

# Dynamic Context Root

## Introduction

All JEE applications use a context root which is basically the parent directory.

As discussed in the [SiteMesh tutorial](#), working with SiteMesh the full context root path should be used for decorator files and JSP 2.0 now includes support for [EL \(Expression Language\)](#) which allows dynamic generation of the context root.

However, if JSP 2.0 is not available here are some other alternatives.

## Scriptlets to Generate Context Path

JSP scriptlets, the original means of dealing with context roots,

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## Use Search and Replace

Use the full path and do a search and replace if the context root changes.

Really, this is actually a viable solution when,

- Context roots rarely change.
- There are not that many files to modify,
- All the decorator files are organized in one folder.
- Search and replace tools are available to make this easy.