

Overcooked-Style Kitchen Server (For User Study)

Welcome! This fake Overcooked-style kitchen server is part of a **user study**. This server simulates a multiplayer cooking game where players submit dish orders, and the system processes them with **intentional latency**, **parallel execution**, and **detailed logs**.

Study Instructions

Please follow the setup steps below. During the study, you will interact with the logs produced by this server using our VS Code extension.

- ⚠️ **Do not open or modify anything in the `please-do-not-open/` folder.**
This folder contains internal logic meant to remain hidden for the purpose of the study.
- ✅ **Only open `open-when-requested/` when you are instructed to do so.**
This folder contains your assigned tasks (e.g., `task1.md` , `task2.md`).

Project Structure

```
please-open-here/  
├── server.js           # Main server logic (you may view this)  
├── example.js         # Sample client that sends a request to the server  
├── do-not-modify.js   # Script to send custom requests  
├── server-backup.js   # Backup script for you to start the second task  
├── please-do-not-open/ # 🚫 Internal logic (DO NOT OPEN)  
└── open-when-requested/ # ✅ Task instructions (open when asked)  
    ├── task1.md  
    └── task2.md
```

Setup Instructions

Please execute the following commands to install dependencies and compile the server.

1. Set up the client folder

```
cd ./please-open-here  
npm run setup
```

2. Start the server

```
node ./server.js
```

You should see:

```
🔍 Overcooked Kitchen running at http://localhost:3000
```

Try Submitting a Sample Order

In a **separate terminal**, run the example client:

```
cd ./please-open-here  
node ./example.js
```

This will simulate a player placing an order like `burger` and `salad`. You will see a sequence of logs printed in the terminal representing each step of dish preparation.

API Summary (optional)

You are not required to interact directly with these endpoints, but here's what they do for reference:

POST /order

Submit an order with player ID and dish names.

Need Help?

If anything doesn't work or you have questions during the session, please ask the study organizer.

Thanks for participating and helping us improve developer tools! 🙌

High-Level Flow (Call Stack + Async)

When an order is placed, the async function chain looks like this:

```
[async POST handler]
└─ prepareOrder(orderId, player, dishes)
    └─ Promise.all(dishes.map(...))
        └─ prepareDish(dish, orderId)
            └─ recipes[dish](orderId)
                └─ (prepareBurger OR prepareSalad)
```

All major operations inside `prepareOrder` , `prepareDish` , and the recipe functions (`prepareBurger` , etc.) are asynchronous — many of them simulate latency with `await sleep(...)` .