

# Programmable Web Project

## Course Description

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5 ECTS

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## Course goal

This course aims to provide adequate knowledge to design, implement test and document a Web API.



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## Learning outcomes (I)

- Understand what a Web API is and learn different Web API architectures.
- Understand *hypermedia* concept and how it can be used to build Web APIs.
- Learn how to design and implement a Web API following REST architectural style principles using existing web frameworks.



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## Learning outcomes (II)

- Learn how to write functional tests to find errors in implemented APIS.
- Know different software tools to document Web APIs
- Learn how to implement simple software applications that make use of the APIs (clients).



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## WHY THIS COURSE?

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## Course implementation

### Practical approach

- **Project work:** Students design, document, implement and test a RESTful Web API.
  - Different deadlines with intermediate feedback
- Lecture and exercises at the beginning of the course provides necessary knowledge to perform required tasks.



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## Course implementation

### Presential course

- For University of Oulu students
- Work in teams (3 people)
- Meeting with assistants in person

### Online course

- For students from other universities
- Individual work
  - Less strict requirements
- Meeting with assistants via videoconference
  - At least 2 meetings.

Each version has its own Lovelace page



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## Platforms. LOVEFACE

- Course documentation
- Exercises

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## Platforms. Mattermost

- Instant communication
- Discussion

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## Platforms. Github / Gitlab



**GitHub**

<https://github.com/>



**GitLab**

<https://about.gitlab.com/>

- Project documentation
- Project code
- Meeting notes

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## Lecture

4 hours lecture (2+2 hours)

### Wednesday:

- Programmable Web
  - Definition and concepts
- Technologies for the Programmable Web
  - Databases
  - HTTP
  - JSON, XML and Hypermedia
  - Clients
- Services and APIs

### Friday:

- RESTful Web APIs and Hypermedia
- Creating RESTful Web services

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## Exercises (I)

- 5 mandatory exercises (TS135 or TS137)
  - **Schedule in Weboodi**
- Guided lab sessions take 2 hour 45 min
  - Aprox 20 min of theoretical presentation followed by guided exercise.
    - Individual deliverable but can be done collaboratively
  - Students might need extra time to complete exercise (outside lab schedule)
  - Material will be provided beforehand through Lovelace

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## Exercises (II)

- Exercise 0. Project Work Presentation.
  - Project Work requirements explained in detail
  - **READ PROJECT WORK ASSIGNMENT BEFOREHAND**
  - Voluntary: introduction to GIT.
- Exercise 1: Introduction to Python Web Frameworks and ORM.
- Exercise 2: RESTful Web Services with Python.
- Exercise 3: Hypermedia and RESTful Web services.
- Exercise 4: Web client implementation

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## Project Work in Brief (I)

- The project must be done in **groups of three people**.
  - **BE ACTIVE IN THE SEARCH OF A PARTNER**
  - Use the Mattermost course channel.
- Detailed instructions in the Exercise 0 and Project Work Assignment (Lovelace)
- **Language:** English

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## Project Work in Brief (II)

### OPTION 1: Deadlines

- The project is divided in **6 deadlines**
- Meeting with course staff after deadlines 1-4
- Students **attend guided exercise sessions** and complete the exercise before deadline.
- Missing one deadline -> automatically move to option 2

### OPTION 2:

#### Final deliverable

- All the project content is delivered by the **final deadline**
  - **One intermediate meeting with assistants is required**
- Students **MUST** complete the exercises by themselves.
  - **No deadline for the exercises**
  - No attendance to the guided session required

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## Project Work in Brief (III)

### OPTION 1: Deadlines

- Due to course schedule, **deadlines are very tight**
  - Do not leave the work for the last minute !!!
  - Deadline 3 – 5 require more work than others
- **Everybody who finish the course has passed**

### OPTION 2: Final deliverable

- DROPPING RATE HIGHER THAN DEADLINES: **45 % vs 20% (2015) and 42% vs 17%(2017)**
- RECOMMENDED only for experimented programmers and people who is working



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## Project Work in Brief (IV)

### Online version of the course

- Similar requirements than Option II (Final Deliverable)
- Individual work
- Meeting with assistants via videoconference



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## Major Deadlines

- **Deadline 0** (22<sup>nd</sup> Jan) : **FOR ALL STUDENTS**
  - Register at <http://www.ee.oulu.fi/research/tklab/courses/521260S/registration.html>.
  - **INFO REQUIRED:** (1) project work title, (2) project work documentation link, (3) team members information (3) (4) Deliverable option
- **Deadline 1:** RESTful API introduction (03.02.2019)
- **Deadline 2:** Database design and implementation (17.02.2019)
- **Deadline 3:** RESTful API Design (10.03.2019)
- **Deadline 4:** RESTful API implementation (07.04.2019)
- **Deadline 5:** Client design and implementation (28.04.2019)
- **Deadline 6:** Final Deliverable (10.05.2017)

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## Evaluation (I)

- The grade is determined mainly based on the project work
  - Both design report and software generated will be considered.
  - Project template has detailed information of how we grade each section.
- The exercises returned by students has some influence also the final grade
- Initiative and participation are also considered
- Extra points can be obtained doing some extra work (see the document "Project Work Assignment").

Plagiarism will not be tolerated!  
See "Project Work Assignment" for more information.

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## Evaluation (II)

Project Work Topic	Deadlines	Points (out of 100) [*]
RESTful API description	D1	8
Database design and implementation	D2	10
RESTful API design	D3	22
RESTful API implementation	D4	20
Client design and implementation	D5	15.5
Analysis	D6	6.5
Project management	-	3
Exercises, meeting and participation	-	15

### \* NOT DEFINITIVE

- The final grade is obtained adding up the points of each deliverable.
  - Improving the deliverable by the final deadline => Increase the grade
- More accurate grading information will be published later in Lovelace



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## Evaluation (III)

Points (out of 100)	Final grade
< 51	0
51 - 60	1
61 - 70	2
71 - 80	3
81 - 90	4
> 90	5



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## Material and resources. Bibliography.

- Books:

- Leonard Richardson, Mike Amundsen, Sam Ruby. *RESTful Web APIs*. O'Reilly Media, 2013. ISBN: 978-1-4493-5806-8
- Leonard Richardson & Sam Ruby, *RESTful Web Services*. O'Reilly Media 2007. ISBN: 978-0-596-52926-0. Free available at <http://restfulwebapis.org/rws.html>

An electronic version of the books are accessible through Oulu University Library catalogue.

- Lecture and lab slides.

- Extra study material will be provided during the course through Lovelace.

**PLEASE USE THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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## WHERE TO START

- Register in WebOodi
- Register in Lovelace (<https://lovelace oulu.fi/>)  
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- Look for partners, select a topic and enrol at:  
<http://www.ee oulu.fi/research/tklab/courses/521260S/registration.html>

Deadline 0: 22nd January

Only students meeting this deadline can participate in the course.

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