

Faculty Kit

This faculty kit is modeled after the provided reference and tailored to the project topic: **Web Based Mail Client Model**. The kit outlines evaluation strategies, milestone criteria, and supporting resources.

Evaluation Strategy/Tips for the different milestones of the project

Objective

This project is about developing a web-based mail client that connects to a Linux server running a mail server, with Tomcat as the web server. The main functionalities are:

- Receiving, sending, and organizing mails using POP3
- Sending mail using sendmail
- Admin functions such as managing new users and resetting passwords

Requirements Specification

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Evaluation Points:

Key Evaluation Points:

- Clarity and completeness of user/system requirements for mail operations and admin functions.
- Reasonableness of assumptions (e.g., user authentication, email storage, device/browser compatibility).
- Evidence that all team members understand the requirements.
- Quality of the SRS (Software Requirements Specification) document: structure, formatting, and detail.

• Technology Familiarization

Evaluation Points:

• Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

• **Backend:** Java (Servlets/JSP on Tomcat)

- **Mail Protocols:** POP3 (for receiving), sendmail (for sending)
- **Server:** Linux (hosting mail server and Tomcat)
- **Database:** MySQL or another suitable RDBMS (for user/admin data)
- **Justification:** Assess rationale for selecting Java/Tomcat, POP3, and sendmail for the mail client.



Suggested Activities:

• Team presentation on technologies.

• Database Creation

Evaluation Parameters:

- Well-designed, normalized schema for user/admin data.
- Proper use of datatypes, primary/foreign keys, and constraints.
- Avoidance of redundancy; clear mapping of mail metadata if stored.
- Backup/recovery strategies and indexing where relevant.
- Documentation of relationships (e.g., users to mailboxes).

• High-Level and Detailed Design

Evaluation Points:

- Coverage of all requirements in design documents.
- Clear breakdown of components: mail client UI, mail handling modules, admin panel, etc.
- Flowcharts, wireframes, or pseudocode for core modules (mail fetch/send, user management).
- Considerations for scalability, security (e.g., authentication, data privacy).

• Front-End Implementation

Evaluation Criteria:

- Clean, accessible, and user-friendly UI using HTML/CSS.
- Responsive design for different devices.
- Intuitive navigation for inbox, sent, compose, and admin sections.
- Use of tooltips, modals, and basic input validation (JavaScript).



- User Interface: Is the interface intuitive, visually appealing, and user-friendly?
- Help Features: Are instructions available and aligned with the design?
- Error Handling: Are error messages clear, non-technical, and helpful?
- Navigation: Is the layout logical and easy to navigate?

Suggested Activities:

• Evaluate the team's demo of the front-end.

• Integrating Front-End with Backend and Mail Server

Evaluation Points:

- Correct implementation of mail fetching (POP3) and sending (sendmail).
- Secure login/logout and session management.
- Admin functions: new user creation, password reset, user management.
- Error handling: informative messages for failed mail operations or admin actions.
- Demonstration of end-to-end mail flow and admin tasks.

Final Review

Evaluation Points:

- Completeness and professionalism of the final demo.
- Submission of a detailed project report (with code samples, screenshots, and test cases).
- Discussion of innovations (e.g., spam filtering, advanced search) and proposed future enhancements.
- Assessment of team communication and individual contributions.



Documents/References to Aid Evaluation

• HTML/CSS/JS: <u>w3schools.com</u>

• Java Servlets/JSP: Oracle Java EE Documentation

• POP3/sendmail: <u>JavaMail API Documentation</u>

• MySQL: mysql.com

• Tomcat: tomcat.apache.org

Sample Quiz/Assessment Topics

• Basics of POP3 and sendmail protocols.

• Java Servlet lifecycle and JSP basics.

• Secure authentication and session management.

• Database schema design for user and mail data.

Troubleshooting mail server integration on Linux.