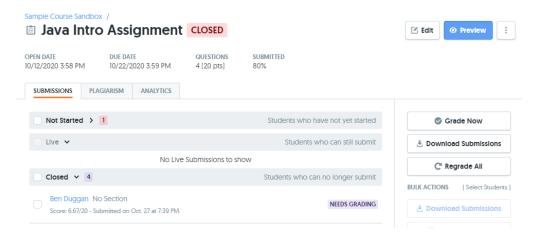
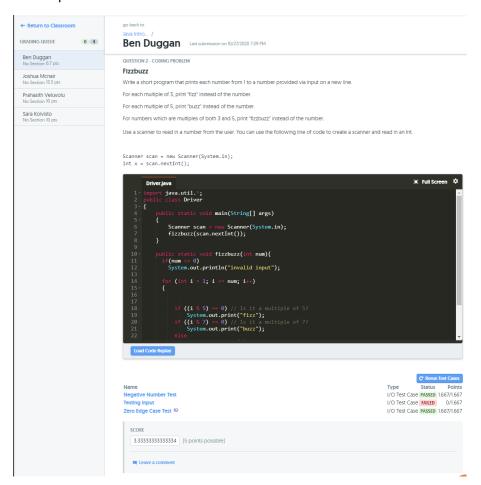
Marking Assignments

Mimir

• Navigate to the course Mimir section. Select the student checkbox. Then, select Grade Now.

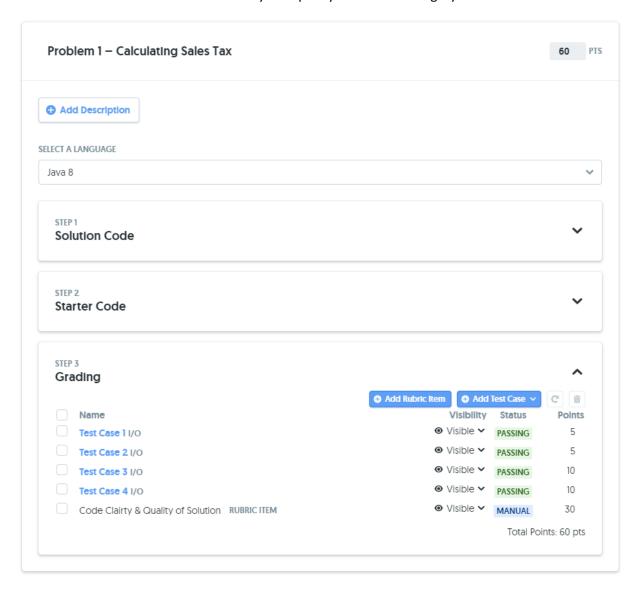


 Mimir has a range of features to help you grade assignments, including an overview of the problem description, solution submitted by students, as well as test cases that were either passed or failed.



Notice the Full Screen preview option. You can choose whether to Load Code Reply or Rerun Test Cases buttons.

The score can be entered in the textbox below. It will automatically be calculated for assignments that are evaluated through test cases; however, assignments are also manually graded using a scoring rubric. This is illustrated below in the code clarity and quality of solution category.



• For manual coding of these rubric items, review the detailed description of the rubric available in the Brightspace course section in Home > Content > Assignments.

Grading Scheme

Each problem on the assignment will be graded based on three criteria:

Functionality

"Does it work according to specifications?" This is determined in an automated fashion by running your program on a number of inputs and ensuring that the outputs match the expected outputs. The score is determined based on the number of tests that your program passes.

Quality of Solution

"Is it a good solution?" This considers whether the solution is correct, efficient, covers boundary conditions, does not have any obvious bugs, etc. This is determined by visual inspection of the code. Initially full marks are given to each solution and marks are deducted based on faults found in the solution.

Code Clarity

"Is it well written?" This considers whether the solution is properly formatted, well-documented, and follows coding style guidelines. A single code clarity score is assigned for all solutions. If your program does not compile, it is considered non-functional and of extremely poor quality, meaning you will receive 0 for the solution.

PROBLEM		PARTIAL POINTS	POINTS
PROBLEM 1			40
	Functionality	30	
	Quality of Solution & Code Clarity	10	
PROBLEM 2			30
	Functionality	25	
	Quality of Solution & Code Clarity	5	
PROBLEM 3			30
	Functionality	25	
	Quality of Solution & Code Clarity	5	
TOTAL		100	100

- To provide feedback to students on the quality of the solution and clarity of the code, consider making a reference to the following website: https://ericpoitras.github.io/CSCI1105 StyleGuidelines/.
- This will be embedded along in Teams in addition to activity worksheets that include examples and counter example of each rubric category (available in Class Notebook):

- Code Style Documentation
- o Code Style Presentation
- Code Style Flow
- o Code Style Idiom
- Code Style Expression
- o Code Style Structure
- Providing proper feedback is critical for the grade to be meaningful and for students to improve over time. Please review the example comments highlighted in the gray boxes. You are encouraged to copy/paste with slight modifications as necessary to ensure consistency across markers.
- Share any common difficulties or misconceptions that students may have towards their assignments. We can revise the examples and counter examples to mention these more explicitly or address them during the lecture.

How did the student perform on this problem, based on a set of criteria? The focus is on comprehensibility, or how easy or difficult is it to understand a piece of code.

Choose **any** of the following options, as applicable. The category level mentioned in the instructions above indicates that problematic features are present, and grades should be deducted. Copy and paste the category that is problematic, as in the following:

Example Comment

Address the following issue(s) to improve the comprehensibility of your code:

Names appear unreadable, meaningless, or misleading (-2)

Header comment is missing (-1)

Documentation – Is the code well-annotated to ensure rapid understanding?

Category	Level			
eatego. y	1	2	3	4
Names	Names appear unreadable, meaningless, or misleading	Names accurately describe the intent of the code, but can be incomplete, lengthy, misspelled or inconsistent use of casing	Names accurately describe the intent of the code, and are complete, distinctive, concise, correctly spelled and consistent use of casing	All names in the program use a consistent vocabulary

Headers	Headers are generally	Header comments	Header comments	header
	missing, or	are generally	are generally	commen
	descriptions are	present; summarize	present; accurately	ts are generally
	redundant or	the goal of parts of	summarize the role	present; contain
	obsolete; use mixed	the program and	of parts of the	only essential
	languages or are	how to use those;	program and how to	explanations,
	misspelled	but may be	use those; but may	information and
		somewhat	still be	references
		inaccurate or	wordy	
		incomplete		
Comments	Comments are	Comments explain	Comments explain	Comments are
	generally missing,	code and potential	code and	only present
	redundant or	problems, but may	potential problems,	where
	obsolete; use mixed	be wordy	are concise	strictly needed
	languages or are			
	misspelled			
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Presentation – Is the code visually organized for a quick read?

Category	Level			
Category	1	2	3	4
Layout	Old commented out code is present, or lines are generally too long to read	Positioning of elements within source files is not optimized for readability	Positioning of elements within source files is optimized for readability	Positioning of elements is consistent between files and in line with Java conventions
Formatting	Formatting is missing or misleading	Indentation, line breaks, spacing and brackets highlight the intended structure but erratically	Indentation, line breaks, spacing and brackets consistently highlight the intended structure	Formatting makes similar parts of code clearly identifiable

Algorithms – Is each part of the code as simple as possible?

Category	Level			
,	1	2	3	4

Flow	There is deep nesting;	Flow is complex or	Flow is simple and	In the case of
	Code performs more	contains too many	contains few	exceptions or
	than one task per	exceptions or	exceptions or	jumps, the most
	line; Unreachable	jumps; Parts of code	jumps; Duplication	common path
	code is present	are duplicate	is very limited	through the code
				is clearly visible
Idiom	Control structures are	Choice of control	Choice of control	Reuse of library
	customized in a	structures is	structures is	functionality and
	misleading way	inappropriate	appropriate; Reuse	generic data
			of library	structures where
			functionality may	possible
			be limited	
Expressions	Expressions are	Expressions are	Expressions are	Expressions are
	repeated or contain	complex or long;	simple; data types	all essential for
	unnamed constants	data types are	are appropriate	control flow
		inappropriate		

Structure – Is the code organized for quick understanding of parts and the whole?

Category	Level			
	1	2	3	4
Decomposition	Most code is in one or a few big methods; variables are reused for different purposes	Most methods are limited in length but mix tasks; Methods share many variables; Parts of code are repeated	Methods perform a limited set of tasks divided into parts; Shared variables are limited; Code is unique	Methods perform a very limited set of tasks and the number of parameters and shared variables is limited
Modularization	Classes are artificially separated	Classes have vague subjects, contain many variables or contain many methods	Classes have clearly defined subjects, contain few variables and a limited amount of methods	Classes are defined such that communication between them is limited

Is the student sufficiently competent at programming to implement the statement covered in this assignment (i.e., arithmetic/string operations, selection statements)?

Choose **one** of the following options:

• If the answer is NO, but with a specific **MINOR** difficulty. Insert a hint:

Action	Description	Line Number
Choose an action:	Statement identifier, keep it brief and to the point (e.g., equals true, nested ifs, type of loop, add 0 to sum, duplicated sum + =, and so on)	Line identifier (e.g., line 5)
Remove	add o to sum, duplicated sum (=, and so on)	
Move		
Change		

Example

Add an arithmetic operation to assign value of sum (line 10)

MAJOR difficulties - You may also recommend that they drop into TA office hours to ask for help
if they do not understand what the question was asking or with help on how to solve them.
 Copy and paste the following:

Example (Copy/Paste)

You may want to discuss your assignment with a TA and review the correct code solution. Remember to drop into office hours to ask help from TAs to understand what the question in the problem is asking you to do as well as how to solve it. Pay careful attention to the test cases to understand what output should be produced given the test case input values, and to keep doing your best to solve these problems!

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