# COMP2005 Assessment 2: Report

## **Assessment Materials**

D2 GitHub Repository: <a href="https://github.com/Plymouth-University/comp2005-">https://github.com/Plymouth-University/comp2005-</a>

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D3 YouTube Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/ADZzaU-w2ik?si=\_rCqnM0IDvDz5qd0">https://youtu.be/ADZzaU-w2ik?si=\_rCqnM0IDvDz5qd0</a>

# **Endpoints**

Table 1: API Endpoints

F1	/api/Patients/never-admitted
F2	/api/Patients/readmitted-within-7-days
F3	/api/Admissions/month-with-most
F4	/api/Patients/multiple-staff

# Unit and Integration Testing for Part A

Each layer of the application was tests according to its role in the application architecture. Classes and service methods were tested using Unit Tests to verify their behaviour in isolation from the API returns. Services were tested using mocked dependencies and returns to ensure that the implementations matched expected business logic. Controllers were tested using Integration Tests to verify the API's behaviour.

Table 2: Unit and Integration Test Files

Test File	Layer Tested	Test Types
AdmissionControllerTest.java	Controller	Integration Tests
AdmissionServiceTest.java	Service	Unit Tests
AdmissionTest.java	Class	Unit Tests
AllocationTest.java	Class	Unit Tests
ApiHelperTest.java	Service	Unit Tests
Comp2005ApiApplicationTests.java	Application Context	Smoke Test
EmployeeTest.java	Class	Unit Tests
PatientControllerTest.java	Controller	Integration Tests
PatientServiceTest.java	Service	Unit Tests
PatientTest.java	Class	Unit Tests

The following tables list each test case and explain their purpose in testing the application.

AdmissionControllerTest.java		
Layer Tested	Controller	
Test Types	Integration Tests	
returnsExpectedMonth		Checks that the controller returns the expected month string when admissions exist and are returned by the Service layer.
returnsEmptyWhenNoAdmissions		Ensures that the controller returns a fallback message that is passed by the Service layer if no admissions exist.
handlesErrorsGracefully		Checks that the controller returns a fallback message that is passed by the Service layer if it encounters an error or exception.

AdmissionServiceTest.java		
Layer Tested	Service	
Test Types	Unit Tests	
	MonthWithM	ostAdmissionsTests
returnsExpectedMonth		Checks that the service method returns the correct datestring/month when admissions are successfully fetched, in form 'YYYY-MM'.  Checks the service returns a fallback message if it fetches no admissions; loudly fails.
handlesErrorsGraceful	ly	Checks that the service returns an expected fallback message if the API fails to fetch any admissions.

	Admissio	nTest.java
Layer Tested	Class	
Test Types	Unit Tests	
testParameterlessNotNull		Tests that the parameterless constructor
		creates an object.
testConstructedNotNull		Tests that the constructor with parameters
		creates an object.
testSetAndGetId		Tests for GETTER and SETTER methods.
testSetAndGetPatientId		
testSetAndGetAdmissionDate		
testSetAndGetDischargeDate		
constructedAdmissionTest		Test that the constructor with parameters
		creates an object and assigns expected
		values to the attributes.

AllocationTest.java		
Layer Tested	Class	
Test Types	Unit Tests	
testParameterlessNotNull		Tests that the parameterless constructor creates an object.
testConstructedNotNull		Tests that the constructor with parameters creates an object.
testSetAndGetId		Tests for GETTER and SETTER methods.
testSetAndGetAdmissionId		
testSetAndGetEmployeeId		
testSetAndGetStartTime		
testSetAndGetEndTime		
constructedAllocationTest		Test that the constructor with parameters
		creates an object and assigns expected
		values to the attributes.

ApiHelperTest.java			
Layer Tested	Service		
Test Types	Unit Tests		
	HandleRequestTests		
propagateExceptionWhenNot4	04Error	Checks that if the API call results in a HTTP	
		error other than 404 NOT FOUND, the	
		exception is propagated and the application	
		fails loudly.	
	Admiss	ionTests	
getAllAdmissions_returnsAdm	ssions	Checks that the method returns a list of	
		Admission objects when the API responds	
		with data.	
getAdmissionByld_returnsAdm	ission	Checks that the method returns a single	
		Admission object when the ID exists.	
getAdmissionById_handles404		Checks that the method returns null rather	
-		than throws an exception when an object is	
		not found; 404 NOT FOUND.	
	Allocat	ionTests	
getAllAllocations_returnsAlloc	ations	Checks that the method returns a list of	
		Allocation objects when the API responds	
		with data.	
getAllocationById_returnsAlloc	ation	Checks that the method returns a single	
		Allocation object when the ID exists.	
getAllocationById_handles404		Checks that the method returns null rather	
		than throws an exception when an object is	
		not found; 404 NOT FOUND.	
Employ		reeTests	
getAllEmployees_returnsEmpl	oyees	Checks that the method returns a list of	
		Employee objects when the API responds	
		with data.	
getEmployeeById_returnsEmp	oyee	Checks that the method returns a single	
	-	Employee object when the ID exists.	
getAllocationById_handles404		Checks that the method returns null rather	
, _		than throws an exception when an object is	
		not found; 404 NOT FOUND.	
PatientTests			
getAllPatients_returnsPatients		Checks that the method returns a list of	
		Patient objects when the API responds with	
		data.	
getPatientById_returnsPatient		Checks that the method returns a single	
		Patient object when the ID exists.	
getPatientById_handles404		Checks that the method returns null rather	
		than throws an exception when an object is	
		not found; 404 NOT FOUND.	
		not tound; 404 NOT FOUND.	

Comp2005ApiApplication.java		
Layer Tested Application Context		
Test Types	Smoke Test	
contextLoads		Ensures that the Spring Boot application
		context starts up correctly.

	Employe	eTest.java
Layer Tested	Class	
Test Types	Unit Tests	
testParameterlessNotNull		Tests that the parameterless constructor
		creates an object.
testConstructedNotNull		Tests that the constructor with parameters
		creates an object.
testSetAndGetId		Tests for GETTER and SETTER methods.
testSetAndGetFirstName		
testSetAndGetLastName		
constructedEmployeeTest		Test that the constructor with parameters
		creates an object and assigns expected
		values to the attributes.

PatientControllerTest.java		
Layer Tested	Controller	
Test Types	Integration Tests	
	NeverAdm	nittedTests
returnsExpectedPatients		Checks that when the service returns a list of
		patients, the controller successfully
		propagates this list.
returnsEmptyListWhenNoPation	ents	Checks that if the services returns an empty
		list, the controller layer does so too to ensure
		no null unexpected behaviour.
handleServiceFailure		Simulates a service failure and ensures that
		the controller layer handles it gracefully by
		returning an empty list rather than an
		exception.
Re	eadmittedWithi	nSevenDaysTests
returnsExpected		Checks that when the service returns a list of
		patients, the controller successfully
		propagates this list.
returnsEmptyListWhenNoPation	ents	Checks that if the services returns an empty
		list, the controller layer does so too to ensure
		no null unexpected behaviour.
handleServiceFailure		Simulates a service failure and ensures that
		the controller layer handles it gracefully by
		returning an empty list rather than an
		exception.
Multiple		StaffTests
returnsExpected		Checks that when the service returns a list of
		patients, the controller successfully
		propagates this list.
returnsExpectedDifferentAdmi	issions	Checks that if a patient has multiple
		admissions with different Employees
		allocated the method still returns the
		expected response.
returnsEmptyWhenNoMultiples		Checks that if the services returns an empty
		list, the controller layer does so too to ensure
		no null unexpected behaviour.
handleServiceFailure		Simulates a service failure and ensures that
		the controller layer handles it gracefully by
		returning an empty list rather than an
		exception.

		iceTest.java
Layer Tested Service		
Test Types	Unit Tests	
	NeverAdm	nittedTests
returnsExpected		Checks that the service method returns the
		expected patients from a list of mocked
		patients and admissions.
testBoundaryBehaviour		Tests that the actual behaviour matches the
		expected behaviour at the boundary value of
		7 days. Admissions of lengths 6:23:59:59,
		7:00:00:00 and 7:00:00:01 are checked - only
		the patient information related to the first
		two admission lengths should be returned by
returnsAllWhenNoAdmissions		the service method. This tests an edge case.  Checks that the service method returns the
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		expected (all given) patients from a list of mocked patients and an empty list of
		admissions.
returnsEmptyWhenNoPatients		Checks the service returns a fallback
		message if it fetches no admissions; loudly
		fails.
handlesErrorsGracefully		Checks that the service returns an expected
nanatee2.rereeraeeratty		fallback message if the API fails to fetch any
		admissions.
Re	admittedWithi	nSevenDaysTests
returnsExpected		Checks that the service method returns the
		expected patients from a list of mocked
		patients and admissions.
returnsEmptyWhenNoPatients		Checks the service returns a fallback
		message if it fetches no admissions; loudly
		fails.
handlesErrorsGracefully		Checks that the service returns an expected
		fallback message if the API fails to fetch any
	<b>NA</b> 111 1 4	admissions.
material Control of the Control	Multiples	StaffTests
returnsExpected		Checks that the service method returns the
		expected patients from a list of mocked
returnsExpectedDifferentAdmi	noiona	patients, allocations and admissions. Checks that the service method returns the
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		patients, allocations and admissions. In this
		test, it tests the case where multiple
		employees are allocated across two
		separate admissions, whereas the first test
		only checks a single admission.
returnsEmptyWhenNoMultiple	 S	Checks the service returns a fallback
	-	message if it fetches no admissions; loudly
		fails.
handlesErrorsGracefully		Checks that the service returns an expected
		fallback message if the API fails to fetch any
		admissions.
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PatientTest.java		
Layer Tested	Class	
Test Types	Unit Tests	
testParameterlessNotNull		Tests that the parameterless constructor
		creates an object.
testConstructedNotNull		Tests that the constructor with parameters
		creates an object.
testSetAndGetId		Tests for GETTER and SETTER methods.
testSetAndGetFirstName		
testSetAndGetLastName		
testSetAndGetNhsNumber		
constructedPatientTest		Test that the constructor with parameters
		creates an object and assigns expected
		values to the attributes.

Tests were implemented using the Junit framework. Test classes often contained '@Nested' sub-classes, each focusing on a different portion of a service, to ensure that the test suites remained readable. '@BeforeEach' decorators were used to control test set-up and configurations, and '@Test' is used to decorate test methods. JUnit uses these decorations to manage the discovery, lifecycles and execution of the tests.

Figure 1: Example of a Test Class, Sub-class and Method,
ApiHelperTest::HandleRequestTests::propagateExceptionWhenNot404Error()

Mock objects were used to isolate units of code using a top-down manner to emulate the behaviour of dependent methods and API calls. By replacing dependencies with mocks, tests can concentrate on the logic of the method they are designed to tests, rather than external factors.

The 'Mockito' library was largely used to create mock instances of service class methods, which were subsequently injected into the controller layer using '@Mock' and '@InjectMock' decorators. Method returns were controlled using 'when(<method>).thenReturn(<data>)' logic to ensure consistency in the behaviour of dependencies during test runs.

I ran my tests using IntelliJ IDEA Community Edition (2024.2.2). To do this, open the 'part-a-web-service-api' Spring Boot project and navigate to the 'src/test/java' directory in the Project explorer window. To run all tests right click on the 'com.example.comp2005\_api' package or to run individual test classes right click on the respective file (for example 'ApiHelperTest.java' and select the option for 'Run Tests in com.example.comp2005\_api' or 'Run ApiHelperTest' (example).

Any selected tests will run, and the test results will be displayed in the terminal section of the IDE.

Tests can also be run from the terminal section using the command './gradlew clean test'.

## Use of the Test Driven Development Approach

The implementation of F1 followed a more traditional development methodology where code was written before tests were designed. This was necessary because I first needed to understand the process for implementing these endpoints using this framework and tech stack.

To assist with the implementation of F2, F3 and F4 for Part A of the task, I used a Test Driven Development (TDD) approach, where I wrote failing tests for each method before implementing the methods. The TDD workflow consists of 3 stages:

- Red: Write a failing test.
- Green: Write code to make the test pass.
- Refactor: Refactor and tidy the code, without changing its behaviour.

This approach helped me to ensure that the behaviour of methods and return values matched the expected behaviour. This approach shifts the focus from writing code that "works" to writing code the "works correctly".

The use of this approach is evidenced by commits `11a2b7e`, `b8812a0` and `8cc565b`.

## Metrics and Code Coverage

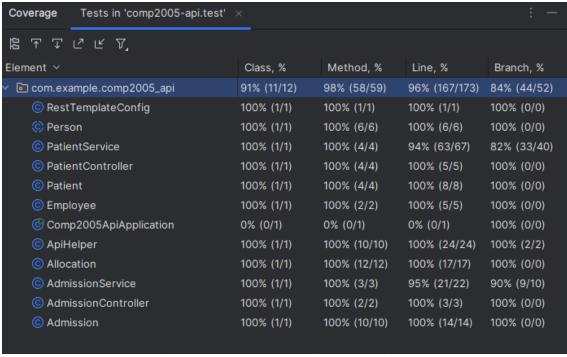
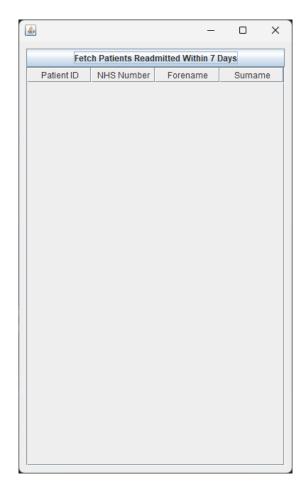


Figure 2: Code Coverage Metrics from IntelliJ IDE

#### Test Report: part-a-web-service-api/htmlReport/index.html

A large proportion of the application has been covered by the unit and integration tests. This should result in better-tested and more robust code, reducing the number of bugs likely to be found in a non-development environment. There are some minor gaps in coverage, primarily to do with the 'Comp2005ApiApplication.java' file, which only contains the main function which acts as an entry point to the application; even then, this is covered by a 'contextLoad' test which confirms that the application successfully begins. There is also a gap in coverage on the two service files, relating to catching exceptions and date parsing errors: branch coverage.

# Usability Testing for Part B



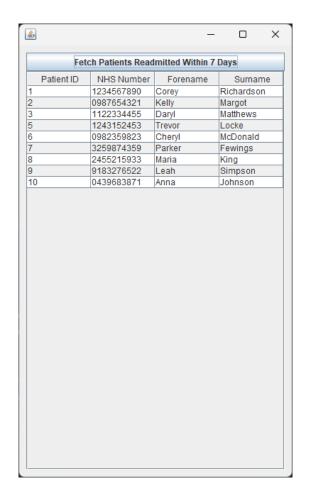


Figure 3: GUI Application before Usability Testing

Note: See Appendix A: Before Usability Test UI Design Considerations for more detail on UI considerations before the Usability Testing took place.

# COMP2005: Maternity Swing UI Usability Test

Thank you for participating in this Usability Test. The purpose of this survey is to gather feedback on a desktop application that fetches and displays patient information for patients readmitted within a seven day window.

Your responses to this survey may be used to identify weaknesses in the User Interface and design of the application, as well as the User Experience.

There are no incorrect answers. We are testing the usability of the application, we are NOT testing your technical abilities as an end-user. Your feedback is useful in the development of this project, whether it is positive or negative.

All responses are anonymous; we do not collect any personal information. Your participation is voluntary and you may exit the survey at any time.

Thank you!

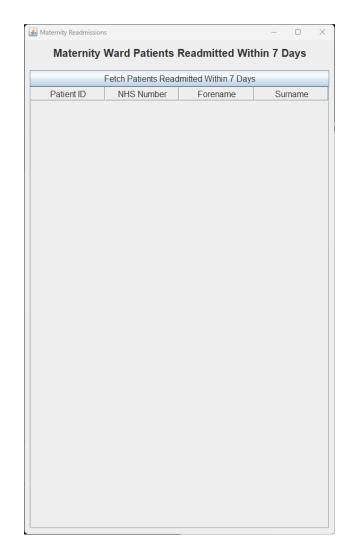
Figure 4: Usability Test Survey Title and Description

The survey responses were mostly positive to the initial design, however, they did provide guidance as to 4 enhancements to make to the UI/UX:

- "I do believe a title would go a long way for people like me who cannot figure things out implicitly"
- "Make the table cells read-only"
- "font size bigger (my eyes are really bad so this is a personal one)"
- "if the api response!= 200 then show an error message"

## In response to these suggestions:

- I added a title to the frame and added a title label which displays above the 'Fetch Patients Readmitted Within 7 Days' button.
- I increased the width of the frame to 600px and created font variables 'titleFont' and 'largerFont'. These fonts are used across components to provide a font size larger than Swing's default font size. The frame is resizable, however this does not scale font size responsively.
- I override the 'isCellEditable' method of the 'DefaultTableModel' to ensure that cells were not editable.
- I added a 'JOptionPane' message dialog that displays when the HTTP request throws an exception. As the API silently fails and simply returns an empty list if it catches an exception, this will only get hit if 'parsePatients()' fails to successfully parse the JSON response. This is likely a limitation with my API's designed behaviour.



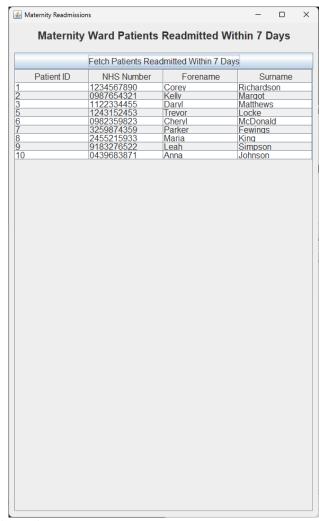


Figure 5: GUI Application after Usability Testing

Note: Examples are using mock data to populate the tables.

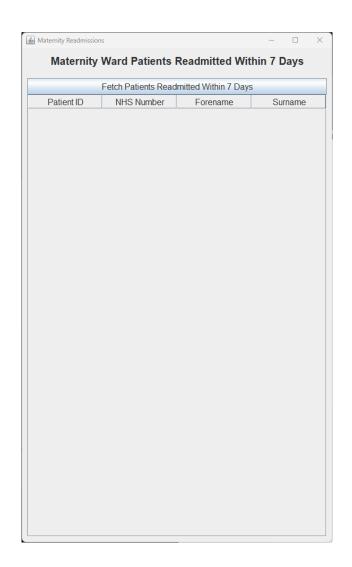




Figure 6: GUI Application Error Message Dialog

```
private static List<PatientModel> parsePatients(String jsonResponse) {
    // throw new RuntimeException("Mock parsing failure"); // Used to test Error Message Dialog

Gson gson = new Gson();
    Type patientListType = new TypeToken<List<PatientModel>>() {}.getType();
    return gson.fromJson(jsonResponse, patientListType);
}
```

Figure 7: Modification made to parsePatients() to test Error Message Dialog Box

Note: Could've just stopped the API server...

Jisc Online Survey

https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/plymouth/comp2005-maternity-swing-ui-usability-test

https://github.com/Plymouth-University/comp2005-assessment2-coreyrichardson/blob/main/survey/COMP2005\_MaternitySwingUiUsabilityTest.json

https://github.com/Plymouth-University/comp2005-assessment2-coreyrichardson/blob/main/survey/PrintSurveyAnalysis\_OnlineSurveys.pdf

# **Additional System Testing**

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.26100.3775]
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C:\Users\richa>curl -i http://localhost:8080/api/Admissions/month-with-most
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 7
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2025 18:43:46 GMT

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C:\Users\richa>curl -i http://localhost:8080/api/Patients/readmitted-within-7-days
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-Type: application/json
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2025 18:44:08 GMT

[{"id":5, "nhsNumber":"6663339999", "forename":"Rhi", "surname":"Sharpe"}]
C:\Users\richa>curl -i http://localhost:8080/api/Patients/never-admitted
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-Type: application/json
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2025 18:44:24 GMT

[{"id":3, "nhsNumber":"6663338888", "forename":"Nicky", "surname":"Barnes"}, {"id":4, "nhsNumber":"7773338888", "forename":"Jacky", "surname":"Sarnes"}, {"id":4, "nhsNumber":
```

Figure 8: curl Requests to the API Endpoints

## **Tools and Practices**

## GitHub Actions, CI/CD

I set up a GitHub Actions workflow to automatically run the full test suite on every push to the main branch of the GitHub repository.

This workflow is defined in .github\workflows\run-tests.yaml.

```
name: Run Tests

non:

push:
branches:
- main
pull_request:

piobs:

test:
runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:
- name: Checkout code
uses: actions/checkout@v4

- name: Set up JDK 17
uses: actions/setup-java@v4
with:
- java-version: '17'
distribution: 'temurin'

name: Make gradlew executable
run: chmod +x ./part-a-web-service-api/gradlew

name: Run tests with Gradle
run: ./gradlew clean test --info
working-directory: ./part-a-web-service-api
```

Figure 9: GitHub Actions Workflow

The workflow ensures that it is testing the latest pushed code before setting up a Java 17 environment and ensuring that the Gradle Wrapper file is executable. It then runs the test suite and reports the results on the Actions section of the GitHub repository; test failures are also notified by email.

The automated workflow ensures that tests are executed regularly on changes in an independent and consistent environment, identifying integration, build and regression errors early in the change process.

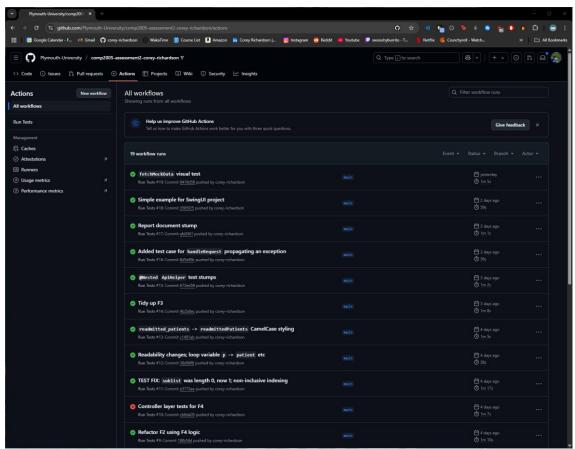
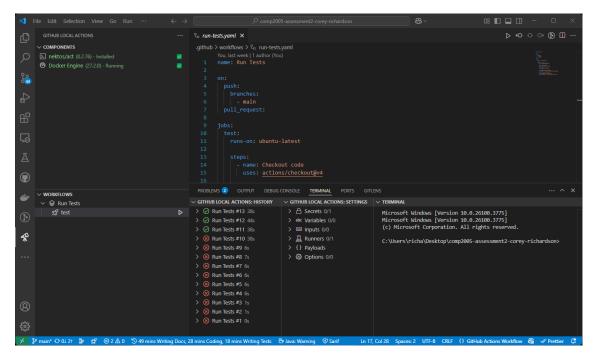


Figure 10: GitHub Actions Page

https://github.com/Plymouth-University/comp2005-assessment2-corey-richardson/actions

To test the workflow I had set up, I used the 'GitHub Local Actions' extension for VS Code to run the workflow locally before pushing new code. This extension utilises the Docker Engine to create containerised environments like those used by the GitHub action runners, and 'nektons/act' to locally run the workflow.

This local testing helped me to reduce the development time for the CI/CD pipeline and ensured that the workflow would work as intended before integrating it into the main GitHub repository.



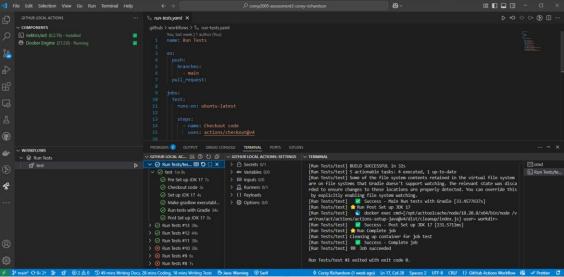


Figure 11: GitHub Local Actions Workflow

GitHub Local Actions for VS Code (Sanjula Ganepola) https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=SanjulaGanepola.github-local-actions

#### **Evaluation**

Unit and Integration tests were successfully used here to create a robust end product. The use of a TDD approach ensured I wrote code that "works correctly" as opposed to just "works". The API side of the project is able to be tested completely automatically, as it is done on every push to the GitHub repository using a GitHub Actions workflow. The GUI application was successfully tested by an external user and advice was given and implemented to improve the User Interface and User Experience. The metrics show that the code is sufficiently covered by tests, reducing the risk of tests missing a potential error, however, as with any software application, it is not possible that all bugs can be accounted for through testing.

I was able to use of range of software tools and frameworks during the development and testing of this project such as IntelliJ IDEA for coding, Docker Engine, nektos/act and GitHub Actions for CI/CD, Mockito for mocking any external dependencies and JUnit for creating and running unit and integration tests. As it was my first time using a few of these tools, I am happy with how they have been used to create this end product.

# Appendix A: Before Usability Test UI Design Considerations

Before the Usability Testing has taken place, I have already iterated through a couple of options when it comes to the design of the GUI application. These factors have been considered:

- The first draft of the UI used a 'JTextArea' rather than a 'JTable'. This implementation utilised a 'StringBuilder' to append the Patient ID, full name and NHS number, each displayed on a new line. See commit `088ece6`.
- This was later changed to be a 'JTable' in commit `50a5243`. Different columns and column orders were considered:
  - Patient ID, NHS Number, Forename, Surname
  - Patient ID, NHS Number, Full Name
  - Patient ID, NHS Number, Surname, Forename
  - Patient ID, Forename, Surname, NHS Number
  - Naming 'Patient ID' as just 'ID'

I consider the current order to be the best choice as it begins with the two unique columns, followed by name in-order. If sorting was implemented, I may opt for the Surname-Forename option as this would then be in order of most optimal sorting keys for finding a patient.

- The first draft of the UI had a WIDTH:HEIGHT ration of 400:600px. I found that this limited the number of patients that could be displayed on the screen at a time so then opted for a choice that had a HEIGHT greater than the WIDTH originally 600:400px. I then updated this to instead use the Golden Ratio (1.618). As such, HEIGHT is now calculated as `(int) (WIDTH \* 1.618)`.
- When first changing to the 'JTable' implementation, all rows were originally the same colour. To improve the readability of the display, I updated this so that alternating rows have a light grey colour, which still provide a clear enough contrast against the text to meet accessibility requirements.