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Preface

I have made this report file on the topic **JSP Technology**; I have tried my best to elucidate all the relevant detail to the topic to be included in the report. While in the beginning I have tried to give a general view about this topic.

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Introduction to JSP

JSP technology is used to create dynamic web applications. **JSP** pages are easier to maintain than a **Servlet**. JSP pages are opposite of Servlets as a servlet adds HTML code inside Java code, while JSP adds Java code inside HTML using JSP tags. Everything a Servlet can do, a JSP page can also do it.

JSP enables us to write HTML pages containing tags, inside which we can include powerful Java programs. **Using JSP, one can easily separate Presentation and Business logic** as a web designer can design and update JSP pages creating the presentation layer and java developer can write server side complex computational code without concerning the web design. And both the layers can easily interact over HTTP requests.

What is JavaServer Pages?

JavaServer Pages (JSP) is a technology for developing Webpages that supports dynamic content. This helps developers insert java code in HTML pages by making use of special JSP tags, most of which start with `<%` and end with `%>`.

A JavaServer Pages component is a type of Java servlet that is designed to fulfill the role of a user interface for a Java web application. Web developers write JSPs as text files that combine HTML or XHTML code, XML elements, and embedded JSP actions and commands.

Using JSP, you can collect input from users through Webpage forms, present records from a database or another source, and create Webpages dynamically.

JSP tags can be used for a variety of purposes, such as retrieving information from a database or registering user preferences, accessing JavaBeans components, passing control between pages, and sharing information between requests, pages etc.

Why Use JSP?

JavaServer Pages often serve the same purpose as programs implemented using the **Common Gateway Interface (CGI)**. But JSP offers several advantages in comparison with the CGI.

- Performance is significantly better because JSP allows embedding Dynamic Elements in HTML Pages itself instead of having separate CGI files.
- JSP are always compiled before they are processed by the server unlike CGI/Perl which requires the server to load an interpreter and the target script each time the page is requested.
- JavaServer Pages are built on top of the Java Servlets API, so like Servlets, JSP also has access to all the powerful Enterprise Java APIs, including **JDBC, JNDI, EJB, JAXP**, etc.
- JSP pages can be used in combination with servlets that handle the business logic, the model supported by Java servlet template engines.

Finally, JSP is an integral part of Java EE, a complete platform for enterprise class applications. This means that JSP can play a part in the simplest applications to the most complex and demanding.

Features of JSP

- **Coding in JSP is easy** :- As it is just adding JAVA code to HTML/XML.
- **Reduction in the length of Code** :- In JSP we use action tags, custom tags etc.
- **Connection to Database is easier** :- It is easier to connect website to database and allows to read or write data easily to the database.
- **Make Interactive websites** :- In this we can create dynamic web pages which helps user to interact in real time environment.
- **Portable, Powerful, flexible and easy to maintain** :- as these are browser and server independent.
- **No Redeployment and No Re-Compilation** :- It is dynamic, secure and platform independent so no need to re-compilation.
- **Extension to Servlet** :- as it has all features of servlets, implicit objects and custom tags

Advantages of JSP

Following table lists out the other advantages of using JSP over other technologies –

vs. Active Server Pages (ASP)

The advantages of JSP are twofold. First, the dynamic part is written in Java, not Visual Basic or other MS specific language, so it is more powerful and easier to use. Second, it is portable to other operating systems and non-Microsoft Web servers.

vs. Pure Servlets

It is more convenient to write (and to modify!) regular HTML than to have plenty of `println` statements that generate the HTML.

vs. Server-Side Includes (SSI)

SSI is really only intended for simple inclusions, not for "real" programs that use form data, make database connections, and the like.

vs. JavaScript

JavaScript can generate HTML dynamically on the client but can hardly interact with the web server to perform complex tasks like database access and image processing etc.

vs. Static HTML

Regular HTML, of course, cannot contain dynamic information.

Disadvantages of using JSP

- Difficult to debug for errors.
- First time access leads to wastage of time
- It's output is HTML which lacks features.

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