

ServletUtilities.java

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1 package coreservlets;
2
3 import javax.servlet.http.*;
4
5 /** Some simple time savers. Static methods. */
6
7 public class ServletUtilities {
8     public static String headWithTitle(String title) {
9         return("<!DOCTYPE html>\n" +
10                "<html>\n" +
11                "<head><title>" + title + "</title></head>\n");
12    }
13
14    /** Read a parameter with the specified name, convert it
15     * to an int, and return it. Return the designated default
16     * value if the parameter doesn't exist or if it is an
17     * illegal integer format.
18     */
19
20    public static int getIntParameter(HttpServletRequest request,
21                                         String paramName,
22                                         int defaultValue) {
23        String paramString = request.getParameter(paramName);
24        int paramValue;
25        try {
26            paramValue = Integer.parseInt(paramString);
27        } catch(Exception nfe) { // null or bad format
28            paramValue = defaultValue;
29        }
30        return(paramValue);
31    }
32
33    /** Reads param and converts to double. Default if problem. */
34
35    public static double getDoubleParameter(HttpServletRequest
36                                             request,
37                                             String paramName,
38                                             double defaultValue) {
39        String paramString = request.getParameter(paramName);
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39     double paramValue;
40     try {
41         paramValue = Double.parseDouble(paramString);
42     } catch(Exception nfe) { // null or bad format
43         paramValue = defaultValue;
44     }
45     return(paramValue);
46 }
47
48 /**
49 * Replaces characters that have special HTML meanings
50 * with their corresponding HTML character entities.
51 * Specifically, given a string, this method replaces all
52 * occurrences of
53 * {@literal
54 * '<' with '&lt;', all occurrences of '>' with
55 * '&gt;', and (to handle cases that occur inside attribute
56 * values), all occurrences of double quotes with
57 * '&quot;' and all occurrences of '&' with '&amp;'.
58 * Without such filtering, an arbitrary string
59 * could not safely be inserted in a Web page.
60 * }
61 */
62 public static String filter(String input) {
63     if (!hasSpecialChars(input)) {
64         return(input);
65     }
66     StringBuilder filtered = new StringBuilder(input.length());
67     char c;
68     for(int i=0; i<input.length(); i++) {
69         c = input.charAt(i);
70         switch(c) {
71             case '<': filtered.append("&lt;"); break;
72             case '>': filtered.append("&gt;"); break;
73             case '"': filtered.append("&quot;"); break;
74             case '&': filtered.append("&amp;"); break;
75             default: filtered.append(c);
76         }
77     }
78 }
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78     return(filtered.toString());
79 }
80
81 private static boolean hasSpecialChars(String input) {
82     boolean flag = false;
83     if ((input != null) && (input.length() > 0)) {
84         char c;
85         for(int i=0; i<input.length(); i++) {
86             c = input.charAt(i);
87             switch(c) {
88                 case '<': flag = true; break;
89                 case '>': flag = true; break;
90                 case '\"': flag = true; break;
91                 case '&': flag = true; break;
92             }
93         }
94     }
95     return(flag);
96 }
97
98 private ServletUtilities() {} // Uninstantiatable class
99 }
100
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