

COMP1101 Programming (Black) Summative Assessment 1

Term 1 Programming Exercise Outline

- Submission of code and video by 14:00 29 January 2026
- Submission of peer reviews by 14:00 19 February 2026
- Return by 26 February 2026
- Contributes 50% of module marks
- Includes peer review feedback which you will be allocated
- This is an individual piece of work

Subject-specific Knowledge

- Interaction between JavaScript programs and the Document Object Model (DOM)
- Using control statements to loop and make decisions
- An understanding of the nature of imperative programming in the object-oriented style
- A knowledge and understanding of good programming practice (for example, reuse, documentation and style)
- Building collections of data within a program and using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
- Making programs robust through the use of exceptions and exception handling
- A knowledge and understanding of good programming practice (for example, reuse, documentation and style)

Subject-Specific Skills

- an ability to realise solutions to problems as working JavaScript programs
- an ability to apply reuse by exploiting predefined components
- an ability to use software tools related to programming (programming environments, code management, documentation tools, etc.)

Key Skills

- an ability to communicate technical information
- an ability to recognise and apply the principles of abstraction and modelling

Task summary

- Construct a dynamic web site for an application of your choosing

- Use static HTML pages loading dynamic JSON content from server via AJAX
- Server written in nodejs to provide JSON through REST API
- Prepare a 2 minute video demonstrating your code
- Do a code quality review of four other submissions

Dynamic web site

- Choose any application domain as long as it includes at least two kinds of entity e.g.
 - pictures
 - people
 - places
 - events
 - comments
- Could be e.g. club, social, health, gallery
- If you are not sure then ask me

Static HTML loading JSON via AJAX

- ‘Single page app’: page content loaded as JSON via AJAX
- Can have more than one page e.g. for user and admin
- Should provide clean and simple User Experience (UX)
- Should be responsive i.e. work well on desktop and mobile
- Recommend using front-end framework such as Bootstrap, Foundation
- DO NOT use non-standard language extensions e.g. React, TypeScript

Message sequence chart

Server provides JSON through a REST API

Each entity type (e.g. picture) has

- GET method to list/search (returns a list of ids and names)
- GET method for individual details (includes details of related entities)
- POST method to add new entity
- Document your API in the style of the ChatGPT API
- see other good API docs
- Response provided as JSON
- Content-type needs to be correct
- HTTP codes should be correct: use 200, 400 or 403 (if using authentication)

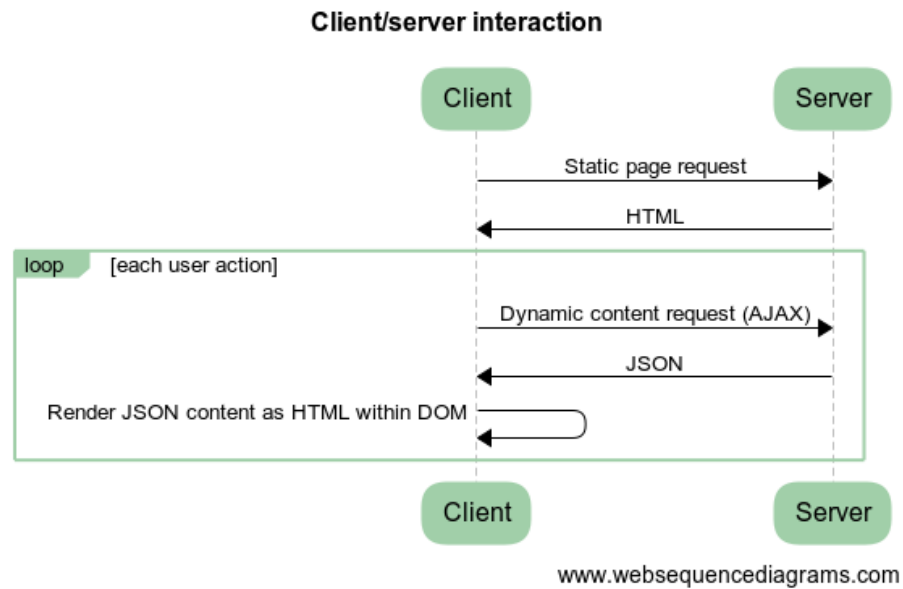


Figure 1: Message Sequence Chart showing Client server interaction with AJAX

Server written in nodejs

- Use npm for management
- Make sure you use `--save` or `--save-dev` option with packages you add
- Write jest test cases: run with `npm test`
- Recommend using express

Submission

Source code (all zipped)

- HTML and CSS and any media
- Client and server side JavaScript
- package.json including test and pretest scripts
- jest test cases e.g. `app.test.js`
- documentation of API
- demonstration video

Should not include `node_modules` in submission

Assessment Criteria

Equally weighted 9% each

- Client-side functionality
- Client-side quality
- Server-side functionality
- Server-side quality
- Video presentation

Client-side functionality criteria

- User Experience (UX): clean layout and minimal clicks/entry required
- App complexity: entities can be listed and edited
- 'Single page' style: asynchronous updates
- Staff reviewed

Client-side quality criteria

- Standards compliant (HTML5, JavaScript not React)
- Responsive to different viewport sizes
- Gracefully handles server disconnection
 - useful error messages
 - recommences on server restart
- Peer reviewed; staff moderated

Server-side functionality criteria

- More than one entity type, with relationships
- REST API provides each entity with appropriate GET/POST methods
- Installs with `npm install`
- Starts with `npm start`
- Staff reviewed

Server-side quality criteria

- Successful jest tests with good coverage (run with `npm test`)
- Testing includes content-type and HTTP code
- Completeness of API documentation
- Peer reviewed; staff moderated

Video Presentation

- Submit a 2 minute (max) video demonstrating your software
- Include demonstration of how to start the program
- All functionality will be assessed by what is demonstrated in the video
- If it is not demonstrated in the video, you will not get a mark for it
- Quality of video presentation will be marked separately from functionality:
 - Structure; Visual Presentation; Audio explanation

- Lose 10% of marks for every 10 seconds over 2 minutes
- Staff reviewed

Peer Review Marking

5% of the module marks are awarded for peer reviews

- Completion of all reviews on time
- Professional and helpful reviews
- The average student tends to get about 65%
- 65% is on the good/very good boundary of the marking conventions p15

How to do the assignment

- Design HTML
- Design web service
- Join with Fetch
- Read the FAQ