

## Applying for Residency The Match (Phase I and II) and Post-Match Scramble

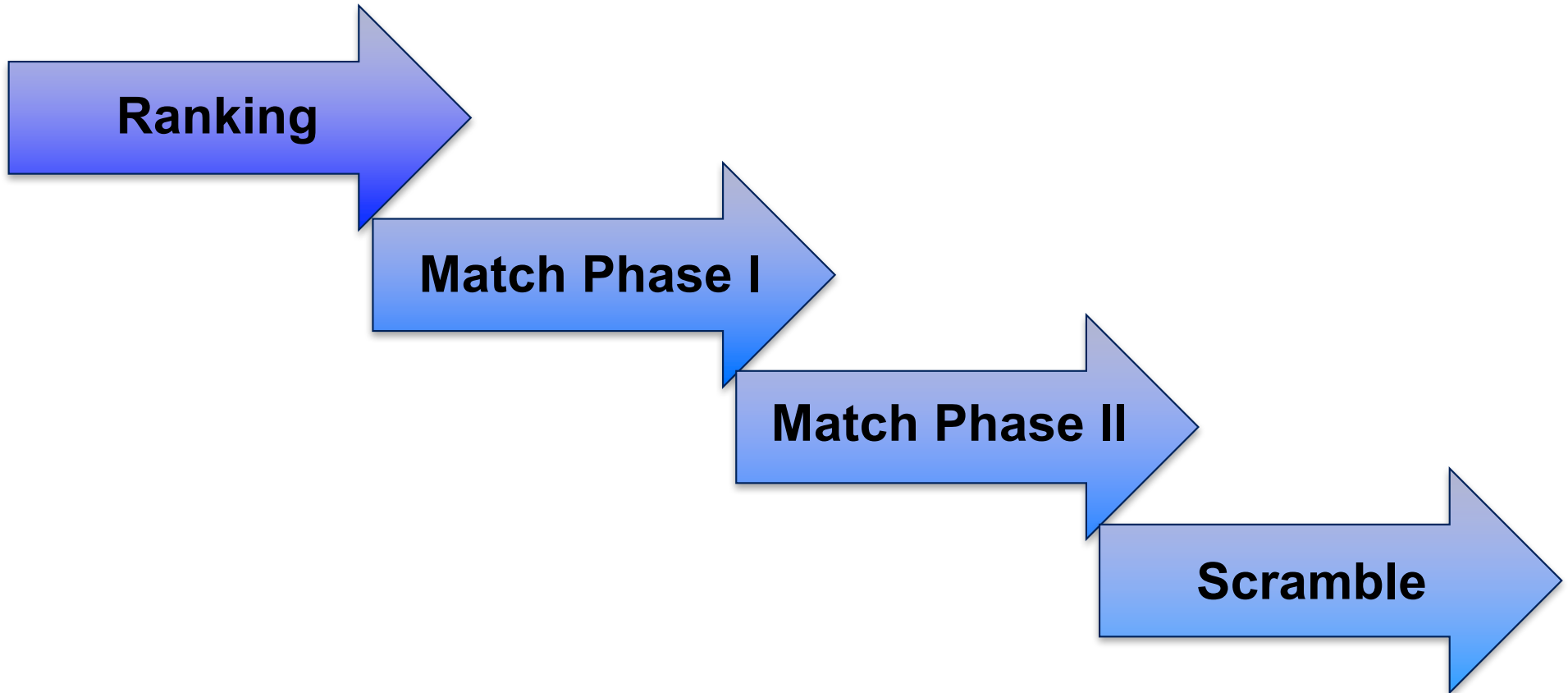
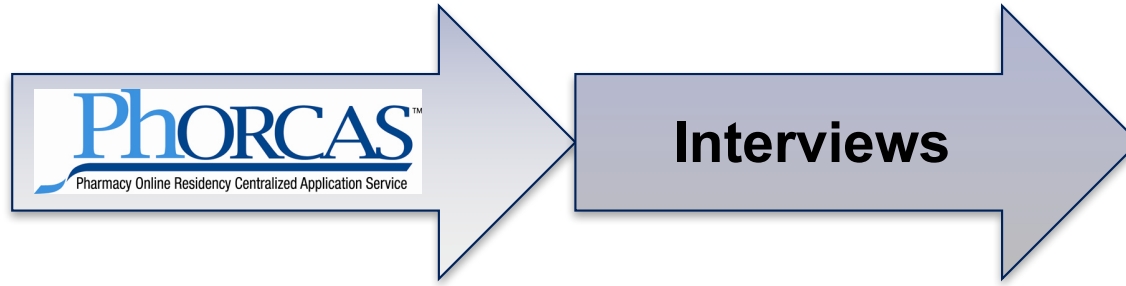
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# The Match <http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp>

## ASHP

- Establishes rules
- Monitors implementation

## National Matching Services Inc.

- Administration and conduct
- Fees
  - \$150 to register for the Match
  - non-refundable
  - covers Phase I and Phase II
- Assigned 5 digit applicant code



- Abide by the deadlines
- Residency programs and applicants agree not to solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant or program – ever
- Results of the Match Phase I and Phase II constitute **binding agreements** between applicants and residency programs that may not be reversed unilaterally by either party



# Schedule of Dates

Date	Activity/Event
<b>Phase I of the Match</b>	
March 5	Last day to register for Phase I
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March 27	Can start to submit Rank Order List for Phase II
April 5	<b>Final date to submit Phase II Rank Order List</b>
April 12	<b>Results Phase II</b> ; unmatched positions posted (9 AM PT); use PhORCAS to prepare Scramble applications
<b>Scramble</b>	
April 13	Unmatched candidates start to submit applications using PhORCAS (12 PM ET)
April 19	Recommended date for programs to start making offers

*phase 1*

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Participate as a Couple

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<https://natmatch.com/ashprmp/applicants/couples.html>

- Coordinates geographic location
- Submitted rank of program choices becomes matched pair
- A pair may include a “No Match” for one partner
- Each Partner registers
- Indicate your desire to participate as a couple
  - Log in →Edit (Couple Status) →enter partner’s applicant Code Number; your status listed as **Pending**
  - Partner does the same; your status changes to **Coupled**



- Must rank same number of programs
- Only match if both partners can be matched (except if “No Match”)
- You will be ranked as an individual if your partner withdraws, does not rank programs, or does not identify you correctly
- No match in Phase I → individual for Phase II
- Must re-edit as couple for Phase II
- Use **Paired Choices Generator Tool**



Submitting your Rankings:

Rank Order List

# Rank Order List

(due March 6th)

- ✓ Top choice
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> choice
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> choice
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> choice
- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> choice



# Ranking ~~Ø~~ Programs

(Withdrawing from Phase I and/or Phase II)



# Withdrawing from the Match

<https://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/applwithdraw.html>

- Login —>
- Select **Edit** from the *Status* section of the *Dashboard*
- Choose Phase I only or both, Phase I and Phase II
- Choose only Phase I: automatically reinstated for Phase II
- Choose both, must reinstate yourself if you change your mind
- Status is visible to programs
  
- Deadline to withdraw: Rank Order List deadline for each Phase
- Upon withdrawal, previously entered ROL will not be considered

# Reinstating in the Match

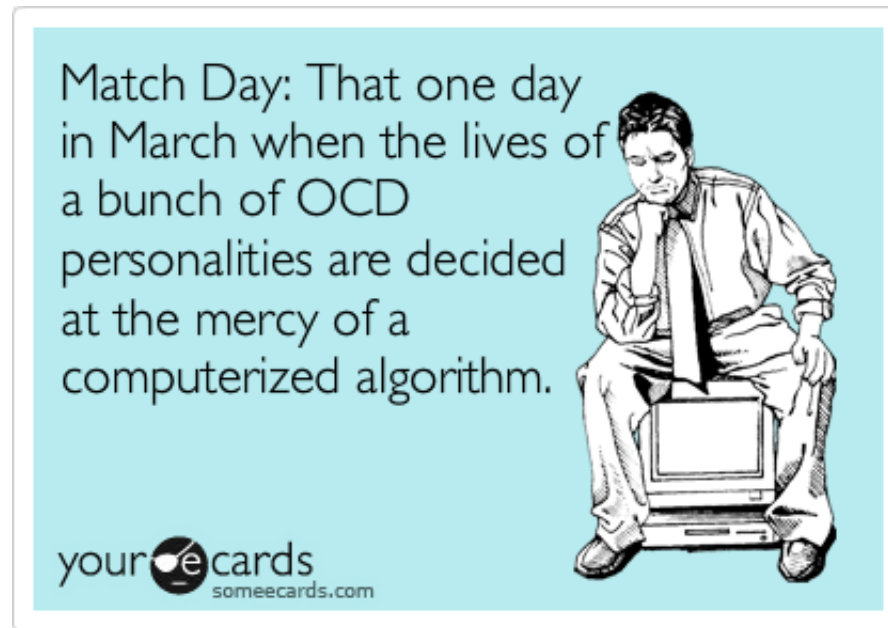
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Deadline to Reinststate:

Prior to Rank Order List deadline for each Phase

## EEK – The Algorithm



<https://natmatch.com/ashprmp/algorithm.html>

# Ranking $\emptyset$ Programs

**Program A**

Rank Order List	
1	Charles
2	Baker
3	Able

(2 positions)

**Program B**

Rank Order List	
1	Charles
2	Baker
3	Able


(1 position)

**Program C**


Rank Order List	
1	Baker
2	
3	

(1 position)


## LET'S RUN A MATCH

**Able** 


Rank Order List	
1	Program B
2	Program A
3	

**Baker** 

Rank Order List	
1	Program A
2	Program B
3	Program C

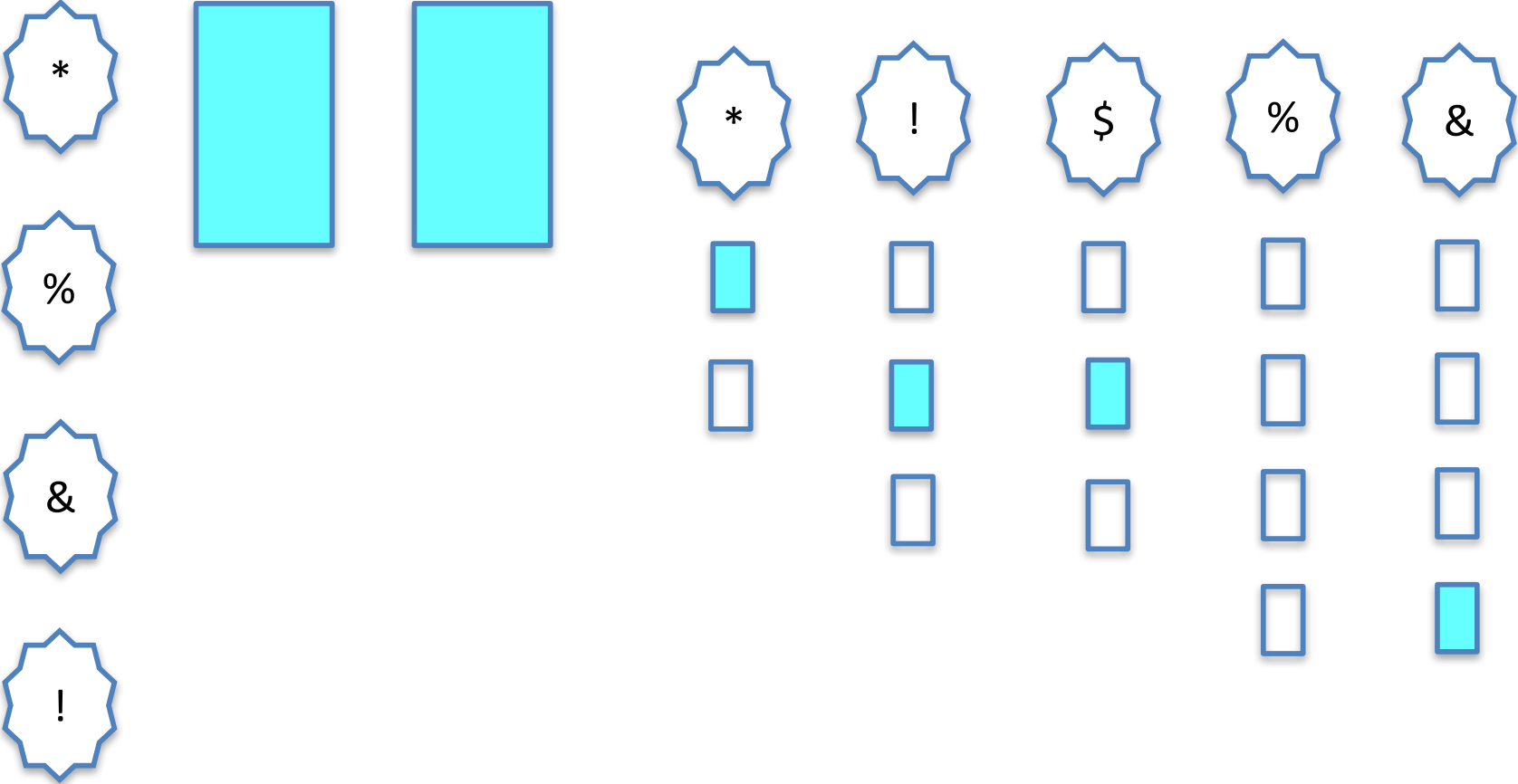
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Rank Order List	
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3	



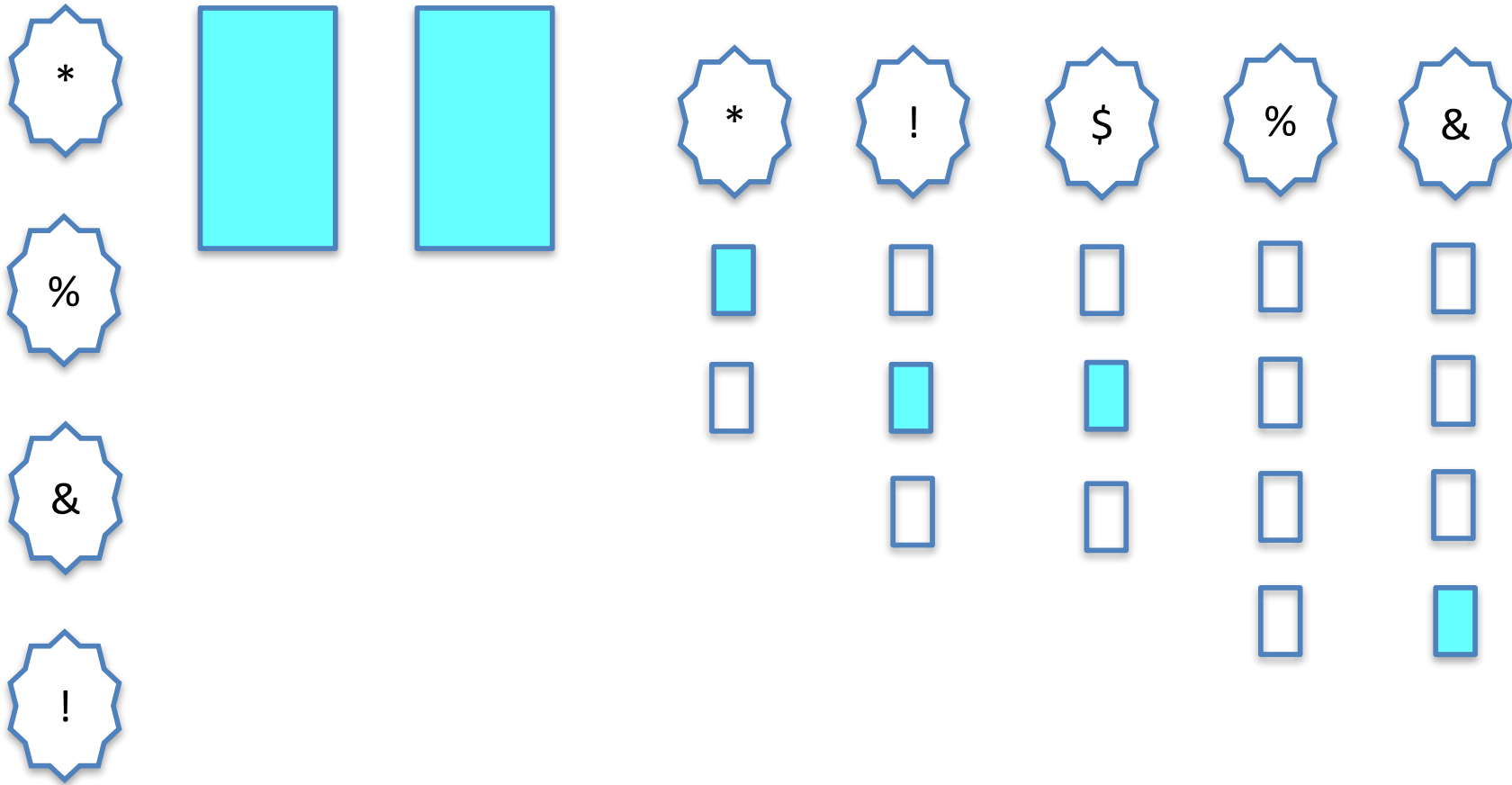
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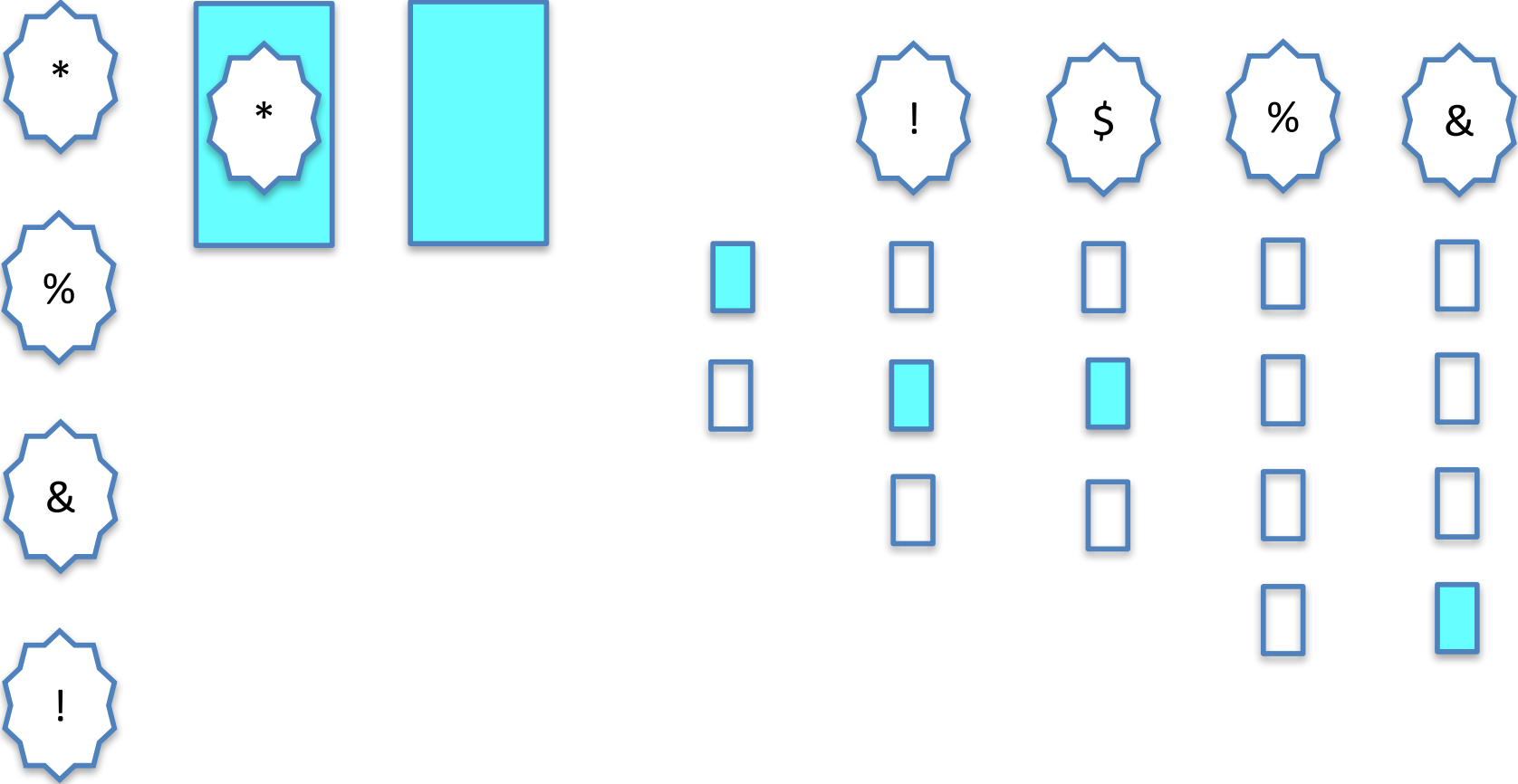




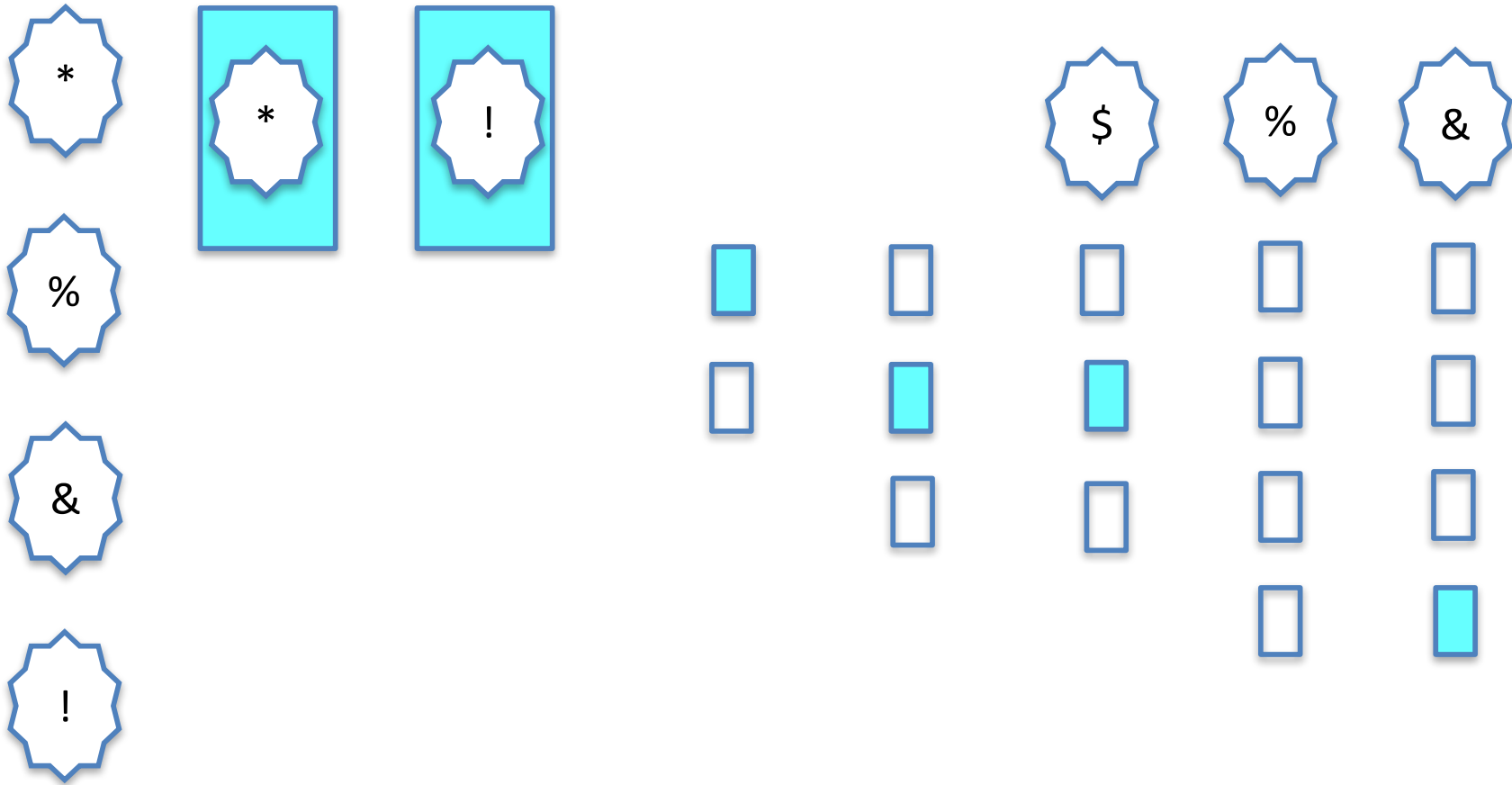
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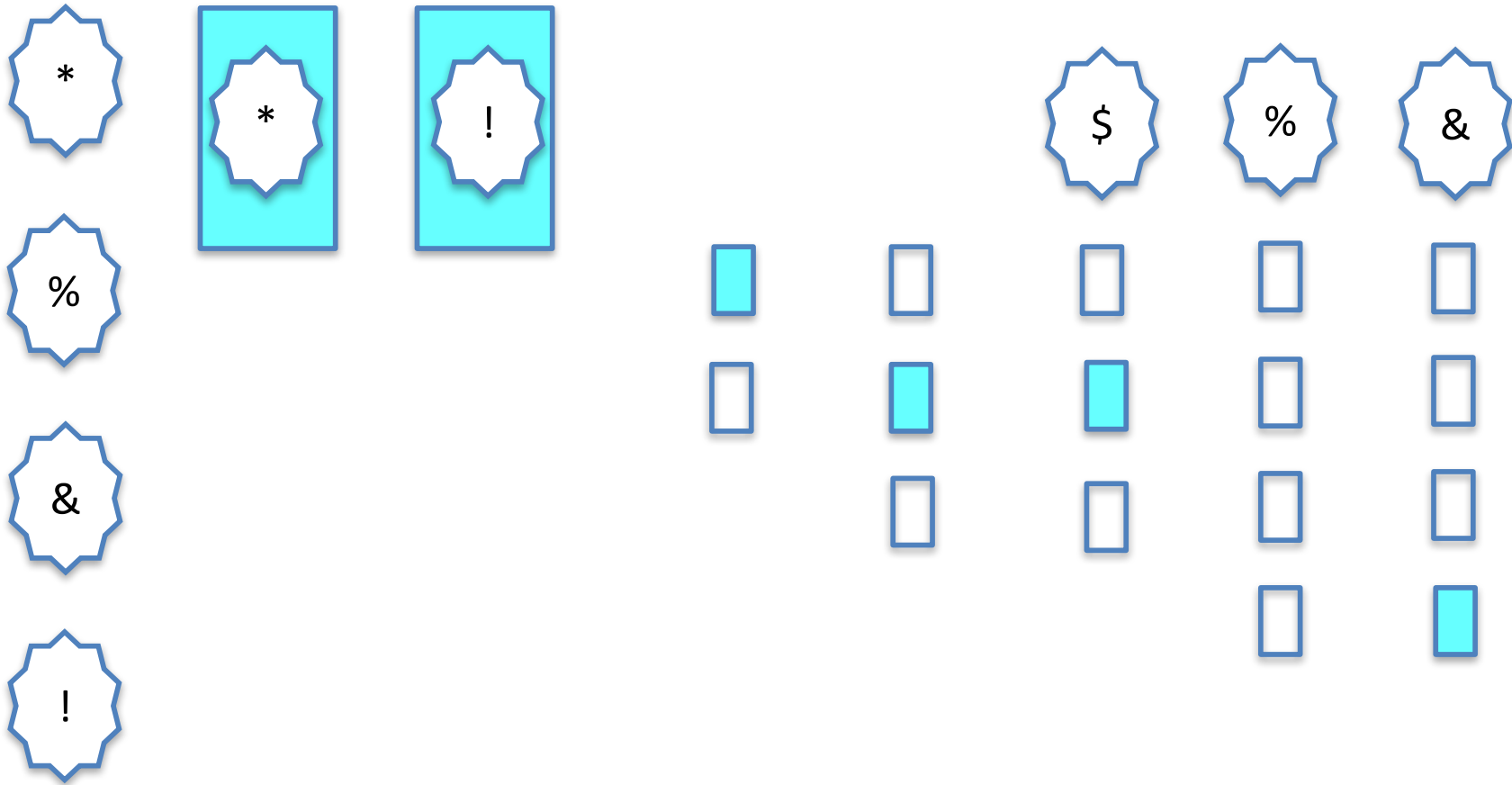
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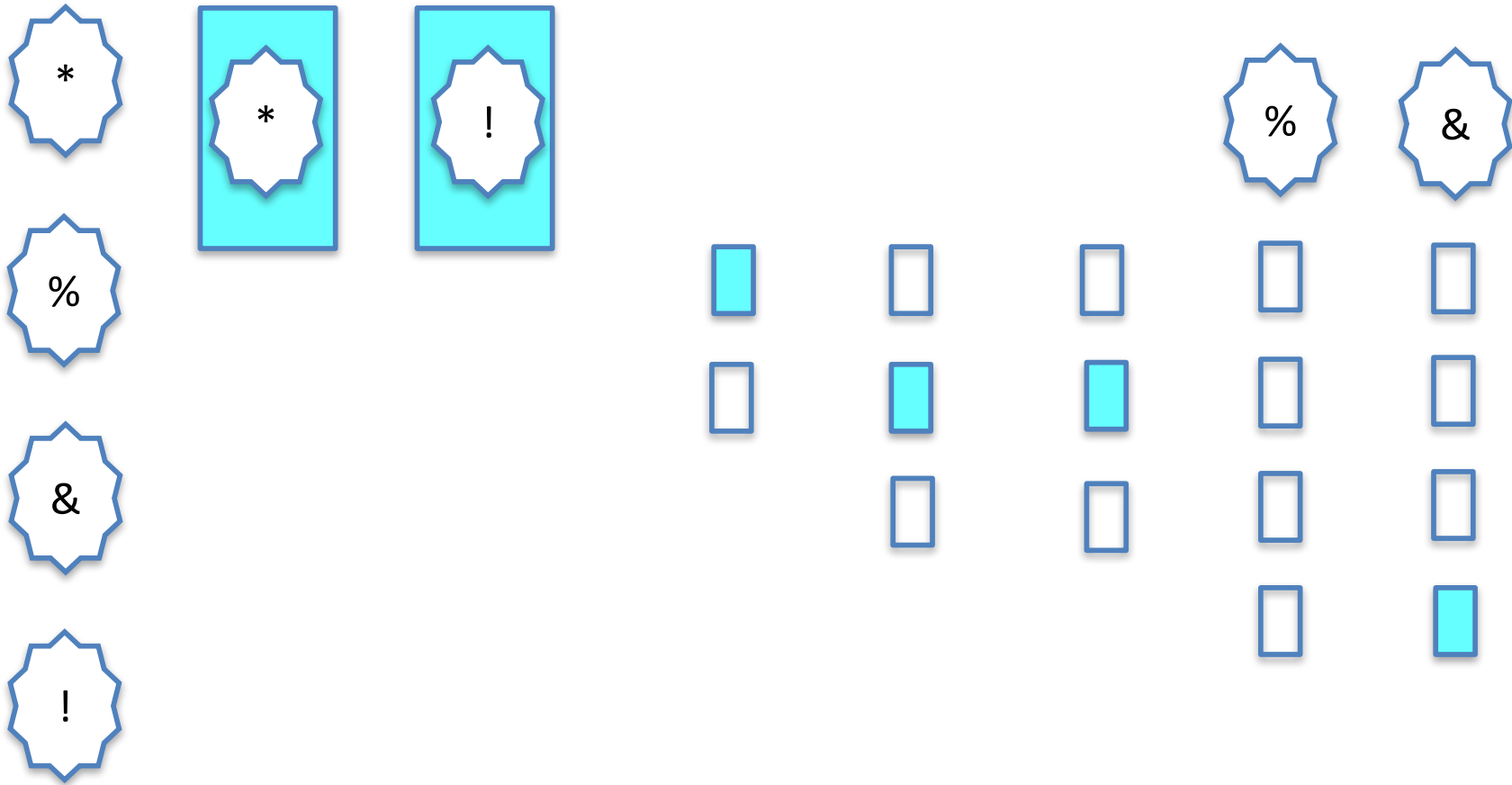
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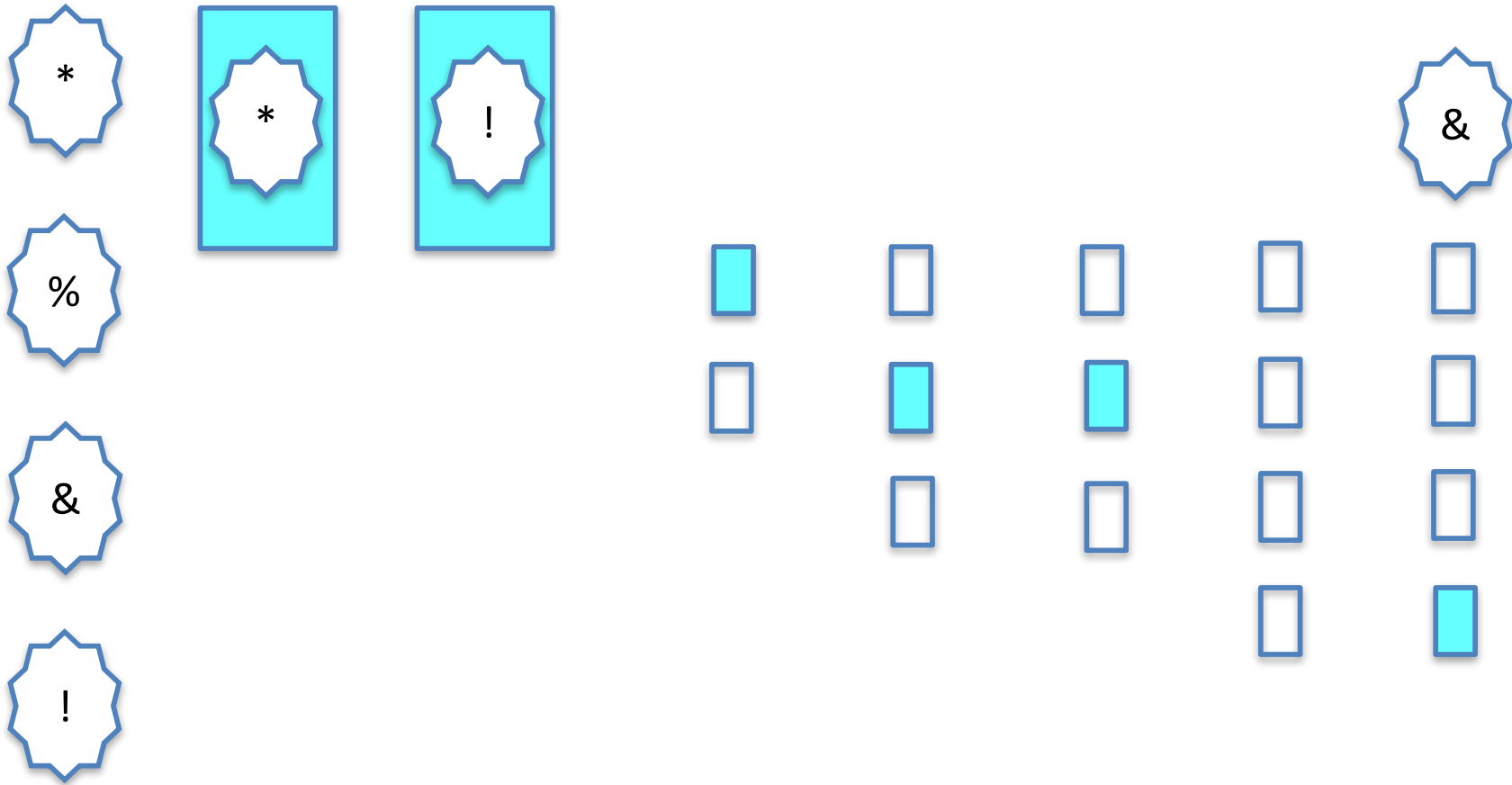
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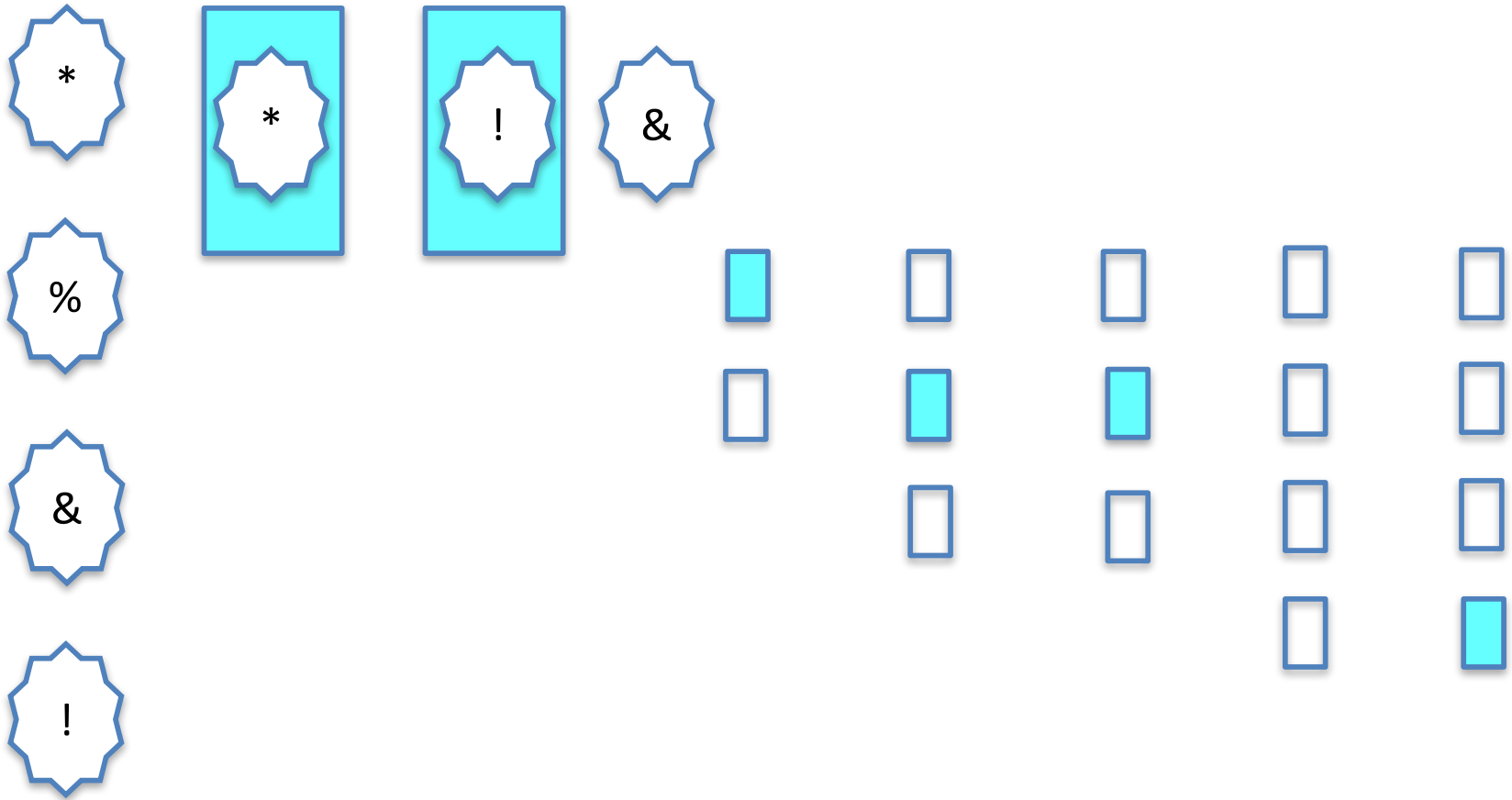
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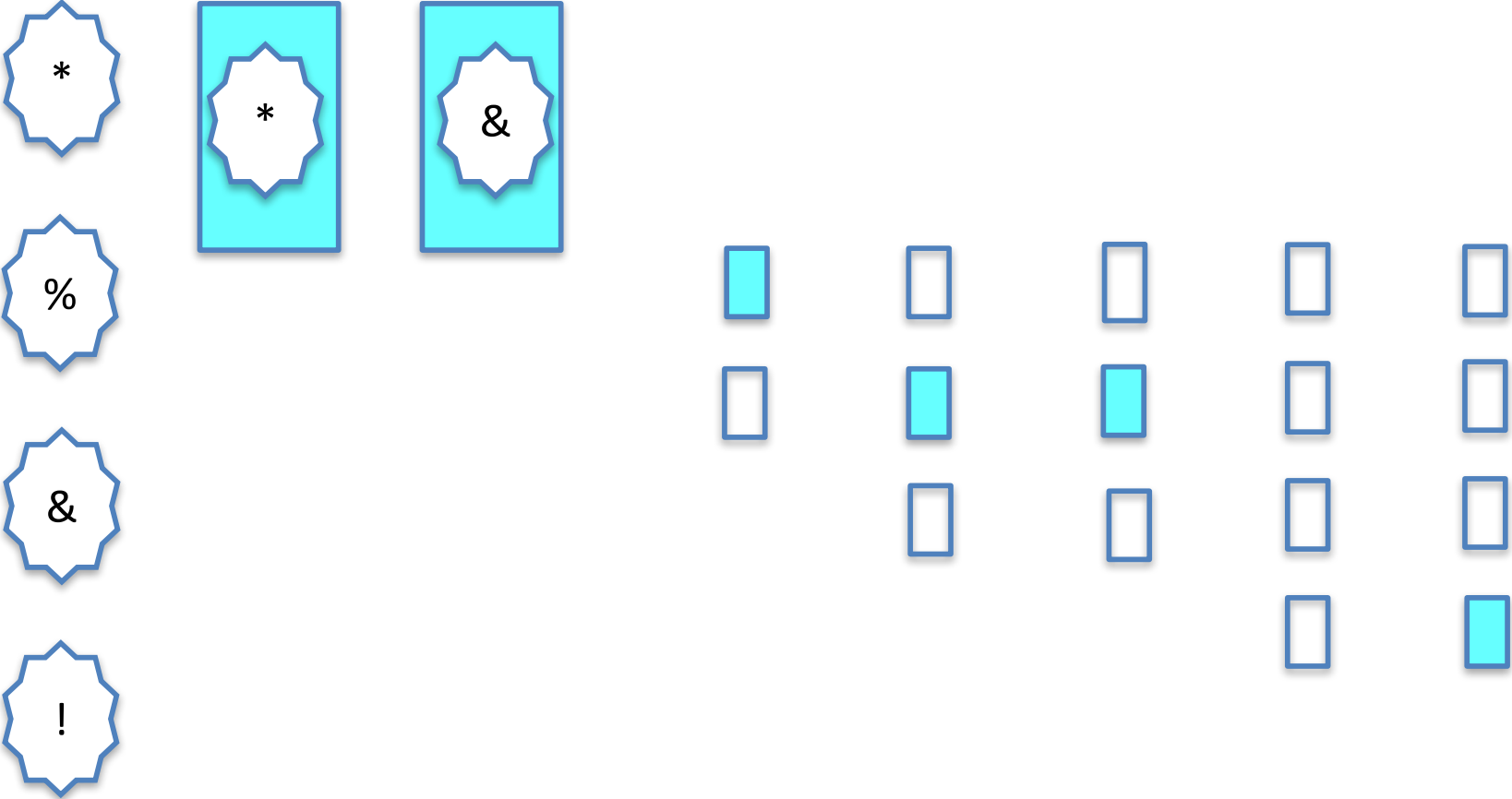
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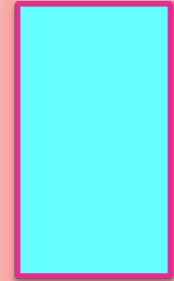


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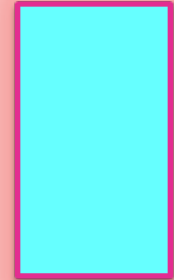
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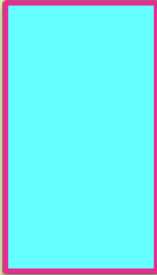
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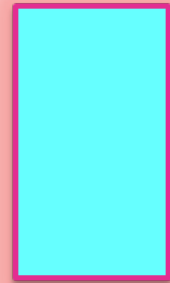
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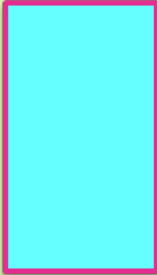
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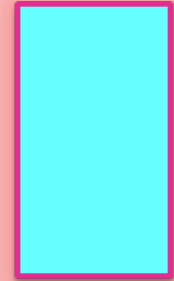
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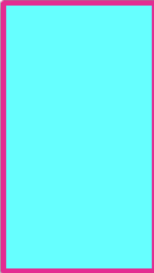
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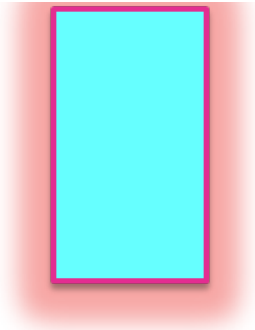
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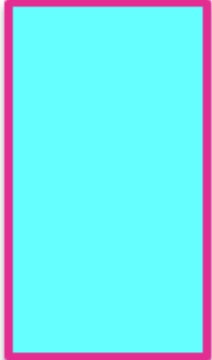
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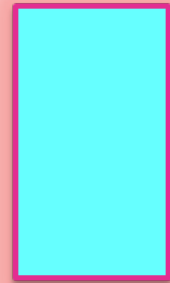
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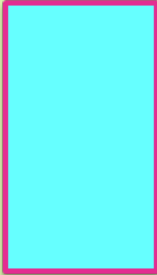
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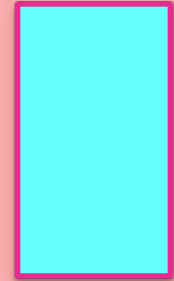
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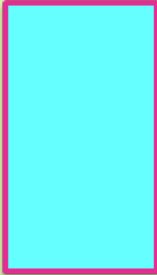


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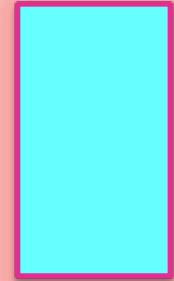


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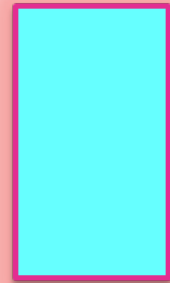
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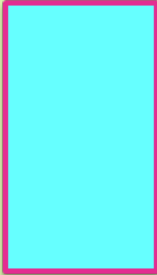
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# Ranking Summary

- Rank in order of program preference
- Rank all programs you are willing to attend
- Do not rank any programs you are not willing to attend

# What to do after submitting ROL but Before Match Day Phase I



# Be Prepared







- Consider asking for Match day off
- Take some time to self-reflect
- Decide if you will commit to Phase II and the Scramble
- Update your CV, PhORCAS




# Match Results Day Phase I, 3/20

5:00 – 6:00: Match results released



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Manage Folders...

**Applicant 56112: ASHP Match Result**  
National Matching Services Inc. [ashprmp@natmatch.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 8:02 AM  
**To:** Chan, Ruth T  
**To:** RUTH T CHAN - Applicant Code 56112

This message provides you with your Match result for the ASHP Resident Matching Program for residency positions beginning in 2012.

Congratulations! You have been matched to:

Residency: BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Program: PGY1

Program Code: 112013

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# You matched!

5:00 – 6:00:

- Email references
  - No Phase II letters needed
  - Thank you
- Email preceptors
  - Thank you
  - Inform them if you will go to rotation
- Email advisors, other supporters
  - Thank you
- Go back to bed? *Ha!*

➤ *Shift to pharmacist licensing mode*



You did not match







## PHASE II

You are eligible for Phase II of the Match if...

- You did not register for Phase I
- You withdrew from Phase I but not Phase II
- You withdrew from Phase I and II but reinstate
- You did not rank any programs in Phase I
- You missed the Rank Order List deadline
- You did not match in Phase I

# Be Prepared

- **Incorporate info from interviews (self-reflect)**
- Contact references –**new rotations – new possibilities?**
- Consider **broadening your program search**
  - Areas of interest too narrow?
  - Location?
  - Program particulars too narrow?
- Know **who to contact**
  - References: remind them of **new** deadlines
  - Preceptors: possible time off for interviews
  - Faculty, administrators: networking
- **Update application materials, PhORCAS and CV**
  - Newly completed rotations
  - Presentations, JC, projects
  - Advancement/updates in research
  - Teaching/mentoring



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## 3/20 – Phase I ends, Phase II Begins

- 6:00 – 9:00: Contact
  - Preceptor: may need time for interviews
  - References: new ref by 3/21, if needed
  - Advisors/mentors
  - Faculty/hospital administrators
  - Any contact that could help
- 9:00: Unmatched positions posted; ASAP...
  - Start making list by reviewing programs
  - Application requirements
  - Phase II Program-specific deadlines



# Finalize list of programs

- Send list to your 3 references
- Include program-specific info
  - Director
  - Contact info
  - Reasons why applying/fit
- Start to write letters of intent (LOI)
- Ask advisors, preceptors, others to review LOI
- Double check for program-specific supplementals
- Start uploading new documents into PhORCAS
- Start practicing for phone/Skype interviews



# Interviews: What to expect

- Where
  - Phone
  - Skype or other web-based
  - Onsite
  - Combination
- Content
  - Abbreviated
  - Same as Phase I
- Practice



# What do these Dates Mean?

## A Lot of Gray Areas

- 3/20
  - Phase I results; Phase II positions posted – 09:00 PT
  - Decide where to apply ASAP
  - Continue to research program particulars/requirements
  - Communicate with references and preceptors as needed
  - Be prepared for possible phone/Skype pre-interviews/actual interviews
  - Continually check emails, voice messages for replies
- 3/23: Start to submit applications in PhORCAS
- 3/20 – 4/4: interviews
  - Have questions ready to ask programs
  - Follow up with a Thank You (written or email)
- 4/5: Rank order due
- 4/12: Results of Phase II











You and your partner must update your Couple Status prior to submitting ROL for Phase II


## Match Results Day Phase II, 4/12

5:00 – 6:00: Match results released



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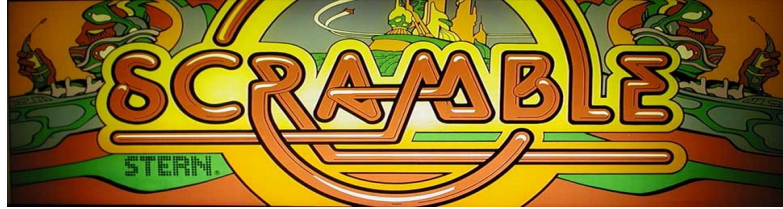
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Why



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- Same reasons you applied in the first place:  
you understand the value of completing a residency
- You chose not to rank any programs during either  
Phase
- Did not match in Phase I and/or Phase II

To do anything truly worth doing, I must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in with gusto and *scramble* through as well as I can.

## 4/12 - Phase II ends, Scramble Begins

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  - References
  - Advisors/Mentors
  - School/Dr. Daniels
  - Any contact that could help
- 9:00: Unmatched positions posted
- Start making list (will be short)
  - Review program websites
  - Application requirements
  - Do programs seem like a fit?
  - Email programs
  - Include updated CV
  - Include why you are interested



# Scramble SUPER



- 4/12: Phase II results; unmatched positions posted →
- 4/13: Start applying using PhORCAS →
- 4/13-19: Interviews →
- 4/19: Programs start to make offers



# Rules: \$\$

- For Phase II and Scramble: If already paid, no additional Match (NMS) fee
- QS to 4 applications from original PhORCAS payment, if any
- \$40/program thereafter

# Outliers

- **New applicants**
  - Did not register with NMS before the Match Phase I
  - Use PhORCAS to participate in Phase II process
  - Use PhORCAS to participate in Scramble
  - Register and pay the \$\$
- **Residency programs previously in PhORCAS**
  - New positions post-match
  - Reopen application deadline in their selection portal in the post match process if they are able to add new positions after the match





# Things to do before each Match day

- Contact current preceptor
  - Inform them that you are applying for residency and will participate in Phase II and the Scramble if not matched
  - Phase II and Scrambling may require time off from rotation
    - Preparing application materials
    - Interviews
- Contact references



# Update your CV at each step

- Rotations
  - Presentations, publications
  - Progress on research
  - Community service/volunteering
  - Leadership advancements
  - Teaching
  - Work experience
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- Apply what you learned from your interviews



# Match Mentions

- Don't play mind games with yourself or the Match
- The Match looks to the applicant first
- Rank everywhere you are willing to go
- Do not rank anywhere you are not willing to go



# Summary Results of the Match – Class of 2017 – 18

(Class of 2016-17; Class of 2015 – 16)

## Applicant Perspective

	PGY1	PGY2	TOTAL
Enrolled Applicants	6162 (5741, 5373)	1029 (1073, 904)	7191 (6814, 6277)
Withdrew	1002 (877, 1015)	162 (208, 199)	1164 (1085, 1214)
Participated in Match	5160 (4864, 4358)	867 (865, 705)	6027 (5729, 5063)

**Summary Results of the Match – Class of 2017 – 18**  
 (Class of 2016-17; Class of 2015-16)

	<b>PGY1</b>	<b>PGY2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Residencies	1232 (1163, 1082)	601 (545, 500)	1833 (1582, 1582)
Programs	1402 (1324, 1229)	609 (542, 507)	2011 (1866, 1736)
Positions Offered	<b>3491</b> (3323, 3081)	726 (668, 609)	4217 (3991, 3690)

Match – PGY1 Class of 2017-18, Class of 2016-17

Participants	Matched (%)	Did Not Match (%)
5160 (4864)	3467 (67) 3309 (68)	1693 (33) 1556 (32)

Class of 2017-18: **21** unfilled positions after Phase II



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Class of 2017-18: 136 pre-2017 graduates matched





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