95-702 Distributed Systems
Project 1
Assigned: Friday, January 27, 2017
Due: Friday, February 10, 11:59 PM

This project has five objectives:

First, you are introduced to GlassFish. GlassFish is an open source application server that implements the latest JEE specification. This tool is used throughout the course. The NetBeans integrated development environment is used to build source code and interact with GlassFish.

Second, you build your first set of distributed systems. These are three small web applications using Servlets and Java Server Pages.

Third, you are introduced to simple mobile device awareness and adapting content to be suitable for either desktop or mobile devices.

Fourth, you are introduced to the MVC pattern if you have not used it before.

And finally, as in all projects this semester, you should reflect on the functional and non-functional characteristics (e.g. security, scalability, failure handling, interoperability) of your solutions. There will be questions on the midterm and final exam concerning these characteristics. You should be able to demonstrate a nuanced comprehension of course content and be able to explain the technical aspects in relation to potential real-world applications.

For each project task, software documentation is required. The software that you write (Java files and so on) must contain comments that describe what each significant piece of code is intended to accomplish. Points will be deducted if code is not well documented. Read the documentation-related links provided on the course schedule (for class #1) to understand what is expected.

Be sure to consult the rubric linked from the course schedule for details on grading.

Task 1

Use the NetBeans Project Name: Project1Task1
You do not need to use an MVC framework for this project.

Create an index.jsp page that asks the user to enter a string of text data, and to make a choice of two hash functions using radio buttons. The hash function choices should be MD5 and SHA-1, with MD5 being the default. When the submit button is
pressed a servlet is executed. The servlet must be named ComputeHashes.java. The servlet will compute the requested cryptographic hash value (MD5 or SHA-1) from the text transmitted by the browser. You will need to employ the Java crypto API to compute the hash of the text. The original text will be echoed back to the browser along with the name of the hash, and the hash value. The hash values sent back to the browser should be displayed in two forms: as hexadecimal text and as base 64 notation. We will discuss the use of such hash values later in the course.

To compute the MD5 and SHA-1 hashes, use these standard java packages:

```java
import java.security.MessageDigest;
import java.security.NoSuchAlgorithmException;
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To print the Base64 encoding, use the following method:

```java
javax.xml.bind.DatatypeConverter.printBase64Binary
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To print the hexadecimal encoding, use the following method:

```java
javax.xml.bind.DatatypeConverter.printHexBinary
```

Be sure to provide a simple and user friendly interface.

If you are unfamiliar with HTML forms, a simple explanation can be found at: http://www.w3schools.com/html/html_forms.asp.

So that you may test your program, here are example hashes.

Hashes of the string "Hello":"n
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SHA-1 (Hex):F7FF9E8B7BB2E09B70935A5D785E0CC5D9D0ABF0
SHA-1 (Base 64): 9/+ei3uy4Jtwk1pdeF4MxdnQq/A=
MD5: (Hex): 8B1A9953C4611296A827ABF8C47804D7
MD5: (Base 64): ixqZU8RhEpaoJ6v4xHgE1w==
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Be sure to create screen shots of your working application and submit them as described in the Submission section at the end of this document.
Task 2

Use NetBeans Project Name: Project1Task2

You must use an MVC framework for this task.

You can choose one of two alternative tasks, Task 2a or Task 2b

Task 2a

For task 2a, build a web application that finds Internet of Things (IoT) products based on keyword searches. A screencast of a working web app can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/Aa82lJr6dpE.

Your source of information should be the web site http://iotlist.co. This web site does not have a public API, and for this project you should screen scrape (aka web scrape or data scrape) the html that the web site typically would return to a web browser.

Screen scraping can be a useful tool when your data source does not have an API that provides structured data. Instead, you can search or parse the HTML to find and extract the data that you need.  
(For more information, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_scraping)

IoTlist.co has a search capability, and will return a list of products that match your search.

The welcome page of your web app should give directions to invite the user to search for IoT devices. It should contain a field for the user to type in the search string, and a submit button.

The web app should return a set of products based on the search term, including 3 pieces of information for each product

1. The title of the product. This should also be a link to the iotlist.co product page.
2. A picture of the product. The display of the picture should be scaled to fit in the browser window. One way of doing this is by using the HTML img tag attribute, width="100%". For example, <img src="foo.jpg" width="100">.
3. The description of the product.

The number of products displayed should be how many the initial request to iotlist.co returns.

The user should also be given the opportunity to do another search from this results page (without going back to the welcome page).
Exceptions:

- If a search does not match any products, or if a request to iotlist.co fails, then an appropriate graceful error message should be provided, as well as the ability to search again.

Your application need only work with a desktop browser (not mobile).

Notes and hints:

- Observe the HTTP request that the iotlist.co web page uses to do a search and this will give you the pattern to use from your web app.
- Refer to http://www.w3schools.com for good help on the basic HTML you need for this task.

Produce screen shots of your application displaying pictures from:

- 2 different searches that are successful,
- 1 search that results in no results

Alternatively you can create a screencast video of your working web app.

- The video cannot be more than 3 minutes long.
- You may use an audio voiceover, but you do not need to.
- You should publish the video as 'Unlisted' to YouTube. (See more discussion on this in the Submission section below.)
- Include the URL of the YouTube video in a document in the Project1Task2 Description folder that you submit.

Your code should exhibit good separation of concerns using the MVC pattern.

You are allowed to and encouraged to build your solution based on the InterestingPicture code you have been given in class. You MUST refactor it, however, to have project, variable, and class names that make sense for your application. For example, you will lose points if your class is still named InterestingPictureServlet.

Alternative Task 2b

You may choose to develop your own web app idea that uses screen scraping. Your application should do the following:

1. Have a welcome page that gives the user directions. The welcome page should include text field(s) or selection menu(s) and a submit button.

2. Based on the input from the user, your web app should screen scrape some web site and:
a. Extract some information from it,

b. Manipulate, combine, analyze, sum, or in some way do something with the extracted information,

c. Return the results of this to the user for display.

3. Allow the user to change their input and submit again from the results page.

4. Handle failure gracefully

For example, you might screen scrape cricket information from cricruns.com and allow the user to select a country and range of years and return the combined win/loss record over those years.

You should check the Terms of Use of any site you intend to use to make sure that the site does not explicitly disallow screen scraping. For example, the official NHL web site disallows any use to "Engage in unauthorized spidering, scraping, or harvesting of content or information, or use any other unauthorized automated means to compile information" (https://www.nhl.com/info/terms-of-service)

It is acceptable to use a site that has an API, but you are not allowed to use the api to return structured data. For this assignment you must fetch HTML and process it (i.e. screen scrape).

Because your web app will work differently than the default one, it is in your best interest to explain to the grading TA exactly how it works. Therefore create a document that includes:

1. Screen shots of your working web application

2. Screen shot of your web application gracefully failing (to test, turn off your wifi so that the HTTP request to source of your data fails).

3. A description of how the web application meets requirements 1-4 above.

Alternatively you can create a screencast video of your working web app.

- The video cannot be more than 3 minutes long
- An audio voiceover should explain what your application does and how it meets requirements 1-4 above.
- You should publish the video as 'Unlisted' to YouTube. (See more discussion on this in the Submission section below.)
- Include the URL of the YouTube video in a document in the Project1Task2 Description folder that you submit.
Task 3a – Default task (You may do this regardless of whether you did Task 2a or 2b)
Use the NetBeans Project Name: Project1Task3
You must use an MVC framework for this project.

Implement a web application that implements a simple desktop and mobile “clicker” for class. Your app should allow users to submit answers to questions posed in class, and should provide a separate URL end point for getting the results of the submitted responses.

The welcome page for your app should be similar to the picture on the right. You can make it more stylish if you like, but it is not required.

When the user makes a choice and hits “submit”, their answer should be stored in your MVC model. The response should be similar to the picture on the left.

Notice that it is required to provide feedback to the user regarding the choice that they made (i.e. “D” in this example).

The user should also have the ability to submit another answer as shown in the screenshot.

You can test the application by repeatedly submitting answers and allowing your model to tally the results.

Your web app should also have a URL path “/getResults” (shown on the right) for listing the results of user voting.

The results from the survey are as follows:

- A: 3
- C: 1
- D: 2

These results have now been cleared.
Requirements for the /getResults path:

1. List each answer that has been given, and the number of times a user has submitted that answer.
2. You do not have to list options that have been chosen zero times.
3. The results should be displayed sorted in alphabetical order.
4. /getResults should also clear the stored results so that a new question can be posed.
5. If there are no results available, then report this as shown on the right.

Note that requirement 4 does not adhere to the HTTP standard for a GET request. You should understand why this is bad behavior according to the standard, and how you could fix it (It might be on the exam).

The web app should work with a mobile browser. For this project you can use a simple check like the one that was used in InterestingPicture and then use an appropriate mobile doctype.

An easy way to check your web app for mobile is to use the Google Chrome DevTools

Using the Google Chrome browser.

- Browse to your web application in Chrome
- Toggle device mode to mobile and choose an Android or iPhone device (https://developers.google.com/web/tools/chrome-devtools/iterate/device-mode/?hl=en)
- Reload the page.
- In addition to testing, you use this to produce a screen shot showing your web app working for mobile.

If your page looks like the one on the right, even after reloading, then the doctype is not being set correctly.
This is what the web app should look like for mobile if the doctype is set correctly.

Overall web app requirements:

- You must use MVC to separate concerns.
- Use appropriate HTTP methods (i.e. not just GET)
- Implement only one HttpServlet

Hints:

- You can have multiple URL patterns in a WebServlet annotation. For example, you can indicate that a servlet can be called by two paths such as:
  urlPatterns = {"/submit", "/getResults"}
- In order to determine within the servlet which path was actually requested, you can use request.getServletPath();

Produce screen shots of your application:

- With the answer options on desktop
- With the getResults on desktop
- With the answer options on mobile
- With the getResults on mobile

Alternatively you can create a screencast video of your working web app.

- The video cannot be more than 3 minutes long
- You may use an audio voiceover, but you do not need to
- You should publish the video as 'Unlisted' to YouTube. (See more discussion on this in the Submission section below.)
- Include the URL of the YouTube video in a document in the Project1Task3 Description folder that you submit.

Alternative Task 3b (You may do this regardless of whether you did Task 2a or 2b)

Implement all requirements of Task 3a, but instead of asking “Submit your answer to the current question” and providing alternatives “A, B, C, and D”, give the user alternatives from the information you have screen scraped and ask them to vote for one.

For example, if you implemented Task 2a, then Task 3b would give several products for a given search string and allow the user to vote for their favorite. That is, if the
user searched for “thermostat”, then provide a list of thermostats for the user to choose their favorite.

If you did Task 2b screen scraping statistics of badminton players from a given country, then you could have the user choose their favorite badminton player.

All other requirements for Task 3 apply.

Because your web app will work differently than the default task, it is in your best interest to explain to the grading TA exactly how it works. Therefore create a document that includes:

1. Screen shots of your working web application.
2. A description of how the user should use it (e.g. what would be valid input).

Alternatively you can create a screencast video of your working web app.
- The video cannot be more than 3 minutes long
- An audio voiceover should explain what your application does and how to use it.
- You should publish the video as 'Unlisted' to YouTube. (See more discussion on this in the Submission section below.)
- Include the URL of the YouTube video in a document in the Project1Task3 Description folder that you submit.

Questions:

If you have questions, you can post them to the class Piazza and tag them as “Project1”.

Summary & Submission:

Be sure to review the Rubric linked on the course schedule for the first day.

Video sharing rights: If you are creating screencast videos, then you should set the YouTube sharing rights 'Unlisted' when publishing to YouTube. There are three types of sharing rights on YouTube: Public, Private and Unlisted. You do not want other students to be able to see your video (that would be cheating), and ‘Unlisted’ restricts viewing to only those who have your URL.
Be sure you have named your NetBeans project folders correctly.

For each NetBeans project, File->Export Project->To Zip… each. You must export in this way and NOT just zip the NetBeans project folders.

You should also have three description folders:

- Project1Task1 Description
- Project1Task2 Description
- Project1Task3 Description

The description folders contain the mandatory screenshots and the optional descriptions if you chose to customize the task2 and task3. An optional description can either be a single document or a link to the video showing your work. (If you upload your video to YouTube, make sure your video is selected as ‘unlisted’.)

Now you should have for .zip files and three description folders:

![File structure example]

Mac OS

Create a new empty folder named with your Andrew id (very important). Put all files mentioned above in to the new folder you created.

Windows 10
Zip that folder, and submit it to Blackboard. The submission should be a single zip file. Now you should have only one .zip file named with your Andrew id:

![ZIP File](image)

Submission File Structure:

YourAndrewID.zip
--- Project1Task1.zip
--- Project1Task2.zip
--- Project1Task3.zip
--- Project1Task1 Description
--- Project1Task2 Description
--- Project1Task3 Description