

INIT CLUB ONBOARDING TASKS

Task 1 - *Terminal Velocity*

Description of the Challenge

This task focuses on reducing friction between thought and execution by improving typing speed and terminal usage.

Sub-problems

- Developing typing discipline
- Learning essential terminal commands

Easy Level

- Complete a touch-typing course
- Achieve >40 WPM with >95% accuracy

Advanced Level

- Master command-line navigation and piping
- Use terminal commands regularly for workflow

Pre-requisites

- Keyboard and terminal access

Learning Outcomes

- Improved productivity
- Comfort with command-line tools

Expected Submission

- Screenshot of typing speed profile

Evaluation Criteria

- Accuracy and speed achieved
- Command familiarity

Task 2 - *Linux Migration*

Description of the Challenge

To understand software systems, one must control the environment they run on. This task introduces participants to Linux by setting up a developer-friendly operating system.

Sub-problems:

- Choosing the correct installation method
- Configuring the Linux environment correctly

Easy Level

- Install Linux using Dual Boot **or** WSL
- Verify installation using basic terminal commands

Advanced Level

- Use Linux as the primary development environment
- Explore file permissions and running process.

Pre-requisites

- Personal laptop
- Basic computer usage knowledge

Learning Outcomes

- Confidence in system-level setup
- Familiarity with Linux environments

Expected Submission

- Screenshot of neofetch running in the Linux terminal
- GitHub submission link

Evaluation Criteria

- Successful installation
- Correct configuration
- Valid proof submission

Task 3 - *Algorithm Tour*

Description of the Challenge

Participants implement the same algorithms across multiple programming languages to observe how identical logic is expressed, constrained, and reasoned about in different execution environments.

Sub-problems:

- Implementing Binary Search
- Implementing Merge Sort
- Comparing language-level differences

Easy Level

Implement one of the following algorithms in a single programming language:

- Binary Search
- Merge Sort

Advanced Level

Implement both algorithms in: C/C++, Python, and JavaScript Participants should document observed differences in:

- Control flow and expressiveness
- Memory usage patterns
- Error handling and safety guarantees
- Debugging experience (use of breakpoints and logging is highly recommended).

Pre-requisites

- Basic programming knowledge

Learning Outcomes

- Algorithmic thinking
- Cross-language reasoning
- Understanding implementation trade-offs

Expected Submission

- GitHub Gist containing all implementations
- Brief documentation describing implementation choices and observations

Evaluation Criteria

- Correctness of implementations,
Clarity of explanation, Quality of comparison and reasoning

Task 4 - *The Broken Web App*

Description of the Challenge

This task introduces debugging by fixing a broken frontend–backend interaction in a web application.

Sub-problems:

- Inspecting network requests
- Fixing incorrect API communication

Easy Level

- Identify why the submit button fails
- Fix the communication issue

Advanced Level

- Debug using Browser DevTools
- Ensure data is correctly sent and store

Pre-requisites

- Basic HTML/JavaScript knowledge

Learning Outcomes

- Debugging skills
- Understanding client–server interaction

Expected Submission

- Pull Request fixing the bug

Evaluation Criteria

- Correct fix
- Debugging approach

Task 5 - Containerization (*"It Works on My Machine"*)

Description of the Challenge

This task introduces containerization using Docker to ensure applications run consistently across systems.

Sub-problems:

- Writing a Dockerfile
- Running multi-service applications

Easy Level

- Containerize a simple web application

Advanced Level

- Use docker-compose to run the app with Redis/Database

Pre-requisites

- Linux terminal familiarity

Learning Outcomes

- Understanding containers
- Environment consistency

Expected Submission

- Screenshot of docker ps showing running containers

Evaluation Criteria

- Successful containerization
- Correct service setup

Good First Issues - Bonus task

Description of the Challenge

Participants engage with real-world open-source projects to understand contribution workflows, collaboration norms, and external codebase standards.

Easy Level

Explore open-source repositories to understand:

- Project scope and activity
- Contribution guidelines
- Issue labeling and triage practices

Pre-requisites

- GitHub account
- Basic familiarity with Git workflows

Learning Outcomes

- Open-source collaboration
- Professional technical communication
- Independent problem selection

Expected Submission

- Link to a merged or actively reviewed Pull Request
- Brief description of the issue addressed

Evaluation Criteria

- Relevance and impact of the contribution
- Correctness and integration quality
- Clarity and professionalism of communication