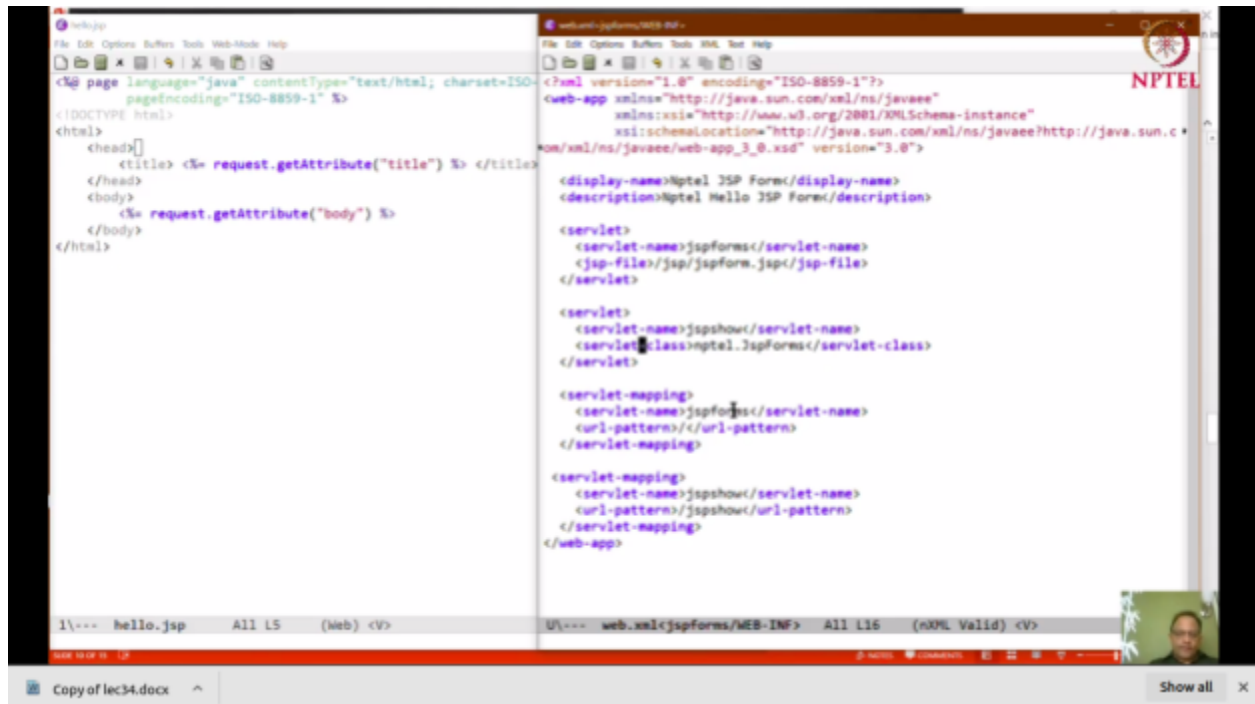


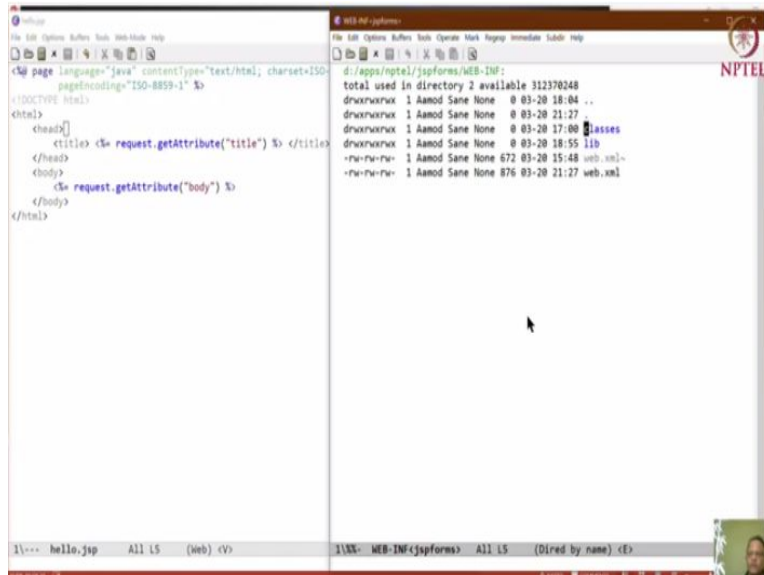
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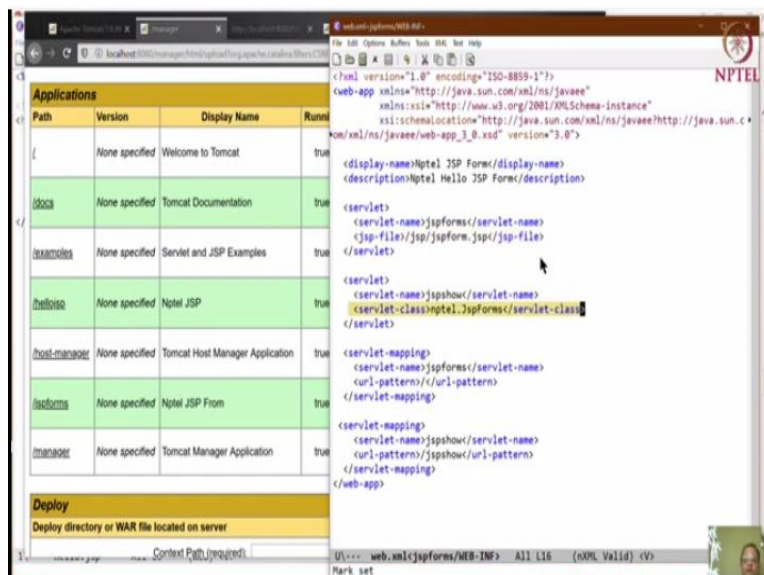


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JSP which has a form:

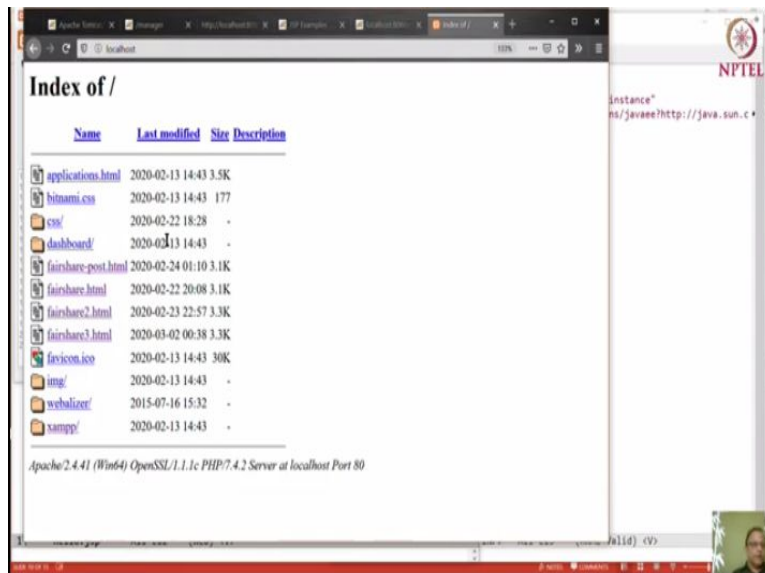
So, here what we are going to do is something slightly different, we will load `jspforms.war` (Refer Slide Time: 00:56)



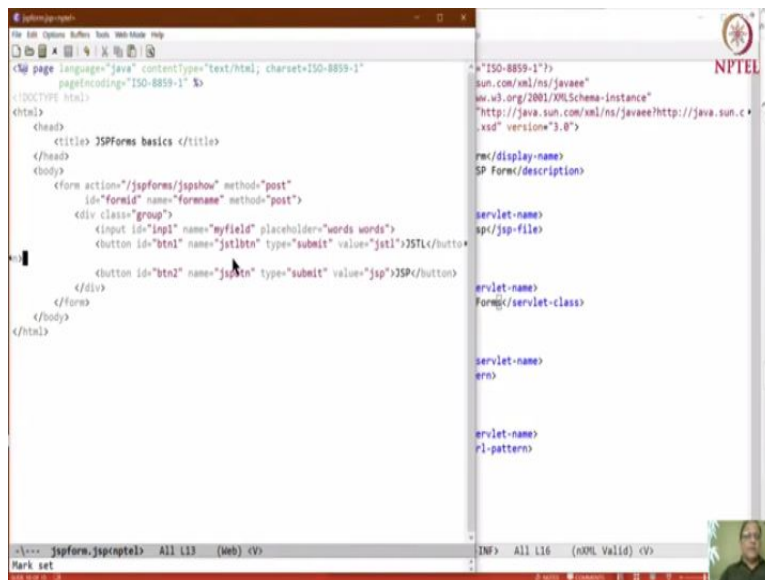
So, when we load `jspforms` as a war, context path that is taken is actually `jspforms` itself. So, what should happen when we click on `jspforms`, so far for example, in `web.xml` of `hello.jsp`, this URL pattern, the first one you visit corresponds to the servlet, which corresponds to this servlet class.

So, jspforms/ is the opening URL and that will go to a servlet but as we have seen it is actually, a servlet underneath even though, it looks like a standard jsp to us, this is identified by using the jsp file tag rather than the servlet class tag.

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In principle **jsp** which is the **general purpose template language**, we can also use other languages. So we start with a form and it is the form that then goes to the second page, jsp show and it is jsp which takes us to the jspforms class. We first visit jsp page which is kind of like the html page.

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And just as the html page sends to the cgi bin script, here the jsp sends to a jsp show, which turns out to be a servlet class.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a JSP page. The address bar shows the URL `localhost:8080/jspforms/`. The page content includes a form with a text input field labeled "words" and two submit buttons. The first button is labeled "JSTL" and the second is labeled "JSP".

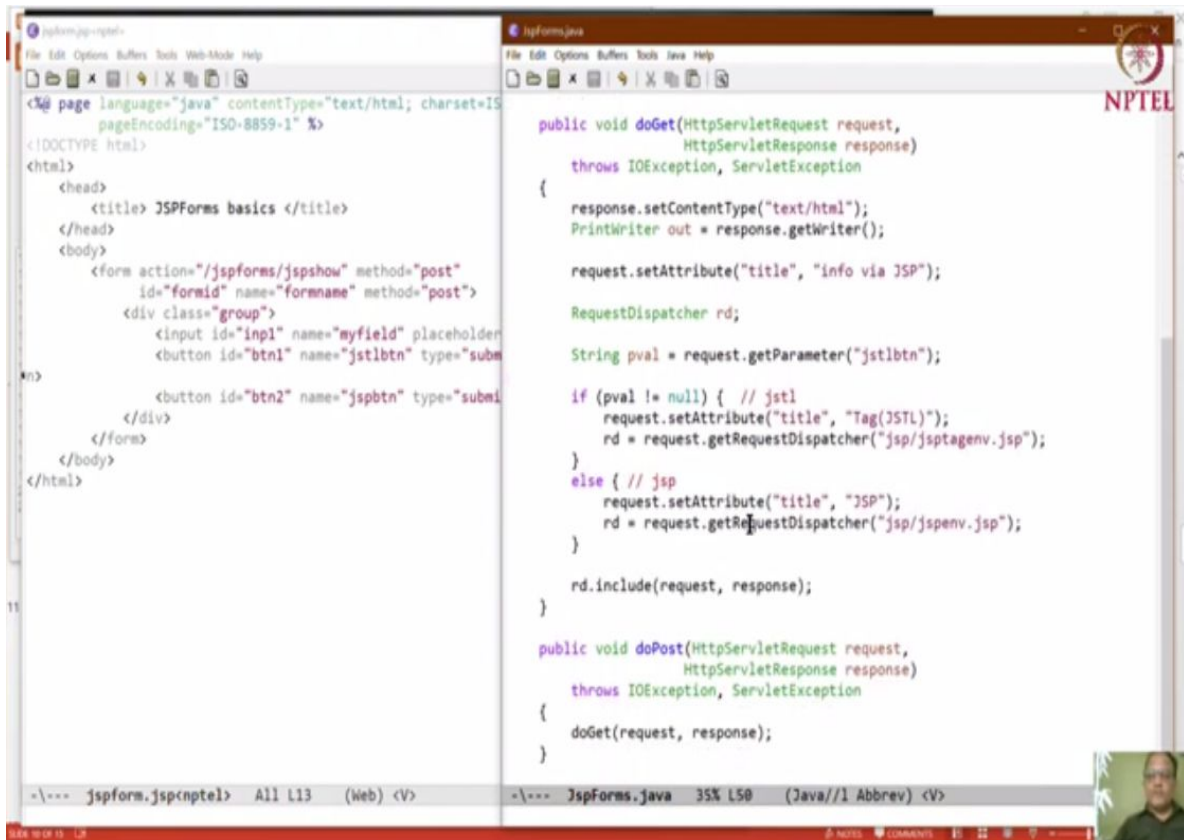
Below the browser window, the source code of the JSP page is visible in an IDE. The code is as follows:

```
<% page language="java" contentType="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1"
    pageEncoding="ISO-8859-1" %>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
    <head>
        <title> JSPforms basics </title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <form action="/jspforms/jspshow" method="post"
            id="formid" name="formname" method="post">
            <div class="group">
                <input id="inp1" name="myfield" placeholder="words words">
                <button id="btn1" name="jstlbtn" type="submit" value="jstl">JSTL</button>
            </div>
            <button id="btn2" name="jspbtn" type="submit" value="jsp">JSP</button>
        </form>
    </body>
</html>
```

Consider the above form, it has 2 buttons, JSTL and JSP, is very similar to our desired app's GUI (with a text filled and with 3 buttons)

Words are defaults and in practice, upon updating either of the 2 buttons will take us to the back end. There is a form action as usual and an input ID, whose name is my field and here the name is jstl button and jsp button.

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Jsp Forms class:

There is a request attribute as usual because we are going to use it elsewhere and when that form is clicked, it invokes this class, the post method and a post method in this case actually is no different from get, so it internally sends to the get method.

Need for request dispatcher

Previously in hello JSP, we generated a request dispatcher, which took us from the servlet class to a jsp, here we have arrived from a jsp via a post to this get and for this request, we are going to generate a request dispatcher later and here are the 2 things we do:

1. Check if there is a parameter called jstl button, if so then do jstl processing.
2. Else do jsp processing.

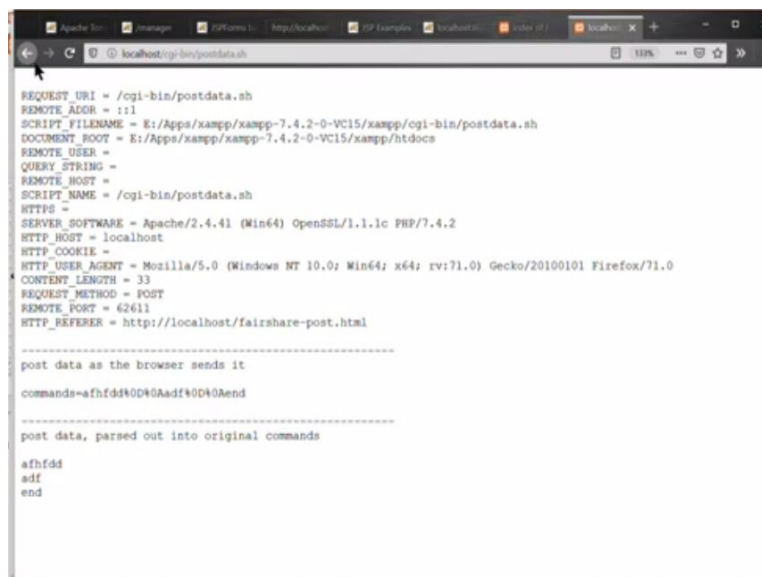
The string arrives via the request parameter (which is the name that we gave), so key value pairs arrive at the servlet and value is the one depending on which button is pressed.

ID of a tag is used on the client side, whereas the name is something which is sent to the server side.

There is a button that submits a form and it sends this value to the back end, when that happens, having determined whether it was jstl or whether it was jsp by using the parameter, two cases arise. In one path, we set the title to jsp and our request dispatcher this time invokes either jspenv.jsp or jsptagenv.jsp, so that is the distinction.

So, we came from the jsp to a servlet class and from a servlet class, we are going again to a jsp, this time there are 2 jsp's.

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A screenshot of a web browser window showing the output of a CGI script. The browser's address bar shows 'localhost/cgi-bin/postdata.sh'. The page content displays various HTTP request headers and the raw post data. The headers include REQUEST_URI, REMOTE_ADDR, SCRIPT_FILENAME, DOCUMENT_ROOT, REMOTE_USER, QUERY_STRING, REMOTE_HOST, SCRIPT_NAME, HTTPS, SERVER_SOFTWARE, HTTP_HOST, HTTP_COOKIE, HTTP_USER_AGENT, CONTENT_LENGTH, REQUEST_METHOD, REMOTE_PORT, and HTTP_REFERER. The post data is shown as a hex string: 'commands=afhfd&0&0Aadf&0D&0Aend'. Below this, the post data is parsed into original commands: 'afhfd', 'adf', and 'end'.

```
REQUEST_URI = /cgi-bin/postdata.sh
REMOTE_ADDR = ::1
SCRIPT_FILENAME = E:/Apps/xampp/xampp-7.4.2-0-VC15/xampp/cgi-bin/postdata.sh
DOCUMENT_ROOT = E:/Apps/xampp/xampp-7.4.2-0-VC15/xampp/htdocs
REMOTE_USER = 
QUERY_STRING = 
REMOTE_HOST = 
SCRIPT_NAME = /cgi-bin/postdata.sh
HTTPS = 
SERVER_SOFTWARE = Apache/2.4.41 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1c PHP/7.4.2
HTTP_HOST = localhost
HTTP_COOKIE = 
HTTP_USER_AGENT = Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:71.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/71.0
CONTENT_LENGTH = 33
REQUEST_METHOD = POST
REMOTE_PORT = 62611
HTTP_REFERER = http://localhost/fairshare-post.html

-----
post data as the browser sends it

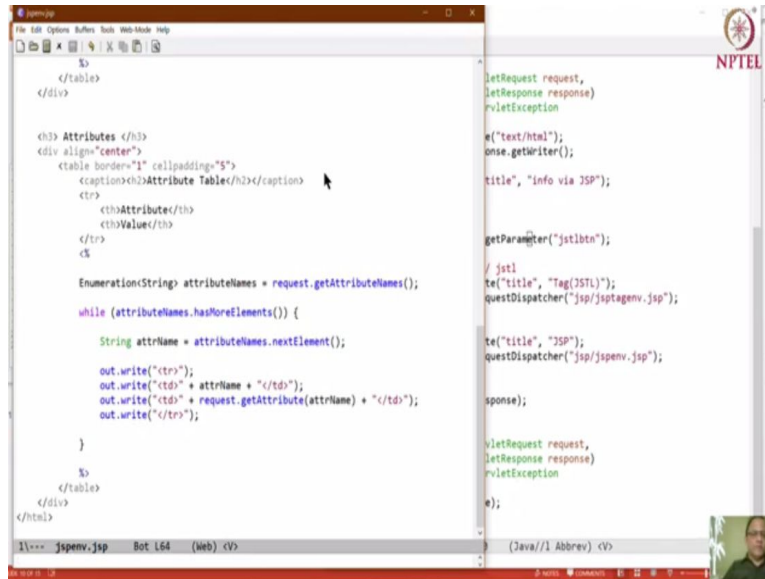
commands=afhfd&0&0Aadf&0D&0Aend

-----
post data, parsed out into original commands

afhfd
adf
end
```

This behavior is similar to fair share when one clicks submit, something gets generated by the back end, okay, in this case, it is just generating whatever you send it and it comes back, if this were html, then we would see it as html but the point is you go from a form to a cgi bin which generates another potential html and that is what is going on here. So, from 1 jsp, you come to this class, from this class, you go to one of these 2 jsp's and what does jspenv look like, let us take a look, so jspenv.

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Job of jspenv is to tell all the parameters of the request and all the attributes of the request.
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Parameters Table

Parameter	Value
myfield	abc dfp
jspbtn	jsp

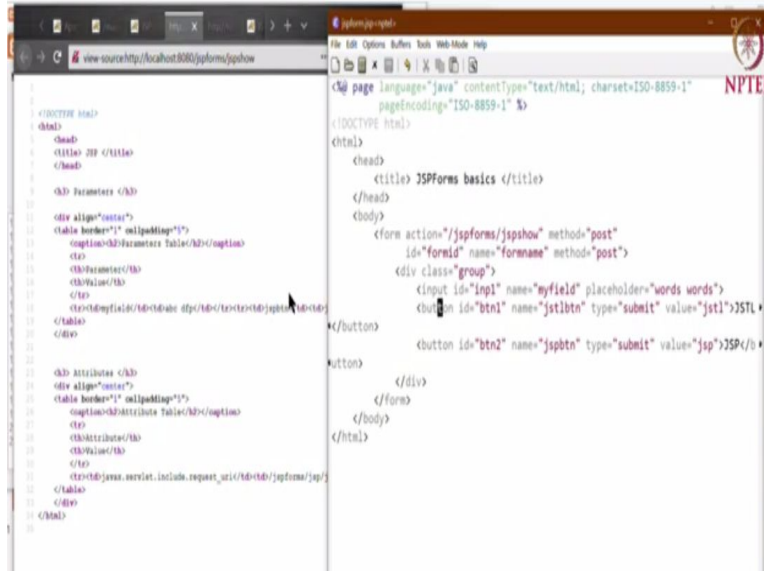
Attributes

Attribute Table

Attribute	Value
javax.servlet.include.request_uri	/jspforms/jsp/jspenv.jsp
javax.servlet.include.context_path	/jspforms
javax.servlet.include.servlet_path	/jsp/jspenv.jsp
title	JSP

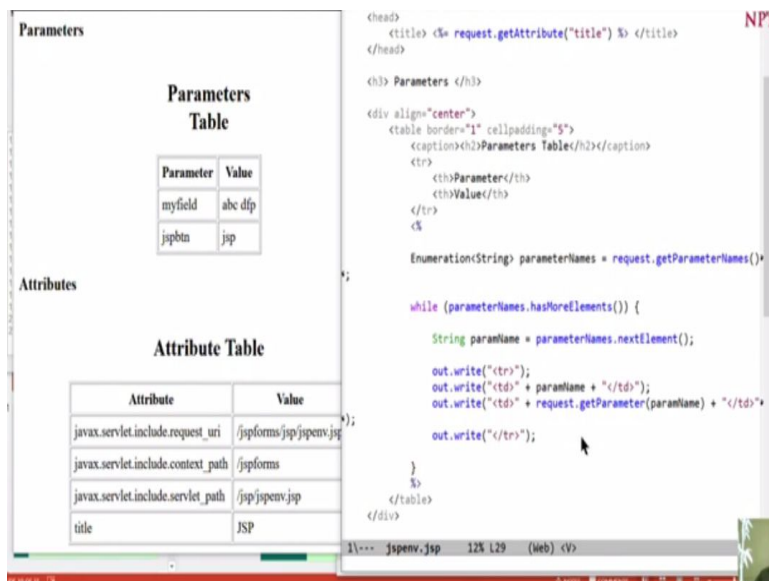
When jsp is clicked, we get the parameters table as shown above, which says that there was a my field and there was a jsp button. So parameter is my field and value in this case is whatever we entered and jsp button is the one whose value happens to be jsp. Now, as far as the attributes are concerned, some are internal and others are entered which are titled jsp.

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So, what is happening is it is generating 2 tables and in each table, it is generating 2 different rows.

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Java code is similar to before, it gets the request object, get parameter names, etc.

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Parameters

Parameters Table

Parameter	Value
myfield	abc dfg
jspbtn	jsp

Attributes

Attribute Table

Attribute	Value
javax.servlet.include.request_uri	/jspforms/jsp/jspenv.jsp
javax.servlet.include.context_path	/jspforms
javax.servlet.include.servlet_path	/jsp/jspenv.jsp
title	JSP

```

</div>

<h3> Attributes </h3>
<div align="center">
  <table border="1" cellpadding="5">
    <caption><h2>Attribute Table</h2></caption>
    <tr>
      <th>Attribute</th>
      <th>Value</th>
    </tr>
    <%
      Enumeration<String> attributeNames = request.getAttributeNames();

      while (attributeNames.hasMoreElements()) {

        String attrName = attributeNames.nextElement();

        out.write("<tr>");
        out.write("<td>" + attrName + "</td>");
        out.write("<td>" + request.getAttribute(attrName) + "</td>");

        out.write("</tr>");

      }
    <%>
  </table>
</div>
</html>

```

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Parameters

Parameters Table

Parameter	Value
myfield	abc dfg
jspbtn	jsp

Attributes

Attribute Table

Attribute	Value
javax.servlet.include.request_uri	/jspforms/jsp/jspenv.jsp
javax.servlet.include.context_path	/jspforms
javax.servlet.include.servlet_path	/jsp/jspenv.jsp
title	JSP

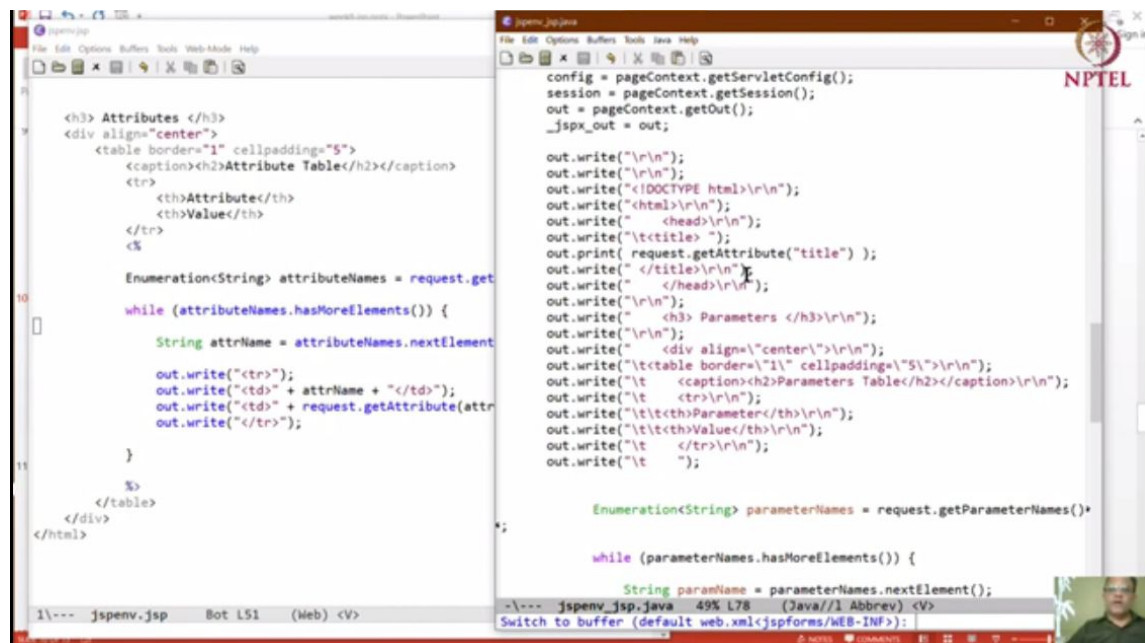
```

out.write("<tr><td></td></tr>");
out.write("</div></div>");
out.write("</html></html>");
} catch (java.lang.Throwable t) {
  if (!(t instanceof javax.servlet.jsp.SkipPageException)){
    out = _jspx_out;
    if (out != null && out.getBufferSize() != 0)
      try {
        if (response.isCommitted()) {
          out.flush();
        } else {
          out.clearBuffer();
        }
      } catch (java.io.IOException e) {}
    if (_jspx_page_context != null) _jspx_page_context.handlePageException(
      t);
    else throw new ServletException(t);
  } finally {
    _jspxFactory.releasePageContext(_jspx_page_context);
  }
}

```

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```
<h3> Attributes </h3>
<div align="center">
  <table border="1" cellpadding="5">
    <caption><h2>Attribute Table</h2></caption>
    <tr>
      <th>Attribute</th>
      <th>Value</th>
    </tr>
    <%
      Enumeration<String> attributeNames = request.getAttributeNames();
      while (attributeNames.hasMoreElements()) {
        String attrName = attributeNames.nextElement();
        out.write("<tr>");
        out.write("<td>" + attrName + "</td>");
        out.write("<td>" + request.getAttribute(attrName) + "</td>");
        out.write("</tr>");
      }
    <%>
  </table>
</div>
</html>
```

```
config = pageContext.getServletConfig();
session = pageContext.getSession();
out = pageContext.getOut();
_jspw_out = out;

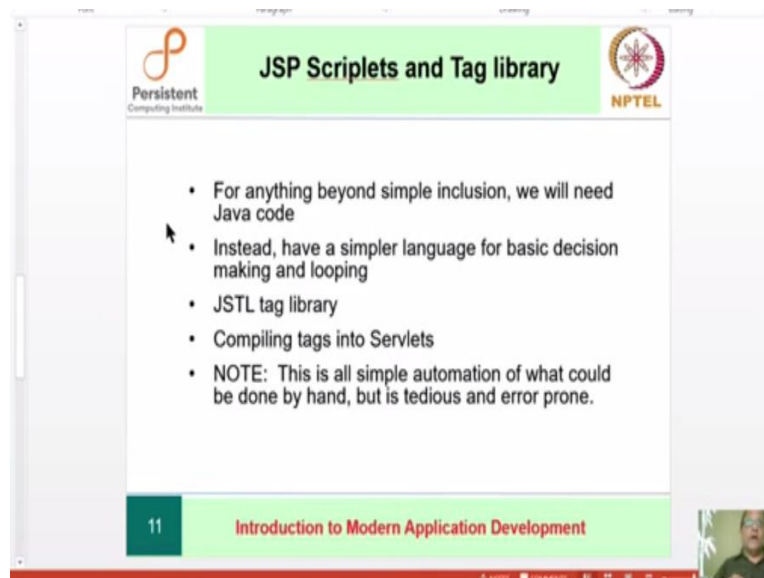
out.write("\r\n");
out.write("<DOCTYPE html>\r\n");
out.write("<html>\r\n");
out.write("<head>\r\n");
out.write("<title> ");
out.print( request.getAttribute("title") );
out.write("</title>\r\n");
out.write("</head>\r\n");
out.write("\r\n");
out.write("<h3> Parameters </h3>\r\n");
out.write("\r\n");
out.write("<div align='center'>\r\n");
out.write("<table border='1' cellpadding='5'>\r\n");
out.write("<caption><h2>Parameters Table</h2></caption>\r\n");
out.write("<tr>\r\n");
out.write("<th>Parameter</th>\r\n");
out.write("<th>Value</th>\r\n");
out.write("</tr>\r\n");
out.write("<tr>\r\n");
out.write("<td>");

Enumeration<String> parameterNames = request.getParameterNames();

while (parameterNames.hasMoreElements()) {
  String paramName = parameterNames.nextElement();
  out.write("<tr>");
  out.write("<td>" + paramName + "</td>");
  out.write("<td>" + request.getParameter(paramName) + "</td>");
  out.write("</tr>");
}
```

Consider the above figure, writing using `out.write` ourselves does not make sense when the example is complicated. Instead of that with the code on the left window, which are called **scriplets** (little pieces of Java code) can make it more readable and elegant.

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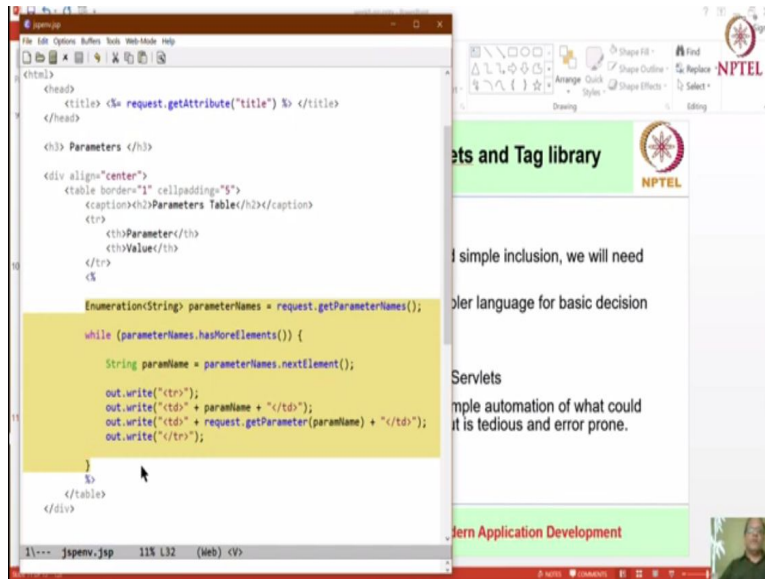
JSP Scriplets and Tag library

- For anything beyond simple inclusion, we will need Java code
- Instead, have a simpler language for basic decision making and looping
- JSTL tag library
- Compiling tags into Servlets
- NOTE: This is all simple automation of what could be done by hand, but is tedious and error prone.

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So for anything beyond simple inclusion, it is better to use Java code.

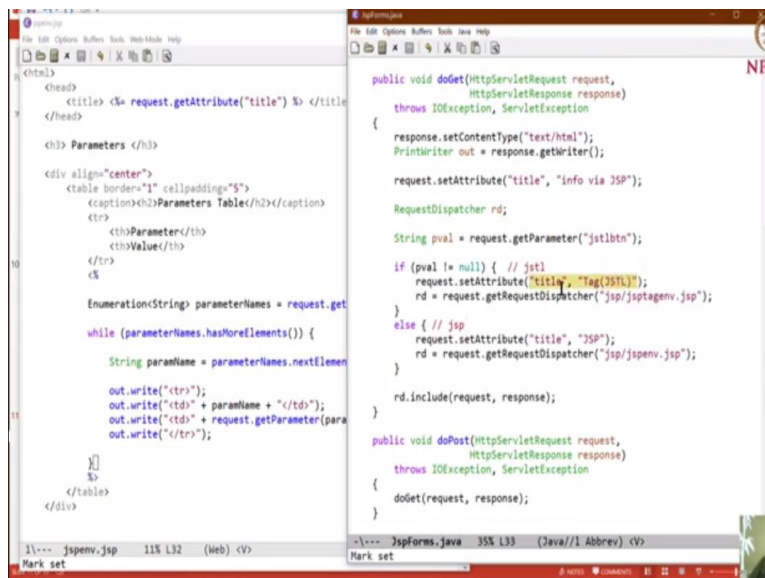
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Tag library.

Tag libraries are a way of simplifying loops, decision making etc., that arise while designing systems. One goal behind things like tag libraries was that since the front end i.e. forms and layouts are done by designers who are not necessarily programmers, we want a much simpler language over there which is easier for designers to understand. It is lot more like html.

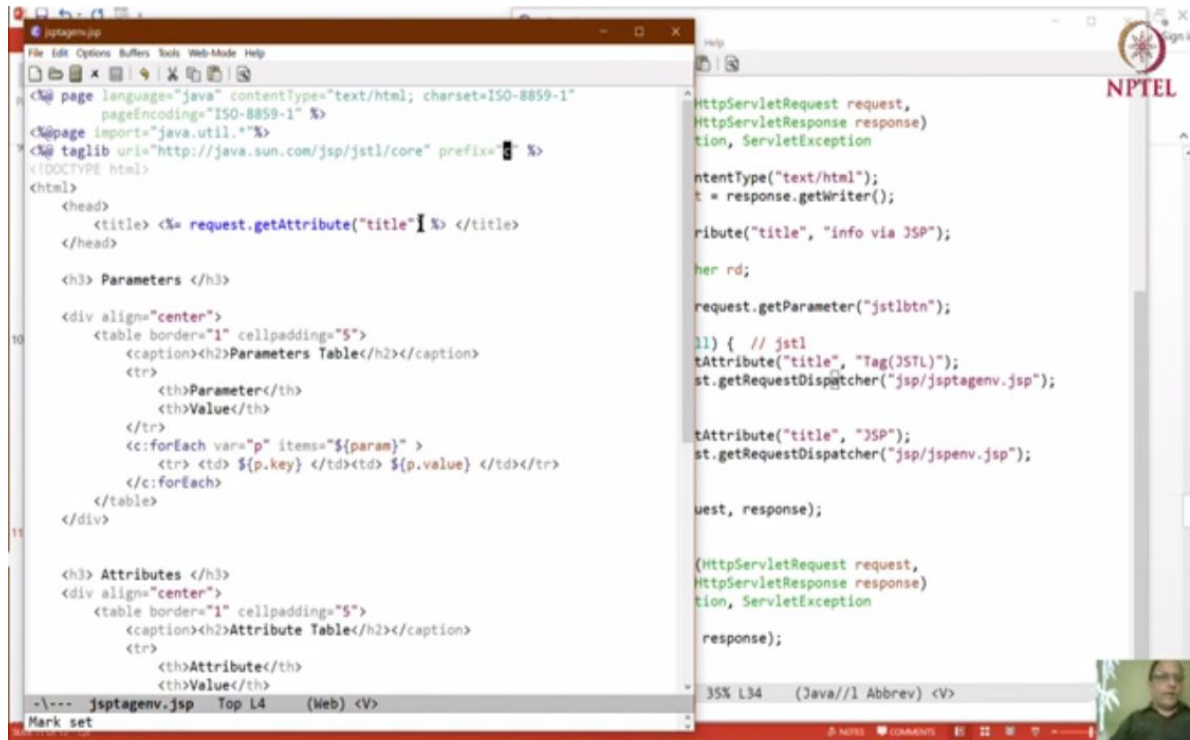
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The second scenario : JSTL

While we learnt about implementing using jsp through the jsp button which involves these things called scriptlets, tag libraries are a simplified version but achieves the same.

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The screenshot displays a web browser window with two panes. The left pane shows a JSP page titled 'jsp/psptagenv.jsp' with the following code:

```
<%@ page language="java" contentType="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1"
    pageEncoding="ISO-8859-1" %>
<%@page import="java.util.*"%>
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c"%>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title> <%= request.getAttribute("title") %> </title>
</head>
<h3> Parameters </h3>
<div align="center">
<table border="1" cellpadding="5">
<caption><h2>Parameters Table</h2></caption>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
<c:forEach var="p" items="${param}" >
<tr> <td> ${p.key} </td><td> ${p.value} </td></tr>
</c:forEach>
</table>
</div>
<h3> Attributes </h3>
<div align="center">
<table border="1" cellpadding="5">
<caption><h2>Attribute Table</h2></caption>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
```

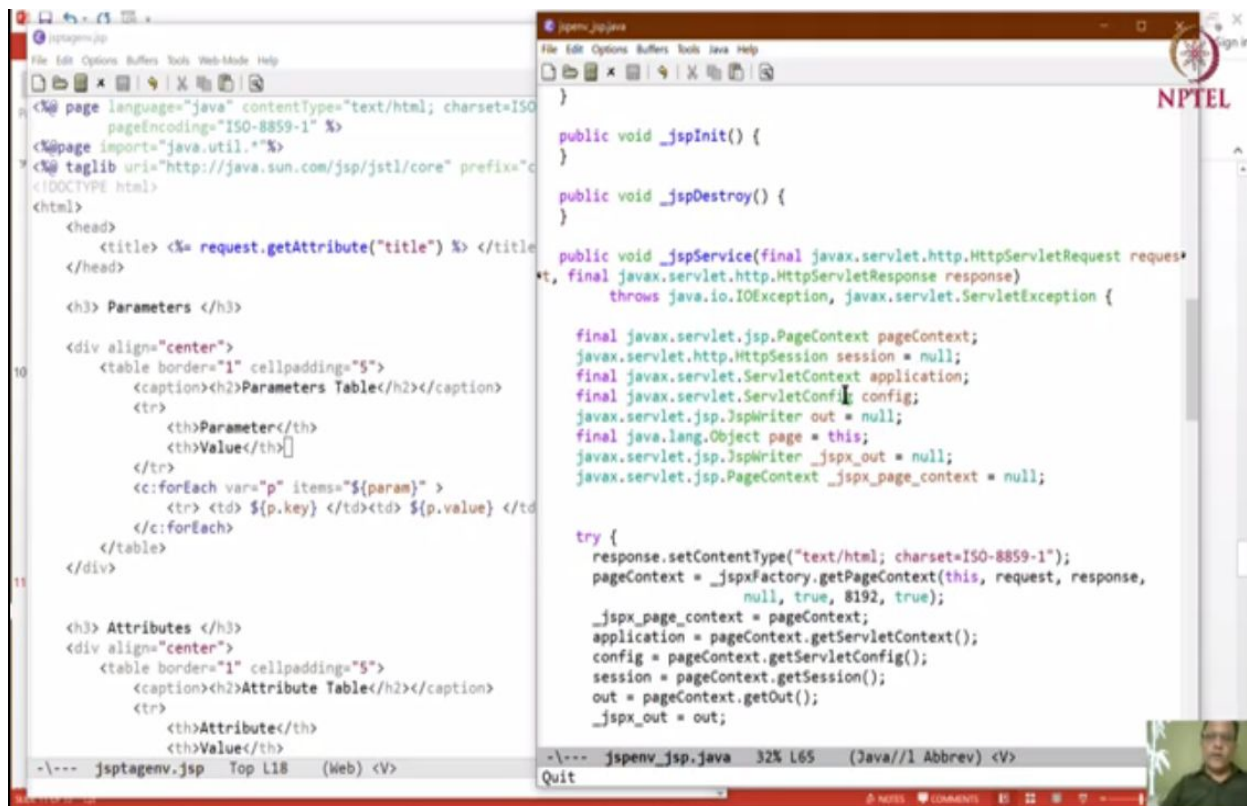
The right pane shows the corresponding Java servlet code:

```
HttpServletRequest request,
HttpServletResponse response)
tion, ServletException
ntentType("text/html");
t = response.getWriter();
ribute("title", "info via JSP");
her rd;
request.getParameter("jstlbtn");
ll) { // jstl
tAttribute("title", "Tag(JSTL)");
st.getRequestDispatcher("jsp/jspstagenenv.jsp");
tAttribute("title", "JSP");
st.getRequestDispatcher("jsp/jspenv.jsp");
uest, response);
(HttpServletRequest request,
HttpServletResponse response)
tion, ServletException
response);
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates '35% L34 (Java//1 Abbrev) <V>' and 'Mark set'.

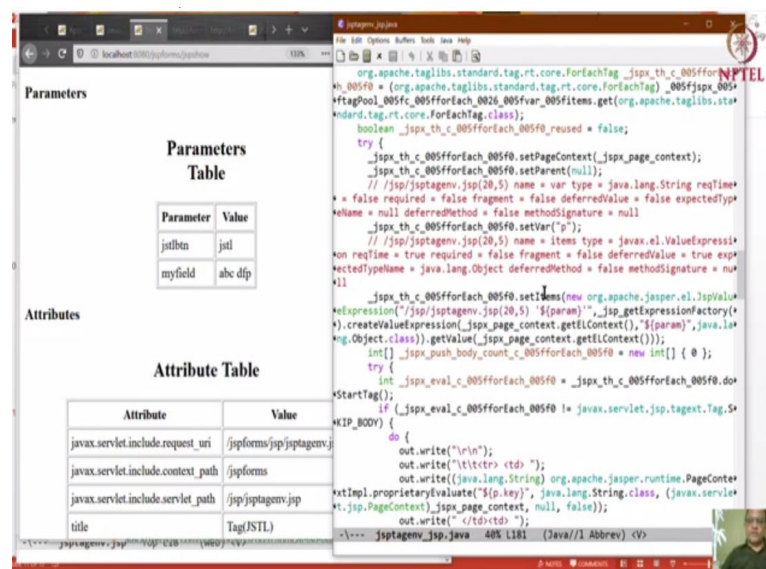
Tag origin: Need to include the first two lines in the above figure which specifies that tag library will be used.

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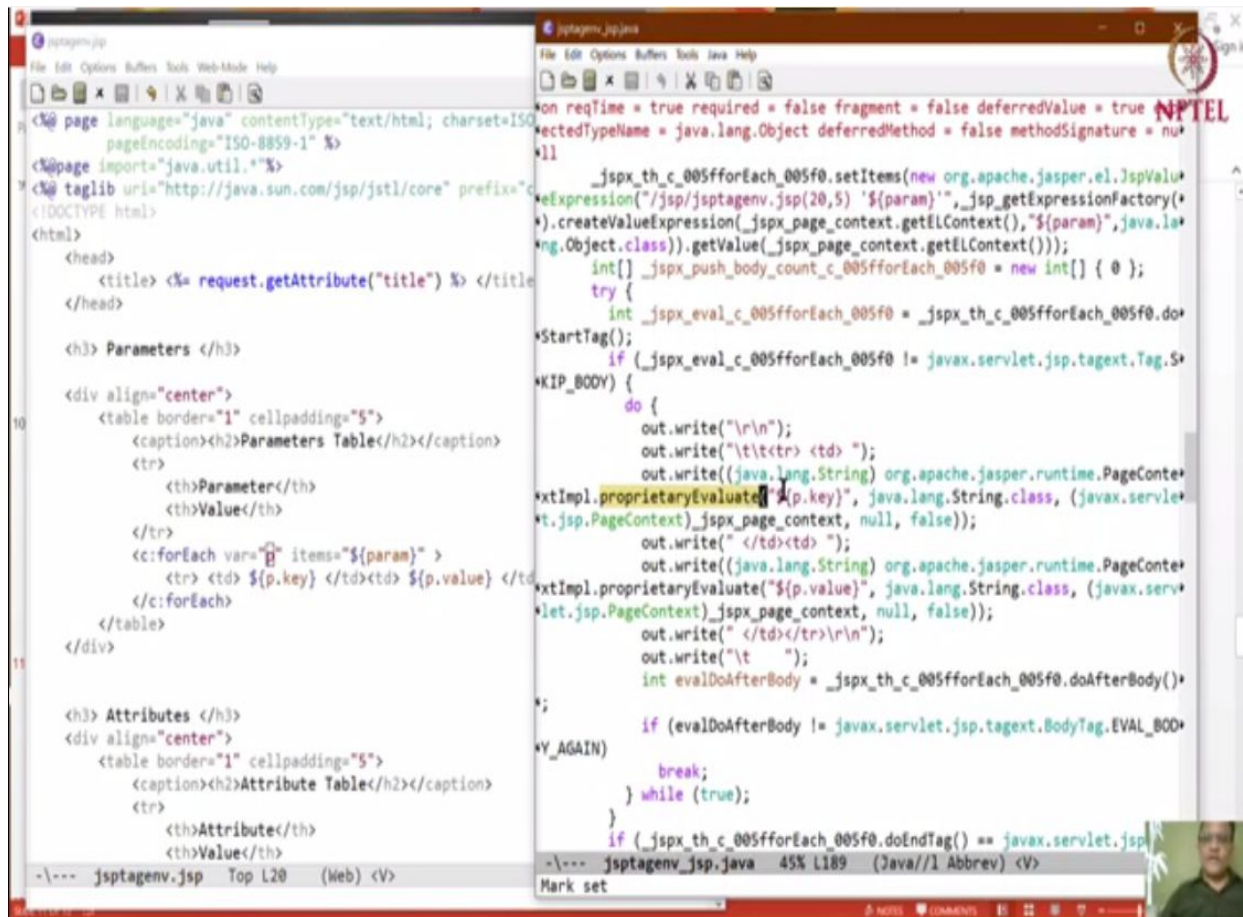


The generated code for the jstl contains predefined variables. Param is a java map which is a key and a value pair.

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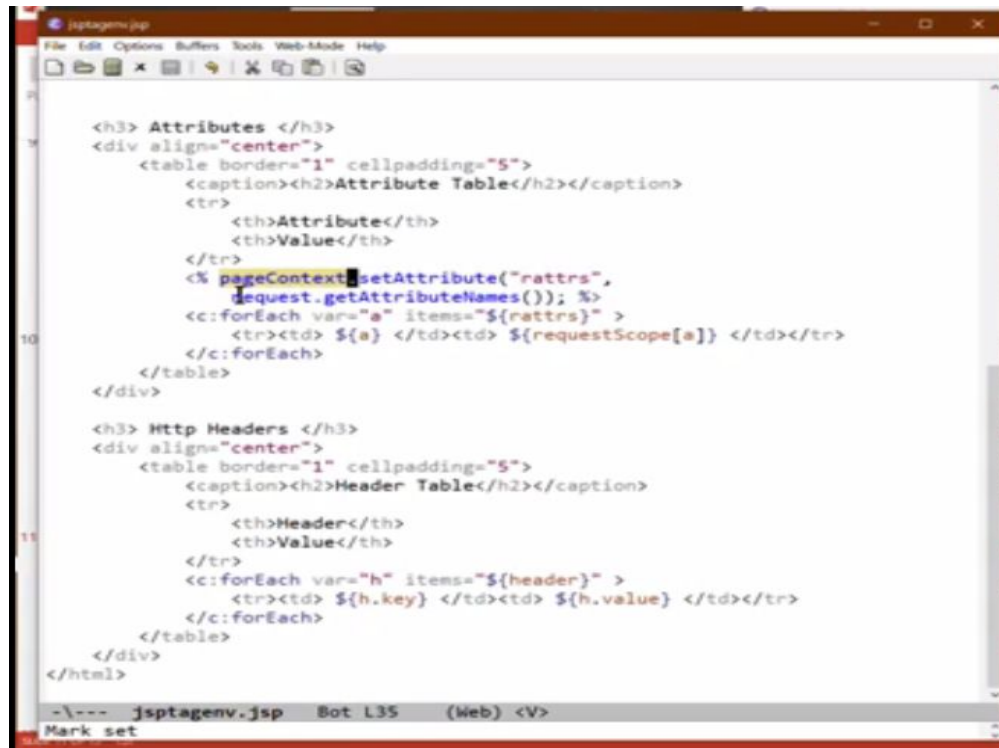
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```
<%@ page language="java" contentType="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1" %>
<%@ page import="java.util.*" %>
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title> <% request.getAttribute("title") %> </title>
</head>
<h3> Parameters </h3>
<div align="center">
<table border="1" cellpadding="5">
<caption><h2>Parameters Table</h2></caption>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
<c:forEach var="p" items="${param}" >
<tr> <td> ${p.key} </td><td> ${p.value} </td>
</tr>
</c:forEach>
</table>
</div>
<h3> Attributes </h3>
<div align="center">
<table border="1" cellpadding="5">
<caption><h2>Attribute Table</h2></caption>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</table>
</div>
</html>
```

```
on reqTime = true required = false fragment = false deferredValue = true
ectedTypeName = java.lang.Object deferredMethod = false methodSignature = nu
*ll
_jsp_th_c_005fforEach_005f0.setItems(new org.apache.jasper.el.JspValue
eExpression("/jsp/jspstagen.jsp(20,5) '${param}'",_jsp_getExpressionFactory(
*).createValueExpression(_jspx_page_context.getELContext(),"${param}",java.la
ng.Object.class)).getValue(_jspx_page_context.getELContext()));
int[] _jspx_push_body_count_c_005fforEach_005f0 = new int[] { 0 };
try {
int _jspx_eval_c_005fforEach_005f0 = _jspx_th_c_005fforEach_005f0.do
*StartTag();
if (_jspx_eval_c_005fforEach_005f0 != javax.servlet.jsp.tagext.Tag.S
*KIP_BODY) {
do {
out.write("\r\n");
out.write("\t\t<tr> <td> ");
out.write((java.lang.String) org.apache.jasper.runtime.PageConte
*Impl proprietaryEvaluate("${p.key}", java.lang.String.class, (javax.serv
*.jsp.PageContext)_jspx_page_context, null, false));
out.write("</td><td> ");
out.write((java.lang.String) org.apache.jasper.runtime.PageConte
*Impl proprietaryEvaluate("${p.value}", java.lang.String.class, (javax.serv
*.jsp.PageContext)_jspx_page_context, null, false));
out.write("</td></tr>\r\n");
out.write("\t ");
int evalDoAfterBody = _jspx_th_c_005fforEach_005f0.doAfterBody();
if (evalDoAfterBody != javax.servlet.jsp.tagext.BodyTag.EVAL_BOD
*V_AGAIN)
break;
} while (true);
}
if (_jspx_th_c_005fforEach_005f0.doEndTag() == javax.servlet.jsp
Mark set
```

Proprietary evaluate corresponds to the entry of the map, which is p.key where the runtime is actually evaluating these things in the page context.(Refer Slide Time: 27:05)

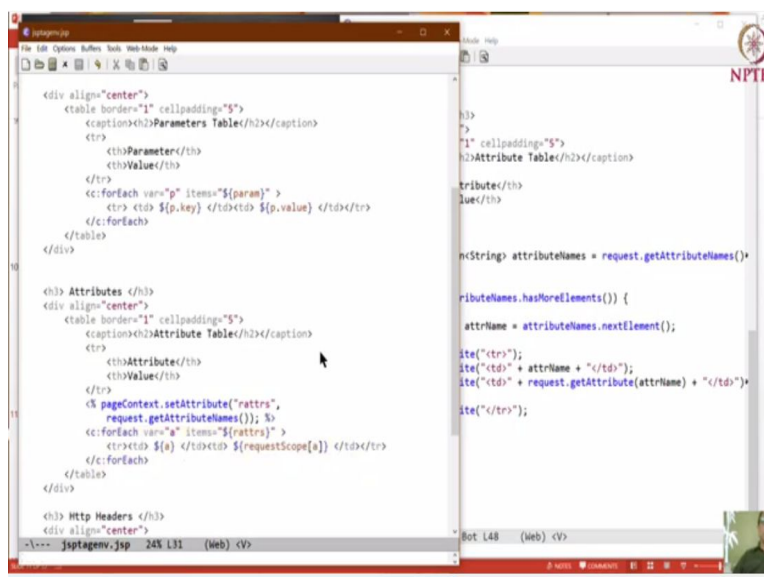


```
<h3> Attributes </h3>
<div align="center">
  <table border="1" cellpadding="5">
    <caption><h2>Attribute Table</h2></caption>
    <tr>
      <th>Attribute</th>
      <th>Value</th>
    </tr>
    <% pageContext.setAttribute("rattrs",
      request.getAttributeNames()); %>
    <c:forEach var="a" items="${rattrs}" >
      <tr><td> ${a} </td><td> ${requestScope[a]} </td></tr>
    </c:forEach>
  </table>
</div>

<h3> Http Headers </h3>
<div align="center">
  <table border="1" cellpadding="5">
    <caption><h2>Header Table</h2></caption>
    <tr>
      <th>Header</th>
      <th>Value</th>
    </tr>
    <c:forEach var="h" items="${header}" >
      <tr><td> ${h.key} </td><td> ${h.value} </td></tr>
    </c:forEach>
  </table>
</div>
</html>
```

Just as param is a built-in or an implicit object, http headers are also available as implicit objects and the loop over those is equally straightforward but the loop over attributes is a bit funky, this time the tag library alone does not do the job, instead we have to use old style jsp code and in this object something called page context, you have to actually get all the attributes and set it over here.

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```
<div align="center">
  <table border="1" cellpadding="5">
    <caption><h2>Parameters Table</h2></caption>
    <tr>
      <th>Parameter</th>
      <th>Value</th>
    </tr>
    <c:forEach var="p" items="${param}" >
      <tr><td> ${p.key} </td><td> ${p.value} </td></tr>
    </c:forEach>
  </table>
</div>

<h3> Attributes </h3>
<div align="center">
  <table border="1" cellpadding="5">
    <caption><h2>Attribute Table</h2></caption>
    <tr>
      <th>Attribute</th>
      <th>Value</th>
    </tr>
    <%
      pageContext.setAttribute("rattrs",
        request.getAttributeNames()); %>
    <c:forEach var="a" items="${rattrs}" >
      <tr><td> ${a} </td><td> ${requestScope[a]} </td></tr>
    </c:forEach>
  </table>
</div>

<h3> Http Headers </h3>
<div align="center">
```

In short implicit objects of jsp are also available within jstl but jstl is a more elaborated version of jsp and so what we have is you have to actually generate one of these attributes which then becomes available as a variable.

So, somewhere in that generated code, this param variable is also created in the same style but it is implicit in the code rather than we have in to do it. Now, all of these complexities you will become more familiar with them in time, I do not expect that this 1 lecture is going to; you should not worry too much, if you do not understand all the nuances, see the template idea begin small, simple jsp is look nice and when jstl's and all come in all sorts of new things start happening but it is just a layered extension of these ideas.

And by the way to get started doing something like this is perfectly fine. Once you get used to it, then you can decide whether something like a tag library is this what you need, now as we will see these kinds of complicated server side creations are not necessarily that common nowadays, there are other alternatives but in practice you will encounter a lot of code like this, if you go to work in industry and happen to work in a Java shop, furthermore these are not limited to Java as we will see later.

Bottom line for now, all you have to remember is this, there is a simple way to do for loops, instead of doing it through code, for some types of maps over, which you can do, they are already built in, for other types of maps, you will have to create them yourselves and the same is true if you have user generated maps in which case also you can use these kind of objects in order to set, create your own map and then you can use the for loop to go over it.

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java.servlet.include.servlet_path /jsp/jspTagenv.jsp

title Tag(JSTL)

Http Headers

Header Table

Header	Value
content-length	28
referer	http://localhost:8080/jsp/forms/
accept-language	en-US,en;q=0.5
cookie	JSESSIONID=A8040A0A296BB40FE1EC1FA66714FA41
origin	http://localhost:8080
host	localhost:8080
upgrade-insecure-requests	1
content-type	application/x-www-form-urlencoded
connection	keep-alive

JSP code snippets:

```

<%= "S">
<table border="1">
<tr>
<th>Header</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>content-length</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>referer</td>
<td>http://localhost:8080/jsp/forms/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>accept-language</td>
<td>en-US,en;q=0.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cookie</td>
<td>JSESSIONID=A8040A0A296BB40FE1EC1FA66714FA41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>origin</td>
<td>http://localhost:8080</td>
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<td>localhost:8080</td>
</tr>
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<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>content-type</td>
<td>application/x-www-form-urlencoded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>connection</td>
<td>keep-alive</td>
</tr>
</table>

```

That is why I showed you all these variations and so with the tag library, you can generate these tables very easily, whereas with JSP generating those tables with the sufficient pain that I just stop after parameters and attributes and did not really bother to do the JSTL style tables with http and all that but I could have use the same kind of code as should be obvious to you, okay, now let us consolidate a little bit.

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JSP Key ideas

- Instead of Code generating Text
 - `HelloServlet`: explicit output
 - `HelloTem`: replacing placeholders
- Have Code exist within text
- The "View" part is made explicitly into a JSP file
- JSP is HTML interspersed with Java Code
- JSP's are compiled into Servlets
- JSP's can cooperate with Servlets

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So, what we have now is key ideas instead of code generating text, code exists within text, this works okay but you get these problems where you have for anything more than beyond simple inclusion in the Java code and instead you use tag libraries to have simpler methods and then the

tag themselves get compiled into servlets, the most important thing is this is simple automation of what could I have been done by hand, but would have been erroneous or error prone in tedious.

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The slide is titled "JSTL applications" and features the Persistent Computing Institute and NPTEL logos. It contains two bullet points:

- Applications are a mixture of servlets and jsps.
- The entry point is often a servlet which dispatches to other servlets or jsps

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And as we saw applications or a mixture of servlets in JSP's, the entry point can; the very first thing is can is often in JSP but after that you might go into a servlet which dispatches off to other JSP's. so, we have 2 JSP's, there is the entry point JSP and a JSP which is generated by servlet for our simple application.

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The slide is titled "JSP Terminology" and features the Persistent Computing Institute and NPTEL logos. It contains a list of JSP-related terms:

- JSP File definition
 - `<% code inclusion %>` I
 - `<%= immediate value %>`
- JSP Implicit Objects
 - *request, out, session*
- Jasper: JSP Compiler
- JSP Caching
 - The "work" directory

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And as far as this JSP is concerned you have either code inclusion or values or the complicated version which is tag libraries which happened to involve syntax like C colon etc., whereby the way to remind you again, the C part at least was our choice where we said we are going to use this prefix for all the things like for each and all which are built-in into the JSTL library. Now, the exact syntax and all the details people have written in books on these things, the core idea I just want you to keep in mind is this is basic string jugglery, no more no less.

But you need access to some data and so you have to work with Java objects in order to get that access. What happens then is certain objects become implicitly available such as request out sessions and for the JSTL, there are implicit objects.

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- Applications are a mixture of servlets and jsp.
- The entry point is often a servlet which dispatches to other servlets or jsp
- JSTL implicit objects are
 - *param, header*

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So, **JSTL implicit objects are params, headers**, which is the collection of objects available in JSTL. Jasper is a JSP compiler and the compiled version is cached by putting it into the work directory.

Summary: We know how to make forms using JSP and smartly achieve the same using JSTL.

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Deploy

Deploy directory or WAR file located on server

Context Path (required):

WAR or Directory path:

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Deploy

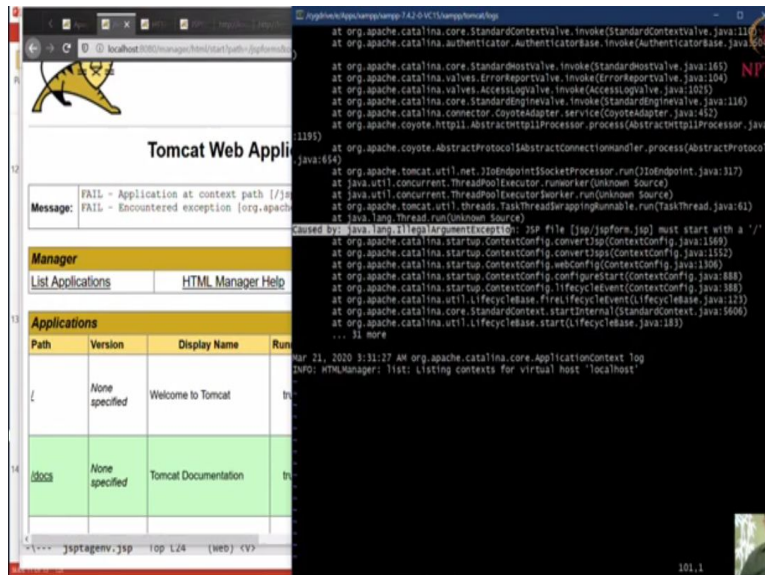
Deploy directory or WAR file located on server

Context Path (required):

XML Configuration file path:

WAR or Directory path:

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NOTE: If you observe the above error, go to Tomcat logs, it says very clearly that jsp/jspform must start with the slash.

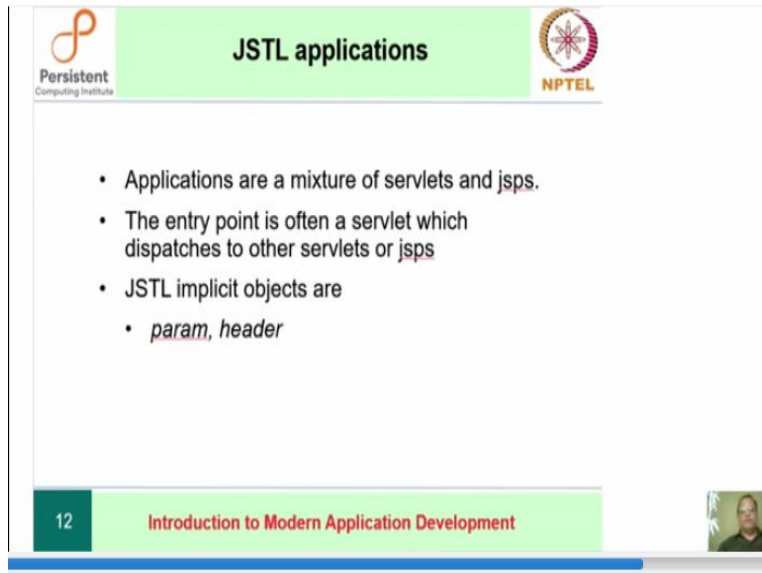
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Server Side vs Client Side templates

- Nowadays, we can avoid heavyweight server side HTML generation
- Browsers are "evergreen" – they update all the time
- So there is no "lowest common denominator" for long
- As a result, we can reliably use front end Javascript based creation of complex markup
- Server side we will ship data, often as JSON
- On the browser, we can render that data in a device-appropriate manner
- This is often done using Browser side (Client side) Javascript templates and other similar ideas.
- Browsers can maintain "always on" connections and provide rapid updates using Websockets, XMLHttpRequest and other such ideas for dynamic page updates

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JSTL applications

- Applications are a mixture of servlets and jsps.
- The entry point is often a servlet which dispatches to other servlets or jsps
- JSTL implicit objects are
 - *param, header*

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JSP TAKEAWAY:

There is basic JSP and there are tag libraries and both of them are essentially ways of generating web pages which are dominated by mark up.

But by and large for most of the sleek consumer sites you avoid heavy weight html server generation, back end these kinds of things were generated on servers, one reason was that browsers were still evolving and kind of flaky and it took time for people to update these things but for about the last decade or more may be the last 12, 13 years browsers have become self-updating, they are updated very, very quickly and reliably.

And so we say these are evergreen browsers and so most of them when they acquire a capability, all of them copy each other and acquire the capability very, very fast. So, as a result you can reliably use front and JavaScript based mark up and on the server side, what you do is you shift data often as JSON and on the browser, so JSON is this data format which comes with JavaScript.

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Here are the pieces to assemble

- Server side programming
- Templates and Forms
- State with cookies
- Database connection
- Logging
- Testing
- Next week we will assemble these into a complete App

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TO DO:

Finished server side programming, templates and forms, state with cookies, database connections, logging.

1. Testing using embedded Tomcat
2. Assemble all the above into a complete App.

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Not specific to Java!

- All web related technologies have these pieces
- Go, Elixir, NodeJs, Php, Ruby, Python all have
 - Url Routing with libraries and configurations
 - State management with sessions and cookies
 - Template libraries
 - Form and other kinds of inputs
 - Database connectivity
- A good way to learn all these technologies is to do all the steps of our sample app in each of these
- You will discover that they are mostly the same...

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The important thing to remember is, these problems are universal to web applications, they are not Java specific, so all the ultra-modern things like Go, and Elixir and even so not the ultra-modern things like NodeJs and Php, Ruby, Python etc., all of them have URL Routing with

libraries and configuration, state management with sessions and cookies, template libraries, forms and other kinds of input, database connectivity and so on.

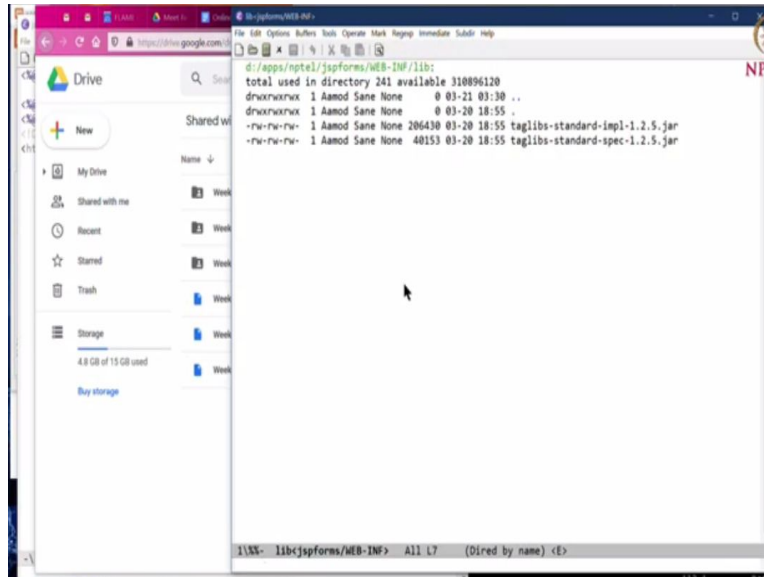
A good way to learn all these things is basically to take previous sample apps especially, hello with servlets to hello with jsp and jspforms and implement them in each of these technologies, we will find out that things are different actually, there is no clear cut superiority over Java except perhaps Java tends to be verbose and others are often perceived or actually are friendlier.

One important difference between the Java technologies and some of the other ones like Ruby especially, Ruby on the rails and some of its what shall we say; cousins in the Java world, like Spring Boot etc., is that they remove a lot of the complexity of detailed configuration of the kind we saw in web.xml etc., by means of what is called convention over configuration. So, if you agree to design your app in a way that is prescribed by the designer of the framework, then you get a lot of these configuration type things for free.

And in practice it means a great deal, so there is real value in following the prescriptions of a framework, some of the further developments along these lines are newer systems that try to do even more wrapping and what this wrapping means we will eventually discuss in a lecture where we will talk about what is called the rest architecture of the web or representational state transfer.

And at that point, we will be able to see a much higher level view of the web, right now we are in the weeds with all the details and the tag libraries and so on and so forth but by and large, once you get used to it and once you are familiar with one set of these things, it is not really that hard, just tedious and annoying and you have to keep track of or great many details.

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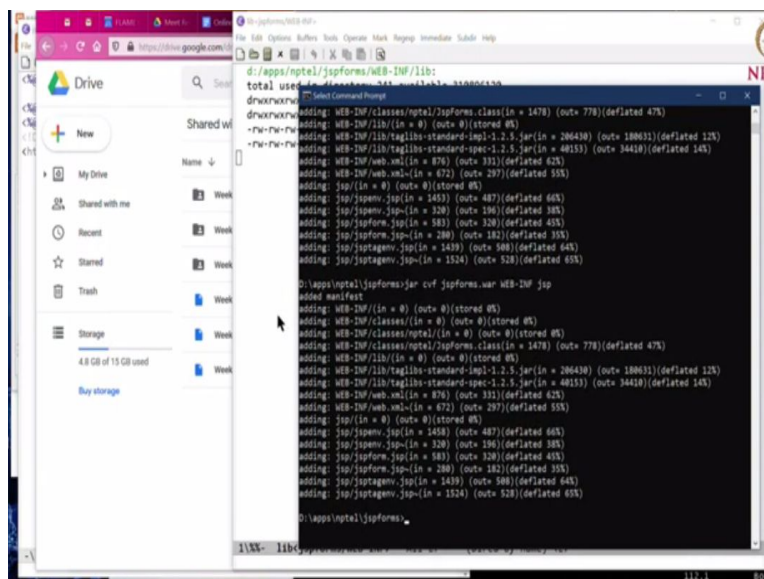


Important difference between the JSP versus the JSTL:

Tere is just the JSP syntax with percentages versus the jsptagenv which mentions tag library. Now, JSP is in some sense built into Tomcat in the sense that the JSP processing is for free.

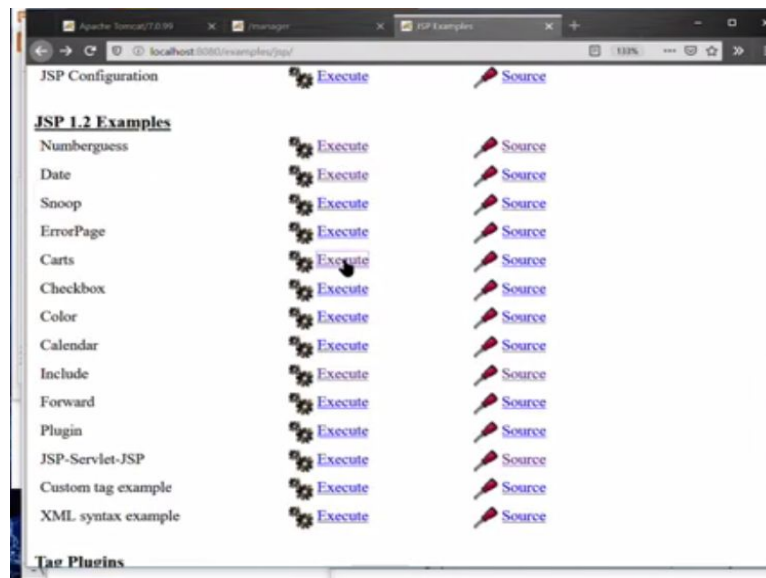
For the tag lib, we need to import certain libraries which are there in the examples that come with tomcat (look up in the examples directory) but these are the tag library, so this is called taglibs,impl and taglibs spec, these libraries you have to move into the lib's directory over here, WEB-INF.

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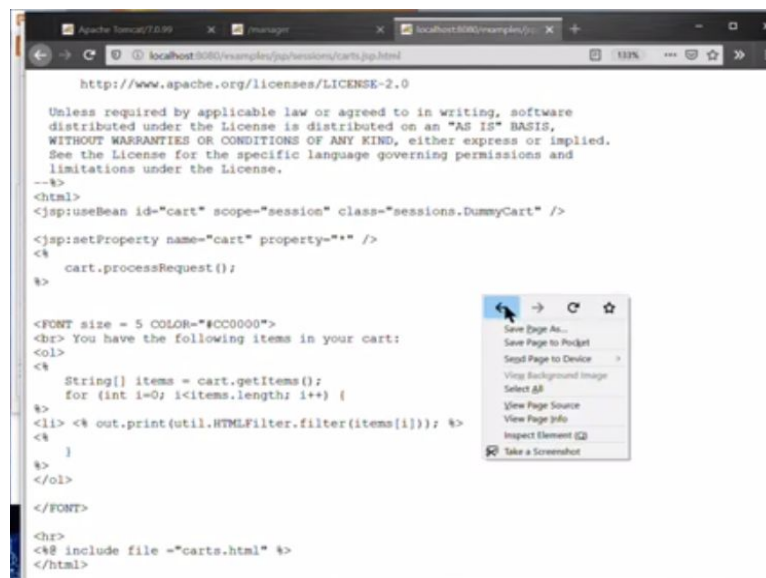


And when you create the war file here, WEB-INF also contains the lib, so lib only shows up in this case if you compare with any of the earlier ones such as here as you will see, lib is empty and this is why we have lib for the few cases where a certain standard jar files must be included, so in order to get this kind of code working, you will need to include the tag lib's in the lib directory.

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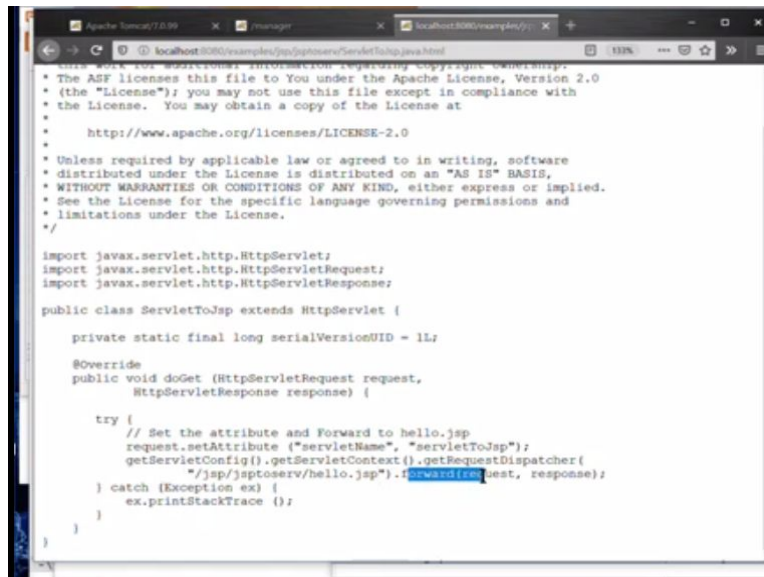


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And in their source, they have also shown how the cart itself is implemented with for loops in a different style explicitly, they do not use JSTL, it is JSP only but it is still interesting to see how these things are put together.

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```

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*/

import javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;

public class ServletToJsp extends HttpServlet {

    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;

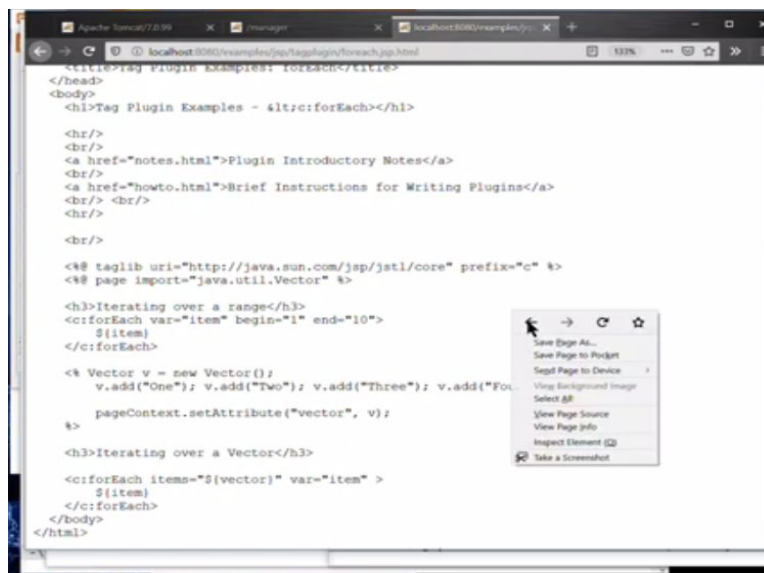
    @Override
    public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response) {

        try {
            // Set the attribute and Forward to hello.jsp
            request.setAttribute("servletName", "servletToJsp");
            getServletConfig().getServletContext().getRequestDispatcher(
                "/jsp/jspToServlet/hello.jsp").forward(request, response);
        } catch (Exception ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}

```

Here is another example of JSP servlet JSP where they show how the JSP page can call the servlet and how the servlet can call JSP in turn using a different method, this one we will revisit later but I wanted to point out that here are some examples that you should take a look at.

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```

<title>Tag Plugin Examples: forEach</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Tag Plugin Examples - <forEach></h1>

<hr/>
<br/>
<a href="notes.html">Plugin Introductory Notes</a>
<br/>
<a href="howto.html">Brief Instructions for Writing Plugins</a>
<br/>
<br/>

<% taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
<% page import="java.util.Vector" %>

<h3>Iterating over a range</h3>
<c:forEach var="item" begin="1" end="10">
    ${item}
</c:forEach>

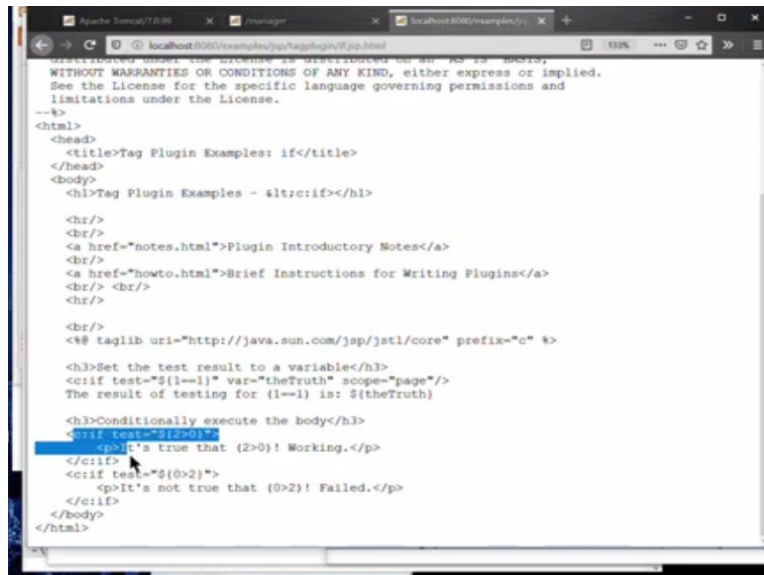
<% Vector v = new Vector();
    v.add("One"); v.add("Two"); v.add("Three"); v.add("Four");
    pageContext.setAttribute("vector", v);
%>

<h3>Iterating over a Vector</h3>
<c:forEach items="${vector}" var="item">
    ${item}
</c:forEach>
</body>
</html>

```


Similarly, there is for each and there is chose a bunch of other things, so here they show another way, where you use page contexts set attribute kind of the same way we did and you can loop over for loops like this, so those are some of the other examples about simple JSP things that you can find.

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A screenshot of a web browser window showing a JSP page titled 'Tag Plugin Examples: if</title>'. The page content includes a header, a main heading, and several links. The code is displayed in a monospaced font. A mouse cursor is pointing at the line '<c:if test='\${1>0}'>'. The code includes a taglib declaration for 'http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core' and a series of conditional checks using the 'c:if' tag. The first check is for 'test='\${1>0}', which is highlighted in blue. The second check is for 'test='\${1==1}', which is also highlighted in blue. The third check is for 'test='\${0>2}', which is highlighted in blue. The code also includes a 'c:set' tag to set a variable 'theTruth' to the result of the first test, and a 'c:out' tag to output the result of the first test. The code is as follows:

```
-->
<!--
  Distributed under the terms of the Apache License, Version 2.0, as found in
  the LICENSE file.
  WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied.
  See the License for the specific language governing permissions and
  limitations under the License.
-->
<html>
<head>
  <title>Tag Plugin Examples: if</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Tag Plugin Examples - <c:if></h1>

  <br/>
  <br/>
  <a href="notes.html">Plugin Introductory Notes</a>
  <br/>
  <a href="howto.html">Brief Instructions for Writing Plugins</a>
  <br/>
  <br/>
  <br/>
  <!-- taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>

  <h3>Set the test result to a variable</h3>
  <c:if test='${1==1}' var="theTruth" scope="page"/>
  The result of testing for (1==1) is: ${theTruth}

  <h3>Conditionally execute the body</h3>
  <c:if test='${1>0}'>
    <p>(1>0) It's true that (2>0)! Working.</p>
  </c:if>
  <c:if test='${0>2}'>
    <p>It's not true that (0>2)! Failed.</p>
  </c:if>
</body>
</html>
```

Here is another one where some decision making is going on and so we have C colon if just like we have C colon for and there is syntax for testing things and so on, we may find these useful as we go ahead in the application.