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All about Team Projects + Pairings + FAQ (A must read)

Why are Team Projects Important?

As Software Engineers, we will very often work in teams. These teams will often be composed of people from entirely different backgrounds and locales. This is why we have team projects, to get you comfortable with this aspect of working as a Software Engineer. There are also many advantages to working in a team, such as constant support and diverse perspectives.

To make this teamwork smoother, we've crafted this special **FAQ** section just for you.

Why is this FAQ so crucial?

Because it's your key to navigating team projects seamlessly. Think of it as a customized toolkit your success in our program. 🧰

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Let's get started
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What is the team pairing process in the ALX Software Engineering Program?

Team pairing in the ALX Software Engineering Program involves matching participants to form project teams. These teams work collaboratively on software engineering projects.
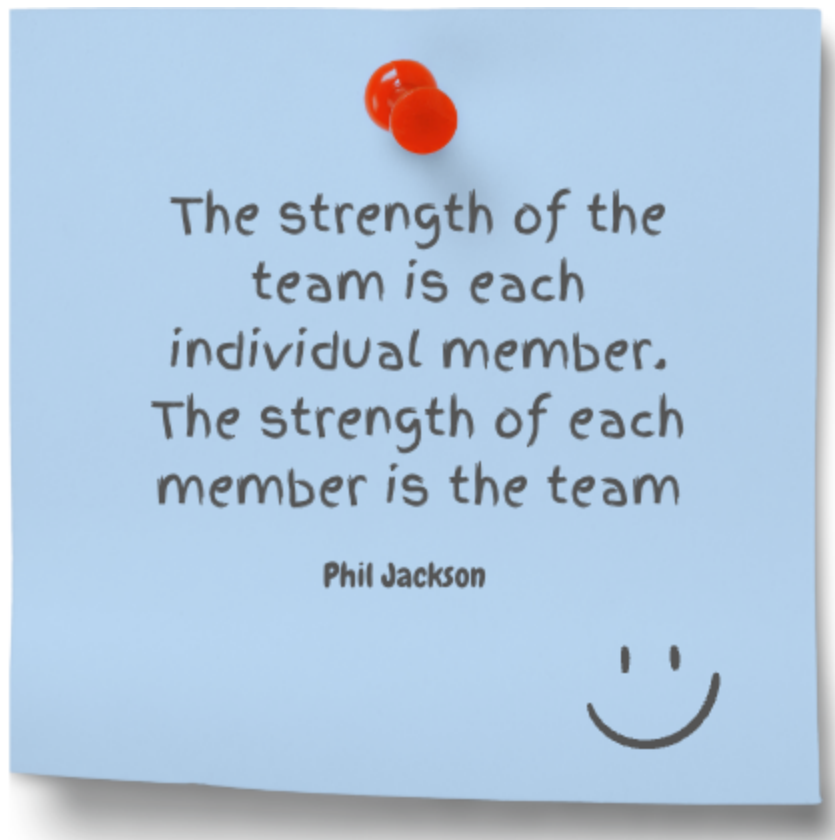
How are teams formed?

Pairing Requests: * Learners are required to find project partners. * You need to send pairing requests to potential partners before the project begins.

Reminders: * Our mentors and staff regularly send reminders about finding project partners. * These reminders are designed to ensure everyone has a chance to find a partner.

Automatic Pairing: * If you don't secure a partner by the project's start date: * You will be automatically paired with another learner who also hasn't found a partner.

This process aims to create a collaborative learning environment and ensure that no one is left without a partner for their project work.

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team

Phil Jackson

Can I choose my team members?

Yes, you can. However, if you do not find yourself a partner before the project starts, you will be automatically paired.

How can I know my team members?

You can see the names of all the learners in your team at the very top of the project page.

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👥 Project to be done in teams of 2 people (your team: Solomon Ayofemi, Ganiyu Lasisi Adebayo Adebayo)

How Can I Find a Partner?

Reach out to and interact with your peers in your cohort channels. Connect with them, not just for the team project, but because you're here to form bonds and create a network of great African engineers.

How can I communicate with my team members?

You can reach out to them through whatever medium that you agree upon. But as a start, you can try sending them an email as well as a Slack message in the event you are automatically paired.

What if I have conflicts with my team members?

ALX encourages open communication and collaboration. If conflicts arise, you should address them constructively with your team. If issues persist, reach out to ALX technical mentors for guidance.

Can I change team members if necessary?

Yes you can!

How do I make this change?

Follow these steps carefully;

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Requesting a New Partner or Going Solo:

- Your mentors will provide a form for you to fill out, and you must complete it within a specific window of time that we'll agree upon.
- If you want a new partner and have submitted their name in the form, you'll be paired with them.
- If you prefer to work alone and have indicated that you'd like to be unpaired, you can proceed solo.
- Remember that your partner must also send a request to the mentor for the pairing to occur.

Limited Duration:

- There will be a set duration during which your mentor will make the re-pairing or unpairing form available..
- Once this duration ends, you won't have the option to get re-paired or unpaired.

Start Working Right Away:

- Importantly, you **DON'T** have to wait for **RE-PAIRING** or **UNPAIRING** to start working on your project..
- As **SOON** as you **FILL** out the **RE-PAIRING** or **UNPAIRING** request form provided by your mentor, you can begin working on your project.

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What happens if a team member is not actively participating?

You can reach out to your mentor to get paired with another partner (it is your responsibility to find yourself a new partner) or you can reach out to your mentor to get unpaired from your current partner.

How are project topics selected for teams?

Project topics are typically assigned by ALX program administrators based on the curriculum and learning objectives.

What if I have a specific project idea or request?

While you may have project preferences, final project assignments are determined by ALX program administrators to ensure a balanced learning experience.

Can teams work remotely or in person?

The team will decide whether to work remotely or in person; it is up to you as learners to decide this.

What support does ALX provide to project teams?

(A)LX offers guidance, mentorship, and resources to support project teams throughout the program.

How long will I work with my project team?

Team assignments typically last for the duration of the project phase, which can vary.

How can I provide feedback on the team pairing process?

ALX welcomes feedback from participants regarding the team pairing process, and you can provide input through program surveys or by reaching out to program administrators and mentors.

Can I pair with a peer from another cohort?

No, you can only team up with peers in your cohort.

Please remember that you can reach out to your mentor on Discord if you have any issues

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