# RECOGNITION MEMORY EXPERIMENT FRAMEWORK

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#### **OVERVIEW**

- 0.1. Audience. The intended audience for this document is a researcher with some programming experience.
- 0.2. **Description.** The **Recognition Memory Experiment Framework** is an online utility for parametric generation of **Recognition Memory experiments** to support researchers at the University of Victoria. The software is intended to be web based, self-contained yet comprehensive, and reasonably flexible.

The software is a foundation upon which to develop and deploy interactive surveys/questionnaires as an essential component of Recognition Memory experiment methodologies, and is comprised of two aspects:

- (1) The **researcher facing** portion, which is a simplified API-style programming interface, specifies the sequencing of both:
  - online interactive visual elements, and
  - requests to the participant for feedback.
- (2) The **participant facing** portion consists of
  - an experimental survey (based on JavaScript/HTML5) which runs client-side in the participant's web browser, and is specified by the researcher in terms of:
    - the different stimuli or other interactive visual elements revealed to the participant, and
    - the possible responses/feedback requested of the partcipant, and
  - a server-side program (written in Python) running on the web server administrated by the researcher, that receives user responses, timing, and other information sent back to the researcher by the JavaScript/HTML5 program.
- 0.3. Requirements for using the software.
- $0.3.1.\ Server-side.$ 
  - Host:
    - An ordinary web server with Python/CGI enabled, is required.
    - Note: the system was tested with server: Apache/2.2.23 (Unix).
- 0.3.2. Client-side.
  - For experiment participants:
    - A modern web browser (Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari) on a desktop computer is required.
      - \* The system was tested with Chrome v. 57, Safari 10.1, and Firefox 53.0 (64 bit).
  - For researchers and experiment administrators:
    - A text editor is required to edit experiment script files.
    - Limited technical knowledge about JavaScript is required to edit or modify experiments.
    - An FTP program is required for uploading experiment scripts (and downloading response data).
      - \* A free/open implementation is FileZilla, available at https://filezilla-project.org/

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#### 1. The System

- 1.1. **Installation.** The system may be installed on a web server by downloading:
  - https://github.com/ashlinrichardson/m3m0ry/archive/master.zip

and extracting the ZIP file to an administrator-determined folder/location on the server. It's important to check the permissions on the files (please see section 2.1). Note: the University of Victoria Unix web server does not require .htaccess files. If using the software on another server, an .htaccess file may be required. A typical .htaccess file may contain the following:

```
 \begin{aligned} & \text{Options} \ + \text{ExecCGI} \\ & \text{AddHandler cgi-script .py} \end{aligned}
```

and is usually placed in the same folder as the python files that should be run (in this case the only Python file is **xml receive.py**).

1.1.1. install.sh. An automatic script (install.sh) used to download, extract, and set permissions:

```
rm -f master.zip
wget https://github.com/ashlinrichardson/m3m0ry/archive/master.zip
unzip -o master.zip
mv m3m0ry-master/ memory/
chmod -R 755 memory/
chmod -R 754 memory/data/
```

This six line script above was tested on the UVic Unix server: it resulted in the examples being accessible at the following locations:

#### Instructions

```
http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/instructions/memory.html
```

## Delay activity

```
http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html
```

#### Feedback activity

```
http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/feedback/memory.html
```

# Study activity

```
http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html
```

### Test activity

```
http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html
```

## More substantial experiment

```
http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html
```

1.2. **Project Structure.** The system has the following directory structure as in Fig. (1.1).

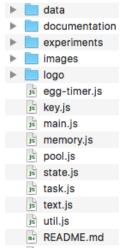


FIGURE 1.1. sml-receive.py

# In Fig. (1.1) above:

- data/ should, once survey(s) have been successfully completed, contain CSV data files representing the user experience:
  - If all goes well, an additional data file should automagically appear in the data/ folder, for any given survey/experiment that is successfully completed.
  - Upon completion of a survey/experiment, the client-side JavaScript code submits (via util.js::xml\_send()) a CSV data file to the web server, which receives the data using CGI/Python (via xml-receive.py).
  - The CSV file is saved with a name reflecting the date/time when the file was recorded, and also a randomly-generated string that is added to prevent file-naming "collisions".
- documentation/ is where this manual resides.
- experiments/
  - Contains a number of sub-folders, one for each of the included examples:
    - \* instructions/
    - \* delay/
    - \* feedback/
    - \* study-phase/
    - \* test-phase/
    - \* my-experiment/
  - Each of the above subfolder contains a file **memory.html**, which always has the contents:

	6 lines (5 sloc) 70 Bytes	
	1 <html></html>	
	2 <b><body></body></b>	
	<pre>3 <script src="//memory.js"><</pre></th><th>/script></th></tr><tr><th></th><th>4 </body></th><th></th></tr><tr><td>FIGURE 1.2.</td><td>5 <b></html></b></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table></script></pre>	

Note: any experiment/survey project developed by the user must also:

- \* reside in the **experiments**/ folder (as with the examples provided), and:
- \* include a **memory.html** file, which should be the same as in Fig. (1.2).
- images/ contains image data used in experiments. To change image data used in experiments, the administrator should:
  - upload new image data into the **images**/ folder, ensuring that the image data is consistently named according to the same numbered format followed by the provided image data: **1.jpg**, **2.jpg**, and so on.

## 2. **Setup**

2.1. File Permissions on Server. Unix file permissions on the server side should all be set to 755, with the exception of the data folder for which the permissions should be set to 754, to protect submitted data from global visibility.

Unix file permissions may be set recursively using an FTP program such as FileZilla.

N.b., also want to set the permissions on the **experiments**/ folder to 754, to prevent any given survey being accessed by someone who was not given the exact path to the specific survey.

- 2.2. Accessing an Existing Survey. Supposing the project is uploaded to the main HTTP directory of a web server with URL http://my-web-server.com/, the survey in the folder experiments/my-experiment/ as represented by the JavaScript file experiments/my-experiment/my-experiment.js administered by the researcher/administrator, will be accessed by navigating in a web broswer to the following address:
  - http://my-web-server.com/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html

Of course, for any given experiment, a researcher/administrator is advised to thoroughly test the survey, in a web browser, by accessing a URL like the one above.

- 2.3. Creating A New Survey or Modifying An Existing One. To create your own experiment we recommend, with respect to the experiments/ folder on the local computer (which will later be uploaded to the web server e.g., via FTP):
  - (1) making a copy (with a different name) of
    - the folder corresponding to the given example provided which is
      - most closely representative of the experiment which one would like to create.
        - \* For example, if we wanted to make simple modifications to the instructions-type example, we could make a copy of the **experiments/instructions/** folder, and rename that folder **experiment/test-experiment/**
        - \* If we wanted to develop a more detailed and realistic complete experiment, we might make a copy of the experiment folder **experiment/my-experiment/**, and rename the copied folder to e.g.: **experiment/test-experiment/**
  - (2) given the folder we created, e.g., **experiment/test-experiment/**, we should
    - edit the file **my-experiment.js** within the **my-experiment**/ folder, for example:
      - we could change the messages on any instructions slides;
      - adjust timing parameters (e.g. ISI: Inter-Stimulus-Interval) for certain components;
      - add additional word/image stimuli to an experiment (study/test phase components) with respect to one or more "stimulus pools";

- add further tasks to the experiment (more study/test phases, instructions, delay activities, or extra feedback questions).
- (3) To deploy such an experiment on the web, please make sure to upload your revised folder on the local computer (e.g., experiment/test-experiment/) to the web server.
  - Please ensure that the revised folder is uploaded in the correct location (i.e., within the **experiment**/ relative to the main project folder, as it appears on the web server), and that the revised folder includes both a **my-experiment.js** file and a **memory.html** file.

#### 3. The Examples

Five example surveys are included:

- (1) instructions/: involving display of instructions text or other directions/information;
- (2) **delay**: involving presenting the user with free-form or other response fields, to occupy the participant between different experiment/survey components;
- (3) **feedback**/: involving presenting the user with various (multiple-choice) opportunities to reply with feedback/information;
- (4) **study-phase**/: involving presenting the user with a variety of stimuli (usually accompanied by instructions that indicate to try to remember the stimuli presented);
- (5) **test-phase**/: involving requesting feedback from the user, with respect to a sequence of stimuli information;
- (6) my-experiment/: a more-detailed example, representing a typical possible experiment.

3.1. **experiments/instructions/my-experiment.js.** The file my-experiment.js below exemplifies the required format of a **my-experiment.js** file, which must contain a function called my\_experiment, as indicated in line 2:

```
var my experiment = function(){
```

Please note the closing bracket for that function, on line 29. For those not familiar with JavaScript code, the text which appears within the marks: /\*\*/ is a "comment", e.g., /\* this is a comment: text within a program that does not represent instructions to be executed \*/

3.1.1. Instructions Statements. Note that, e.g. in line 5:

instructions ('welcome to the recognition memory experiment framework \n\n\n\t\* please press any key to continue')

this indicates presenting the text within the single quotation-marks, to the user. Note: "/n" and "/t" represent "control characters" which affect the flow of text on the screen: "/n" is the newline-character which causes the rendering of text to proceed on the next available line, and "\t" is the tab-character, which indents text several spaces. The researcher can insert as many such statements as they like. Note some possible modifications to the "vanilla" instructions statement above, as follows:

3.1.2. *Instructions: Fixed Duration.* For displaying instructions for a fixed interval (in milliSeconds) we can insert a code block as follows, as in lines 17-19:

```
var x = instructions ('this information will be displayed for 5 seconds') x.set\_expiry(5000) x.key expiry = false
```

3.1.3. *Instructions: Fixed Duration or User Intervention.* For instructions that are shown until a key is pressed, but are shown for (at most) a given fixed interval (in milliSeconds) we can insert a code block as follows, as in lines 22-24:

```
var x = instructions('this information will be displayed for 5 seconds')
x.set_expiry(5000)
x.key expiry = true
```

3.1.4. The file my-experiment.js.

```
1 /* recognition memory experiment set-up */
2 var my experiment = function(){
3
    /* instruction slide */
4
    instructions ('welcome to the recognition memory experiment framework \n\n\n\t* please press any key to
5
         continue')
6
    /* instruction slide */
7
    instructions ('here is what happens when you put in a lot of text - if you put in lots of text, it
8
        might wrap around the edge\n\n\n\t please press any key to continue')
9
    /* instruction slide */
10
    instructions ('this is an instructions slide\n\n\t* please press any key to continue')
11
12
    /* instruction slide */
13
    instructions ('this is an instructions slide with extra line breaks:\nsingle line break:\ndouble line
14
        break:\n\ntriple line break:\n\n\n\t* please press any key to continue')
15
    /* instruction slide -- fixed duration */
16
    var x = instructions('this instructions slide will display for 5 seconds: \n\n\t* if you press a key
17
        , it will do nothing')
    x.set expiry(5000)
18
    x.key\_expiry = false
19
20
    /* instruction slide -- fixed duration or user intervention */
^{21}
    22
         a key, the transition will happen before 5 seconds is up')
    y.set expiry(5000)
23
^{24}
    y.key_expiry = true
```

- 3.2. **experiments/delay/my-experiment.js.** Although other manifestations could be possible for the delay task, the current implementation involves a free-form reponse section to involve the participant in an activity other than observing stimuli (an interval-type activity to be deployed between other experimental components, e.g., between a study-phase component and the subsequent test-phase component).
- 3.2.1. Delay Task. The basic syntax for specifying a "delay" task is like that for the "instructions" task:

delay('please enter the names of as many countries as you can think of, followed by the escape  $key n n t^*$  please press any key to continue')

By default, the delay task will continue collecting user input, until the <escape> key is pressed.

3.2.2. Delay Task: Fixed Interval. It's also possible to specify a "delay" task that doesn't wait for an <escape> key to be pressed: this version waits for a specified interval (in mS) instead. To operate the delay with a fixed interval, simply add a time parameter (in mS) to the invocation:

delay('please enter the names of as many countries as you can think of, in 5 seconds  $n \ n \ t^*$  please press any key to continue', 5000)

where 5000 mS is five seconds.

### 3.2.3. The file my-experiment.js.

```
/* recognition memory experiment set-up */
  var my experiment = function(){
3
    instructions ('first delay phase coming up (please press any key to continue)')
4
5
6
    delay task('please write out anything that comes to mind (please press <esc> key when finished)')
7
    /* instruction slide */
8
9
    instructions ('second delay phase (5 seconds): (please press any key to continue)')
10
    /* set up delay task: 5 seconds */
11
    delay task ('please type names of as many countries as you can think of in 5 seconds, separated by
12
        spaces.. (please press any key to continue)',
                5000 /* 5000 mS */)
13
14
    /* instruction slide */
15
    /* instruction slide -- fixed duration */
16
17
    var x = instructions ('thank you for completing the delay task: test phase coming up in 5 seconds..')
    x.set expiry(5000)
18
19
    x.key_expiry = false
20
    instructions ('third delay phase (6 seconds): (please press any key to continue)')
21
22
23
    /* set up delay task: 6 seconds */
    delay task ('please type names of as many countries as you can think of in 6 seconds, separated by
24
        spaces.. (please press any key to continue)',
                6000 /* 10000 mS */)
25
26
    /* instruction slide */
27
    instructions ('all done.. thank you.. (please press any key to continue)')
28
29
  }
```

- 3.3. **experiments/feedback/my-experiment.js.** To collect user feedback in a multiple-choice format, we use the "feedback" command, which takes two parameters: 1) the text to be supplied to the user, and 2) an array of key-codes for the permitted responses.
  - E.g.,
    the array [49, 50, 51, 52, 53] represents the numeric keys 1-5
    [49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 48] represents the numeric keys 0-9
    [65, 66, 67, 68] represents the letters A.B.C.D
  - and of course, other key combinations are possible. It may be necessary to consult a reference table such as https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_Unicode\_characters#Basic\_Latin

Please see the below file **my-experiment.js** for examples.

# 3.3.1. The file my-experiment.js.

```
1 /* recognition memory experiment set-up */
  var my_experiment = function(){
3
    /* instructions */
4
5
    instructions ('feedback coming up.. (please press any key to continue)')
6
    /* feedback "task" */
7
    feedback ('please enter your affinity with the last stimulus on a scale of 1-5',
             [49, 50, 51, 52, 53]
9
10
    /* instructions */
11
    instructions ('thank you... more feedback coming up.. (please press any key to continue)')
12
13
    /* more feedback "task" */
14
    feedback ('please enter your affinity with the last stimulus on a scale of 0-9',
15
              [49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 48])
16
17
    /* instructions */
18
    instructions ('thank you ... multiple choice style feedback coming up .. (please press any key to
19
         continue)')
20
    /* feedback "task" */
21
    feedback('skill testing question: 10*10 is: a) 100 b) 200 c) 1000 d) 10000',
22
              [65, 66, 67, 68])
23
24
    /* instructions */
25
26
    instructions ('thank you.. (please press any key to continue)')
27
  }
```

- 3.4. **experiments/study-phase/my-experiment.js.** The study phase is the part of an experiment/survey where word/image (or other) stimuli are revealed in sequence. To implement a "study-phase", we must:
  - (1) declare a stimulus pool (e.g., line 9 of the file below)
  - (2) optionally, add a number of images to the stimulus pool (e.g., line 12 of the file below)
  - (3) optionally, add a number of words to the stimulus pool (e.g., lines 15-17 of the file below)
  - (4) make a selection of items from the stimulus pool (e.g., line 20 of the file below):
    - note that only one parameter is supplied on line 20 (the parameter "N" from the spec), although it will be necessary for a "M" parameter to be included in subsequent examples, in order to implement the "test-phase". This will be discussed re: the next example.
  - (5) declare the study phase:

• note that declaring the study phase is as simple as (where "p" is a stimulus pool, previously defined in the my-experiment.js file):

```
study phase(p)
```

although, in line 23 of the file below, two extra parameters are added:

- an ISI (which was set to be 111 mS in the example): an (optional) duration of exposure of nothing, between exposure of stimuli, and
- a SET (stimulus expiry time) which represents an (optional) maximum duration of exposure of the stimulus.
   Note: if one additional parameter is included in hte "study\_phase" statement, this will be interpreted as ISI.
   In order to declare a "study\_phase" with a SET (but not an ISI), one should provide two extra parameters (after "p") where the first parameter (the ISI) is set as 0, e.g.
   study phase(p, 0, 5000)

where the parameters above represent a "study\_phase" with ISI of 0 mS, and a SET of 5 seconds.

# 3.4.1. The file my-experiment.js.

```
/* recognition memory experiment set-up */
2 var my_experiment = function(){
4
     /* instructions */
5
     instructions ('study phase coming next: (please press any key to continue)')
     instructions ('please remember each word/image shown\n\n\neach word/image is displayed for up to 5
        seconds:\n\n\nif you are done with a particular word/image in less than 5 seconds, please press
        any key to advance to the next word/image\n\n(please press any key to continue)')
7
     /* set up a stimulus pool */
     var p = stimulus_pool()
9
10
     /* add images to stimulus pool */
11
12
    p.add image(10)
13
     /* add words to stimulus pool */
14
    p.add('floccinaucinihilipilification')
15
    p.add('supercalifragilisticexpialidocious')
16
17
    p.add('umdiddlediddlediddleumdiddlei')
18
     /* select portion of items from stimulus pool */
19
20
    p. select (5)
21
     /* set up 'study phase': show selected portions of pool */
22
    study_phase(p, /* stimulus pool */
23
                 111 /* ISI (optional) */,
24
                 5000 /* SET (optional) */ )
25
26
```

3.5. **experiments/test-phase/my-experiment.js.** For the "test-phase" example, we don't introduce anything new in lines 1-16.

However, on line 19, note that the second "M" parameter is added: calling the function **p.select()** with two parameters, as in line 19, is required before implementing the "study-phase" and "test-phase" in lines 22 and 28, respectively.

Note that, to declare a "test\_phase" as on line 28 below, an optional ISI parameter has been included. The ISI parameter is optional, so the simplest invocation is:

```
test phase(p)
```

Similarly to declaring a "study-phase" in the previous example, a SET parameter may also be added when declaring a "test-phase" (again, if one wishes to declare a "test\_phase" without ISI, and with SET > 0, two parameters need to be included: the first being ISI, which should be 0). So, while

```
test_phase(p)
is the simplest invocation,
   test_phase(p, 111)
adds an ISI of 111 mS, and
   test_phase(p, 111, 5000)
adds a SET of 5 seconds. Of course,
   test_phase(p, 0, 5000)
would add a SET of 5 seconds, without adding ISI.
```

## 3.5.1. The file my-experiment.js.

```
1 /* recognition memory experiment set-up */
{\tt 2 \ var \ my\_experiment} = {\tt function}\,(\,)\,\{
3
     /* set up some instruction slides */
4
     instructions ('study phase: please remember words/images and,\n\n\n\t* please press any key to advance
5
         to the next word/image\n\n(please press any key to continue)')
6
     /* set up a stimulus pool */
7
     var p = stimulus_pool()
9
     /* add 10 available images to stimulus pool */
10
11
    p.add image(10)
12
     /* add words to stimulus pool */
13
    p.add('floccinaucinihilipilification')
14
    p.add('supercalifragilisticexpialidocious')
15
    p.add('umdiddlediddlediddleumdiddlei')
16
17
     /* selection from stimulus pool: parameters are N, M as per the requirements */
18
    p. select (5, 5)
19
20
     /* set up 'study phase': show selected portions of pool */
^{21}
    study_phase(p, 111 /* ISI of 111 mS */ )
^{22}
23
     /* some instructions before 'test phase' */
24
25
     instructions ('test phase coming up:\n\n\nwhen you see an image/word, please press m or n:\n\n\n\n\t*
         please press m if you saw an image/word before\n\n\n\t* please press n if you did not see the
        image/word before\n\n(please press any key to continue)')
26
     /* set up 'test phase' (user input recorded for whole randomized pool) */
27
28
     test_phase(p, 333 /* ISI of 333 mS */ )
29 }
```

- 3.6. **experiments/my-experiment/my-experiment.js.** This more-substantial example is more representative of an "actual" experiment, than the previous examples.
- 3.6.1. Study/Test Phase: Declaring Multiple Stimuli Pools. In this example, the procedure for adding stimulus to a pool is diversified by the specification of multiple stimulus pools, as in lines 8-16 for a first pool, and lines 19-27 for a second pool.

Note: the required selection from each of the two stimulus pools, happens at lines 30 and 31, respectively.

3.6.2. Study/Test Phase: Using Multiple Stimuli Pools to Declare Study and Test Phases. Whereas before when we passed a stimuli pool, when declaring a study\_phase or test\_phase, e.g. cf the last examples:

```
study_phase(p)
test_phase(p);
```

when combining multiple stimuli pools together, we combine the stimuli pools together in an array before passing them, e.g.:

```
var pools = [p1, p2]
study_phase(pools)
test_phase(pools)
```

cf lines 34, 37 and 60 in the file **my-experiment.js** below.

- 3.6.3. Inserting a Delay Task between Study/Test Phases. An important difference between this example, and the earlier experiments/test-phase/ example, is: note the delay task inserted between the study and test phases of line 45 of my-experiment.js below.
- 3.6.4. *Modified Instructions Slide between Study/Test Phases.* Note on lines 49-51 the modified instructions slide (fixed duration) borrowed from the **experiments/instructions/** example.

This message that displays for the fixed interval of five seconds, was added to prevent the user from over-running the testing phase, with key presses (we added this interval during testing when we noticed that frantic data entry during the "delay" task could result in keypresses that would cause hiding the instructions for the testing phase).

# 3.6.5. The file my-experiment.js.

```
/* recognition memory experiment set-up: customized / complex experiment */
  var my experiment = function(){
3
    /* set up some instruction slides */
4
    instructions ('study phase: please remember words/images and press any key (please press any key to
        continue)')
6
    /* set up a stimulus pool */
7
    var p1 = stimulus pool()
8
    /* add images to stimulus pool */
10
    pl.add image(10)
11
12
    /* add words to stimulus pool */
13
    pl.add('floccinaucinihilipilification')
14
    pl.add('supercalifragilisticexpialidocious')
15
    p1.add('equanimity')
16
17
18
    /* set up a stimulus pool */
    var p2 = stimulus_pool()
19
20
    /* add images to stimulus pool */
21
22
    p2.add image(10)
23
    /* add words to second stimulus pool */
24
25
    p2.add('compassion')
    p2.add('dogovarivatsya')
26
    p2.add('umdiddlediddlediddleumdiddlei')
27
```

```
28
29
    /* selection from stimulus pool (parameters are N, M) */
    p1.select(5, 5)
30
    p2.select(5, 5)
31
32
    /* need to bundle the two pools together, into an array */
33
    var two pools = [p1, p2]
34
35
    /* set up 'study phase': show selected portions of pool */
36
    study_phase(two_pools,
37
                 111, /* ISI */
38
                 4500 /* SET */ )
39
40
    /* instruction slide */
41
    instructions ('second delay phase (5 seconds): (please press any key to continue)')
42
43
44
    /* set up delay task: 5 seconds */
    delay_task('please type names of as many countries as you can think of in 5 seconds, separated by
45
        spaces.. (please press any key to continue)',
               10000 /* 5000 mS */)
46
47
    /* instruction slide -- fixed duration */
48
    var x = instructions ('thank you for completing the delay task: test phase coming up in 5 seconds..')
49
    x.set expiry(5000)
50
    x.key\_expiry = false
51
52
    /* some instructions before 'test phase' */
53
    instructions ('test phase coming up (please press any key to continue)')
54
    instructions ('when you see an image/word, please press m or n (please press any key to continue)')
55
    instructions ('please press m if you saw an image/word before (please press any key to continue)')
56
    instructions ('please press n if you did not see the image/word before (please press any key to
57
        continue)')
58
    /* set up 'test phase' (user input recorded for whole randomized pool) */
59
    test_phase(two_pools, /* stimulus pools */
60
                111, /* ISI */
61
                6000, /* SET */
62
                6, /* extra feedback (one for every 6 slides, approx.) */
63
                "How did you feel about the last stimulus? A=positive, B=negative, C=neutral, D=not sure",
64
                    /* message for extra feedback */
                [65, 66, 67, 68] /* accepted keypresses for extra feedback */)
65
66
```

#### 4. Sample Response Data

- 4.1. **instructions.** Because the instructions example doesn't request any feedback from the user, the data appearing on the server after a run of the **experiments/instructions/** example isn't highly complex or informative. For this example, note that
  - the "task\_type" field is "instructions" in each case;
  - the duration for which each message was displayed appear in the col.: "duration (mS)";
  - the form responsible for generating the data is recorded in the first col.

```
1 url, event id, task id, task type, trial id, duration (mS), start (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:mn:ss:mls), end (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:
     mn: ss:mls), isi, set, stim type, stim id, stim pool id, response
, 0\;, 1121\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:20:315\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:30:436\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
3 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/instructions/memory.html,1,1,instructions
      0,414.6,2017:50:23:18:51:30:436,2017:50:23:18:51:30:851,...,..."
4 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/instructions/memory.html,2,2,instructions
      , 0\;, 430.9\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:30:851\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:40:282\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
{\tt 5~http://web.uvic.ca/\~lindlab/memory/experiments/instructions/memory.html, 3, 3, instructions/memory.html, 3, 3, instructions/memory.html}
      , 0, 470.9, 2017:50:23:18:51:40:282, 2017:50:23:18:51:40:753, , , , , , "
 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/instructions/memory.html,4,4,instructions
      0,5002.2,2017:50:23:18:51:40:753,2017:50:23:18:51:90:755,5000,,,,
7 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/instructions/memory.html,5,5,instructions
      , 0\;, 1974.8\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:90:755\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:11:729\;, ,5000\;,\;,\;,\;,"\;"
8 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/instructions/memory.html,6,6,instructions
      0,430.2,2017:50:23:18:51:11:729,2017:50:23:18:51:12:160,,,,,,,""
```

- 4.2. **delay.** Below, an example of data rec'd due to the **experiments/delay**/ example. Noteworthy aspects of this example include:
  - ISI (please see line 3 in the CSV file below);
  - text response data (free form) rec'd as part of the delay task (please see lines 5, 9 and 14 in the file below);
  - differing values for SET on lines 9 and 14 below;
  - for line 5, SET is absent (i.e., it's zero).

```
1 url, event_id, task_id, task_type, trial_id, duration(mS), start(yyyy:mm:dd:hh:mn:ss:mls),end(yyyy:mm:dd:hh:
     mn: ss:mls), isi, set, stim_type, stim_id, stim_pool_id, response
2 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,0,0,instructions
      0,3421.2,2017:50:23:18:51:43:394,2017:50:23:18:51:46:815,,,,,,,""
3 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,1,1,isi
      , 0\;, 502.9\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:46:815\;, 2017:50:23:18:51:47:318\;, 500\;, 500\;, \;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
4 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,2,2,instructions
      0.01610.1.2017:50:23:18:51:47:318.2017:50:23:18:51:48:928...,,,,,""
5 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,3,1,delay
      ,0,16514.8,2017:50:23:18:51:48:928,2017:50:23:18:52:50:442,,,,,,,"peru zanzibar zimbabwe india
      canada japan"
6 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,4,3,instructions
      0,1001.8,2017:50:23:18:52:50:443,2017:50:23:18:52:60:444,,,,,,,""
7 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,5,4,isi
      , 0\;, 505.1\;, 2017:50:23:18:52:60:444\;, 2017:50:23:18:52:60:949\;, 500\;, 500\;, \;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
8 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,6,5,instructions
      , 0\;, 1124.1\;, 2017:50:23:18:52:60:949\;, 2017:50:23:18:52:80:730\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
9 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/delay/memory.html,7,4,delay
      0,5002.4,2017:50:23:18:52:80:730,2017:50:23:18:52:13:760,5000,,,,,"peru mozam"
```

4.3. **feedback.** For this example, note the numeric (in lines 3 and 5) and the multiple choice (in line 7) feedback, cf the "response" field. The instructions lines are as before.

```
1 \ \text{url, event\_id, task\_id, task\_type, trial\_id, duration (mS), start (yyyy:mm: dd: hh: mn: ss: mls), end (yyyy: mm: dd: hh: mn: s
               mm: ss:mls), isi, set, stim_type, stim_id, stim_pool_id, response
2 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/feedback/memory.html,0,0,instructions
                0,0,11839.1,2017:50:23:21:47:39:174,2017:50:23:21:47:51:130,,,,,,,""
, 0\;, 3\,4\,2\,1.\,9\;, 2\,0\,1\,7:5\,0:2\,3:2\,1:4\,7:5\,1:1\,3\,0\;, 2\,0\,1\,7:5\,0:2\,3:2\,1:4\,7:5\,4:4\,3\,5\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;1\,1
4 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/feedback/memory.html,2,2,1 instructions
                0,1057,2017:50:23:21:47:54:435,2017:50:23:21:47:55:492,,,,,,""
5 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/feedback/memory.html,3,3,feedback
                 , 0\;, 1092.8\;, 2017:50:23:21:47:55:492\;, 2017:50:23:21:47:56:585\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;"2"
6 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/feedback/memory.html,4,4,instructions
                0,0,1237.8,2017:50:23:21:47:56:585,2017:50:23:21:47:57:823,,,,,,,""
    http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/feedback/memory.html,5,5,feedback
                 0,1027.9,2017:50:23:21:47:57:823,2017:50:23:21:47:58:851,,,,,,"A"
    http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/feedback/memory.html,6,6,instructions
                , 0\;, 6\;9\;0\;.\;7\;, 2\;0\;1\;7\;:\;5\;0\;:\;2\;3\;:\;2\;1\;:\;4\;7\;:\;5\;8\;:\;8\;5\;1\;, 2\;0\;1\;7\;:\;5\;0\;:\;2\;3\;:\;2\;1\;:\;4\;7\;:\;5\;9\;:\;5\;4\;1\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
```

- 4.4. **study-phase.** For the study phase example response data below please note the following differences:
  - ISI on lines 4, 6, 8, and so on;
  - the "stim\_type" field which takes values of "word" and "image" for various lines (each such line represents a screen where word or image data was shown);
  - for lines where the "stim\_type" field takes values of "word" and "image": the "stim\_id" field takes a value which is either the word stimulus displayed (in the case that "stim\_type"=="word") e.g., line 5, or the file-name of the image displayed (in the case the data line represents a screen where an image was displayed) e.g., in line 7;
  - the field "stim\_pool\_id" which is seen to be 1 for each stimulus below (note that, in the last example, this will change).

```
1 url, event id, task id, task type, trial id, duration (mS), start (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:mn:ss:mls), end (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:
     mn: ss:mls), isi, set, stim type, stim id, stim pool id, response
2 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,0,0, instructions
     , 0 \ , 1298.3 \ , 2017:50:23:18:52:52:890 \ , 2017:50:23:18:52:53:388 \ , \ , \ , \ , \ , ""
3 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,1,1,instructions
     0,755.2,2017:50:23:18:52:53:388,2017:50:23:18:52:54:143,,,,,,,""
4 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,2,2,isi
     ,0,,115.4,2017:50:23:18:52:54:143,2017:50:23:18:52:54:258,111,111,,,1,""
, 0\,, 461.5\,, 2017:50:23:18:52:54:259\,, 2017:50:23:18:52:54:720\,, ,5000\,, word\,, floccinaucinihilipilification
6 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,4,2,isi
     ,1\;,113.1\;,2017:50:23:18:52:54:720\;,2017:50:23:18:52:54:833\;,111\;,111\;,\;,\;,1\;,"\;"
1,302.9,2017:50:23:18:52:54:833,2017:50:23:18:52:55:136,5000,image,../../images/70.jpg,1,""
8 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,6,2,isi
     , 2, 114.9, 2017:50:23:18:52:55:136, 2017:50:23:18:52:55:251, 111, 111, \dots, 1, \dots
```

```
9 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,7,2,study_phase ,2,310.5,2017:50:23:18:52:55:251,2017:50:23:18:52:55:562,,5000,image,.../../images/48.jpg,1,""

10 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,8,2,isi ,3,115.1,2017:50:23:18:52:55:562,2017:50:23:18:52:55:677,111,111,,1,""

11 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,9,2,study_phase ,3,265.2,2017:50:23:18:52:55:677,2017:50:23:18:52:55:942,5000,image,.../../images/194.jpg,1,""

12 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,10,2,isi ,4,113.5,2017:50:23:18:52:55:942,2017:50:23:18:52:56:550,111,111,.,1,""

13 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/study-phase/memory.html,11,2,study_phase ,4,287.2,2017:50:23:18:52:56:550,2017:50:23:18:52:56:343,,5000,image,.../../images/16.jpg,1,""
```

### 4.5. **test-phase.** For the test phase example response data below, please note the following news:

- user response to stimuli ("deja-vu"): note that an "M" (have already seen this sample) was recorded on line 15 (the data confirms that this sample was previously shown in the study phase section, on line 6);
- regular ISI lines (blank screen intervals) throughout.

```
1 url, event id, task id, task type, trial id, duration (mS), start (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:mn:ss:mls), end (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:
      mn: ss:mls), isi, set, stim_type, stim_id, stim_pool_id, response
2 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,0,0,instructions
       , 0\;, 3\;5\;8\;8\;.\;2\;, 2\;0\;1\;7\;:\;5\;0\;:\;2\;3\;:\;1\;8\;:\;5\;3\;:\;2\;2\;:\;2\;1\;1\;, 2\;0\;1\;7\;:\;5\;0\;:\;2\;3\;:\;1\;8\;:\;5\;3\;:\;2\;5\;:\;7\;9\;9\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
3 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,1,1,isi
       ,0,,112.7,2017:50:23:18:53:25:799,2017:50:23:18:53:25:912,111,111,,,1,""
4 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,2,1,study phase
       , 0\,, 467.9\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:25:912\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:26:380\,,\,,\,, \text{image}\,,\,.\,/\,.\,.\,/\,\,\text{images}\,/16.\,\text{jpg}\,,1\,,\,"\,\,"\,\,
5 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,3,1,isi
       ,1,114.6,2017:50:23:18:53:26:380,2017:50:23:18:53:26:495,111,111,,,1,""
6 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,4,1,study phase
       "", 1,376,2017:50:23:18:53:26:495,2017:50:23:18:53:26:871,,,word,floccinaucinihilipilification,1,"
7 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,5,1,isi
       , 2, 114.9, 2017:50:23:18:53:26:871, 2017:50:23:18:53:26:986, 111, 111, \dots, 1, ""
  http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,6,1,study phase
       http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,7,1,isi
       , 3\;, 115\;.4\;, 2017\;:50\;:23\;:18\;:53\;:27\;:33\;2\;, 2017\;:50\;:23\;:18\;:53\;:27\;:447\;, 111\;, 111\;, \;\;, \;\;, 1\;, "\;"
  http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,8,1,study_phase
       3,310.6,2017:50:23:18:53:27:447,2017:50:23:18:53:27:758, , image , . . / . . / images / 48. jpg , 1, ""
  http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,9,1,isi
       , 4\;, 116.2\;, 2017:50:23:18:53:27:758\;, 2017:50:23:18:53:27:874\;, 111\;, 111\;,\;,\;1\;,\;"\;"
  http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,10,1,study phase
       13 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,11,2,instructions
       , 0\;, 9\,3\,7\,.\,5\;, 2\,0\,1\,7\,:\,5\,0\,:\,2\,3\,:\,1\,8\,:\,5\,3\,:\,2\,8\,:\,1\,9\,9\;, 2\,0\,1\,7\,:\,5\,0\,:\,2\,3\,:\,1\,8\,:\,5\,3\,:\,2\,9\,:\,1\,3\,6\;,\;,\;,\;,\;,\;"\;"
14 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,12,3,isi
       ,0,337.7,2017:50:23:18:53:29:137,2017:50:23:18:53:29:474,333,333,,,1,""
15 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,13,3,test_phase
       16 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,14,3,isi
       1,335.5,2017:50:23:18:53:31:238,2017:50:23:18:53:31:574,333,333,,1,1,""
17 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,15,3,test_phase
       1,649.9,2017:50:23:18:53:31:574,2017:50:23:18:53:32:224,,,image,../../images/29.jpg,1,"N"
  http://\,web.\,uvic\,.\,ca/^{\sim}\,lin\,dl\,a\,b\,/memory/\,experiments/\,test-phase/memory\,.\,html\,,16\,,3\,,isi
       http://\,web.\,uvic\,.\,ca/^{\sim}lindlab\,/memory/\,experiments/\,test-phase/memory\,.\,html\,,17\,,3\,,\,test\_phase/memory\,.
       , 2\,, 637\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:32:559\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:33:196\,, , \, , image\,, ..\,/\,..\,/\,images\,/42.jpg\,, 1\,, "N"
  http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,18,3,isi
       ,3,338.2,2017:50:23:18:53:33:196,2017:50:23:18:53:33:534,333,333,,1,1,""
21 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,19,3,test phase
       , 3, 634.7, 2017:50:23:18:53:33:534, 2017:50:23:18:53:34:168, , , image, ... / ... / images / 70.jpg, 1, "M"
,4,334.7,2017:50:23:18:53:34:168,2017:50:23:18:53:34:503,333,333,1,1,""
23 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,21,3,test phase
       4,642.5,2017:50:23:18:53:34:503,2017:50:23:18:53:35:146,, image,../../images/16.jpg,1,"M"
```

```
24\ http://web.uvic.ca/^{\sim}lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html, 22, 3, is in the contraction of the contraction
                    5,338.6,2017:50:23:18:53:35:146,2017:50:23:18:53:35:484,333,333,...,1,""
      http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,23,3,test_phase
                    , 5\,, 598.1\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:35:484\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:36:820\,,\,,\,, image\,,\,.\,/\,.\,./\,images\,/97.jpg\,,1\,,"N"
26\ http://web.uvic.ca/^{\sim}lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html, 24, 3, is in the contraction of the contraction
                    , 6, 334.7, 2017:50:23:18:53:36:820, 2017:50:23:18:53:36:417, 333, 333, , , 1, ""
      http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,25,3,test_phase
                    ,6,733.6,2017:50:23:18:53:36:417,2017:50:23:18:53:37:151,,, image,../../images/48.jpg,1,"M"
28\ http://web.\,uvic.\,ca/^{\sim}lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.\,html\,,26\,,3\,,isialindlab/memory.
                    http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,27,3,test_phase
                    ,7,871.7,2017:50:23:18:53:37:487,2017:50:23:18:53:38:358,,,word,supercalifragilistic expial idocious
30 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,28,3,isi
                    , 8\,, 335.7\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:38:358\,, 2017:50:23:18:53:38:694\,, 333\,, 333\,,\,,\,,1\,,"\,"\,"
31 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,29,3,test phase
                    32 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,30,3,isi
                    http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,31,3,test_phase
                    9,600.6,2017:50:23:18:53:39:611,2017:50:23:18:53:40:212,,,image,../../images/194.jpg,1,"M"
34 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/test-phase/memory.html,32,4,instructions
                    0,847.4,2017:50:23:18:53:40:212,2017:50:23:18:53:41:590,,,,,,,""
```

4.6. **my-experiment.** This more complex example combines aspects of the previous examples. The most important news with this example: note that the "stim\_pool\_id" field varies between samples: e.g., note that "floccinaucinihilipilification" carries the desired stimulus pool label "1", as it should, whereas "dogovarivatsya" carries the stimulus pool label "2", as it should.

The various data lines with types including: instructions, isi, study\_phase, delay, and test\_phase: these follow the pattern of the previous examples.

```
1 url, event id, task id, task type, trial id, duration (mS), start (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:mn:ss:mls), end (yyyy:mm:dd:hh:
                mn:ss:mls),isi,set,stim type,stim id,stim pool id,response
 2 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,0,0, instructions
                 0,554.6,2017:50:23:18:53:58:554,2017:50:23:18:53:59:109,,,,,,
 3 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,1,1,isi
                 , 0\;, 115\;, 2017:50:23:18:53:59:109\;, 2017:50:23:18:53:59:224\;, 111\;, 111\;,\;,\;, 2\;, "\;"
 4 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,2,1,study phase
                 , 0\;, 610.2\;, 2017:50:23:18:53:59:224\;, 2017:50:23:18:53:59:834\;, \\ , 4500\;, word\;, dogovarivatsya\;, 2\;, "\;"
 5 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,3,1,isi
                 , 1 \ , 114.6 \ , 2017:50:23:18:53:59:834 \ , 2017:50:23:18:53:59:949 \ , 111 \ , 111 \ , \ , \ 2 \ , ""
 6 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,4,1,study phase
                 1,346.4,2017:50:23:18:53:59:949,2017:50:23:18:54:00:295,4500,image,../../images/198.jpg,2,""
 7\ http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html, 5, 1, is in the continuous of the continuous continuo
                 , 2, 113.5, 2017:50:23:18:54:00:296, 2017:50:23:18:54:00:409, 111, 111, \dots, 2, ""
 8 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,6,1,study phase
                 , 2, 332.6, 2017:50:23:18:54:00:409, 2017:50:23:18:54:00:742, 4500, image, .../.../images/194.jpg, 1, """
     http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,7,1,isi
                 , 3, 113.9, 2017:50:23:18:54:00:742, 2017:50:23:18:54:00:856, 111, 111, \dots, 2, ""
     http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,8,1,study phase
                 3,311.6,2017:50:23:18:54:00:856,2017:50:23:18:54:10:167,4500, image,../../images/16.jpg,1,""
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71 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,69,10,test phase
            ,17,639.6,2017:50:23:18:54:43:180,2017:50:23:18:54:43:819,,6000,image,../../images/34.jpg,1,"N"
72 http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,70,10,isi
            ,18,115,2017:50:23:18:54:43:819,2017:50:23:18:54:43:934,111,111,,,1,,,1,""
    http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,71,10,test_phase
            ,18,672,2017:50:23:18:54:43:934,2017:50:23:18:54:44:606,,6000, image,,.../.../ images/29.jpg,1,"N"
    http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,72,10,isi
            http://web.uvic.ca/~lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,73,10,test_phase
            ,19,705.3,2017:50:23:18:54:44:718,2017:50:23:18:54:45:423,,6000,word,floccinaucinihilipilification
            ,1 , "M" \,
    http://web.uvic.ca/^{\sim} lindlab/memory/experiments/my-experiment/memory.html,74,15,instructions
            0,1072,2017:50:23:18:54:45:423,2017:50:23:18:54:46:495,,,,,,,,""
```

### 5. Source Code: Client Side

# 5.1. egg-timer.js. This file develops a timer object which is used to control transitions between stimuli or other messages.

```
1 \ /* \ via \ developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/WindowOrWorkerGlobalScope/clearTimeout \ */ \ API/WindowOrWorkerGlobalScope/clearTimeout \ */ \ API/WindowOrWorkerGlobalScope/clearTimeout
   {\tt 2\ var\ egg\_timer} \,=\, \{
   3
   4
                     /* callback */
   5
                     setup: function(t_ms){
   6
                              /* assert parameter is a number */
   7
                             if (typeof this.timeoutID === "number"){
   9
                                      this.cancel()
 10
11
                              /* what to do when the timer expires */
12
13
                             this.timeoutID = window.setTimeout(
 14
                                      function(){
                                              var now = ctx.get_state()
15
                                               var id = now.id
16
17
                                              now.ding = true
                                               if (now.key expiry == false || now.expiry ms > 0) {
                                                       now.expire()
19
20
                                      \tt \}.\,bind\,(\,t\,h\,i\,s\,)\;,\;\;t\_ms
21
22
23
                     }, cancel: function(){
                             window.clearTimeout(this.timeoutID)
24
25
                             this.timeoutID = undefined
26
27 }
```

5.2. **key.js.** This file represents the keyboard event handling which includes filtering of keys, actions determined by various specified keys, and special treatment for the appropriate response for a given key-code, according to the type of experiment component that is currently active.

```
1 /* convert from unicode to familiar symbol */
2 function unicode_from_key_event(e){
    return e.charCode ? e.charCode : e.keyCode
3
4 }
6 /* keyboard status array (unicode format) */
7 var key_unicode = {}
  /* keyboard event handler function */
9
10 function keyboard module(){
11
     /* set up key-down event handler function */
12
    document.onkeydown = function(e){
13
15
       /* unicode vs. character representation */
       var unicode = unicode_from_key_event(e), key = String.fromCharCode(unicode)
16
17
       /* inverted question mark */
18
19
       if(unicode = 191){
         unicode = 63, key = '?'
20
       }else if (unicode == 188){
21
        unicode = 44, key = ',
22
       else if (unicode = 190)
23
         unicode = 46, key = ".
^{24}
       else if (unicode == 13)
25
26
         /* replace enter with space */
27
28
         unicode = 32, key = " '
29
30
       if (unicode = 27) {
31
32
         /st do nothing if we get a key that is code 27, but not an escape key.. st/
33
         if(!(e.key == "Escape" || e.key == "Esc")){
34
           return;
35
36
         }
37
38
       if (unicode = 222)
39
         unicode = 39, key =" '"
40
41
42
       /* console.log("unicode", unicode) */
43
44
       key unicode [unicode] = true
45
46
       var ignore = [20, 192, 189, 187, 93, 91, 219, 221, 222, 220, 186, 33, 36, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40]
47
48
       /* ignore caps-lock and other special key */
49
       if (ignore.includes (unicode)) {
50
51
         return
52
       }
53
       var allow = [];
54
       for (var i = 65; i <= 90; i++){
55
         allow.push(i);
56
57
       for (var i = 48; i < =57; i++){
58
         allow.push(i);
59
60
61
62
       /* allow space bar */
       allow.push(32)
63
```

64

```
/* allow escape key */
65
66
       allow.push(27)
67
       /* allow comma */
68
       allow.push(44)
69
70
       /* allow period */
71
72
       allow.push(46)
73
       /* allow question mark */
74
       allow.push(63)
75
76
       /* allow backspace */
77
       allow.push(8)
78
79
       /* allow single right quotation mark */
80
81
       allow.push(39)
82
       if (!allow.includes(unicode)){
83
         return
84
85
86
87
       /* when are we? */
       var now = ctx.get_state()
88
89
       /* record key press, if admissible */
90
       var admissible_keys = now.get_admissible_keys()
91
       if(admissible_keys.includes(unicode) || now.type == 'delay'){
92
         now.record key stroke(unicode)
93
94
95
       /* by default, transition from a slide upon key-press */
96
97
       var go = true
98
        /* special treatment for delay task */
99
       if (now.type == 'delay'){
100
          if (now.txt == null){
101
102
103
            /* init */
           now.txt = '
104
105
          if (unicode == 8) {
106
107
108
            /* backspace */
            var len = now.txt.length
109
            now.txt = now.txt.substring(0, len - 1)
110
111
         }else if(admissible_keys.includes(27) && unicode == 27){
112
113
            /* break out of free-form text input mode with <esc> key */
114
            ctx.clear tmr()
115
116
            now.expire()
117
            return key_unicode
118
119
          }else{
120
121
             /* add character to buffer */
122
            if (unicode >= 65 && unicode <= 90) {
123
              now.txt += key.toLowerCase()
124
            } else {
              now.txt += key
126
127
128
130
          /* redraw */
131
          update()
       }
132
```

```
133
        /* check if this state "requires" keyboard input */
134
135
        if (now.require_key() == true){
136
          /\ast is the key that was pressed, in the list of "admissible" keys? \ast/
137
          if(admissible_keys.includes(unicode)){
138
139
             /* if we have a "deja-vu" variable, calculate a score */
             if (!(now.deja == undefined)){
141
               \mathtt{ctx.questions\_total} \ +\!\!= \ 1
142
143
               /* check for N or M keypress */
               if ((now.deja = true && unicode = 77) || (now.deja = false && unicode = 78)){
145
                 ctx.questions\_correct += 1
146
147
149
          } else {
            /st block if a key was required but the one entered was not admissible st/
150
            go \, = \, false
151
152
153
154
        /* t <--- t + 1 */
155
        if(now && now.key_expiry && go){
156
157
             /\ast clear the timer and "go next" \ast/
158
             \mathtt{ctx.clear\_tmr}\,(\,)
159
            now.expire()
160
161
162
      {\tt return} \;\; {\tt key\_unicode}
163
164 }
```

5.3. **main.js.** This file represents the various housekeeping activities necessary to establish a graphics context in HTML5, set up an experiment according to user specifications, load various scripts and images, and enter an event-driven loop, in order to display a series of stimuli and respond to user interactions.

```
1 var abs_path = '.../../', ctx = canvas.getContext("2d")
3 /* background color, shape parameter and font size */
4 document.bgColor = "#FFFFFF", ctx.pad = 20, ctx.font_size = 30
6 /* canvas dimensions manipulation */
7 \text{ var less} = \text{function}(x) \{
8
    return x - ctx.pad
9 }
10
11 ctx.w = function()
    return less (window.innerWidth)
12
13 }
15 ctx.h = function()
    return less(window.innerHeight)
16
17 }
18
  /* canvas resize */
19
20 function resize(){
    canvas.width = ctx.w(), canvas.height = ctx.h()
22 }
23
24 /* load corporate logo */
25 ctx.symbol = new Image()
26 ctx.symbol.fn = abs_path + "logo/uvic_gray.png"
27
28 /* algo to draw scaled corporate logo */
29 ctx.draw_symbol = function(){
    var s f = 5, pad = this.pad, s = this.symbol
30
    var\ ww = window.innerWidth\,,\ wh = window.innerHeight
31
     var w = ww - pad, h = wh - pad, w s = s.width, h s = s.height
     var wf = (ww - pad) / (s_f * w_s), lwf = w_s * wf, lhf = h_s * wf
     this.drawImage(s, w - lwf, h - lhf, lwf, lhf)
34
35 }
36
37 /* access current "state" (a state represents a particular "trial" in an experiment) */
38 \text{ ctx.set\_state} = \text{function}(s) \{
    last_state = null
39
     if(ctx.current_state != null){
40
       last state = ctx.current state
42
     ctx.current\_state = s
43
44
     /* sanity check */
45
46
     if(s != null){
47
       s.daddy = last\_state
48
49
     return(s)
50 }
51
52 /* access present "state" */
53 \text{ ctx.get\_state} = \text{function()} \{
54
    return ctx.current_state
55 }
56
  /* trigger update/plotting from window resize event */
57
58 window.onresize = function(event){
     update()
60 }
61
62 /* update the canvas (present the current "trial") */
63 function update(){
   resize()
```

```
var now = ctx.get_state()
65
     if (now) {
66
       now.show(ctx)
67
68
69 }
70
71 /* "in" hook: plot the current trial */
72 window.onload = function(){
73
     update()
74 }
75
76 /* set up timer to coordinate transitions between trials */
77 \text{ ctx.egg\_timer} = \text{egg\_timer}
78
79 ctx.clear tmr = function(){
     ctx.egg timer.cancel()
81 }
82
83 ctx.init tmr = function(t ms){
84
     ctx.egg_timer.setup(t_ms)
85 }
87 /* initialize reference to first and most-recently-initialized trials */
88 ctx.last_new_state = null, ctx.first_new_state = null
90 /* count number of questions answered correctly (this is redundant) */
91 ctx.questions\_correct = 0, ctx.questions\_total = 0
   /* this function sets up the experiment (according to the user function my experiment)
93
94 and we trigger this function after all the images have loaded. */
   function run_before_loading_images(){
96
97
     /* set up an experiment according to user specs/code */
     my experiment (ctx)
98
99
     /* display a goodbye message every time */
100
     instructions ('survey complete: thank you for your participation')
101
102
103
     ctx.last_state = ctx.last_new_state, ctx.first_state = ctx.first_new_state
104
     /* start at the very beginning, it's a very good place to start.. */
105
     ctx.set_state(ctx.first_state)
106
107
108
     /* respond to keyboard events */
     key_unicode = keyboard_module()
109
110
     /* start "stopwatch" */
111
112
     ctx.t0 = window.performance.now()
113
114 }
115
117 /st load some image files: need to change if the image database changes st/
118 var n_imgs = 200, n_imgs_to_load = 0, n_imgs_loaded = 0
119
   var images to load = []
120
121
122 /* scan images to determine which need to be loaded */
123 var idx = new Array()
124 ctx.imgs = new Array()
125 for (var i = 1; i <= n imgs; i++){
126
       idx.push(i)
127 }
129 /* randomize the order of the images */
   shuffle (idx)
131
132 for (var i=1; i \le n_i  imgs; i++){
```

```
var img = new Image()
133
134
     img.fn = abs path + 'images/' + idx[i-1] + '.jpg' // load img(img) //var my img = load img(img fn)
     ctx.imgs.push(img)
135
136 }
137
   var \ get\_image = \ function()\{
138
     return ctx.imgs[n_imgs_to_load++]
139
141
   /* load image data */
142
   function load_img(i){
143
144
     ctx.imgs[i].onload = function(){
145
        /* have all images been loaded? */
146
       if(++n_imgs_loaded == n_imgs_to_load)
147
149
          /* proceed to init the experiment */
          ctx.get_state().start()
150
       }
151
152
     }
153
     /* load the image */
154
     ctx.imgs[i].src = ctx.imgs[i].fn
155
     return ctx.imgs[i]
156
157 }
158
159
   /* keep track of the "task-index" as the experiment is intialized */
160
161 var next task id = 0
   run_before_loading_images()
163
164
165
   /* load the symbol */
   ++ n_imgs_to_load
168
169 ctx.symbol.onload = function(){
170
       /* have all images been loaded? */
171
     if(++n_imgs_loaded == n_imgs_to_load)
172
173
        /* proceed to init the experiment */
174
175
          ctx.get state().start()
176
177 }
178
   ctx.symbol.src = ctx.symbol.fn
179
   /* load the other images.. */
180
181
   for (var i=0; i<ctx.imgs.length; i++){
     if(ctx.imgs[i].load_me){
182
       load img(i)
183
184
     }
185
   }
```

5.4. **memory.js.** This file loads the various dependencies in order. Without this kind of approach, JavaScript loads scripts "asynchronously" i.e., not in order, so an approach like this is required for the system to function properly, as the system does not work if the dependencies load out of order.

```
\label{eq:condition} \text{1 var js\_added} = -1, \ \text{deps} = \ [\,]
  /* j4v4scr1pt 4n4l0g 0f 1nclud3 st4t3m3nt */
  function add_js(fn){
     var body = document.getElementsByTagName('body')[0], s = document.createElement('script')
5
6
     s.async = false, s.src = fn + '.js'
     /* wait until script is loaded before proceeding .. */
8
     s.onload = function(){
9
       if(++js_added < deps.length){</pre>
10
11
         add_js(deps[js_added])
12
13
     body.appendChild(s)
14
15 }
16
  /* c411 411 th3 ch1ldr3n */
^{17}
  dependencies = ['text', 'key', 'util', 'task', 'pool', 'state', 'egg-timer']
  for(var d in dependencies){
     deps.push('../../' + dependencies[d])
20
21 }
22 deps.push('my-experiment')
23 deps.push('../../main')
24 add_js(deps[0], '')
```

5.5. **pool.js.** This file develops the notion of "stimulus pool", a list of objects that might either be word-data or imagedata. Importantly, this includes pseudo-random sampling and pseudo-random shuffling of word/image stimulus data.

```
{\tt 1 \ var \ next\_pool\_id} = 0
     stimulus pool - object that has words or images added to it. Selections drawn randomly for "study
3
4 by draw() method. That selection is shuffled back into the deck, for the "test phase" */
5 function pool(){
     /* keep count */
7
    8
9
     this.is pool = true, this.pool id = next pool id, this.ctx = ctx, this.stimuli = new Array()
10
11
     /* add a stimulus to the pool */
12
     this.add = function(stim){
13
       this.stimuli.push(stim)
15
      stim.load_me = true
      return stim
16
17
    }
18
     /* add one or more images to the stimulus pool */
19
20
     this.add image = function(n=1){
       for (var i = 0; i < n; i++){
21
         this.add(get_image())
22
23
^{24}
    }
25
     /* set number of samples for study phase */
26
27
     this.set n = function(n)
28
       t\,h\,i\,s\,\,.\,n\,\,=\,\,n
29
30
     /* set number of additional samples to be included for test phase */
31
     this.set m = function(m)
32
33
       /* subsequently to drawing "n" items from the pool (without replacement),
34
         a further "m" samples are drawn from the pool. For the test phase, the
35
         "n" and "m" selections are mixed together and shuffled. */
36
       this.m = m
37
    }
38
39
     /* get */
40
41
     this.get n = function(){
42
      return this.n
43
44
45
     /* get */
46
     this.get_m = function(){
       return this.m
47
     }
48
49
     /* remove any "blank" elements that appeared from drawing elements without
50
51
      replacement */
     this.remove_blanks = function(){
52
       this.stimuli = this.stimuli.filter(function(){return true})
53
54
55
     /* pseudorandom selection of size "n" */
56
     this.draw_n = function(){
57
58
       if(this.selection n){
59
         console.log('error: n-selection already made from this pool.')
60
         return null
61
62
63
64
       /* check the selection size */
```

```
var n = parseInt(this.get n())
65
       if (n > this.stimuli.length) {
66
          console.log('error: n > this.stimuli.length')
67
68
          return null
69
70
       /* make a pseudorandom selection */
71
       this.selection n = new Array()
72
       var rem = this.stimuli.length
73
       for(var i = 0; i < n; i++){
74
          var qx = rand() * parseFloat(rem --), idx = parseInt(qx)
75
76
          this.selection n.push(this.stimuli[idx])
77
          delete this.stimuli[idx]
          this.remove_blanks()
78
79
     }
80
81
     /* pseudorandom selection of size "m" */
82
     this.draw m = function(){
83
84
       if (this.selection_m){
85
          console.log('error: m-selection already made from this pool.')
86
87
          return null
88
89
90
       /* check the selection size */
       var m = parseInt(this.get_m())
91
       if (m > this.stimuli.length) {
92
93
          console.log('error: m > this.stimuli.length')
          return null
94
95
96
       /* make a pseudorandom selection */
97
       this.selection m = new Array()
98
       var rem = this.stimuli.length
99
       for (var i = 0; i < m; i++){}
100
          var qx = rand() * parseFloat(rem --), idx = parseInt(qx)
101
          this.selection m.push(this.stimuli[idx])
102
103
          delete this.stimuli[idx]
          this.remove_blanks()
104
       }
105
     }
106
107
     /* for initializing a test phase: mix "N"-selection and "M"-selection together */
108
     this.reshuffle = function(){
109
110
       /* put the "N"-selection and "M" selection, together in array to shuffle,
111
          which will be shuffled */
112
113
       var to\_shuffle = [], i = 0
114
        /* add the "N"-selection */
115
116
        for(i = 0; i < this.selection_n.length; i++){
117
          var dat_i = new Array()
          dat_i.push(this.selection_n[i])
118
119
          dat i.push(true)
          to shuffle.push(dat i)
120
121
122
        /* add the "M"-selection */
123
       \quad \  \  for (i = 0; \ i < this.selection\_m.length; \ i++) \{
124
125
          var dat i = new Array()
          dat_i.push(this.selection_m[i])
126
          dat_i.push(false)
127
          to_shuffle.push(dat_i)
128
129
130
       /\ast "shuffle"-- randomize the ordering of the combined array \ast/
131
       var shuffled = new Array(), deja_vu = new Array(), rem = to_shuffle.length
132
```

```
133
       while ((rem --) > 0) {
          var\ idx = parseInt(rand() * parseFloat(rem)), dat_i = to_shuffle[idx]
134
135
          shuffled.push(dat_i[0])
         deja_vu.push(dat_i[1])
136
          delete to_shuffle[idx]
137
          to_shuffle = to_shuffle.filter(function(){return true})
138
139
140
       return [shuffled, deja vu]
141
142
143
     /* perform all of the above */
144
     this.draw = function(){
145
       this.draw_n()
146
       this.draw_m()
147
       this.reshuffle()
148
149
150
     /* set N, M parameters and make a selection cf the above */
151
     this.select = function(n, m=n){
152
       this.set_n(n)
153
       this.set_m(m)
154
       this.draw()
155
156
157
     /* end of "pool::pool()" */
158
     return this
159
160 }
161
   /* following the convention to wrap away the new() operator */
   function stimulus_pool(){
     return new pool()
164
165 }
```

5.6. **state.js.** This file develops the notion of "state": a "state" represents an atomic interaction of the interactive survey (much like a "slide" in MS Powerpoint).

The notion of "state" includes logical aspects of determining whether to wait for specified input keys, before proceeding to the next "state": an experiment is represented as a sequential list of "states".

Notably, the "state" concept includes the functions to display word/image stimuli or messages, on the screen. Logic for dumping data to the server (upon reaching the terminal "state") also resides here.

```
1 /* global counter for states / AKA frames / AKA slides */
{\tt 2 \ var \ last\_state\_id} = -1
3
4 /* reference to 2d canvas graphics context */
5 function get ctx(){
   return canvas.getContext("2d") //document.getElementsByTagName("canvas")[0].getContext("2d");
6
7 }
  /* state: generic object representing trial (like a card in "hypercard") */
9
                                     0, /* max. presentation time (mS) */
10 function state (expiry ms =
                   key_expiry = true, /* force expiry by key-press (true <--> on) */
11
                                    0, /* interval btwn stimuli.. (ISI) 'blank slide' */
-1, /* image data (if any) */
                   intvl ms =
12
                              =
13
14
                   txt
                              = null,
                                         /* text data (if any) */
                   successor = null){
15
16
     var ctx = get_ctx()
     this.action = null, this.ding = false, this.id = ++ last state id
17
18
     /* is a key-press required to transition? */
19
     this.key\_required = false
20
^{21}
22
     /* array to store admissible key-codes for data entry or transition to next "slide":
       default: M, N */
23
     this.admissible keys = [77, 78]
24
25
     this.get admissible keys = function(){
26
^{27}
       return this.admissible_keys
28
29
     this.clear admissible keys = function(){
30
       this.admissible keys = new Array()
31
32
33
     this.add admissible key = function(k){
34
35
       this.admissible keys.push(k)
36
37
     /* this array will record the keystroke data received while residing in this state */
38
     this.key strokes = new Array()
39
40
     this.record_key_stroke = function(k){
41
       this.key strokes.push(k)
42
43
44
     this.set_pool_id = function(pid){
45
       this.pool id = pid
46
47
48
     this.get_pool_id = function(){
49
       return this.pool_id ? this.pool_id : ""
50
51
52
     /* keep a reference to this state, if it's the first one ever.. */
53
     if(ctx.first_new_state == null){}
54
       \operatorname{ctx.first\_new\_state} = \operatorname{this}
55
56
57
     /st only applies if there's a "next" trial, if this is a trial st/
58
```

```
this.intvl\ ms = intvl\ ms
59
60
      /* numeric */
61
62
      this.expiry_ms = expiry_ms
63
      /* boolean */
64
     this.key\_expiry = key\_expiry
65
66
      /* global image index (images added as member of ctx) */
67
      this.img\_idx = img\_idx \,, \ this.successor = null \,, \ this.predecessor = ctx.last\_new\_state
68
69
70
      this.require key = function(){
71
        return this.key_required
72
73
      var id = (this.predecessor == null) ? -1 : this.predecessor.id
74
75
      ctx.last_new_state = this
76
      /* sanity check: make sure the predecessor points here */
77
78
     if(this.predecessor){
79
        this.predecessor.set_successor(this)
80
81
      /* where are we going? */
82
      this.set\_successor = function(s){
83
84
        this.successor = s
85
86
      /* plot text or images */
87
      this.show = function(){
88
89
        /* execute associated action, if we have one */
90
91
        if (this.action) {
92
          this.action(this)
93
94
        var ctx = get_ctx()
        \mathtt{ctx.clearRect}\left(0\,,\ 0\,,\ \mathtt{ctx.w()}\,,\ \mathtt{ctx.h()}\right)
95
96
97
        /* upper text */
        if (this.txt) {
98
          wrap_text(this.txt, ctx, 0)
99
100
101
102
        /* middle text */
        if (this.txt2) {
103
          wrap_text(this.txt2, ctx, ctx.h() - (2 * ctx.font_size + 20))
104
105
106
107
        /* img or middle text (if word stim) */
        if (this.img stim){
108
          draw img(this.img stim, ctx)
109
110
111
        /* might need the wrap_text back on for long strings.. */
112
113
        if(this.wrd stim){
114
115
          /* no wrap */
          centre_text(this.wrd_stim)
116
117
118
        /* logo of no image/ lower text present */
        if (!this.txt2){
120
          {\tt ctx.draw\_symbol()}
121
122
123
124
      /* state expires by timer or key press */
125
      this.set\_expiry = function(t\_ms){
126
```

127

```
128
       /* follow clock or key to keep the show going */
129
       this.expiry ms = t ms
130
        /* state expires by key press */
131
       if(t ms \ll 0)
132
133
         this.key_expiry = true
134
135
136
137
     /* enter a state (begin) */
138
     this.start = function(){
       var ctx = get_ctx()
139
140
       /* start the clock.. */
141
       this.t0 = window.performance.now(), this.start date time = date time()
142
143
        /* do data dump, if we're at the end */
144
       if(this.id >= last_state_id){ //== ctx.last_state){
145
146
            /* window.location.href == http://domain/memory/examples/test_phase/memory.html */
147
148
            var href = window.location.href
149
            /* go through all the states and record (in string format) the info we'd like to appear on the
150
               server */
            var state_i = ctx.first_state, state_index = 0, message = "url,event_id,task_id,task_type,
                trial_id , duration (mS) , start (yyyy:mm: dd:hh:mn:ss:mls) ,end (yyyy:mm: dd:hh:mn:ss:mls) ,isi ,set ,
                stim\_type\ , stim\_id\ , stim\_pool\_id\ , response \backslash n"
152
            for (var state i = ctx.first state; state i != ctx.last state; state i = state i.successor) {
              var stim_type = null, my_stim = null, pi = ""
154
155
              /* "the right way to check if a variable is undefined or not" */
156
              if(typeof state i.pool id !== 'undefined'){
158
                pi = JSON.parse(JSON.stringify(state_i.pool_id))
159
160
              /* assign "stimulus type" keyword */
161
162
              if (state_i.wrd_stim) {
                stim type = "word", my stim = state i.wrd stim
163
164
              if (state_i.img_stim) {
165
166
                stim type = "image", my stim = state i.img stim.fn
167
              if (!stim_type){
168
                stim_type =
169
170
              if (!my stim) {
171
                my_stim = ""
172
173
174
              /* for a given "state", record a line of data */
175
              message += href + ","
176
177
              /* event id: global index / line number */
178
              message += state index.toString() + ","
179
180
181
              /* task id */
              message += state_i.task_id + ","
182
183
              /* task type */
              message += state_i.type + ","
185
186
              /* trial_id */
187
              message += state_i.trial_id + ","
188
              message += Math.round(10. * (state_i.t1 - state_i.t0)) / 10. + ","
189
              message += parse_date_time(state_i.start_date_time).toString() + ","
190
              message += parse_date_time(state_i.end_date_time).toString() + ","
191
```

192

```
/* ISI */
193
               if(state i.type == 'isi'){
194
                 message += state_i.expiry_ms.toString()
195
196
               message += ","
197
198
               if (!state i.expiry ms){
                 state_i.expiry_ms =
200
201
202
               /* SET */
               message += state_i.expiry_ms.toString() + ","
204
205
               /* stimulus type */
206
               message += stim type.toString() + ","
207
208
               /* stimulus id */
209
               message \; +\!\!= \; my\_stim.\,toString() \; + \; ","
210
211
               /* stimulus-pool id */
212
               message \; +\!\!= \; pi.toString () \; + \; " \; , "
213
214
               /* user response */
215
               var response = '"'
216
217
               if(state i.type == 'delay'){
218
219
                 /* use the response text (not the sequence of characters). When testing with Max,
220
                     discovered we could see a symbol for each keystroke, in the data stream (incl., e.g.,
                     backspace characters). We want the final result, not the intermediary. */
221
                 response \mathrel{+}= state\_i.txt
              }else{
222
223
                 /* write out the individual response key(s) in terms of the representative characters */
224
                 for(var k in state_i.key_strokes){
225
                   response += String.fromCharCode(state_i.key_strokes[k])
226
227
                 }
               }
228
               message \; +\!\!\!= \; response \; + \; \verb|`"""
229
               if (response="""'){
230
                 response = ''
231
233
               /* filter the response data for possible newline characters */
234
235
              response.replace('\n', '')
236
               /* add a newline character */
237
               message \mathrel{+}= \verb""\n"
238
239
240
               /* go next */
              ++ state_index
242
243
244
            /* remove last three elements from array: take current page and navigate to:
              ../../xml-receive.py == http://domain/memory/xml-receive.py */
245
            var words = href.split('/')
246
247
            var nwords = words.length
            var target = words.splice(0, nwords-3).join('/') + '/xml-receive.py'
248
249
250
            /* send the message to the server-side script at URL: target */
251
            xml_send(message, target)
        }
252
253
254
        /* clear the timer */
255
        ctx.clear_tmr()
256
        /* plot the current trial */
257
```

```
this.show(ctx)
258
259
260
        /* start the timer? */
        if(this.expiry_ms > 0){
^{261}
          ctx.init_tmr(this.expiry_ms, this.expire)
262
263
        return null
264
265
266
      /* pr0c33d t0 th3 n3xt 5+4t3 */
267
      this.expire = function(){
268
269
        var ctx = get_ctx()
270
        /* st0p 41l th3 cl0ck5 */
271
        ctx.clear_tmr()
272
274
        /* r3c0rd st0p t1m3 */
        this.end\_date\_time = date\_time() \;, \; this.t1 = window.performance.now() \;
275
        var txt = this.txt, suc_txt = null, suc = this.successor
276
277
        if (suc && suc.txt) {
278
          suc\_txt = suc.txt
279
280
281
282
        /* enter next state */
        if(this.successor && (this.successor!=this)){
283
          \mathtt{ctx.set\_state}\,(\,\mathtt{this.successor}\,)
284
285
          ctx.get_state().start()
286
287
      return this
288
289 }
```

5.7. **task.js.** This file develops the various types of possible components available from which an experiment is assembled: instructions, delay, feedback, study phase, and test phase; in each case, the component (a "task") is developed in terms a number of the atomic constructions "states" developed in the last file

```
/* Event hierarchy: 1) Experiment (includes multiple tasks) 2) Task (includes multiple trials) 3) Trial
        (each task includes multiple basic events) */
  /* instructions task (show a slide with a message on it) */
4 function instructions(txt){
    var my_task_id = next_task_id++
6
     /* initialize generic "trial" object */
7
     var x = new state()
8
    /* set associated text field */
10
    x.txt = txt
11
13
    /* no timer for the trial */
14
    x.set expiry(0)
    x.type = 'instructions', x.task_id = my_task_id, x.trial_id = 0
15
16
17 }
18
19 /* previously known as feedback task */
20 function feedback(txt, keys){
21
    var my task id = next task id ++
22
    var x = new state()
23
    x.set_expiry(0)
^{24}
    x.txt = txt, x.key\_required = true
25
    x.clear_admissible_keys()
26
    for (var i in keys) {
27
      x.add_admissible_key(keys[i])
28
29
    x.type = 'feedback', x.trial id = 0, x.task id = my task id
30
31 }
32
33 /* list as many countries as possible during e.g., a 3-minute period (default, 30s)
    20170515: default for delay time used to be 30000. Today we added the end on <esc>
34
    key feature
35
36 */
37 function delay_task(txt, delay_time=0, isi_=500){
38
    var my_task_id = next_task_id ++, isi = parseInt(isi_)
39
    /* if ISI was set, prefix with a "blank" slide */
40
    if(isi > 0)
41
      var x = new state()
42
43
      x.set expiry(isi)
44
      x.type = 'isi', x.wrd_stim = "", x.trial_id = 0, x.task_id = my_task_id
      x.clear_admissible_keys()
45
      {\tt x.key\_expiry} \ = \ {\tt false}
46
47
48
    var y = instructions(txt)
49
50
     /* time [mS] */
51
52
    var x = new state()
53
    x.set_expiry(delay_time)
    x.key_expiry = false, x.txt = '', x.type = 'delay', x.trial_id = 0, x.task_id = my_task_id
54
    if(delay\_time \le 0){
55
      x.clear admissible keys()
56
      x.add admissible key(27)
57
       console.log('admissible_keys', x.admissible_keys)
58
    }
59
60
    return x
61 }
62
```

```
63 /* study phase, formerly known as orientation task: multiple 'trials' / events occur here.. random
               selection of inputs... (for the test phase, the random selection is shuffled back into the pool)...
 64 \;\; function \;\; study\_phase(my\_pool, \;\; isi=0, \;\; time\_limit=0, \;\; extra\_feedback=false \;\; , \;\; extra\_feedback\_message="", limit=0, \;\; extra\_feedback=false \;\; , \;\; extra\_feedback=false \;\; , \;\; extra\_feedback\_message="", limit=0, \;\; extra\_feedback=false \;\; , \;\; extra\_feedb
               extra_feedback_keys=[]){
 65
           /* the above constructor (same with test phase) can accept either a single stimulus pool (pool()),
 66
               or an array of stimulus pools (pool()) */
 67
 68
           var my_pools = []
           if (my_pool.is_pool){
 69
 70
               my_pools.push(my_pool)
 71
           }else{
               my_pools = my_pool
 72
 73
 74
           var trial index = -1, my task id = next task id++
 75
 76
           this.ctx = ctx, this.p = my_pools, this.pool_ids = new Array()
 77
           /* for study phase, selection is built from combination of all selection n arrays, from each of the
 78
                   supplied pools */
           var my_selection = new Array()
 79
           for(var a_pool in my_pools){
 80
 81
               var my_pool = my_pools[a_pool]
                this.pool_ids.push(my_pool.pool_id)
 82
                for(var i in my_pool.selection_n){
 83
 84
                    var extra_feedback_this_slide = false
                    if(extra_feedback != false){
 85
                        if(0 = i \% parseInt(extra_feedback)){
 86
 87
                            extra feedback this slide = true
 88
 89
                    \label{eq:my_selection_n_inj} \verb|my_selection_n[i]|, \verb|my_pool.pool_id|, extra_feedback_this_slide||) \\
 90
 91
 92
 93
           /* randomize the order of the array */
 94
           shuffle (my selection, true)
 95
 96
 97
           for (var selection ind in my_selection) {
 98
                /* increment the trial-index counter */
 99
               +\!\!+\!\!\!+ trial_index
100
101
102
                var a selection = my selection [selection ind]
103
                /* data (word or image) assigned to "trial" */
104
                var data = a_selection[0], p_id = a_selection[1], extra_feedback_this_slide = a_selection[2]
105
106
107
                /* if ISI was set, prefix with a "blank" slide */
                if(isi > 0){
108
                   var x = new state()
109
110
                   x.set_expiry(isi)
                   x.type = 'isi', x.wrd_stim = "", x.trial_id = trial_index, x.task_id = my_task_id
111
                   x.set_pool_id(my_pool.pool_id)
112
113
                   x.clear admissible keys()
                   x.key expiry = false
114
115
116
                /* initialize generic "trial" object for each case */
117
118
                var x = new state()
119
                if (time limit \leq 0) {
120
                   x.set_expiry(0)
                   x.key_required = false
121
122
                }else{
123
                   x.set expiry(time limit)
                   x.key\_required = false
124
125
126
```

```
/* discern by image or word, respectively */
127
128
              if ( typeof(data) === 'object'){
                  x.img stim = data
129
              } else if(typeof(data) === 'string'){
130
                 x.wrd\_stim = data
131
132
              x.type = 'study phase', x.trial id = trial index, x.task id = my task id
133
              x.set pool id(p id)
              if (extra_feedback_this_slide) {
135
                  var \ x\_f = feedback(extra\_feedback\_message, \ extra\_feedback\_keys)
136
137
138
139
           return this
140 }
141
142 /* test phase, formerly known as recognition task - for this phase,
143 the random selection is shuffled back into the pool — all elements
144 from the pool are shown (feedback is recorded).. */
145\ function\ test\_phase (my\_pool,\ isi=0,\ time\_limit=0,\ extra\_feedback=false\ ,\ extra\_feedback\_message=""", and the context of the con
              extra_feedback_keys=[]) {
           var my_pools = []
146
           if (my_pool.is_pool){
147
148
              my_pools.push(my_pool)
          } else {
149
              my\_pools \, = \, my\_pool
150
151
152
153
           var trial\_index = -1, my\_task\_id = next\_task\_id++
154
           this.ctx = ctx, this.p = my pools, this.pool ids = new Array()
155
           /* for test phase, selection is built from combination of all selection_m arrays, from each of the
156
                  supplied pools */
           var my selection = new Array()
157
           for (var a pool in my pools) {
159
              var my_pool = my_pools[a_pool]
              this.pool_ids.push(my_pool.pool_id)
160
              var trial\_index = -1, shuffled\_data = my\_pool.reshuffle(), shuffled = shuffled\_data[0], deja\_vu = -1
161
                      shuffled data[1]
162
              for (var i in shuffled) {
                  var extra feedback this slide = false
163
                   if(extra_feedback != false){
164
                       if(0 == i % parseInt(extra feedback)){
165
166
                          extra feedback this slide = true
167
168
169
                   my_selection.push([shuffled[i], my_pool.pool_id, deja_vu[i], extra_feedback_this_slide])
170
171
172
           shuffle (my_selection, true)
173
           for (var selection ind in my selection) {
174
175
              ++ trial\_index
176
              var \ a\_selection = my\_selection [selection\_ind]
177
              var \ data = a\_selection \ [0] \ , \ p\_id = a\_selection \ [1] \ , \ deja = a\_selection \ [2] \ , \ extra\_feedback\_this\_slide
178
                      = a selection [3]
179
              /\ast if ISI was set , prefix with a "blank" slide \ast/
180
              if(isi > 0)
181
182
                  var x = new state()
                  x.set expiry(isi)
                  x.type = 'isi', x.wrd_stim = "", x.trial_id = trial_index, x.task_id = my_task_id
184
                  x.set_pool_id(p_id)
185
                  x.clear admissible keys()
186
187
                  x.key expiry = false
188
189
              var x = new state()
190
```

```
x.key\_required = true
191
192
       if (time_limit <= 0){</pre>
        x.set_expiry(0)
193
       } else {
194
        x.set_expiry(time_limit)
195
196
197
       /* record within the object: do we have deja-vu? */
       x.deja = deja
199
200
       /* word or image? */
201
       if( typeof(data) === 'object'){
202
        x.img\_stim = data
203
       }else if(typeof(data) == 'string'){
204
        x.wrd\_stim = data
205
206
207
      x.type = 'test_phase', x.trial_id = trial_index, x.task_id = my_task_id
      x.set_pool_id(p_id)
208
209
       if (extra_feedback_this_slide) {
210
211
        var \ x\_f = feedback(extra\_feedback\_message, \ extra\_feedback\_keys)
212
     }
213
     var m = 'Thank you for completing this section.', end = instructions(m)
214
215
216
     end.action = function (me) {
       217
          toString() + ". Please press any key."
218
      me.txt = msg
219
220
     return this
221 }
```

5.8. **text.js.** This file includes a routine for rendering text, including wrapping, to allow rendering that is somewhat adaptive to the shape of the screen.

```
1 /* wrap text around a window region— via ashblue */
split(''), font_size = ctx.font_size
     ctx.font = font\_size + 'px Arial'
4
5
     var words = new Array()
     for(var i = 0; i < words0.length; i++){
6
       var w = words0[i]
7
       ws = w.split('\n')
9
       words.push(ws[0])
10
       if(ws.length > 1){
         \  \, \hbox{for} \, (\, var \ j \, = \, 1; \ j \, < \, ws.\, length \, ; \ j + \! + \! ) \{
11
12
           words.push(' \setminus n')
           if (ws[j]!= ""){
13
^{14}
             words.push(ws[j])
15
         }
16
17
       }
18
19
20
    w = ctx.w()
21
22
     /* place words one by one */
^{23}
     for (var j = 0; j < words.length; <math>j++){
         if(\operatorname{words}[j] == "\backslash n")\{
24
           myY = lines.length * font_size + font_size
25
           lines.push({text: line, height: myY})
26
27
           line = 
           continue
28
         }
29
30
         line\_test = line + words[j] + ''
31
32
         /* wrap if over the edge */
33
         if(ctx.measureText(line test).width > w){
34
           myY = lines.length * font_size + font_size
35
           \texttt{lines.push} \, (\, \{\, \texttt{text: line} \,\,,\,\,\, \texttt{height: myY} \})
36
           line = words[j] + 
37
         }else{
38
           line = line test
39
40
41
     }
42
43
     /* catch last line if something left over */
44
^{45}
     if(line.length > 0){
       current\_y = lines.length * font\_size + font\_size
46
       lines.push({text: line.trim(), height: current_y})
47
48
     }
49
     /* plot text */
50
     for (var j = 0, len = lines.length; j < len; j++)
51
52
       ctx.fillText(lines[j].text, 0, lines[j].height + start_y)
53
54 }
55
  /* write centred text */
56
  function centre_text(s){
57
     var font\_size = ctx.font\_size, textString = s
     ctx.font = 30 + 'px Arial'
59
     textWidth = ctx.measureText(textString).width
60
     ctx.fillText(textString, (canvas.width / 2) - (textWidth / 2), canvas.height / 2)
61
62 }
```

5.9. **util.js.** This file includes various utilities for aspects such as pseudo-random number generation, transferring data over the internet, and so on.

```
1 /* cr34t3 a c4nv4s wh3r3 th3 m4g1c h4pp3ns */
 2 var canvas = document.createElement('canvas')
 3 document.body.appendChild(canvas)
 5 /* get date and time */
 6 function date time() {
          return new Date()
 8 }
10 /* seed for rand() below */
11 \text{ var seed} = 5
12
13 var get_seconds = function(){
         var d = new Date()
14
16
          /* return an epoch time (S) */
          return d.getMilliseconds()
17
18 }
19
     var mutable_seed = get_seconds()
20
21
     /*random-number generator http://indiegamr.com/generate-repeatable-random-numbers-in-js/: initial seed
              .. in order to work 'Math.seed' must NOT be undefined, so in any case, you HAVE to provide a Math.
              seed */
23 function rand(max, min, mutable=false){
              \max = \max \mid \mid 1, \min = \min \mid \mid 0
24
          if (mutable) {
25
              mutable seed = (mutable seed * 9301 + 49297) % 233280
26
              return min + (mutable_seed / 233280) * (max - min)
27
28
          else{
              seed = (seed * 9301 + 49297) \% 233280
29
              return \min + (\text{seed} / 233280) * (\max - \min)
30
          }
31
32 }
33
34 /* Shuffle array in place, via http://stackoverflow.com/questions/6274339/how-can-i-shuffle-an-array
       * @param {Array} a items The array containing the items.
35
36
          setting the parameter "mutable" to true, makes random selections that will change between runs. */
37
     function shuffle (a, mutable=false) {
38
39
          var j, x, i
40
          for (i = a.length; i; i--)
41
              /* use our seeded random number generator, so we get the same results every time */
42
               j = Math.floor(rand(null, null, mutable) * (1.*i)) /* j = Math.floor(Math.random() * i) * / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) / (2.5) /
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44
              x = a[i - 1]
45
              a[i - 1] = a[j]
              a[j] = x
46
          }
47
48 }
     /* pad to length n (with 0's on the left) */
50
51 function pad n(x, n)
          var s = parseInt(trim(x)).toString(), m = s.length, d = n - m
52
          if(d > 0){
53
              s += '0'.repeat(d)
54
55
          return s
56
57
     }
     /* via stackoverflow.com/users/4321/jw */
59
60 function get_keys(dictionary){
61
          /* keys recursive */
62
63
          var keys = []
```

```
64
65
      /* filter for direct ancestors */
      for (var key in dictionary) {
66
       if (dictionary.hasOwnProperty(key)){
67
          keys.push(key)
68
69
     }
70
71
     return keys
72 }
73
74
   /* draw an image */
75 function draw img(x, ctx){
76
     var cf = 4 * ctx.font_size
     var h = ctx.h() - cf, w = ctx.w()
77
     var lw = x.width, lh = x.height
78
     var sf = Math.min(w, h) / Math.max(lw, lh)
     var a = (w - lw * sf) / 2, b = (h - lh * sf) / 2
     var\ c\ =\ lw\ *\ sf\ ,\ d\ =\ lh\ *\ sf\ ,\ df\ =\ (-20\ +\ cf\ /\ 2)
81
     ctx.drawImage(x, a, b + df, c, d)
82
83 }
   /* write the above to a standardized format */
85
86 function parse_date_time(today){
87
     /* most significant units first */
88
      var bits = [today.getFullYear(),
89
                  today.getMonth() + 1,
90
                  today.getDate(),
91
                  today.getHours(),
92
                  today.getMinutes(),
93
                  today.getSeconds(),
94
                  today.getMilliseconds()]
95
96
      /* pad with zeros */
97
      for(var i = 0; i < bits.length; i++){
98
        var n_pad = 2
99
        if(i == 0){
100
         n_pad = 4
101
102
       if(i = 6){
103
         n_pad = 3
104
105
106
       var bts = bits[i].toString()
107
       bits[i] = pad_n(bts, n_pad)
     }
108
109
     return(bits.join(':'))
110 }
111
112
   /* "faster trim" via blog.stevenlevithan.com */
113 function trim(s){
     return s.toString().replace(/^ss*/,'').replace(/ss*$/,'')
114
115 }
116
   /* send text format data (string s) via XML to receive script at url (string): xml-receive script url
117
   function xml send(s, xml receive script url){
118
119
      /* xml http request object */
120
     var xhr = (window.XMLHttpRequest) ? new XMLHttpRequest() : new activeXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP")
121
     var data = new FormData()
122
      data.append("data", s)
     xhr.open('post', xml_receive_script_url, true)
124
     xhr.send(data)
125
126 }
```

### 6. Source Code: Server Side

6.1. **xml-receive.py.** The folder data/ in the directory structure, relative to the installation folder: if it doesn't yet exist, the server-side python code should create it (provided that the appropriate permissions are available to do so).

```
1 #!/usr/bin/python
  ''', server-side python-CGI script to receive text data sent over
3 the internet by the client-side function util.js::xml_send()''
4 import os
5 import cgi
6 import uuid
7 import datetime
9 \# create /data folder if it does not yet exist
10 \, dat_f = os.getcwd() + '/data/'
11 if not os.path.exists(dat f):
      os.mkdir(dat_f)
13
14 \# retrieve CGI form data
15 \text{ dat} = \text{None}
      dat = str(cgi.FieldStorage().getvalue('data'))
17
18 except:
19
       pass
21 \# write the data to file in the data/ folder
23
       fn = dat_f + str(datetime.datetime.now().isoformat())
       open(fn + '_' + str(uuid.uuid4().hex) + '.txt', 'wb').write(dat)
24
```

## 7. Ideas For Possible Future Improvements

A short point-form list of possible improvements to the software:

- Finish drag-and drop implementation, that
  - prevents programmatic errors;
  - does not allow invalid experiments to be constructed; and
  - removes any technicality from the process of coding an experiment.
- Smarter image loading:
  - Automagically detect available images from folder, and
  - modify program to allow administrator to upload images with file names that aren't required to follow the numbered format.
- Support for mobile devices, or possibly:
  - show a warning message for un-supported devices.
- Accomplish API-level integration with "Mechanical Turk" for detailed/complex systematic/automated deployment of surveys for use in Recognition Memory experiments.