



**Course Name:** Cloud Application Development

**Course Number:** CS 493, Fall 2023

**Credits:** 4

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## Course Description

Covers developing RESTful cloud services, an approach based on representational state transfer technology, an architectural style and approach to communications used in modern cloud services development.

Prerequisites: CS 290 and CS 340 and CS 372

## Communication

Please post all course-related questions in the Ed Forum so that the whole class may benefit from our conversation. Please contact me privately for matters of a personal nature. We will strive to reply to course-related questions within 48 business hours. We will strive to return your assignments and grades for course activities to you within one week of the due date.

Make sure to turn on Canvas Notifications for Announcements. The instructional team will be using Canvas Announcements extensively to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to keep up to date with these announcements and they are considered part of the required learning material.

You can find a detailed communication policy as well as information on Teams Office Hours on the Course Homepage.

## Course Credits

This course combines approximately 120 hours of instruction, online activities, and assignments for 4 credits.

## Technical Assistance

If you experience any errors or problems while in your online course, contact 24-7 Canvas Support through the Help link within Canvas. If you experience computer difficulties, need help downloading a browser or plug-in, or need assistance logging into a course, contact the IS Service Desk for assistance. You can call (541) 737-8787 or visit the [IS Service Desk](#) online.

## Learning Resources

There is no textbook for this course. There will be required articles and other material from the internet posted on the course website as the course progresses.

## Measurable Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Design and implement an effective RESTful API, using appropriate HTTP verbs (GET, POST, DELETE, etc.) to access specific API resources.
- Evaluate various approaches to representing data in API requests and responses and to alerting users of errors.
- Use modern tools and techniques for storing API data.
- Use modern techniques to replicate and synchronize data to ensure data safety and consistency.
- Employ secure mechanisms for authenticating users and authorizing the use of specific portions of an API.
- Use modern tools and techniques to queue and process API requests.
- Select an available open-source search index to meet an API's information retrieval needs.
- Create a publicly available cloud API.
- Evaluate an API's performance and reliability using appropriate metrics.

## Evaluation of Student Performance

Final grades will be comprised of the following weighted components:

- 70% 8 programming assignments
  - All assignments have equal weight
  - We will drop the grade of your lowest scoring assignment and count the 7 assignments with the best grades
- 30% Final project
  - In lieu of a final exam, you'll demonstrate your mastery of the skills you've learned by the end of this course by working to develop a complete RESTful HTTP API.

### Letter Grade

Grade	Percent Range
A	$\geq 93\%$
A-	$\geq 90\% \ \& \ < 93\%$
B+	$\geq 87\% \ \& \ < 90\%$ (e.g., an 89.99% would be a B+)
B	$\geq 83\% \ \& \ < 87\%$
B-	$\geq 80\% \ \& \ < 83\%$
C+	$\geq 77\% \ \& \ < 80\%$
C	$\geq 73\% \ \& \ < 77\%$
C-	$\geq 70\% \ \& \ < 73\%$
D+	$\geq 67\% \ \& \ < 70\%$
D	$\geq 63\% \ \& \ < 67\%$
D-	$\geq 60\% \ \& \ < 63\%$

F	< 60%
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## Course Content

We will use Google Cloud Platform (GCP) in this course.

For implementing the assignments, you will have the choice of using either Python 3 with Flask or Node.js. The instructors, at their discretion, may allow use of additional languages/platforms beyond these two choices.

Here are the major course topics

- RESTful API design and implementation
- Resources, routing, and HTTP verbs
- Data representation and errors
- Efficient data storage models
- Data replication and synchronization
- Authentication and authorization
- Cloud API deployment
- API performance, reliability, and scaling

Module	Topic	Learning Activities
1	Introduction to Cloud Computing	Syllabus Quiz Assignment 1: Google App Engine
2	RESTful - API Usage	Assignment 2: Use a Web API
3	RESTful – API Design & Implementation	Assignment 3: Build a REST API
4	Add Functionality to REST API	Assignment 4: Intermediate REST API
5	Advanced Functionality	Assignment 5: Advanced REST Features
6	Security & OAuth	Assignment 6: OAuth 2.0
7	Security & Verification	Assignment 7: Auth & JWT
8	Cloud Deployment Using Docker	Assignment 8: Containerize Your App Final Project
9	Non-relational Databases	
10	Architecting Cloud Applications	
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## Course Policies

### Late Work Policy

All assignments must be submitted on Canvas, according to the posted due date and time.

- All assignments, including the final project, can be submitted within 24 hours of the due date with a penalty of 5% of maximum possible points for the assignment.

- Note the late penalties are off of the total possible points, not the points you earn. E.g., if an assignment has 20 points, then a late submission within 24 hours of the due date will be deducted 1 point.
- Assignments submitted later than 24 hours of the due date will not be accepted without a documented medical or family emergency and will receive a grade of 0.

### **Incompletes**

Incomplete (I) grades will be granted only in emergency cases (usually only for a death in the family, major illness or injury, or birth of your child), and if the student has turned in 70% of the points possible (in other words, usually everything but the final project). If you are having any difficulty that might prevent you completing the coursework, please don't wait until the end of the term; let me know right away.

### **Academic Integrity**

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits Academic Misconduct and defines it as:

*Any action that misrepresents a student or group's work, knowledge, or achievement, provides a potential or actual inequitable advantage, or compromises the integrity of the educational process.*

To support understanding of what can be included in this definition, the Code further classifies and describes examples of Academic Misconduct, as follows.

Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to doing or attempting the following actions:

- Cheating. Unauthorized assistance, or access to or use of unauthorized materials, information, tools, or study aids. Examples include, but are not limited to, unauthorized collaboration or copying on a test or assignment, using prohibited materials and texts, unapproved use of cell phones, internet, or other electronic devices, etc.
- Plagiarism. Representing the words or ideas of another person or presenting someone else's words, data, expressed ideas, or artistry as one's own. Examples include, but are not limited to, presenting someone else's opinions and theories as one's own, using another person's work or words (including unpublished material) without appropriate source documentation or citation, working jointly on a project and then submitting it as one's own, etc.
- Falsification. Fabrication or invention of any information. Examples include, but are not limited to, falsifying research, inventing or falsely altering data, citing fictitious references, falsely recording or reporting attendance, hours, or engagement in activities such as internships, externships, field experiences, clinical activities, etc.
- Assisting. Any action that helps another engage in academic misconduct. Examples include, but are not limited to, providing materials or assistance without approval, altering someone's work, grades or academic records, taking a test/doing an assignment for someone else, compelling acquisition, selling, bribing, paying or accepting payment for academic work or assistance that contributes to academic misconduct, etc.
- Tampering. Interfering with an instructors' evaluation of work by altering materials or documents, tampering with evaluation tools, or other means of interfering.
- Multiple submissions of work. Using or submitting work completed for another or previous class or requirement, without appropriate disclosure, citation, and instructors approval.

- Unauthorized recording and use. Recording and/or dissemination of instructional content without the express permission of the instructor(s), or an approved accommodation coordinated via Disability Access Services.

It is important that you understand what student actions are defined as academic misconduct at Oregon State University. The OSU Libraries offer a [tutorial on academic misconduct](#), and you can also refer to the [OSU Student Code of Conduct](#) and [the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standard's website](#) for more information. More importantly, if you are unsure if something will violate our academic integrity policy, ask your professors, GTAs, academic advisors, or academic integrity officers.

## Code Reuse & Citation

Any use of code other than your own must conform to the following guidelines:

- Comment block endpoints of the non-original code (BEGIN...END)
- A non-source statement (e.g. "This is not my original code")
- A detailed prose description of the functionality of the code (How it works)

EXAMPLE:

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; *****BEGIN CITED CODE*****
; The following code is not my own.
; SOURCE: https://stackoverflow.com/RandomWrongMethod
; The code begins by utilizing the irvine library function ReadInt to read
; an integer value from stdin. It then checks this user input against the
; constants UPPER_LIMIT and LOWER_LIMIT. If the value is within the target
; range (below UPPER_LIMIT and above LOWER_LIMIT) the value is moved into
; the loop counter ECX. A line counter (to enable displaying 5 numbers per
; line) is initialized, and the program will start displaying Fib Values.
; If it is outside the specified range, an error message is printed and it
; will prompt again for user input.

getUserData:
    call    ReadInt
    mov     num_numbers, ecx
    ...
; *****END CITED CODE*****
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## Using AI Tools

Here is the course policy on using AI Tools.

1. Students are **not allowed to use ChatGPT (and other AI tools) for generating code**. These tools also cannot be used to generate responses for any essay-type questions.
2. Students are **allowed to use ChatGPT (or other AI tools) as they would use a library resource**. If you use an AI tool for this purpose, create a private Ed thread and explain how you used the tool. I will review your post and give you feedback on whether or not the use is legitimate as far as this class is concerned. If the use of the

tool is legitimate and can be of general interest for the class, I will share it publicly on Ed. An example of an OK use is to find solutions for errors related to deploying code to the Google Cloud Platform.

Please note that my goal with this policy is to not be overly restrictive, but to make sure that the course learning objectives are not compromised. I recognize that ChatGPT, Bard, etc. are going to be very important tools for software development. If you have feedback and suggestions on how you think these tools should be used in this course, I would welcome that anytime during and after the course.

### **Statement Regarding Religious Accommodation**

Oregon State University is required to provide reasonable accommodations for employee and student sincerely held religious beliefs. It is incumbent on the student making the request to make the faculty member aware of the request as soon as possible prior to the need for the accommodation. See the [Religious Accommodation Process for Students](#).

### **Guidelines for a Productive and Effective Online Classroom**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in the course (e.g., on discussion boards, email) in compliance with the university's regulations regarding civility. Civility is an essential ingredient for academic discourse. All communications for this course should be conducted constructively, civilly, and respectfully. Differences in beliefs, opinions, and approaches are to be expected. In all you say and do for this course, be professional. Please bring any communications you believe to be in violation of this class policy to the attention of your instructors.

Active interaction with peers and your instructors is essential to success in this online course, paying particular attention to the following:

- Unless indicated otherwise, please complete the readings and view other instructional materials for each week before participating in the discussion board.
- Read your posts carefully before submitting them.
- Be respectful of others and their opinions, valuing diversity in backgrounds, abilities, and experiences.
- Challenging the ideas held by others is an integral aspect of critical thinking and the academic process. Please word your responses carefully and recognize that others are expected to challenge your ideas. A positive atmosphere of healthy debate is encouraged.

### **Establishing a Positive Community**

It is important you feel safe and welcome in this course. If somebody is making discriminatory comments against you, sexually harassing you, or excluding you in other ways, contact the instructors, your academic advisor, and/or report what happened at <https://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/studentconduct/reporting> so we can connect you with resources.

### **Expectations for Student Conduct**

Student conduct is governed by the university's policies, as explained in the Student Conduct Code (<https://beav.es/codeofconduct>). Students are expected to conduct themselves in the course (e.g., on discussion boards, email postings) in compliance with the university's regulations regarding civility.

### **Student Bill of Rights**

OSU has twelve established student rights. They include due process in all university disciplinary processes, an equal opportunity to learn, and grading in accordance with the course syllabus: <https://asosu.oregonstate.edu/advocacy/rights>

### **Academic Calendar**

All students are subject to the registration and refund deadlines as stated in the Academic Calendar: <https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/osu-academic-calendar>

### **TurnItIn**

Your instructors may ask you to submit one or more of your writings to Turnitin, a plagiarism prevention service. Your assignment content will be checked for potential plagiarism against Internet sources, academic journal articles, and the papers of other OSU students, for common or borrowed content. Turnitin generates a report that highlights any potentially unoriginal text in your paper. The report may be submitted directly to your instructors or your instructors may elect to have you submit initial drafts through Turnitin, and you will receive the report allowing you the opportunity to make adjustments and ensure that all source material has been properly cited. Papers you submit through Turnitin for this or any class will be added to the OSU Turnitin database and may be checked against other OSU paper submissions. You will retain all rights to your written work. For further information, visit [Academic Integrity for Students: Turnitin – What is it?](#)

### **Statement Regarding Students with Disabilities**

Accommodations for students with disabilities are determined and approved by Disability Access Services (DAS). If you, as a student, believe you are eligible for accommodations but have not obtained approval please contact DAS immediately at 541-737-4098 or at <http://ds.oregonstate.edu>. DAS notifies students and faculty members of approved academic accommodations and coordinates implementation of those accommodations. While not required, students and faculty members are encouraged to discuss details of the implementation of individual accommodations.

### **Accessibility of Course Materials**

All materials used in this course are accessible. If you require accommodations please contact [Disability Access Services \(DAS\)](#).

Additionally, Canvas, the learning management system through which this course is offered, provides a [vendor statement](#) certifying how the platform is accessible to students with disabilities.

### **Tutoring and Writing Assistance**

This course is offered through Oregon State University Extended Campus. For more information visit: <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu>.

[NetTutor](#) is a leading provider of online tutoring and learner support services fully staffed by experienced, trained and monitored tutors. Students connect to live tutors from any computer that has Internet access. NetTutor provides a virtual whiteboard that allows tutors and students to work on problems in a real time environment. They also have an online writing suite where tutors critique and return essays within 24 to 48 hours. Access NetTutor from within your Canvas class by clicking on the Tools button in your course menu.

The Oregon State [Online Writing Suite](#) is also available for students enrolled in Ecampus courses.

## **Ecampus Reach Out for Success**

University students encounter setbacks from time to time. If you encounter difficulties and need assistance, it's important to reach out. Consider discussing the situation with an instructor or academic advisor. Learn about [resources that assist with wellness and academic success](#).

Ecampus students are always encouraged to discuss issues that impact your academic success with the [Ecampus Success Team](#). Email [ecampus.success@oregonstate.edu](mailto:ecampus.success@oregonstate.edu) to identify strategies and resources that can support you in your educational goals.

### **For mental health:**

Learn about [counseling and psychological resources for Ecampus students](#). If you are in immediate crisis, please contact the Crisis Text Line by texting OREGON to 741-741 or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

### **For financial hardship:**

Any student whose academic performance is impacted due to financial stress or the inability to afford groceries, housing, and other necessities for any reason is urged to contact the Director of Care for support (541-737-8748).

## **Student Evaluation of Courses**

During Fall, Winter, and Spring terms the online Student Evaluation of Teaching system opens to students the Wednesday of week 8 and closes the Sunday before Finals Week. Students receive notification, instructions and the link through their ONID. They may also log into the system via Online Services. Course evaluation results are extremely important and used to help improve courses and the hybrid learning experience for future students. Responses are anonymous (unless a student chooses to "sign" their comments, agreeing to relinquish anonymity) and unavailable to instructors until after grades have been posted. The results of scaled questions and signed comments go to both the instructors and their unit head/supervisor. Anonymous (unsigned) comments go to the instructors only.