



ONBOARDING GUIDE

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 Hello Learner,

W E L C O M E T O S C A L E R !

To ensure you have a smooth onboarding Journey,
We have prepared this guide to help answer all your common queries.

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What do I need to do after joining ?

- Give the **Scaler Assessment Test (SAT)** and select a Batch
- Attend Meet and Greet session on **14th June, 9pm**
- Attend Ask Me Anything session on **15th June, 9pm**
- Building your Scaling Mindset on **16th June, 9pm**
- Start attending classes from **20th June / 21st June**

What to do till my classes begin ?

- You can try **Primer** content to check out some quick teaching sessions and attempt some problems available on the dashboard.
- You can join the Slack and WhatsApp groups to interact with your peers. You'll be added to the groups by **14th June**.
- You can explore the **Discussion Hub** and find exciting on-going discussions regarding Data Structures, Algorithms, and Placements.
- You can see the previous **Master Classes** and **Community Classes** to learn about interesting programming concepts.

Important Links

[Primer Content →](#)[Discussion Hub →](#)[Masterclasses →](#)[Community Class →](#)

What is PYSJ (Plan your scaler journey) ?

- "Scaler Plan your Journey" is a mandatory **30-60 mins** session where you get comfortable and take esteem about the course.
- This session gives you a gist of How to make the best use of the Classes, the Mentorship, TA, and the Community aspects.
- Additionally, you can discuss how to manage your time effectively and strategies for building a network to learn better at Scaler.

NOTE

You will not be able to take up this session post the expiry. It is accessible only in the **first 14 days** of the program after the Meet and Greet session. You can book the session and take it later as per your convenience.



BATCH & CLASSES

Find all about how classes will be like and what batches mean

Common questions asked by our Learners?

Will the lectures be recorded or live?

You get **live lectures** where you attend a lecture with your peers and can interact with the instructor to ask doubts. You will also receive the recording and notes made during the lecture after each class to revise concepts.

Which Batches are available?

Beginner

Suitable for learners who have never done coding before or wish to start coding from scratch.

Intermediate Refresher

For Learners who have prior experience with programming but wish to refresh basics of Java or Python.

Intermediate

Suitable for learners who have prior experience with programming but minimal / little exposure to data structures and algorithms

Advanced

Suitable for learners who are good with basic data structures and algorithms and wish to focus on application of data structures and algorithms.

Which batch should I choose ?

Based on your Scaler Assessment Test (SAT) score you'll be suggested batches and provided with instructions on how to choose the best batch for you.

How SAT is used to determine your batch?

SAT Format : Section 1 (Two Coding questions) + Section 2 (Three Coding questions)	Batches for which learner is eligible
Unable to solve any questions	 Beginner
 Solve any 1 Question Correctly in SAT	 Beginner  Intermediate/Intermediate Refresher
 Solve 2 Questions in Section 2 Correctly in SAT	 Intermediate  Advanced

Syllabus for SAT - Arrays, Loops, Hashmap, Sorting

NOTE

You can request recordings of the Intermediate Refresher batch in case you join the Intermediate batch. You can request recordings of the Intermediate Refresher and Intermediate batch in case you join the Advanced batch.

Important Links

[Request Recording →](#)

When will my classes start?

First module classes will start from **20th June** for TTS batches and from **21st June** for MWF and WFS batches

NOTE

Please refer below answer for TTS, MWF, WFS.

What will be my Batch schedule?

After giving the Scaler Assessment Test (SAT), you will receive an option on your dashboard to pick a batch. You can fill your preference for available class schedules.

Beginner Batch

- Classes happen on Monday, Wednesday, Friday (**MWF**) & Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday (**TTS**).
- Morning classes happen at **7 am**
- Evening classes happen at **9 pm**

Intermediate Batch

Classes happen on these two schedules. You can pick any one.

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday (**MWF**) at **9 pm**
- Wednesday **7 am**, Friday **7 am** and Saturday **8:30 pm** (**WFS**)

Advanced Batch

Classes happen on these two schedules. You can pick any one.

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday (**MWF**) at **9 pm**
- Wednesday **7 am**, Friday **7 am** and Saturday **8:30 pm** (**WFS**)

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 starting.

The batch options provided will be primarily based on the SAT test evaluation.

Important Links

[Batch Change Policy →](#)

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PRIMER CONTENT

Know all about the Primer content offered to you

FAQ

Common questions asked by our Learners?

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.

Important Links

[Primer Content →](#)

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

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SCALER ASSESSMENT TEST (SAT)

Find out all you need to know about the SAT and how it impacts your batch & curriculum.

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What is SAT?

SAT is a mandatory test to help us understand your current coding proficiency and suggest appropriate batches to join.

Important Links

[SCALER Assessment Test →](#)

What is asked in the SAT?

⌚ 2 Hour Duration ⚡ 5 Coding Questions

The Test consists of 2 sections;

- **Section 1** has 2 coding questions.
- **Section 2** has 3 coding questions.

NOTE

Questions will be based on Arrays, Loops, Hashmaps and Sorting.

Can I retake the SAT?

You have to take the entire test in one go. In case you faced any issues while taking the SAT and wish to retake it, you can reset the test. Just wait for the ongoing test to get over, open your dashboard and **click on reset SAT**.

You can reset the SAT twice.

Till when can I take the SAT?

You can take the SAT till **16th June**.

NOTE

Any changes in the last date will be communicated over email.

Should I prepare for the SAT?

You're advised to give the SAT without preparing for it. We just need to understand your proficiency in programming. It would be observable best if you don't prepare for the test

What happens if I don't take the SAT?

If you don't take the SAT, you would not be assigned an appropriate batch which will hamper the learning experience. Hence, it is strongly recommended to take the SAT to get the appropriate batch.



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Know all about what will be taught to you during your journey.

- FAQ Common questions asked by our Learners?

What will be the Curriculum for my batch?

All three batches cover topics at a different level.

Important Links

[Curriculum for all batches →](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

Find out what different things on the dashboard mean and how can you make the most of them

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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. Designed by industry experts, the program does not compromise on the academic standards for which we approached the European Union which follows the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for accreditation.

For further information or arranging a call with the team please visit the below link.

Important Links

[Scaler Neovarsity program →](#)

What is PSP?

PSP means Problem Solving Percentage.

It is defined as (problems solved) / (total 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 the placement policy ?

You can find the **placement policy** on your dashboard. Kindly review the policy for placement timeline and eligibility details.

Important Links

[Placement Policy →](#)

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

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.

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 PYSJ session** to develop a personalised schedule and roadmap with your mentor to ensure your success.



I have more questions, what should I do?

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

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