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<p>Clayton.Udacity: @channel Hi, everyone! Welcome to our Community Manager AMAs! Over the next hour I will be here in the #ama_sessions channel to answer any questions you have about your Nanodegree program, Community events, or this Slack workspace, so stop on by.</p> <p>A reminder that this AMA session is for non-technical questions.</p> <p>Just a couple more things to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please help us keep the session organized by replying in thread on each post! You can do this by hovering over a message and clicking the small speech bubble icon. • We will use the green light and red light picture to signal when we are and aren't taking questions. This will help us make sure that we don't miss any questions. <p>Please wait until the green light is posted to ask a question!</p> <p>Let's get started!</p>	
<p>Mukul Maheshwari: I am not so much involved in slack but i have completed the coursework. How does it affect my selection for next phase??</p>	<p>Nilay: Participation in community is one of the most important criteria for selection</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Hey @Mukul Maheshwari! If you have not been too involved in the Slack community it is certainly something myself and our community team look in to for selection to the next phase! This includes the study jam coming up on Sunday, our #60Days challenges, and many more that will be coming soon! Stay tuned in the #announcements channel for more and we hope to see you on Sunday at Study Jam as well!</p> <p>Mukul Maheshwari: Thanks for your guidance @Clayton.Udacity. Sure , I will work on it. I really want to part of next phase. (edited)</p> <p>Nirupama Singh: Nice @Clayton.Udacity</p>
<p>Mohan Barathi: Hi @Clayton.Udacity...Intel edge AI provides a certificate for the phase 1 challenge course... Is there any plan to provide such certificate here @bertelsmann phase 1 too...?!</p>	<p>Clayton.Udacity: At this point in time @Mohan Barathi there is not certificate that we've seen for Phase 1 of the challenge course. There's the possibility Depending on your level of completion/progress at the end of the initial Phase 1 challenge course, Udacity may provide you with language you can use to highlight on your LinkedIn profile!</p> <p>Mohan Barathi: Thank you @Clayton.Udacity...!!</p> <p>Nirupama Singh: Nice @Clayton.Udacity</p>
<p>agrande: Hi @Clayton.Udacity! How participation in one or more study group will impact global participation evaluation?</p>	<p>Clayton.Udacity: It's just one of the main ways you can get involved! Study Groups are not weighted any more than anything else, but it certainly is one of the many factors and I would jump in to a study group for the sole fact of working with others, collaborating, and even working on projects outside of the program!</p> <p>agrande: great point of view @Clayton.Udacity. Learn together and get involved is the main motivation to be here! Great work Udacity</p>
<p>Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere: @Clayton.Udacity Before you went on holiday, you used to announce the ama_sessions on #announcements channel and I think that encourages more participation, i suggest you look into that.</p>	<p>Clayton.Udacity: Thanks Benita! I appreciate the recommendation and will certainly include more AMAs in the announcements channel alongside the other announcements. It's much appreciated!</p> <p>Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere: You are welcome @Clayton.Udacity also I appreciate you response.</p>
<p>Arnold Borres: do you have datapoints on how many udacity graduates got a devops job?</p>	<p>Clayton.Udacity: We do not have any data points but I would suggest doing some research through LinkedIn premium and looking at Glassdoor data as well. You can even search Udacity grads who are working in roles currently that have finished that nanodegree!</p>
<p>Iqbal Singh: When is the next study jam?</p>	<p>Nilay: 19th January, Sunday</p> <p>Iqbal Singh: Thanks @Nilay</p> <p>Aakanksha: @Iqbal Singh I suggest you join #study_jam channel to stay updated. :) You can ask more questions there</p> <p>Iqbal Singh: Thanks @Aakanksha!</p>
<p>Javier Arboleda: I am doing my best by now setting schedules and deeping into materials to learn the best of these. I cannot be much active in forums and do much challenges since I am a husband/father and full time worker. I would like to be selected for next phase. @Clayton.Udacity please have me in consideration. Thanks!</p>	<p>Clayton.Udacity: @Javier Arboleda Thanks Javier for the note - and it's certainly understandable that you're busy as are many other people with their lives!! I would suggest this - keep an eye out for the community participation factors that are announced in the #announcements channel and participate where you can. It certainly is a driving factor in the selection process!</p> <p>Javier Arboleda: Thanks for your suggestion @Clayton.Udacity, I will!</p>
<p>Muhammad Usama Khan: These materials are new to me. It takes time for me to grasp the concept. So I ask questions that pops up while studying on slack. But I couldn't help others as they have already completed the course. Would it effect the selection criteria for the next phase?</p>	<p>Akshay: If you're asking questions on Slack, you're pretty much game! Don't worry too much about the selection criteria. It would more or less stress you out based on my experience.</p> <p>Talha Nasim: Asking questions is another kind of the contribution. so Yeah Don't worry about that</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Asking questions is participating one in the same as anything else on Slack! I have to say I've seen your posts a few times already @Muhammad Usama Khan and it's really great to see you in here and being active to work your way through the program. Keep it up!</p> <p>Muhammad Usama Khan: This course is very well designed....glad to be a part of this course</p>
<p>hubertw: @Clayton.Udacity, is there any suggested cloud certification like 'AWS Solution Architect - Associate' after second phase or in another words will the second phase prepare me for such certification? Which one?</p>	<p>Akshay: I think this is purely DevOps to a major extent. If you want to concentrate on a particular part of the cloud, then AWS itself has an amazing repository of courses that come with its own certifications. I have no idea about what's upcoming in the second phase so I cannot comment on it. (edited)</p> <p>hubertw: I saw AWS itself has a lot of high quality resources, but there is too much for me - I have limited time. I decided to spent time on this challenge, thats why I am interested to what extent this course could help me to gain mentioned certification. @Clayton.Udacity</p> <p>hubertw: Thank you for your comment @Akshay :)</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: It certainly can and will prepare you to focus on an AWS certification if that's your eventual goal! Every step in these phases of the program are meant to teach you materials and skills you can keep with you down the road. I've worked with many individuals who had pursued that AWS cert, I believe you could certainly give it a try.</p> <p>Leah Erb: Cloud Practitioner Certification is a good place to start.</p> <p>hubertw: @Leah Erb, Last time I've watched movie on yt about certs and what I understood Cloud Practitioner Certification is rather for non IT guys and is about basic concepts of cloud :) (edited)</p> <p>hubertw: @Clayton.Udacity thank you for motivation ! I consider this way to make my experience here even more noticeable and useful in industry (edited)</p> <p>Moussa.Seck: @hubertw, The Cloud Practitioner Cert is a starting point if you Never used AWS before. As certified person that allowed me to gain knowledge before stating the Solution Architect exam. The cloud experts i know all took the Practitioner first. Just an FYI.</p> <p>hubertw: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2FKdqPbyk0</p> <p>hubertw: I talked about this @Moussa.Seck</p> <p>Moussa.Seck: @hubertw Thanks for the links. My advise would be to take it first. Another benefit is that you will get familiar with the questions, you gain access to additional material only shared with certified individuals, You have a understanding of the AWS infrastructure. For me it was a great start, It gave me foundation to go with. Good luck!</p> <p>hubertw: @Moussa.Seck , of course. My question was not "how to prepare to exam" I am doing it quite well</p>

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Ahmed: I've registered as a volunteer in the study jam. But don't really remember my timing and channel. Are we going to get any notification regarding our duties on the study jam? (edited)	Nilay: @Aakanksha please answer it Mukul Maheshwari: I also have the same question. Thanks for asking @Ahmed (edited) Aakanksha: Yes @Ahmed You'll soon be notified. @Harkirat Singh is working on assigning shifts according to responses. I suggest everyone to join #study_jam channel, since announcements get dispersed in different channels. Clayton.Udacity: Thanks for answering @Aakanksha! I would follow up and say that joining #study_jam is the first thing you should do as of now. and we'll be announcing all information very shortly! (edited)
Muhammad Usama Khan: Are there any slots available for volunteer in study_jam event?	Aakanksha: Hi @Muhammad Usama Khan we have closed the volunteer forms now, but there would still be many ways you can help out. A simple one, answering questions! Participating! Or as simple as starting interesting conversation on #random . If after assigning slots , we feel more volunteers are needed, we'll put a message out on #study_jam . Please join the channel :) (edited) Clayton.Udacity: @Aakanksha would be the main person to ask for this! Thanks @Aakanksha! Muhammad Usama Khan: Already joined the channel....Thanks @Aakanksha Muhammad Usama Khan: @Clayton.Udacity Victoria Riess: https://bertelsmanncloud.slack.com/archives/CQKHCGK8F/p1579108846213200
Priyanka Garg: @Clayton.Udacity Please answer this query.	Nilay: it would be D21 @Priyanka Garg Akshay: It should be D21. You answered your own question partially Alex Rez: Good question. I thought day off still counts? Clayton.Udacity: Effectively @Priyanka Garg - you would then be at D21! Thanks for asking!
Norbert Anjichi: I have an issue with going through all the messages in the channels, is there a way I can at least access all the administrative or important messages?	Leah Erb: #announcements. It will contain only Clayton's messages so you know it will provide the most important updates! (edited) Clayton.Udacity: The most important and 'need to know' information will be mentioned by me in the #announcements channel with the @ here / @ channel tag. Additionally, you should join #study_jam for the upcoming study jam as important announcements regarding Sunday's event will be listed there! And a quick way to sort through messages is to view the "Pinned" posts at the top of the channel description in Slack! (edited) Mobasshir Bhuiyan: You can set preference to your name so that you can see your name mention notification to every channel. To do that - Go to the top of channel where your domain is showing like - Bertelsman Cloud >> then "preferences" and put your important keywords there in "My keywords" so if this keywords appear in any channel you will be notified. Hope this helps. Jean-Marc Gulliet: Great tip @Mobasshir Bhuiyan
Mobasshir Bhuiyan: I have been writing my Day count like Day #No which is actually not right. Rather which should be D#No. So what's the point here now and how to correct my mistakes? @Clayton.Udacity looking forward for your response. Thanks to all.	Clayton.Udacity: Either way is okay @Mobasshir Bhuiyan! As long as you're writing down your days, and continually progressing - that's what matters most. It's not big deal if you write day #xx or D#xx ! Ahmed: Thanks @Clayton.Udacity Mobasshir Bhuiyan: Oh that's soothing @Clayton.Udacity. I corrected some though then got the message limit request. Thanks to you. Sneha: Cool thanks
Nirupama Singh: Can we have any summary channel which includes only challenge or activities details?	Abdelrahman Abouneqm: We already have #announcements Aakanksha: #student_leader_challenges is there. Aakanksha: For #study_jam , there's separate one Nirupama Singh: Announcement..I was not able to view old messages Leah Erb: This is a good website to bookmark: https://sites.google.com/udacity.com/bertelsmann-challenge/cloud-track Clayton.Udacity: Great question @Nirupama Singh and thanks for your answers @Abdelrahman Abouneqm and @Aakanksha! The channels where you can most follow along with events happening are in #announcements and for Student Leader-led challenges, you can join #student_leader_challenges channel. I would also recommend joining #study_jam to learn about all of the great activities on the calendar this Sunday for our first Study Jam! Victoria Riess: https://bertelsmanncloud.slack.com/archives/CQG75USQ1/p1578673427183100 Victoria Riess: https://bertelsmanncloud.slack.com/archives/CQG75USQ1/p1578075836487700
Akshay: This is not really a question, but @Clayton.Udacity is speeding through the messages, answering everyone as quickly as possible. That's not the case with his colleagues from what I have heard and personally experienced Cheers mate!	Clayton.Udacity: Thanks @Akshay - we're all working as hard as we possibly can to answer questions and bring you all the best experience! I appreciate the kind note.
Talha Nasim: just for the confirmation we can not access to the udacity videos material after the phase 1??	Nirupama Singh: Yes Akshay: You would only have limited time to access the materials collectively after which the access would cease and the links disabled. The courses themselves are still free to access through their course list. If I'm not wrong, in one of the earliest AMA sessions, they mentioned that access would be terminated after the end of the challenge phase. Talha Nasim: Yeah I think I might read this before. @Clayton.Udacity Clayton.Udacity: Correct @Talha Nasim â€” This course will effectively close immediately after the end of Phase 1 and will not have access to the materials. Please take the time now to understand them, write notes, and do whatever else you can for retention of the materials!
Victoria Riess: This is an info from @Aakanksha about the STUDY JAM : "We'll release schedule after 24 hours most probably starting from now on." Cloud Scholars, if you'd like to register your activities during the Study Jam, hurry up to contact @Aakanksha ! (edited)	Aakanksha: Thanks a lot @Victoria Riess for your active involvement. Also, everyone reading this, please join #study_jam Channel to not miss anything. (edited) Nilay: really excited about this and @Victoria Riess @Aakanksha @Clayton.Udacity if you need any kind of help or assistance in this I'm there Clayton.Udacity: @Victoria Riess thanks for posting and we hope to see you all on Sunday for our event!
Nirupama Singh: Is accountability program can be considered if I don't participate in study group, as so many groups will be tough to manage	Victoria Riess: https://bertelsmanncloud.slack.com/archives/CQG75USQ1/p1578936324287000 Victoria Riess: @Nirupama Singh: @Tamar Auber also runs an Accountability Program in the #sg_coding_women channel Clayton.Udacity: Hey @Nirupama Singh - it certainly is! It's one of the many factors in looking at community participation and if you believe it will help you succeed in the course, that's what matters most! So I would certainly recommend getting involved. Nirupama Singh: Thanks lot @Clayton.Udacity @Victoria Riess for helping..
Victoria Riess: Hi @Clayton.Udacity, How to will you promote the #student_leader_challenges channel and the #study_jam channel? So that everybody is aware of it and consequently joins it	Clayton.Udacity: @Victoria Riess - Hey Victoria, these channels are mentioned here during AMAs and in announcements, and as well will be information in our newsletter that is going out this week. We want to be cautious to not over-communicate our message to the point where people are ignoring the messages in the #announcements channel, and remember that this is where all important information lives and you can even view our archive on the Bertelsmann site! https://sites.google.com/udacity.com/bertelsmann-challenge/cloud-track/cloud-announcements?authuser=0 Victoria Riess: @Clayton.Udacity have you monitored the participation in both channels? (edited)

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C.k. Bhatia: What are the criteria for a channel to make it an official channel from the study group channel? As #quizzes_activities channel isn't the time or region-specific channel. It should be an official channel. (edited)	<p>Clayton.Udacity: Great question @C.k. Bhatia! The only difference is which form the individual has requested for their group channel. That was a study group request form. You can also request to make new public channels here! - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco_LrdtjhfSp-Y_1QSF9dadXqA1s2w9elliT0AJxKg0fjrpw/viewform</p> <p>C.k. Bhatia: @Clayton.Udacity Can I request you for the same channel that I mentioned here?</p> <p>Sneha: Good idea.</p> <p>Sneha: @Clayton.Udacity we have regular activity going on the #quizzes_activities group. Would be nice to make it public</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: I've just renamed the channel @Sneha and @C.k. Bhatia! Feel free to promote it to others in general as it's great to see that activity there.</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Anyone can join in by going to #quizzes_activities</p> <p>C.k. Bhatia: @Clayton.Udacity We would like to request you to promote this channel. So, more students can take part in and make quality contributions. Thanks</p>
himanshu vashist: Are there any winners of #visualchallenge ?	<p>Victoria Riess: @himanshu vashist it ends on February 20, 2020. So please come and join: https://bertelsmanncloud.slack.com/archives/CQG75USQ1/p1579028760316000</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: The most important thing with all of these challenges @himanshu vashist is community participation! As it is a challenge here on Slack - your Community team (myself) will see that you've entered in to the challenge and participated, and that's huge! Additionally you can view all of the details in the post that @Victoria Riess had just listed!</p> <p>himanshu vashist: Thanks @Victoria Riess i made one gif and completed the challenge</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Awesome @himanshu vashist! (edited)</p> <p>Ahmed: Good on you @himanshu vashist</p> <p>Victoria Riess: Very good, @himanshu vashist! Winner will be announced from February 20th on by Student Leader judges</p>
Muhammad Usama Khan: what is the pupose of #study_jam? What should we acquire at the end of this event?	<p>Akshay: It's a short-term event where you basically work together and achieve the desired task (assuming nothing has changed from the previous challenge phases.) (edited)</p> <p>Aakanksha: Hi @Muhammad Usama Khan, main purpose of Study Jam is for everyone to get together online and work towards completing coursework (like binge watching) while having help and support. But more than that, there would also be some fun activities throughout 24 hours, webinars, Technical AMA sessions etc (edited)</p> <p>Leah Erb: We acquire knowledge and collaboration There will be webinars and AMA's and comfort knowing there are many people learning the same subject.</p> <p>Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere: study jam serves as a knowledge booster, helps to broaden ones horizon of a particular subject matter</p> <p>Aakanksha: Also, this poster has some points. We'll also be releasing schedule soon :D</p>
abhishek: I missed the 60_days_udacity challenge. But for learning purpose I want to do it by side. Am I able to go for it?	<p>Akshay: Of course you should be. Keep in mind that you won't be considered the actual challenge itself but the goal of that challenge was to encourage people like us to stay committed to the challenge to ensure there is consistency. So as long as you are able to do that, you've achieved the goal.</p> <p>abhishek: That's good. But I didn't find any working link for that. Please share if you have</p> <p>Akshay: They have closed the form and it is no longer active. But you can do it on your own.</p> <p>C.k. Bhatia: @abhishek Which link?</p> <p>Leah Erb: This page talks about the challenge: https://sites.google.com/udacity.com/bertelsmann-challenge/community/60-days-of-udacity?authuser=0 Then join us at #60_days_udacity</p> <p>abhishek: @Akshay But I don't know the content under 60_days_udacity.</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Additionally @abhishek if you do want to join in with the community, the next event coming up is #study_jam on this upcoming Sunday! we recommend joining the channel as more information will be announced shortly.</p> <p>Akshay: There's no content per se, the goal is to continue your progress in this course. For those people who have already finished it, they can then either re-do the content or pick something from Udacity's course (correct me if am not right) and keep posting your learning progress on a daily basis in the channel Leah mentioned.</p> <p>abhishek: @Clayton.Udacity I am waiting for an announcement.</p> <p>abhishek: Ok @Akshay That sounds good.</p>
Nirupama Singh: There are so many activities like course completion, ama participation, study group , 60dayudacity, study jams and many more ..Among these which have higher priority..	<p>Muhammad Usama Khan: I think all may have same priorities</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: None @Nirupama Singh! Don't look at it as a priority list. Take in to account which of these activities and events will help YOU the most in being successful in the course. It's the participation that matters and the drive to succeed, finish, and help others that matters. We always say don't look to quantify the work in the community, but strive for providing a quality experience for yourself and others. I hope this helps!</p> <p>Aakanksha: * Course completion definitely is the top. * For AMA participation, I'd suggest keep "do not skip 2 in a row policy". Just so you are updated. * #60_days_udacity is an amazing challenge to stay disciplined, even though I myself missed it 2 times. But if it doesn't suit you, maybe let it be. * #study_jam is a 24 hour event on weekend with a lot to gain. I'd highly suggest you do not miss it. * For other challenges, pick the few you like the most. There's no necessity to participate in all.</p> <p>Akshay: I think this depends on ourselves. 60daysofudacity will probably consume the remainder of this course time. Study jams are only on a daily basis while study groups can be managed on a daily basis. At the end of time, you have to somehow cram in everything along with your other tasks for the day.</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: This is great - thanks @Aakanksha!</p>
Nilay: Hello everyone, If anyone is having any doubts regarding TheBlogChallenge they can ask their questions now as I am online I will give my best to solve your doubts or confusion about TheBlogChallenge	<p>Leah Erb: Is there a way we can see all the authors/blogs that have been submitted so far?</p> <p>Muhammad Usama Khan: The deadline is extended. Right? (edited)</p> <p>Nilay: I am currently working on hosting blog page where all the blogs will be published where everyone can see their blogs @Leah Erb @Clayton.Udacity</p> <p>Nilay: @Muhammad Usama Khan yes</p> <p>Nilay: Hello everyone, We are extending the submission date of The blog challenge from 15th January to 25th February, that way we can have scholars summarize their learnings and talk about how they've grown throughout the course of the program in Phase 1. Thank You, @Nilay</p> <p>Talha Nasim: Can we submit blog on multiple resources like in medium and linkedin?</p> <p>Nilay: yes sure @Talha Nasim</p> <p>Talha Nasim: @Nilay Thanks</p> <p>Moussa.Seck: Where is the link of that challenge again?</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Here you are @Moussa.Seck https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9LfbIpeeg-ToJ_Lw-F10q8_aUSKrYz3YV_hrhxMP11uQU0g/viewform?usp=send_form</p> <p>sekinah: is it still on? @Nilay</p> <p>Moussa.Seck: Thank you, I will start sharing my blog. Glad i started mine early: http://myblog.moseck.cloud/</p> <p>Nilay: the extended deadline is 25th february @sekinah</p> <p>Nilay: yes it is on @sekinah</p> <p>HalaElwazery: not all of us has the ability to summarize what they learn specially if the student compare between different cloud providers. so they study somehow a lesson here and a lesson there and so on.. and also personally i work for more than 40 hours a week and i have other responsibilities and a family i'm responsible for..so catching up here on slack and studying the lessons is somehow a double effort as i don't have the time and barely i sleep :). what if someone can't participate in that initiative?</p> <p>Leah Erb: That's ok @HalaElwazery, we are not expected to participate in every initiative, or even any of them. Most are run by students, making projects available to other students. I suggest concentrating on finishing the lessons and choosing a couple channels to participate in. Also, I join #study_jam if you can.</p>

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Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere: Initially after the ama_sessions. some scholars used to come up with a compilation of the questions and answers of the event, i request that, they continue their good work as this will help those that missed the session.	Clayton.Udacity: Thanks for the recommendation @Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere!If anyone would be interested in transcribing these AMAs, I'm sure it would be helpful and it's very encouraged. Feel free to do so here ! Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere: you are welcome @Clayton.Udacity Ahmed: Thanks a lot for the recommendation @Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere Benita Ojugo Ekene-Okikere: you are welcome @Ahmed
Sneha: Does anyone have statistics or insight on times of the day which has maximum participation in the slack community? I would like to host my webinar based on that (edited)	Akshay: You'd really have a hard time deciding on the timings due to conflicting time zones, but hey, who am I to judge! Good luck! Aakanksha: Hi @Sneha, you're most welcome to host webinar on #study_jam day! This weekend! Please DM me if you're interested. (edited) Ahmed: good proposal and initiative @Sneha Clayton.Udacity: @Sneha - I've found that this current time and hour is fairly active within AMAs and certain channels like General if that helps at all! Sneha: Ah thanks @Clayton.Udacity himanshu vashist: Make a poll with @Polly Clayton.Udacity: Great idea @himanshu vashist!
Talha Nasim: Which Sport do you follow and Which is your favorite team?	Nilay: Cricket and fav team is India what about you guyz ??? @Clayton.Udacity @Aakanksha @Victoria Riess @Brenda. Udacity @Ahmed @Leah Erb @Sneha @Andrew Lawe @Akshay Clayton.Udacity: I enjoy American football and basketball! I'm originally from Pennsylvania in the US so I'm a Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia 76ers fan Muhammad Usama Khan: India has done a good job over the last several years. The way they have transformed is truly amazing under the leadership of Virat Kohli....Keep it up man Talha Nasim: I Enjoy Football and Manchester United & barcelona Is my Favorite team. Aakanksha: @Nilay Everyone watches atleast occasional cricket in India. But I'm not a fan of particular sport. I do keep updated here and there on olympics and commonwealth when they happen. But more like General knowledge than interest in anything particular. Aakanksha: @Talha Nasim That's very conflicting. :D You're putting into dirt all these football fans keep having debate about by your peaceful answer Akshay: I watch all sports with great excitement For mein Cricket, I personally like the Brisbane Heat, and of course Royal Challengers Bangalore. In football, I am a #HalaMadrid, A.C Milan, Bayern Munich, Manchester United fan In football WC: In Badminton, Peter Gade and Lee Chong Wei In tennis, Roger Federer and Stefi Graf In hockey, I personally like the Australian team Leah Erb: I like watching the kids play soccer (football) at my local college. Ahmed: Go Aussie go. Jean-Marc Gulliet: @Clayton.Udacity I visited Philadelphia long time ago (for one day! Seen Liberty Bell and the historical district and ate a famous local sandwich) More recently I spent a couple of weeks in Pittsburgh (seminar on applied mathematics and industry) and toured the sport arenas and brought back T-shirts from all the teams!
Akshay: Alright guys, your favorite cloud computing provider? I'll start with myself. DigitalOcean. Why? They have the best of both worlds: documentation and design	Codedkate: Google, simple design and beginners friendly. Great user experience abhishek: AWS, I created first VM and WOW....is this real. Later I started exploring the tech CLOUD. Leah Erb: @Akshay, do you have a recommended source for learning DigitalOcean? Akshay: Unfortunately, no. Once you get the hang of navigating AWS, all others are pretty much the same. They only vary in the UI, naming scheme and pricing. Not all cloud providers are fully capable of operating at the scale of AWS, or even Google for that matter. But at the moment, most of them offer the same or similar services. I always suggest people to first check out the documentation first and then decide if they require any additional assistance. Moussa.Seck: AWS, GCP, Azure, can't be picky. You never what platform your requestors uses. :-)
Muhammad Usama Khan: Could you give us a trailer of next course what would be doing there? How could that be different from this one?	Akshay: They have one here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQShWvXBnsENot necessarily deep but here is one for you to start with Clayton.Udacity: Thanks for posting the video @Akshay! The next phase is the actual Nanodegree phase of the program. Victoria Riess: @Muhammad Usama Khan: @Clayton.Udacity This also interests me. We've already worked through 90% of the Course Material stated in the application Victoria Riess: This one... Muhammad Usama Khan: If this course is well designed...I hope the next one too....I am just learning git at the moment and enjoying as well... Leah Erb: The great part of NanoDegree is you also get to do projects that a real person reviews and gives you feedback. @Muhammad Usama Khan
Ahmed: Are we going to have AMA in this regular time? Yesterday, I missed the AMA because in my subconscious mind it's probably programmed for Wed 9:00am PST.	Clayton.Udacity: Yes @Ahmed! These will continue as always. We just wanted to do a few extra in the case of some of our friends and fellow scholars in New Zealand, Australia, etc. Victoria Riess: https://sites.google.com/udacity.com/bertelsmann-challenge/cloud-track/cloud-calendar Victoria Riess: https://bertelsmanncloud.slack.com/archives/CQG75USQ1/p1578673427183100
Ahmed: How the office shift has gone so far? Back in business in the new space I hope. (edited)	Clayton.Udacity: It's gone well! We're really back in motion with everything, hooking up some of our appliances and are back to our regularly scheduled programming.
Muhammad Usama Khan: Things are changing rapidly...will cloud be obsolete sometimes in the future?	Akshay: As long as businesses and customers exist, there will be the existence of cloud, web, mobile etc. It will be devastating if either one of these would have to disappear abhishek: I don't think so... cloud is the space where you enjoy the best of NETFLIX service. Clayton.Udacity: It's always evolving! Cloud is certainly one of the most utilized services in almost every aspect, especially with AWS! I think it's safe to say what you're learning isn't going anywhere soon. Talha Nasim: I think No..Cloud will expend more and more. Services are now shifting to the cloud rapidly. Google Stadia is the example of it. it just open the new dimension of Cloud Gaming industry and every big cloud company is now developing. abhishek: Which cloud service Udacity use? AWS?? @Clayton.Udacity Akshay: Some AWS services that Udacity makes use of are: Amazon VPC, ELB(Elastic Load Balancer), Amazon RedShift, CloudFront for CDN, a pipeline to manage all these. Check their tech stack here: https://stackshare.io/companies/udacity#tech-stacks (edited) Jean-Marc Gulliet: And with the growth of IoT, cloud technology is poised to gain even more momentum!
Muhammad Usama Khan: Is hadoop on cloud too?	MayankSingh: this not a technical session. Akshay: Of course. Clayton.Udacity: Hey @Muhammad Usama Khan as these are non-technical AMAs I would go ask this on #tech_help and see what people say as well! Muhammad Usama Khan: Sorry ...I realized it late abhishek: With AWS EMR you can start hadoop, spark, hive etc ..

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Alex: @Clayton.Udacity: Since we are more than half way through this challenge I wonder if you could share some rough statistics on how many participants have quitted the challenge (i.e. no participation on Slack and studying the course material let say for more than three weeks?)	<p>Clayton.Udacity: @Alex No stats on who's quit... but our newsletter is coming out soon! Over 78% of us have been active in the community and we have 65% engagement in the course content which is great. so let's keep going! I'd love to see those numbers higher!</p> <p>MayankSingh: Everybody is working there best @Alex.</p> <p>Iqbal Singh: Yes can we have some form of mid course assessment?</p> <p>Leah Erb: I feel sorry for the folks who can't join our 3.5 month party!</p> <p>Codedkate: Time up!</p> <p>Ahmed: Nothing to worry, keep enjoying.</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Thanks everyone!</p>
Ahmed: The guideline says "Scholars are allowed one skip day every two weeks, however they may not skip two days in a row. If more than one day is skipped consecutively, the scholar will not count the day they skipped once they resume.". Does it mean if we take one skip day in two weeks we can count that day?	<p>MayankSingh: @Clayton.Udacity please clear this to me also because people are counting the day also that they missed. (edited)</p> <p>Clayton.Udacity: Ideally you should be staying back from the day you ended on - but don't worry if it wasn't done that way in the past. Just keep moving forward!</p> <p>Ahmed: Thanks a lot for your clarification and consideration. @Clayton.Udacity</p>
<p>Clayton.Udacity: @channel Thank you for joining for the session today every body!</p> <p>We've had mention of doing transcripts again for those who missed the session - if anyone would like to volunteer for this session or moving forward, please feel free to do so and let me know!</p> <p>With so many activities happening, I wanted to highlight some of the events that are taking place in the community. Keep an eye out today for the #announcements channel and I will be mentioning where to go to keep track of all happenings.</p> <p>Thanks again and we'll see you next week!</p>	