

Category	Below Exp.	Min. Exp.	Meets Exp.	Exc. Exp.
Checklist	Did not meet all items in the project description.	Barely meets all expectations, minimal number of features.	Goes somewhat deeper into one or more aspects of the project checklist.	Uses the checklist as only a foundation for something more expansive than that.
Independence and Intellectual Curiosity	Uses only some of the material discussed or taught in class.	Closely follows sample code, only uses material from class.	Uses multiple items that were not covered or explained by me and/or differs from the sample code in substantial ways.	Uses items that I didn't cover or explain. Shows significant use of additional research.
Functioning Code	Code crashes when I run it or doesn't work in fundamental ways.	Everything mostly works, but maybe not quite right in some ways.	Everything works as intended and code is organized and shows understanding.	Everything works, and shows outstanding organization, design, and/or planning.
Coding Practices	No or little commenting, everything just dumped into one long sequence of code. Only a couple of commits. Hard to read.	Obviously tried to comment and commit, mostly follows 80 character limit but forgot in some places. Occasional uses of functions and/or classes.	Consistent, thoughtful use of comments, commits, and well-named, well-chosen uses of variables, functions and classes. Always follows the 80 character limit.	Code that makes me laugh out loud. Code that teaches me something new as I read it. I challenge you to give me a reason to check this box.
Design	Interface is basic, no thought put into organization, color scheme, readability, etc.	Everything is ok. It looks like the sample code, kinda boring.	Thoughtful design, well-organized, shows integration or combinations of ideas in ways I didn't demonstrate.	Makes me say "Wow." Uses new ideas or combinations of ideas in ways that would not have occurred to me.
Ambition	Stay in your safe zone, and do only an ok job of that.	Stay in your safe zone, do what you know, but do it pretty well.	You push on your boundaries. You try to do something you've never done before.	Try to do something substantially above and beyond what's needed. Learn a lot in the process.

The percentage of your grade that will come from each category will vary from assignment to assignment. ***To get 100%, you will not need to max out all categories. You will probably skip one or more areas entirely. I expect you to focus on a couple of areas. Use your strengths.***