# Worksheet 2: Python WWW API

## **Learning Objectives**

- Learn how to use Python libraries to interact with the web.
- Understand APIs and how to make HTTP requests.

## **Activity 1: Code Exploration**

**Instructions:** Carefully review the following Python script, which uses the requests library to interact with a web API. Then, answer the questions that follow.

```
import requests

# URL for the API endpoint
url = "https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts"

# Making a GET request
response = requests.get(url)

# Checking the response status code
if response.status_code == 200:
    # Parsing the JSON data
    data = response.json()
    print("First post title:", data[0]['title'])
else:
    print("Failed to fetch data. Status code:", response.status_code)
```

#### **Questions:**

- 1. What is the purpose of the requests.get() method in this code? *Your Answer:*
- 2. What type of data is returned by the response.json() method? *Your Answer*:
- 3. What will the program output if the API request is successful? *Your Answer:*
- 4. Modify the code to make a **POST request** to the same URL, sending the following data:

```
{
   "title": "My Post",
   "body": "This is a test post",
   "userId": 1
}
```

# **Activity 2: Hands-On Coding**

**Instructions:** Write a Python script to fetch data from the **OpenWeatherMap API**. Follow these steps:

- 1. Create a free account on OpenWeatherMap and get your API key.
- 2. Use the API to fetch the current weather data for a city of your choice.
- 3. Parse the JSON response to display:
  - o The city name.
  - o The current temperature (in Celsius).
  - o Weather description (e.g., clear sky, rain).

**Hint:** Use the requests library and the API endpoint:

https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q={city\_name}&appid={your\_api
key}&units=metric

## **Example Output:**

City: Toronto Temperature: 10°C Weather: Clear sky