

# Programming challenge - 2024

## International High-Performance Computing Summer School

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

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# Your mission

## **The objective:**

Complete as many iterations as possible in that time.

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- This ensures that everybody participates in the same conditions.

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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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 1.0 September 21, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	26 Sept 2022 me
 2.0 October 5, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	5 Oct 2022 me
 3.0 October 19, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	21 Oct 2022 me
 4.0 November 2, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	2 Nov 2022 Jay Alameda
 5.0 November 15, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	15 Nov 2022 Jay Alameda
 6.0 November 30, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	30 Nov 2022 Jay Alameda
 7.0 December 7, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	9 Dec 2022 Jay Alameda
 8.0 December 12, 2022 	 Jay Alameda	12 Dec 2022 Jay Alameda
 9.0 January 11, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	11 Jan 2023 Jay Alameda
 10.0 January 25, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	25 Jan 2023 Jay Alameda

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 10.0 January 25, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	25 Jan 2023 Jay Alameda
 11.0 February 01, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	1 Feb 2023 Jay Alameda
 12.0 February 15, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	15 Feb 2023 Jay Alameda
 13.0 February 22, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	22 Feb 2023 Jay Alameda
 14.0 March 01, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	1 Mar 2023 Jay Alameda
 15.0 March 08, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	8 Mar 2023 Jay Alameda
 16.0 March 22, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	22 Mar 2023 Jay Alameda
 17.0 April 5, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	10 Apr 2023 Jay Alameda
 18.0 April 26, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	26 Apr 2023 Jay Alameda
 19.0 May 3, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	3 May 2023 Jay Alameda
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 21.0 May 17, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	7 Jun 2023 AnnM Backhaus
 22.0 May 31, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	31 May 2023 Jay Alameda
 23.0 June 7, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	7 Jun 2023 Jay Alameda
 24.0 June 14, 2023 	 Jay Alameda	30 Jun 2023 AnnM Backhaus
 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 IHPCCS partners and participants.