

BITS Pilani - API Based Products Assignment (EC-1)

Course: SE*ZG504 - API-based Products

Semester: First Semester 2025-2026

Weightage: 30%

Duration: 2 Weeks

Assignment Overview

This assignment consists of three questions covering different aspects of API development and management:

1. **Question 1 (10 marks):** Plagiarism Checker using Cosine Similarity + ML
2. **Question 2 (10 marks):** Rate Limiting and Request Size Limiting with KONG API Gateway
3. **Question 3 (10 marks):** Implementation of Token Bucket and Leaky Bucket Rate Limiting Algorithms

Total: 30 Marks

Learning Objectives

By completing this assignment, you will learn:

- Text similarity using TF-IDF and Cosine Similarity
- Machine Learning classification (Logistic Regression)
- Building web applications with Streamlit and Flask
- API Gateway configuration and management
- Rate limiting techniques and implementations
- Request validation and size limiting
- Algorithm implementation and analysis
- Docker containerization

Complete Deliverables

Question 1 Deliverables:

- `utils.py` - Helper functions (cosine similarity, highlighting)
- `data_prep.py` - Training data preparation
- `model.py` - ML model training
- `app.py` - Streamlit web application

- `plagiarism_model.pkl` - Trained ML model
- `plagiarism_dataset.csv` - Training dataset
- Sample test files (3 text files)
- Screenshots (8 total)

Bonus: Flask API version with separate frontend

Question 2 Deliverables:

- `docker-compose.yml` - KONG configuration
- `test_rate_limit.py` - Rate limiting test script
- `test_size_limit.py` - Size limiting test script
- Configuration commands documentation
- Screenshots (8 total)

Question 3 Deliverables:

- `token_bucket.py` - Token Bucket algorithm implementation
 - `leaky_bucket.py` - Leaky Bucket algorithm implementation
 - Code snippets with explanations
 - Screenshots (8 total)
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Technologies Used

Programming Languages:

- Python 3.8+

Libraries & Frameworks:

- **scikit-learn** - Machine Learning
- **pandas** - Data manipulation
- **numpy** - Numerical computing
- **Streamlit** - Web application framework
- **Flask** - RESTful API framework
- **TfidfVectorizer** - Text vectorization
- **difflib** - Text comparison

Tools & Platforms:

- **KONG API Gateway** - API management
 - **Docker & Docker Compose** - Containerization
 - **PostgreSQL** - KONG database
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Quick Start Guide

Prerequisites Check:

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bash

# Python version
python --version # Should be 3.8 or higher

# Docker (for Question 2)
docker --version
docker-compose --version

# pip
pip --version
```

Installation Steps:

1. Clone/Download the Project

```
bash

# Create main directory
mkdir BITS_Assignment
cd BITS_Assignment
```

2. Set up Question 1 (Streamlit Version)

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bash
```

```
# Create and navigate to directory
mkdir Question1_Streamlit
cd Question1_Streamlit

# Create virtual environment
python -m venv venv
source venv/bin/activate # Windows: venv\Scripts\activate

# Install dependencies
pip install numpy pandas scikit-learn streamlit joblib

# Copy all Question 1 files here
# (utils.py, data_prep.py, model.py, app.py, sample files)

# Prepare data and train model
python data_prep.py
python model.py

# Run application
streamlit run app.py
```

3. Set up Question 2 (KONG)

```
bash

# Navigate to Question 2 directory
cd ..../Question2_KONG

# Create docker-compose.yml
# (Copy from provided artifact)

# Start KONG
docker-compose up -d

# Follow configuration steps in guide
```

4. Set up Question 3 (Algorithms)

```
bash
```

```
# Navigate to Question 3 directory
```

```
cd ..\Question3_Algorithms
```

```
# Copy algorithm files
```

```
# (token_bucket.py, leaky_bucket.py)
```

```
# Run demonstrations
```

```
python token_bucket.py
```

```
python leaky_bucket.py
```

Detailed Question Breakdown

Question 1: Plagiarism Checker

Objective: Build an application that detects plagiarism using text similarity and ML classification.

Key Components:

1. **TF-IDF Vectorization** - Converts text to numerical vectors
2. **Cosine Similarity** - Measures document similarity (0 to 1)
3. **Logistic Regression** - Binary classification (plagiarized/original)
4. **Text Highlighting** - Uses difflib to show matching segments

How it Works:

Input: Two text documents



TF-IDF Vectorization



Calculate Cosine Similarity



ML Model Prediction



Output: Plagiarism score + Highlighted matches

Threshold: Similarity ≥ 0.8 indicates plagiarism

Features:

- File upload interface
- Real-time similarity calculation
- ML-based classification

- Visual highlighting of matching text
- Document statistics
- Responsive UI

Test Cases Provided:

- 1. Plagiarized:** `submission_plagiarized.txt` (High similarity)
 - 2. Original:** `submission_original.txt` (Low similarity)
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Question 2: KONG API Gateway

Objective: Configure rate limiting and request size limiting using KONG to protect APIs.

Setup Architecture:



Key Concepts:

Rate Limiting:

- Limits number of requests per time period
- Prevents API abuse and DoS attacks
- Configuration: 5 requests per minute (configurable)
- Returns 429 (Too Many Requests) when exceeded

Request Size Limiting:

- Limits maximum payload size
- Prevents memory exhaustion
- Configuration: 5MB limit (configurable)
- Returns 413 (Payload Too Large) when exceeded

KONG Components:

1. **Service** - Upstream API endpoint
2. **Route** - URL path mapping
3. **Plugins** - Rate limiting, size limiting

Testing:

- Rate limit test: Send 10 requests rapidly
 - Size limit test: Upload 6MB file
 - Both should show appropriate error responses
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Question 3: Rate Limiting Algorithms

Objective: Implement and compare Token Bucket and Leaky Bucket algorithms.

Token Bucket Algorithm

Concept:

Bucket: [    ] (Tokens)



Refill Rate: +2 tokens/second

Request: Consumes 1 token

If tokens available: Allow

If no tokens:  Reject

Characteristics:

- Allows burst traffic (up to bucket capacity)
- Tokens refill continuously
- Variable output rate
- Good for API rate limiting

Use Cases:

- API request throttling
- User quotas
- Resource access control

Leaky Bucket Algorithm

Concept:

Bucket: [] (Request Queue)



Leak Rate: Process 2 requests/second

Request: Added to queue

If space available: Add to queue

If bucket full: Reject

Characteristics:

- Smooths burst traffic
- Constant output rate
- Has request queue
- Good for traffic shaping

Use Cases:

- Network packet scheduling
- Traffic smoothing
- Bandwidth limiting

Comparison Table

| Feature | Token Bucket | Leaky Bucket |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Burst Handling | Allows bursts | Queues bursts |
| Output Rate | Variable | Constant |
| After Idle | Immediate burst allowed | No burst allowance |
| Latency | Immediate | May add queueing delay |
| Memory | Low (just tokens) | Higher (queue) |

Screenshot Requirements

Question 1 (8 Screenshots):

1. Streamlit app homepage
2. File upload interface
3. High similarity result (plagiarized)
4. Highlighted matching segments
5. Low similarity result (original)

6. Document statistics
7. (Optional) Flask API running
8. (Optional) API response

Question 2 (8 Screenshots):

1. KONG admin API response
2. Service registration
3. Route configuration
4. Rate limiting plugin
5. Size limiting plugin
6. Rate limit exceeded (429)
7. Size limit exceeded (413)
8. Docker containers running

Question 3 (8 Screenshots):

1. Token Bucket - Burst requests
2. Token Bucket - Refill mechanism
3. Token Bucket - Multiple clients
4. Token Bucket - API simulation
5. Leaky Bucket - Filling bucket
6. Leaky Bucket - Leak mechanism
7. Leaky Bucket - Comparison table
8. Leaky Bucket - Network simulation

Total Screenshots: 24 minimum

Sample Output Examples

Question 1 Output:

Cosine Similarity Score: 0.87

Plagiarism Probability: 0.92

Status:  PLAGIARIZED

Highlighted Matching Text:

[Text with <mark> highlighted sections]

Document Statistics:

Original: 2,543 characters, 421 words

Submission: 2,398 characters, 405 words

Question 2 Output:

bash

Rate Limit Test

Request 1: Status 200

Request 2: Status 200

Request 3: Status 200

Request 4: Status 200

Request 5: Status 200

Request 6: Status 429 ⚠ Rate limit exceeded!

Headers: {'X-RateLimit-Limit-Minute': '5', 'X-RateLimit-Remaining-Minute': '0'}

Size Limit Test

Status: 413

Response: Request size exceeded 5MB limit

Question 3 Output:

Token Bucket - Burst Test:

Request 1: ALLOWED | Tokens remaining: 9.00

Request 2: ALLOWED | Tokens remaining: 8.00

...

Request 11: REJECTED | Retry after: 0.50s

Leaky Bucket - Queue Test:

Request 1: ADDED | Queue size: 1/10

Request 2: ADDED | Queue size: 2/10

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Request 11: REJECTED | Bucket is full!

PDF Submission Format

Document Structure (25-35 pages):

1. Cover Page (1 page)

- Name, ID, Course, Date

2. Table of Contents (1 page)

3. Question 1 (8-12 pages)

- Introduction & Objectives
- Architecture & Design
- Code Implementation (key snippets)
- Screenshots with explanations
- Results & Analysis

4. Question 2 (6-10 pages)

- Introduction to KONG
- Configuration Steps
- Commands & Setup
- Screenshots with explanations
- Testing Results

5. Question 3 (8-12 pages)

- Algorithm Explanations
- Implementation Details
- Code Snippets
- Screenshots with outputs
- Comparison & Analysis

6. Conclusion (1-2 pages)

7. References (1 page)

Formatting Tips:

- **Font:** Arial or Times New Roman, 11-12pt
- **Margins:** 1 inch all sides
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **Code:** Monospace font, syntax highlighting
- **Screenshots:** Clear, annotated, properly sized
- **Headers:** Use consistent formatting
- **Page Numbers:** Bottom center

Testing & Verification

Question 1 Tests:

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Test 1: High similarity

Upload: original.txt + submission_plagiarized.txt

Expected: Similarity > 0.8, Plagiarized

Test 2: Low similarity

Upload: original.txt + submission_original.txt

Expected: Similarity < 0.5, Original

Test 3: Identical files

Upload: original.txt + original.txt

Expected: Similarity = 1.0, Plagiarized

Question 2 Tests:

bash

Test 1: Rate limiting

Run test_rate_limit.py

Expected: 429 after configured limit

Test 2: Size limiting

Run test_size_limit.py

Expected: 413 for oversized payload

Test 3: Normal request

Single request within limits

Expected: 200 OK

Question 3 Tests:

bash

Test 1: Token Bucket

python token_bucket.py

Verify: Burst handling, refill mechanism

Test 2: Leaky Bucket

python leaky_bucket.py

Verify: Queue management, constant rate

Test 3: Comparison

Compare outputs side by side

Verify: Different behaviors explained

Common Issues & Solutions

Issue 1: Module Not Found

bash

Error: ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'streamlit'

Solution: pip [install streamlit](#)

Issue 2: Port Already in Use

bash

Error: Address already in use

Solution:

Find process

[netstat -an | findstr :8501](#) # Windows

[lsof -i :8501](#) # Mac/Linux

Kill process or use different port

streamlit run app.py --server.port [8502](#)

Issue 3: Docker Issues

bash

Error: Cannot connect to Docker daemon

Solution:

Start Docker Desktop

Verify: docker ps

Issue 4: KONG Cannot Reach Flask

bash

Error: [502](#) Bad Gateway

Solution: Use host.docker.internal instead of localhost

[curl -X POST http://localhost:8001/services/ \](#)
[--data "url=http://host.docker.internal:5000"](#)

Resources & References

Documentation:

- Scikit-learn: <https://scikit-learn.org/>
- Streamlit: <https://docs.streamlit.io/>
- Flask: <https://flask.palletsprojects.com/>

- KONG: <https://docs.konghq.com/>

Tutorials:

- TF-IDF: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tf%E2%80%93idf>
- Cosine Similarity: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cosine_similarity
- Rate Limiting: <https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/bots/what-is-rate-limiting/>

Additional Reading:

- Token Bucket Algorithm: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Token_bucket
 - Leaky Bucket Algorithm: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leaky_bucket
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Pre-Submission Checklist

Code Completeness:

- All Python files created and tested
- No syntax errors
- All dependencies listed
- Virtual environments created
- Models trained successfully

Functionality:

- Question 1 app runs without errors
- Question 2 KONG configured properly
- Question 3 algorithms demonstrate correctly
- All test cases pass

Documentation:

- All screenshots captured (24 minimum)
- Screenshots clearly labeled
- Code snippets included
- Explanations provided
- Commands documented

PDF Preparation:

- Cover page complete
- Table of contents
- All questions included
- Proper formatting
- File size < 25MB

Named: "YourName_StudentID_Assignment.pdf"

Final Check:

- PDF reviewed for completeness
 - All screenshots visible and clear
 - Code formatted properly
 - No sensitive information included
 - Spell-checked
 - Ready for submission!
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Support & Contact

For technical issues:

1. Review this README thoroughly
 2. Check the troubleshooting section
 3. Verify all prerequisites
 4. Test with sample data first
 5. Check error messages carefully
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Grading Criteria (30 Marks Total)

Question 1 (10 marks):

- Code Implementation: 4 marks
- Functionality: 3 marks
- Screenshots & Documentation: 3 marks

Question 2 (10 marks):

- KONG Configuration: 4 marks
- Testing & Verification: 3 marks
- Screenshots & Documentation: 3 marks

Question 3 (10 marks):

- Algorithm Implementation: 4 marks
 - Correctness & Efficiency: 3 marks
 - Screenshots & Analysis: 3 marks
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Conclusion

This comprehensive assignment covers essential concepts in API development:

- **Machine Learning** for intelligent applications
- **API Gateway** for security and management
- **Algorithm Implementation** for efficient resource control

Complete all three questions thoroughly, document your work properly, and you'll gain valuable hands-on experience in API-based product development.

Best of luck with your assignment! 

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