Programming challenge - 2024

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 - World wide web: webpages are vertices, links between pages are edges.

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- Proportion of the pagerank value allocated to the links moderated by a damping factor.

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Your mission

The objective:

Complete as many iterations as possible in that time.

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 - Without someone from track 1, you are stuck to a single core.

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¹Whether it is for CPUs and/or GPUs

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Adjustments in 2024

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 - Send me an email on Tuesday midday.

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You can help us

Your feedback will also help the 2025 iteration address limitations you may observe.

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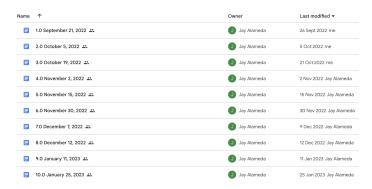


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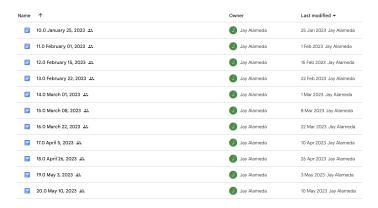


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■ 25.0 June 21, 2023 🛳	Jay Alameda	21 Jun 2023 Jay Alameda
■ 26.0 July 5, 2023 🚢	Jay Alameda	6 Jul 2023 me

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Welcome!



















Figure: List of the IHPCSS partners and participants.