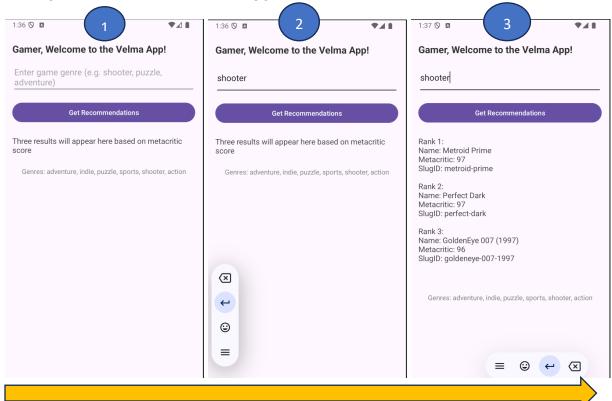
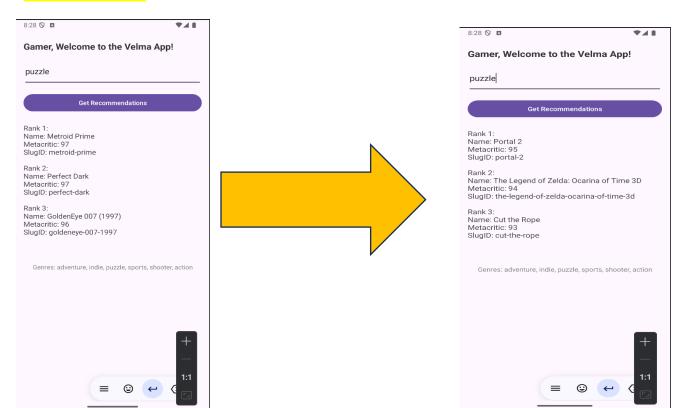
## 1. Implement a native Android application



The name of my android app is the Velma Recommender App. It is saved as project4Task2. A gamer is welcomed to the Velma app and prompted to enter a genre(e.g. shooter). After entry and clicking Get Recommendations, they get the top 3 games ranked by Metacritic score for that specific genre. They can also type in a different genre and get different Recommendations (e.g puzzle)



The project directory name is GameRecommenderServlet

c. Makes an HTTP request (using an appropriate HTTP method) to your web service. Note that this request *must* be done using a background thread (see Lab 8's use of BackgroundTask). Do in background shown below:

```
private void doInBackground() {
       URL url = new URL(servletCodeSpaceUrl); //Set up URL connection and
       HttpURLConnection conn = (HttpURLConnection) url.openConnection();
       conn.setRequestMethod("GET"); //HTTP Get method
       conn.setRequestProperty("X-Device-Model", "Android " +
       BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new
```

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```
AndrewID: vmuyengw
```

```
StringBuilder responseBuilder = new StringBuilder();
       String line;
       while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
            responseBuilder.append(line);
        reader.close(); // Close the stream after reading is complete
        JSONObject jsonResponse = new JSONObject(responseBuilder.toString());
String.valueOf(game.getInt("metacritic")) : "N/A";
            String slug = game.optString("slugID", "N/A");
            topGamesText.append("Rank ").append(i + 1).append(":\n")
                    .append("Name: ").append(name).append("\n")
                    .append("Metacritic: ").append(metacritic).append("\n")
                    .append("SlugID: ").append(slug).append("\n\n");
    } catch (Exception e) {
        topGamesText.append("Data fetch failure.");
```

d. It takes and parses a JSON formatted reply from my web service seen. below: Web Service Page and response, and displays new information to the gamer. User can continue entering different genres for different results (Includes d-f)

# **Game Recommender (Velma Servlet)**



```
ames": [
{
    "Game Rank": 1,
    "name": "Metroid Prime",
    "metacritic": 97,
    "slugID": "metroid-prime"
},
{
    "Game Rank": 2,
    "name": "Perfect Dark",
    "metacritic": 97,
    "slugID": "perfect-dark"
},
{
    "Game Rank": 3,
    "name": "GoldenEye 007 (1997)",
    "metacritic": 96,
    "slugID": "goldeneye-007-1997"
}
}
```

e. Has at least three different kinds of Views in your Layout (TextView, EditText, ImageView, or anything that extends android.view.View). In order to figure out if something is a View, find its API. If it extends android.view.View then it is a View.

Featured in content\_main .xml. My app contains, TextView, EditText, and the button

```
<!--
    Velma App Main Layout
    This layout defines the UI for the main activity of the Velma game
recommendation Android app.
    stacks components for user interaction, results display, and metadata.

3 Different views textView, Button, and EditText
    Reference Android Lab 8
    https://github.com/CMU-Heinz-95702/lab8-
AndroidInterestingPicture?tab=readme-ov-file
    GenAI (ChatGPT) was used to assist with troubleshooting layout issues and code generation,.
-->

<LinearLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:id="@+id/content_main"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:padding="16dp">
    <!-- Welcome Message -->
    <TextView</pre>
```

```
android:layout marginTop="32dp"
       android:textSize="20sp"
       android:textStyle="bold"
       android:textColor="#333"/>
   <EditText
       android:id="@+id/genreInput"
       android:layout width="match parent"
       android:layout height="wrap content"
       android:id="@+id/getGamesButton"
       android:layout width="match parent"
       android:layout marginTop="16dp" />
   <TextView
       android:id="@+id/resultsText"
       android:layout width="match parent"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   <TextView
       android:id="@+id/footerGenres"
       android:layout width="match parent"
       android:layout height="wrap content"
       android:textSize="14sp"
       android:textColor="#888"
       android:layout marginTop="24dp"
       android:gravity="center horizontal" />
</LinearLavout>
```

#### 2. Implement a web service

- a. Implement a simple (can be a single path) API. see code below
- Model: The logic that interacts with the third-party API is built into the GameRecommendationServlet class. Receive android input, build RAWG games API URL, send HTTP Get request, read and parson Json, extract essential game data,replies with clean JSON
- View: Android app UI displays the results using VelmaMainActivity. Additionally, an analytics dashboard is served via JSP (e.g., dashboard.jsp) in theGameRecommenderServlet project
- Controller: The controller is implemented in GameRecommendationServlet.java, mapped to a single path: @WebServlet("/getGames")
- b. Receives an HTTP request from the native Android application

GameRecommendationServlet.java receives a GET request from the Android app (RecommendationsGetter.java) containing a genre parameter from the user input. see doGet in code below

c. Executes business logic appropriate to your application. This includes fetching XML or JSON information from some 3rd party API and processing the response.

GameRecommendationServlet sends an HTTP GET request to the **RAWG Video Game Database API**: String rawGUrl = "https://api.rawg.io/api/games?key=" + API\_KEY + "&genres=" + genre + "&page size=3&ordering=-metacritic";

It then parses the JSON response using Gson, Extracts the top 3 games by metacritic score, spits out key game data (name, metacritic, slugID) into JSON response

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
import java.time.Instant;

import com.google.gson.JsonArray;
import com.google.gson.JsonObject;
import com.google.gson.JsonObject;
import com.google.gson.JsonParser;
import com.mongodb.client.MongoClient;
import com.mongodb.client.MongoClients;
import com.mongodb.client.MongoClients;
import com.mongodb.client.MongoClients;
import com.mongodb.client.MongoClients;
import jakarta.servlet.annotation.WebServlet;
import jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;
```

```
import java.time.format.DateTimeFormatter;
@WebServlet("/getGames")
public class GameRecommendationServlet extends HttpServlet {
   private final String API KEY = "19456881592b452f998b624c2fbd70ca";
    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest servletRequest,
HttpServletResponse servletResponse) throws IOException {
       servletResponse.setContentType("application/json"); //Set the
       String genre = servletRequest.getParameter("genre");
```

```
DateTimeFormatter formatter = DateTimeFormatter.ofPattern("MMM dd,
                .withZone(ZoneId.of("America/New York"));
       String requestReceivedTimestamp = formatter.format(Instant.now());
        long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
        if (genre == null || genre.trim().isEmpty()) {
            servletResponse.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC BAD REQUEST);
            servletResponse.getWriter().write("{\"error\": \"Genre
            String thirdPartyApiRequestTimestamp =
formatter.format(Instant.now()); //// Timestamp for when 3rd-party API
            HttpURLConnection connection = (HttpURLConnection)
url.openConnection();
            connection.setRequestMethod("GET");
            BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new
InputStreamReader(connection.getInputStream()));
            StringBuilder responseBuilder = new StringBuilder();
            String line;
            while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
                responseBuilder.append(line);
            reader.close();
            JsonObject jsonResponse =
JsonParser.parseString(responseBuilder.toString()).getAsJsonObject();
            JsonArray gameResults = jsonResponse.getAsJsonArray("results");
```

```
if (gameResults == null || gameResults.size() == 0) {
               servletResponse.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC NOT FOUND);
               servletResponse.getWriter().write("{\"error\": \"No games
found for the genre '" + genre + "'. Try a different genre. \"}");
            JsonArray essentialGameData = new JsonArray();
gameResults.get(i).getAsJsonObject();
                essentialData.addProperty("Game Rank", i + 1); // 1 based
               essentialData.addProperty("name",
gameDetails.get("name").getAsString());
!gameDetails.get("metacritic").isJsonNull()) {
                   essentialData.addProperty("metacritic",
gameDetails.get("metacritic").getAsDouble());
                    essentialData.addProperty("metacritic", -1); // default
               essentialData.addProperty("slugID",
gameDetails.get("slug").getAsString()); //An ID or a slug identifying this
                essentialGameData.add(essentialData);
            finalResponse.add("games", essentialGameData);
            servletResponse.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC OK);
            servletResponse.getWriter().write(finalResponse.toString());
```

```
long endTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
            String phoneModel = servletRequest.getHeader("Device Model");
            if (phoneModel == null || phoneModel.trim().isEmpty()) { // error
            String appParams = "genre=" + genre;
            for (int i = 0; i < essentialGameData.size(); i++) {</pre>
                JsonObject game = essentialGameData.get(i).getAsJsonObject();
                replyData.append(game.get("name").getAsString());
                if (i < essentialGameData.size() - 1) replyData.append(", ");</pre>
essentialGameData.size();
            LoggingData log = new LoggingData(
                    phoneModel,
                    appParams, // the appParams are the genres
                    requestReceivedTimestamp,
                    thirdPartyApiRequestTimestamp,
                    replyData.toString(),
            MongoClient mongoClient =
MongoClients.create("mongodb+srv://vmuyengw:2Dzidzayi$$@cluster0.jppey.mongod
           MongoDatabase database = mongoClient.getDatabase("velmaGameApp");
```

d. Replies to the Android application with an XML or JSON formatted response. The schema of the response can be of your own design.

After running web servlet, the below UI pops up. User enters genre and it generates the top 3 ranked games based on the Metacritic score in JSON format

# **Game Recommender (Velma Servlet)**

```
Get Recommendations
Enter game genre for top 3 Games based on Metacritic Score:
Choices: adventure, indie, puzzle, sports, shooter.
    "games": [
         "Game Rank": 1,
         "name": "Portal 2",
         "metacritic": 95,
         "slugID": "portal-2"
         "Game Rank": 2,
         "name": "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D",
         "metacritic": 94,
         "slugID": "the-legend-of-zelda-ocarina-of-time-3d"
       },
         "Game Rank": 3,
         "name": "Cut the Rope",
         "metacritic": 93,
         "slugID": "cut-the-rope"
                                                                              Handle error
       }
                                                                              conditions
```

Your application should test for and handle gracefully: Please see excerpts included in code below

• Invalid mobile app input

```
// Handle missing or invalid input from the client
//Invalid mobile app input
if (genre == null || genre.trim().isEmpty()) {
    servletResponse.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_BAD_REQUEST);
    servletResponse.getWriter().write("{\"error\": \"Genre
missing\"}");
    return;
}
```

Invalid server-side input (regardless of mobile app input validation)

```
// Handle case where RAWG API returns no results (invalid or rare
genre)
if (gameResults == null || gameResults.size() == 0) {
    servletResponse.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_NOT_FOUND);
    servletResponse.getWriter().write("{\"error\": \"No games found for
the genre '" + genre + "'. Try a different genre.\"}");
    return;
}
```

Third-party API unavailable

Third-party API invalid data

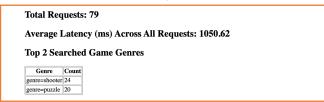
## 3. Dashboard

My implementation logs all key request-response data from the Android app (and optionally the web browser) to MongoDB. These logs are displayed in a structured JSP-based web interface accessible from a desktop browser. Each log shows 6 pieces of Info. I used Use <20 lines of JSP, don't display logs as JSON/XML, and also utilized tables

Three or more interesting Operations analytics shown

- 1. Total Requests count of requests
- 2. Average Latency if I were designing this app to go live, this would be top of mind for my users/gamers. No one wants to wait to play
- 3. The Top 2 searched game genres this give me insights on what we should urge our partners to create and or advise to users based on user interest/behavior
- 4. Success/Failure shown in reply info

#### **Game Recommender Analytics Dashboard**



#### All Logged Requests

Phone Model	Params	Request Time	API Request Time	Reply Data	Reply Info	Latency (ms)
null	genre=action	2025-04-04 23:06:09	2025-04-05T03:06:09.391059Z	The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, Soulcalibur, Metroid Prime	Status: 200 OK   Games Returned: 3	636
null	genre=puzzle	2025-04-04 23:43:35	2025-04-05T03:43:35.614443Z	Portal 2, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, Cut the Rope	Status: 200 OK   Games Returned: 3	632
null	genre=shooter	2025-04-04 23:43:42	2025-04-05T03:43:42.483217Z	Metroid Prime, Perfect Dark, GoldenEye 007 (1997)	Status: 200 OK   Games Returned: 3	642
null	genre=indie	2025-04-04 23:43:49	2025-04-05T03:43:49.264447Z	Divinity: Original Sin - Enhanced Edition, Dwarf Fortress, Cut the Rope	Status: 200 OK   Games Returned: 3	1329

•••

Unknown Device	genre=puzzie	16:02:17	* '	Portal 2, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, Cut the Rope	Returned: 3	840
sdk_gphone64_arm64	genre=puzzle	2025-04-06 16:02:46	2025-04- 06T20:02:46.906103609Z	Portal 2, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, Cut the Rope	Status: 200 OK   Games Returned: 3	453
N/A, This is via Web Client	genre=adventure	Apr 06, 2025 16:08:08	Apr 06, 2025 16:08:08	The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, Metroid Prime, The Legend of Zelda: Breath of	Status: 200 OK   Games Returned: 3	671
Android sdk gphone64 arm64	genre=ir Laun	chpad )6 16:08:30	2025-04- 06T20:08:30.667879017Z		Status: 200 OK   Games Returned: 3	635

4. Log useful information: At least 6 pieces of information is logged for each request/reply with the mobile phone. It should include information about the request from the mobile phone, information about the request and reply to the 3rd party API, and information about the reply to the mobile phone. (You should NOT log data from interactions from the operations dashboard.)

My app contains 6 pieces of information phoneModel, appRequestParameters (gener), requestReceivedTimestamp, thirdPartyApiRequestTimestamp, and thirdPartyAPIReplyData, replytoMobileInfo about status plus the numbers of Games Returned, and finally the latency. Below shows logging data instantiation and declaration. JSP file renamed for dashboard clarity:

**phoneModel** – Logs device model using the X-Device-Model header from the Android app "Android sdk gphone64 arm64"

**specificAppRequestParameters**— Logs the genre parameter sent by the Android app ("genre=shooter") for user interest tracking

**timestampForRequestReceipt**— Records when server first receives request from the app. Tracks total handling time to identify peak usage times

**thirdPartyApiRequestTimestamp** – Timestamp of when the RAWG API call is made. Part of latency analysis and API delays

**dataReplyMobile** – Logs a summary of the game names returned from the RAWG API displayed to user

**mobilePhoneInfoReply** – A message showing response status "Status: 200 OK | Games Returned: 3". Confirms success/failure and count of games

**latency** – Calculates time from request to API response for performance monitoring.

## Logging

5. Store the log information in a database

I store all log data in **MongoDB Atlas**, using the following connection:

mongodb+srv://vmuyengw:2Dzidzayi\$\$@cluster0.jppey.mongodb.net/?retryWrites=true&w=majority&appName=Cluster0

• Cluster Name: Cluster0

• Shards: This Atlas cluster is a free-tier cluster

• Database Name: velmaGameApp

• Collection: logs

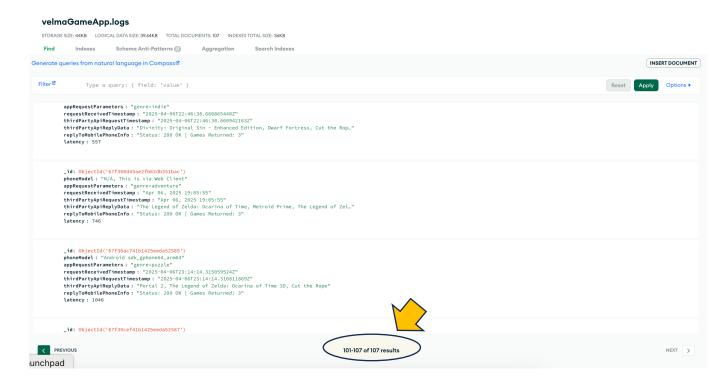
The web service can connect, store, and retrieve information from a MongoDB database in the cloud. Data is stored persistently.

```
_id: ObjectId('67f2ddca0ca821651326c404')
phoneModel: "Unknown Device"
appRequestParameters: "genre=puzzle"
requestReceivedTimestamp: "Apr 06, 2025 16:02:17"
thirdPartyApiRequestTimestamp: "Apr 06, 2025 16:02:17"
thirdPartyApiReplyData: "Portal 2, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, Cut the Rope"
replyToMobilePhoneInfo: "Status: 200 OK | Games Returned: 3"
latency: 840
```

Above is the Mongo Entry from running Web Service locally. Below shows android data

```
_id: ObjectId('67f2dde7260dfd58c03079d8')
phoneModel: "Android sdk_gphone64_arm64"
appRequestParameters: "genre=puzzle"
requestReceivedTimestamp: "2025-04-06T20:02:46.906050881Z"
thirdPartyApiRequestTimestamp: "2025-04-06T20:02:46.906103609Z"
thirdPartyApiReplyData: "Portal 2, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, Cut the Rope"
replyToMobilePhoneInfo: "Status: 200 OK | Games Returned: 3"
latency: 453
```

Data persistency shown below: 107 results from multiple troubleshoot sessions until finalization



# 6. Display operations analytics and formatted full logs on a web-based dashboard Game Recommender Analytics Dashboard

**Total Requests: 79** 

Average Latency (ms) Across All Requests: 1050.62

**Top 2 Searched Game Genres** 

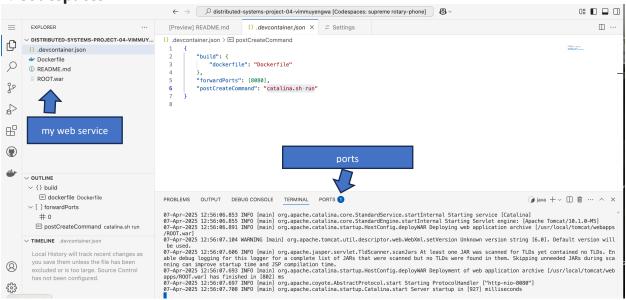


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a. A unique URL addresses a web interface dashboard for the web service.

http://localhost:8080/GameRecommenderServlet/dashboard (run the GameServletRecommender first)

7. Codespaces



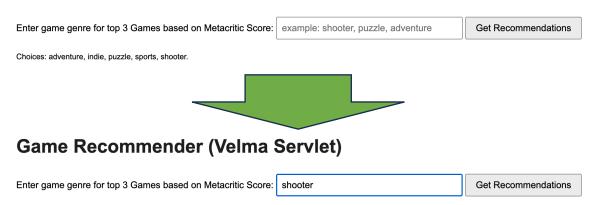






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# **Game Recommender (Velma Servlet)**



Choices: adventure, indie, puzzle, sports, shooter.

#### Results

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