



## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Please complete within 6 days of receipt
2. Questions are welcome—please ask if something is not clear!

## THE BRIEF

Members of Redlen are faced with too many restaurant choices. Make a web service that helps us decide where to dine. Please make sure you provide us the necessary README file showcasing the steps to run the application.

## Acceptance Criteria

The web service must support.

- A list of recommendations filterable by
  - Geographic location (ex city + country, postal code, etc.)
  - Distance
  - Currently open
- Un/Favoriting restaurants
- Un/Blacklisting restaurants
  - Once blacklisted, a restaurant is listed ONLY in the user's blacklist and won't show up anywhere else to the user
- A RESTful API with endpoints to achieve the above
- You are free to write in any language you are comfortable with (recommended C#/Django for backend, any JS for frontend, any database).

**Note:** We acknowledge your ideas. You are allowed to follow any methodology (or) architectural pattern. But explain to us in the documentation briefly regarding your approach. Any further enhancements/ changes made with your interpretation without completely deteriorating the above criteria are acceptable.

## Deliverables

A hosted, git-based repository (Bitbucket, GitHub, etc.) containing the following:

- API documentation (choose whatever industry standard you prefer)
- A README with
  - Instructions for installing dependencies and running the web service
  - Specific instructions for each operation (you may choose whatever tool the web



service will be accessed). Ex. If you choose cURL, provide the *exact* copy+paste commands to run; if you choose Postman, provide the Postman Collection file.

To make the scope/time investment of this test reasonable:

- Assume members of Redlen are all honest, capable users: Ignore login, authentication, authorization. Each person can remember their own userId and assume they wouldn't be using another person's userId.
- Data persistence
  - DO NOT build a robust datastore—use any pattern that you are comfortable with and mock data of at least
    - 3 different “users”
    - 5-10 different restaurants
  - Do this as cheaply/simply as possible (not intending to test database expertise)

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

It is not mandatory to implement everything mentioned below, but it will be considered while evaluating.

- Security
  - Input validation
    - Endpoints should handle invalid input and respond appropriately
  - Sanitization
    - Vulnerability to basic attack vectors, such as SQL-injection, result in an automatic test failure
- Semantics and standards
  - Naming, conventions, etc. should be sensible and align to some common Industry-standard

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

This test will be evaluated on the following:

- Architectural design
- Code quality
- Documentation



- Adherence to industry standards
- Ease of use
- Performance/resource utilization (less is more)

### **BONUS POINTS**

- Proper API responses for any wrong user input (Ex If I request for wrong/unavailable info from the database, the API should respond with proper error responses)

**BEST OF LUCK!**