Three Friends, One Dream

Our Path from Beginners to Open Source Success

Meet the Squad: From Noobs to Winners

Our journey began with zero open source experience, but a shared dream of GSoC & LFX mentorships. We proved that anyone can achieve it!

Abhishek (Me)

CP nerd from first year, still grinding LeetCode.

Sankalp

Started with CP, then got curious about everything else.

Akarsh

The academic one who joined our open source adventure.

The "No Clue" Phase: Learning from Failure

Late in our third year, we faced the reality of large codebases and initial setbacks, questioning our technical abilities. Everyone starts confused, and that's totally fine!

First Attempt Failed

Open Science Labs attempt failed spectacularly.

Panic Mode

Large codebases triggered instant panic and self-doubt.

Key Learning

Failure is just expensive education.

First Breakthrough: Sankalp's GSoC Win 🎉

Sankalp's selection for P4lang in GSoC 2025 was a game-changer. It proved that open source was achievable for people like us, boosting our confidence by 1000%!

Sankalp's Success

Selected for P4lang in GSoC 2025.

Confidence Boost

Realized open source was within our reach.

Game Changer

Inspired the entire squad to pursue mentorships.

Building Momentum: Akarsh's Double Win 🔥

Akarsh's success in Code for GovTech and LF Energy's Hyphae APIS mentorship intensified the pressure, but also fueled my motivation to step up my game.

1

Code for GovTech

First win at NSUT.

2

LF Energy LFX

Hyphae APIS (Term 3 2025).

3

Motivation

Good friends celebrate each other's wins.

My Summer of Determination 💪

With internship rejections, I dedicated my entire summer to open source, targeting KubeStellar, KubeEdge, and O-RAN, making actual PRs and embracing persistence.

No Internship?
Summer free for open source.

All-In Strategy
Targeted multiple organizations.

Actual PRs
Contributed to KubeEdge & KubeStellar.

Friends' Support
"Bro, you got this!"

The Holy Email Day: Squad Goals Achieved! 📧 ✨

The day the acceptance emails arrived was a double celebration, confirming our LFX mentorships and solidifying our squad's open source success. Group chat explosion!

My Win

CNCF KubeEdge - Ianvs.

Akarsh's Win

LF Energy - Hyphae APIS.

Double LFX

Both in LFX Term 3 2025!

Made with GAMMA

My KubeEdge Project: Ianvs Toolkit Revival 🤖

My mission for CNCF KubeEdge was to revive the Ianvs AI benchmark toolkit for edge computing, fixing broken examples and modernizing documentation for accessibility.

→ **What's Ianvs?**

KubeEdge's AI benchmark toolkit.

→ **The Problem**

25+ examples broken due to updates.

→ **My Mission**

Fix bugs, modernize docs, build CI, create debugging playbooks.

→ **Goal**

Make edge-AI accessible for everyone!

Real Lessons Learned: No Sugar-Coating

Our journey taught us invaluable lessons about open source, from starting small to the power of community and persistence. These are the truths we discovered:

Start Small

Fix typos before trying to save the world.

Community is Everything

Discord/Slack are your new best friends.

Google Everything

Seriously, we googled basic stuff constantly.

Persistence > Perfection

Show up consistently, even when confused.

Friends = Cheat Code

Debug together, celebrate together.

Your Action Plan & Let's Connect!

Steps to Start Today:

- **Week 1:** Find projects in languages you know, join communities.
- **Week 2:** Look for "good first issues," make your first PR.
- **Month 1:** Contribute regularly, ask questions without shame.
- **Month 2-3:** Apply for GSoC/LFX/C4GT (applications open soon!).

Pro Tip: Document your journey & find your squad!

Let's Stay Connected!

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We remember being confused beginners, so no question is too basic! Trust the process!