

# **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