

# Linq Data Candidate Take-Home Test

# **Scenario**

You are working in an **event-driven system** where messages are emitted onto an event bus. A worker service processes these events in real time, performing key calculations. However, an issue has occurred:

- Some events were missed or processed incorrectly due to an error.
- You now need to recalculate the results without relying on a traditional database for storing historical event data.

## Your Task

### 1. Explain your approach:

- How would you recover and back-calculate the missing/incorrect data?
- What tools, strategies, or techniques would you use?
- How would you ensure accuracy and consistency in the recalculated results?

#### 2. Provide a solution:

- Write a small script or code snippet demonstrating your approach.
- You can use Python, JavaScript, or any language of your choice.
- The solution doesn't need to be production-ready but should demonstrate how you would solve the problem.

#### 3. Write-up:

Summarize your approach and why you chose it.

- Discuss any trade-offs or limitations.
- If you had access to more tools (e.g., a database, logs, etc.), how would your approach change?
- If applicable, discuss how your solution would scale if this system processed millions of events per hour.

# Notes

- You will likely need to make reasonable assumptions and state them clearly in your response.
- If you see multiple valid approaches, briefly discuss why you'd choose one over the other.

## **★** Submission Instructions

## **GitHub Repository**

- 1. Create a **GitHub repository** for your submission. (Can be public or private, if private you need to send me an invite to be a collaborator as part of the submission email)
- 2. Add the following files:
  - A README.md containing your written responses, approach, and explanations.
  - Any code files or scripts demonstrating your solution.
- 3. Invite pdsullivan (GitHub username) as a collaborator to the repository.
- 4. Email <u>patrick@linqapp.com</u> with the subject line: <u>Data Take-Home Test Submission</u> and include a link to the repository.