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FIRST STEPS

Essential steps after joining

1. Find the right batch

Complete the **Scaler Assessment Test (SAT)**(~2 hours) to determine your batch level: beginner, intermediate, or advanced. Afterward, select your class schedule from the options available.

2. Select your Mentor

Select your mentor from the ones recommended to you. Your mentor will guide you throughout your SCALER Journey. You can change your mentor at any point.

3. Attend Meet and Greet session | 📅 On 13th December, 9pm ⏳ 2 hour duration

This session aims to familiarize you with the your Scaler team, shows you how to use your course effectively, and explains the upcoming activities in the next few months.

4. Book your free mentor session | Booking is open From 13th December to 27th December

After selecting your Mentor, book your first complimentary session (30-45 mins) to discuss time management and effective learning strategies at Scaler.

5. Attend Meet Ask Me Anything session | 📅 On 14th December, 9pm ⏳ 2 hour duration

This session is conducted to resolve your doubts and any questions might have about the course and your scaler journey.

6. Start attending classes | 📅 Starting from 18th December

Your live classes will begin on based on the batch allocated to you.

7. Attend Build your Scaler Mindset Session | 📅 On 27th December, 9pm ⏳ 2 hour duration

This session helps you build the right mindset for approaching the course content and your upskilling journey.

8. Stay up to date with slack and Whatsapp groups

- On 13th December you will be added to your intake Whatsapp group (All the people who enrolled with you this month)
- On 16th December after batch allocation all learners will be divided to different batches and then added to batch level Whatsapp and Slack groups with their batch-mates

Holiday Announcement



Happy New Year! Please note the upcoming holiday break in celebration of New Year's Eve starting from-

December	to	January
28th		4th



Holiday Details

- ★ No Classes will be conducted during this period
- ★ Mentors, TAs and Support staff available during holidays
- ★ Classes will resume as usual after 4th January

Important Note:

Post-holiday, batch strength may be doubled to accommodate scheduling and instructor availability.

While you wait for classes to begin you can watch

- Recorded Masterclasses (A session conducted by an industry expert about any specific topic in Software Development)
- Community Classes (A session conducted by our learners on a topic they have learned at Scaler and want to share with their fellow learners)
- Request Recordings of classes from previous batches

[Masterclasses](#) →

[Community Class](#) →

[Request Recording](#) →



BATCHES OFFERED AND ALLOCATION CRITERIA

Introduction to Batches

1. What are ‘Batches’?

Batches are created to group students according to their previous level of programming knowledge.

2. Why Batches are created?

Batches bring together students who have a similar starting point. This helps us accommodate the needs of our students better and deliver a high standard learning outcome for each student.

3. Importance of finding the right batch?

Finding the right batch helps you learn all the concepts & languages in the curriculum without wasting time on learning things you already know. This ensures you are ready for your placement journey at the earliest

4. What are the available batches?

1. Beginner
2. Intermediate Refresher
3. Intermediate
4. Advanced.

To know more about these batches, read the table on the next page

Batches we offer & their timings

Beginner	Intermediate Refresher	Intermediate	Advanced
IDEAL LEARNERS FOR THESE BATCHES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Never coded before and want to start from basics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have prior experience with programming but wish to refresh basics of Java or Python. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have good understanding of programming languages & want to start learning Basic DSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have good understanding of Basic DSA & want to start learning advanced DSA
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE FOR BATCHES			
📅 Morning 7 AM - Mon, Wed, Fri (MWF) — OR — 📅 Evening 9 PM - Mon, Wed, Fri (MWF)	📅 Evening 9 PM - Mon, Wed, Fri (MWF)	📅 Morning 7AM - Mon, Wed, Fri (MWF) — OR — 📅 Evening 9PM - Mon, Wed, Fri (MWF)	📅 Morning 7AM - Mon, Wed, Fri (MWF) — OR — 📅 Evening 9PM - Mon, Wed, Fri (MWF)

Note:

- Incase you select the Intermediate batch you can request recordings of the Beginner batches & in case you select the advanced batch, you can request recordings of the Beginner & Intermediate batches

[Request Recording](#) →

Difference Between Batches

	Beginner	Intermediate Refresher	Intermediate	Advanced
Programming Language	✓ (2 months)	✓ (1 month)	--	--
Introduction to Problem Solving	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	--
DSA	✓ (4 months)	✓ (4 months)	✓ (4 months)	✓ (4 months)
Advanced DSA*	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)
Database & SQL	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)
Specialisation - Fullstack/Backend LLD	✓ (2.5 months)	✓ (2.5 months)	✓ (2.5 months)	✓ (2.5 months)
Capstone Project	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)	✓ (1 month)
HLD	Can be taken up as an elective	✓ (1.5 months)	✓ (1.5 months)	✓ (1.5 months)
Electives (Optional) *You can do as many electives as you want	<p>✓ 4 Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLD • Data Engineering • DSA for CP • Product Management 	<p>✓ 3 Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Engineering • DSA for CP • Product Management 	<p>✓ 3 Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Engineering • DSA for CP • Product Management 	<p>✓ 3 Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Engineering • DSA for CP • Product Management

***Advanced DSA Module** -This module is customised at learner level i.e. a learner can opt for this module at any point during the course post the completion of DSA module, once they have demonstrated their command on the concepts of Data Structures & Algorithms module.

This overview gives you insight into batch requirements and topics. For a detailed version, click the button to the right.

[Curriculum for all batches →](#)

Scaler Assessment Test (SAT)

1. What is SAT?

Scaler Assessment Test (SAT) is a mandatory test to evaluate your current coding proficiency and suggest appropriate batches for you to join.

2. Why do I need to take SAT?

Taking SAT helps you identify your current skill level, and based on that, choose a batch that aligns well with your current skill level.

3. Till when can I take the SAT?

You can take the SAT till **15th December**

3. What happens if I don't take the SAT?

Choosing to opt out of the SAT may result in being placed in a batch that isn't aligned with your skill level, and hence we do not recommend this.

4. Should I prepare for the SAT?

You are advised to give the SAT without preparing for it. We need to understand your current proficiency in programming which will be best observed if you give the test without preparation or revision

5. Can I retake the SAT?

You have to take the entire test in one go. You will have **2 attempts** to take the SAT. In case if you are not satisfied with first attempt you can attempt SAT again. Best of the 2 attempts will be considered for Batch Allocation

5. Can I change my batch if I feel it is too easy / too difficult for me ?

You can change your batch from your dashboard within the **first 2 weeks** of your classes. The batch options provided will be primarily based on the SAT test evaluation.



Want to practice before you take SAT?

Access sample questions to refresh your skills

[View Sample Questions](#)

Scaler Assessment Test (SAT) Structure

⌚ 2 Hour Duration

📝 4 Sections

Topics	Number of questions
Section 1	2 Coding Questions
Section 2 (Higher difficulty level)	3 Coding Questions
Syllabus for SAT - Arrays, Loops, Hashmap, Sorting	

Batch allocation criteria

SAT Result	Batch Eligibility
Section One (2 Coding Question) + Section Two (3 Coding Question)	
Unable to solve any questions	 Beginner
 Solve any 1 Question Correctly in SAT	 Intermediate  Intermediate Refresher
 Solve 2 Questions in Section 2 Correctly in SAT	 Intermediate  Advanced



FAQS

Terminologies and calculations for Learner Rankings

What is PSP?

PSP means Problem Solving Percentage.

It is defined as (assignment problems solved) / (total assignment problems to solve).

It is a percentage of available problems that you've solved successfully.

What is Leaderboard ranking?

Leaderboard is created on the basis of Reputation points / PSP. It is to motivate you to solve more questions. It does not affect your placements.

What is the contest leaderboard ? How is it calculated ?

Contest leaderboard shows how well you performed in a contest compared to your peers.

It is calculated based on your score and effective time taken.

If student X scored 80 points while student Y scored 70 points, then student X will have a better rank.

However, if both student X and student Y have the same score but student X has effective time taken 30 mins while student Y has effective time taken 50 mins, then student X will have a better rank.

What is Reputation Points?

Reputation points are points you receive after solving assignments. If you solve a problem with 200 points, you get 200b points. Reputation points increase when you solve more problems.

NOTE 1024b = 1kb, 1024kb = 1mb

Important Policies

What is the placement policy ?

You can find the [placement policy](#) on your dashboard. Kindly review the policy for placement timeline and eligibility details.

How to manage my time ?

Balancing work and personal life with the Scaler course is essential for success. We understand each individual has different challenges and needs personalised suggestions.

Hence, **we strongly recommend you to take the first Mentor session** to develop a personalised schedule and roadmap with your mentor to ensure your success.

How long will I have access to the Dashboard?

You will access to the recorded lectures and placement support till **6 months** after your course ends. You will have lifetime access to the assignments, homework, notes and WhatsApp and Slack channels.

What is Scaler **Neovarsity Master's program** ?

Scaler partnered with Woolf University to create a Master's Program to re-invent higher education in the field of Computer Science to make graduates industry-ready by matching the skill demands of the industry.

What is **Primer content**?

Primer is a library of curated lectures and assignments you can review and solve till your classes start. It can help you revise or learn some concepts and experience the Scaler platform. It is not representative of the curriculum or how easy or hard your classes will be.

Is Primer content mandatory?

It is not mandatory to do primer. You can skip it if you're new to coding, find it too easy or too hard.



Have more questions?

You can use our **Help Center** to find answers to your queries or reach our dedicated support team.

[Go to Help Centre →](#)