before removing the JSP instance.