

NIIT Stackathon Season1 - 2021

Terms and Conditions

A. About NIIT Stackathon Season1 - 2021

NIIT Stackathon Season1 – 2021 is an event designed and organized by NIIT StackRoute. The Stackathon is a national level community building platform to encourage the participants test their problem solving and coding skills, and recognise them at national level. The event is open for participants residing in India.

The Stackathon has seven (7) episodes, and one (1) Grand Finale event.

There will be one challenge to be solved in each episode and to be submitted within the due date. The participants score marks in each of the episodes for the solution they have submitted.

The top scorers from these seven episodes will qualify for the Grand Finale where they will have to participate in online coding event and solve the challenge. The Grand Finale winners will be announced based on the performance in Grand Finale only.

The season winner of the Stackathon will be announced based on the total score in all the episodes and Grand Finale.

B. Eligibility

NIIT Stackathon Season1 – 2021 is open for all participants who are either currently pursuing or completed their Bachelor's Degree (any stream) or Diploma; and whose age is less than 25 years. The participants should have the programming knowledge in Java. The challenges have to be solved using Java technologies only.

There are three (3) categories:

Category1: Students in their 1st and 2nd year of Graduation/Diploma

Category2: Students in their 3rd and 4th year of Graduation /Diploma

Category3: Students who have completed their Graduation/Diploma

The coding competition is conducted over NIIT Online Digital delivery platform. Therefore, the event is open for all participants from anywhere in India. Participants need to have their own or access to computer and Internet connection to participate in this event.

NIIT or NIIT StackRoute does not provide any training to the participants participating in the Stackathon. NIIT will not provide any Software as well other than access to NIIT Online Learning Management System platform.

C. Registrations

1. Participants meeting the eligibility requirements and interested to take part in the Stackathon need to fill and submit the Online application form which will be available on www.niit.com
2. Applications are accepted only through online system and once the registration is successfully completed, the participant will have an access to the NIIT Learning Management System (LMS)
3. The Stackathon event has 7 episodes scheduled over 4 months period. The registrations are open till the end of the 7th episode.
4. There is no separate registration required for individual episodes. Once the participant has registered for the Stackathon, he/she will have access to all the current open and upcoming episodes (based on the registration date).
5. Participants registering early will have opportunity to participate in more episodes and thus gain higher score, increasing chances of qualifying for the Grand Finale and/or winning Season prize.
6. Participation in the individual episodes is purely the participants' decision. It is not mandatory to participate in all the episodes. However, the participants for the Grand Finale and contenders for Season prize will be based on their scores from all the episodes.
7. Each participant should register only once. If there are multiple registrations by the same participant, and multiple submissions, all the entries will be disqualified.

D. Fee

There is no registration fee. The entry to participate in the Stackathon is FREE.

E. Prelims (7 Episodes)

8. Each episode is independent and not linked to other episodes. For each of the episodes there is a Start date and End date. (Refer the schedule table)
9. The participants are given one challenge (problem statement) on the start of the episode through the NIIT LMS
10. Participants have to complete the Challenge (solution code) and submit the code along with the documentation in the prescribed format.

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11. Participants have to submit a declaration that the solution is own, original and not copied. Any infringement of copyrights / plagiarism the entry will become invalid. NIIT will not be responsible for any legal issues arising out this infringement and the same rests with the participant. Further, such Participants shall be disqualified from the episode and will not be allowed to re-participate in case the Solution is found to be plagiarized.
12. Only those solutions uploaded within the last date including late submission will be considered for evaluation.
13. If the participant upload the solution multiple times, the last submission will be considered and the date of the submission will be taken into account for validity of the submission.
14. Each submission /entry is considered as VALID, ONLY if it is at the least FUNCTIONALLY complete.
15. Jury may contact the participants in case they need any clarification or need to understand the solution.
16. No participant can reach out to the Jury or try to influence through different connects. This contest is purely for the benefit of the participants and to encourage their talent. Hence, any malpractice or external pressure to influence the results will lead to disqualification of the entry.
17. The Jury awards the scores after duly evaluating all the submissions.
18. After each challenge, the Leader board is published showing the top winners. The Leader board positions may change after each episode results.
19. The Stackathon starts with a practice challenge (Curtain raiser), to help the participants practice and understand the format. There is no evaluation and score for this challenge.

Scoring Scheme:

20. The submissions are evaluated based on the Functional completeness, working of the Code, Code Quality and Standards & Guidelines followed. The base score is assigned for each submission.

Improve the score:

21. Each episode has a "Multiplier" factor (for example 1.2 or 1.3 or ...) based on:
 - » Difficulty level of the challenge
 - » Submission of the Challenge within the early bird submission date
 - » Coding efficiency (such as consuming less resources or lesser lines of code)

This multiplier factor helps the participants to improve their base score.

Negative score:

22. Each episode also has a "Reducer" factor (for example 0.9 or 0.85 or ...) based on:
 - » Late submission of the challenge (submitted after the submission closing date but before the Late submission date)
 - » Lack of clarity during walk-thru (for selected participants)
 - » Too many rounds of refactoring (if the Participant submits the code multiple times revising the solution)
 - » Non-modular / in-efficient code

Participants should watch out and avoid these factors which will lower their base score.

23. Episode Final Score is computed as = Base Score * Multiplier factor(s) * Reducer factor(s)
24. Each participant then will have a Score for each episode in which he/she has participated within the timelines.
25. Once an episode is closed, there will be no score assigned. However, participants may attempt based on his/her interest for a given challenge.
26. Leader board score = Sigma of score from each episode.
27. The results are published on the LMS

F. Grand Finale

NIIT Stackathon Season1 - 2021 grand finale will be held in December. This competition will be a Time-bound, Online, Observable, Concurrent event and the participants are expected to complete the challenge online on the spot. The participants also have to participate in the walk-thru & Show-tell as part of the challenge.

The participants for the Grand Finale are selected as below:

- There will be total 32 participants shortlisted for the finals
- Default entrants are those in the top 24 from the leader board (based on the initial 7 challenges)
- Winners of any episode provided they have successfully participated in atleast 3 out of 7 episodes and selected by Jury
- In addition, there might be wild card entries as special invites to participate in the finals (will be selected by Jury)

More details regarding the Grand Finale will be shared with the qualified participants closer to the event.

G. Stackathon Schedule

#	Event	Start & End Dates	Challenge Opens (D1)	Challenge Early Bird ¹ Submission Closes on (D8)	Challenge Submission Closes on (D10)	Challenge Late ² Submission Closes on (D12)	Results Declaration (D14)	Event Description
		5 Aug 2021						Registrations Open
1	Curtain Raiser	5 Aug – 15 Aug	05 Aug	-	12 Aug	-	14 Aug	Practice Challenge
2	Episode 1	16 Aug – 31 Aug	16 Aug	23 Aug	25 Aug	27 Aug	29 Aug	Challenge 1 – Offline
3	Episode 2	1 Sep – 15 Sep	01 Sep	08 Sep	10 Sep	12 Sep	14 Sep	Challenge 2 – Offline
4	Episode 3	16 Sep – 30 Sep	16 Sep	23 Sep	25 Sep	27 Sep	29 Sep	Challenge 3 – Offline
5	Episode 4	1 Oct – 15 Oct	01 Oct	08 Oct	10 Oct	12 Oct	14 Oct	Challenge 4 – Offline
6	Episode 5	16 Oct – 31 Oct	16 Oct	23 Oct	25 Oct	27 Oct	29 Oct	Challenge 5 – Offline
7	Episode 6	1 Nov – 15 Nov	01 Nov	08 Nov	10 Nov	12 Nov	14 Nov	Challenge 6 – Offline
8	Episode 7	15 Nov – 30 Nov	16 Nov	23 Nov	25 Nov	27 Nov	29 Nov	Challenge 7 – Offline
		25 Nov 2021						Registrations Closed
10	Grand Finale ³	1 Dec – 15 Dec						Finals – Online

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- 1 'Early Bird': Participants will earn bonus points for submitting on or before the Challenge Early Bird Submission Date, subject to the code is working and correct
- 2 'Late': Participants will have negative points for submitting late
- 3 Grand Finale is likely to be scheduled on 11, 12, 13 Dec 2021

H. Recognition

Episode	No. of Prizes	Prize Details
Episodes 1 to 4	Winner per episode (1 x 3 categories = 3)	35% Discount Voucher from NIIT*
		₹ 15,000 Amazon Gift Voucher
	Runners up (2 nos) per episode (2 x 3 categories = 6)	25% Discount Voucher from NIIT*
		₹ 10,000 Amazon Gift Voucher
Episodes 5 to 7	Winner per episode (2 x 3 categories = 6)	50% Discount Voucher from NIIT*
		₹ 25,000 Amazon Gift Voucher
	Runners up (2 nos) per episode (2 x 3 categories = 6)	35% Discount Voucher from NIIT*
		₹ 15,000 Amazon Gift Voucher

Grand Finale	No. of Prizes	Prize Details
Finale Prize	Winner (1 x 3 categories = 3)	75% Discount Voucher from NIIT*
		One Plus Nord
	Runners up (2 nos) (2 x 3 categories = 6)	50% Discount Voucher from NIIT*
		Apple AirPods

Special Recognition	No. of Prizes	Prize Details
Season Special prize	Winner (1)	75% Discount Voucher from NIIT*
		Mac Book Pro

28. The episode and finale prizes mentioned above are for each category; whereas the Season Special prize is only one and will be selected from across all 3 categories.
29. The Season Special prize is a special recognition based on the overall performance exhibited in the individual episodes and grand finale by the participant and selected by the Jury
30. The discount voucher from NIIT can be used by the participants or can be gifted to friends / family members. The discount voucher can be used to enroll for any of the StackRoute PG programs subject to the candidate meeting the program eligibility requirement.
31. Applicable taxes (if any as per the Govt. regulations) on the prizes will be deducted or to be borne by the Winners.
32. Winners will have to submit additional documents as suggested at that point of time (e.g. PAN card, Bank Account details, Address etc.) for receiving the prizes.
33. The winners will be chosen by the parameters decided by the Jury.
34. NIIT will inform the prize-winners on when and how the prizes can be collected / will be received by the participants.
35. NIIT Discount Vouchers, Amazon Gift Vouchers if misplaced or not utilized within the validity period, can't be replaced or extended.
36. Each voucher can be used for one single transaction. Multiple vouchers can't be combined /clubbed for a single transaction. The NIIT Discount Voucher will be applied on the base fee. No two schemes can be combined.
37. Discount Vouchers cannot be exchanged for in lieu cash benefit.

I. Participants Obligations

38. NIIT's decision in respect of all matters to do with the Stackathon will be final and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
39. NIIT reserves the right to cancel or amend the rules of the Stackathon and these terms and conditions without prior notice. The revised T&C are posted on NIIT Website (niit.com) for the participant's information.
40. NIIT reserves the right to change the schedule of the events or cancel the event without prior notice or any reason.
41. NIIT has the sole discretion to cancel or disqualify the participants who is in default of the terms and conditions of this Stackathon without giving any prior notice.
42. Misuse of the LMS platform or any social media forums, chat rooms, discussion forums, or usage of live platforms during the live events, will disqualify the participants. The action may include blocking the access to the LMS platform and events.
43. The Stackathon and its terms and conditions will be governed by Indian law and any disputes if arise will be subject to the jurisdiction of Delhi.
44. The Participants and winners shall authorize to the use of his/her name and image by NIIT in any publicity material, social media, PR activities.
45. NIIT will have the right to use the Code and material submitted by the participants in its marketing and other activities as deemed necessary.
46. The offer of this Stackathon comes for free and without any consideration.
47. Participants are free to not participate in any challenge or finale, there is no separate withdrawal from the competition. Any material / code already submitted will be NIIT property and will not be returned.
48. Usage of NIIT Discount Vouchers and Amazon Gift Vouchers will have their own usage terms & conditions. Participants receiving these vouchers need to abide by the same.
49. Any prize (article) once issued by NIIT, will be covered under the vendor warranty T&C, and to be directly coordinated by the participants with the respective service centres. NIIT will have no role to play.
50. The code and other material submitted has to be original and genuine by the participants and not copied from others. Any violation of copy right will lead to disqualification of the entry from the challenge/event at any stage. ZERO tolerance for plagiarism. Any legal dispute related to the plagiarism will be between the litigant and the participant, and NIIT has no role to play in the same.

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51. All the solutions / code submitted by the participants will be NIIT property and NIIT will not return any of these codes.
52. NIIT Jury decision will be final in evaluation and announcing the winners and binding on the participants. There will be no review or queries entertained regarding the evaluation and no feedback or reasons, justification / explanation will be entertained or provided to the participants. Except that the NIIT/Jury retains the write to publicly share/ publicize the solutions submitted by the participants as part of the overall community building effort. Winners may be invited to participate and share their experience as part of this community building initiative.
53. By participating in Stackathon, Participants hereby declare that they have no objection and authorize NIIT / StackRoute to use and publish their profile information and personal Information including Photo in the Social media, Website, all promotional activities, results announcement, PR activities related to Stackathon for this event and future events as well in building community.
54. **Participants, filling the online application and registering for the Stackathon, hereby declare that they have read, understood and agree to all the Terms and Conditions applicable for Stackathon.**

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