

The Hackathon Shake-up: A Call to Innovation

Introduction to the challenge

The history of hackathons goes back until the mid of the late 2000s. A lot of multinational companies organized hackathons already, such as Facebook or Google and some of the major companies were born from these kinds of events as well, for example GroupMe.

Nowadays, you can look up hackathons on several sites and choose those which fit you the best. You can find hackathons specialized for different topics like healthcare, blockchain, AI, etc. But you can also select from general themed competitions as well. The goal of these events are usually the same: create something new, something innovative in a short period of time with your team, or even alone. And the best ideas will be rewarded with huge prizes by the organizers or sponsors.

Now, in this challenge, we want you to go further. Look behind the scenes and think about what you have missed or what you could improve from previous events or from the process as a competitor. Or you can also do this from a partner or organizer perspective. What are the current trends? The most important values? Think about your "perfect" hackathon, and imagine the best platform/app/community - let your creativity soar.

We are looking for solutions that can help revolutionize the world of programming competitions. This may mean a new platform, a new concept, anything that can be related to hackathons!

Who we are

This challenge is provided by the organizer team itself, CraftHub. We are a multifaceted IT event management company with a diverse portfolio of conferences, hackathons, developer competitions and workshops both online and offline. A hub that makes knowledge available and helps tech crafters continuously improve their skills.

What we provide

During the hackathon you can ask for help from our mentors or even from the CraftHub team to get a closer insight of the organization or the processes of a hackathon. They will be at the venue the whole time, so use the opportunity to talk to them and ask for feedback on your project!

Implementation and technology

Your solution should be a Proof of Concept (PoC) of an idea that you believe will improve hackathons in the future. We do not expect a full, working solution, but rather something that helps the judges understand your idea and showcase your skills. There are no technical limitations, feel free to choose any development environment or design/wireframing tool for your prototype.

We encourage you to experiment with new technologies (that's what hackathons are for), such as Large Language Models (ChatGPT API, LangChain etc.), other AI tools & APIs or integrations with existing solutions (JunctionApp, Devpost etc.).

Your submission should include an artifact of your work, such as a link to a repo, a website or a prototype.

Also you can check out the JunctionApp open source in case you want to get a closer look into our current platform: <https://github.com/hackjunction/JunctionApp>

Judging criteria

The submitted projects to this challenge will be evaluated according to the following aspects:

- innovativeness
- quality of prototype
- creativity
- feasibility
- presentation

Prizes

The winner of this challenge will

- take home 1,500 €
- get admitted right away as an offline participant to JunctionX Budapest 2023

In addition, even if a team doesn't win but comes up with something that is worth dealing with in the future, we will definitely get in touch with them and see if we can collaborate further 😊