



Cypher VI: William & Mary's 6th Annual Hackathon

Who are we?

We are William & Mary's chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery, the largest computer science organization at William & Mary. We are students who are passionate about technology and creating an environment for innovation. Cypher VI is a collaboration by students, faculty, organizations, companies, and outside individuals in order to create an environment for students of all skill levels to innovate and learn.

The Hackathon

Cypher VI is a 32-hour software and hardware competition taking place at William & Mary on March 27th-29th, 2020 in the Earl Gregg Swem Library. It is the top recruiting event for computer science talent at William & Mary.

Students are not restricted in the scope of their projects; we have had projects ranging from encrypted pastebins to drones that were able to identify and follow people around, and even self-defense Roombas. Over 32 hours, students will come up with their ideas, build a prototype from the ground up, present their ideas and products to judges, and potentially win prizes. Veteran hackers will be quite accustomed to such a setup, and some may arrive with an idea of what they want to build. For beginners, we provide every resource they could need to leave with prize-winning projects.

In previous years, our hackathon has focused on the beginner experience by offering a series of tutorials that help novices learn the ropes of common technologies, by providing academic and professional mentors, and by expanding judging criteria.

This year, we are focusing on improving the environmental sustainability of Cypher. Efforts will include composting and offering reusable food containers throughout the event.

Benefits

Our sponsors make this event possible. In return, we help our sponsors hire great new talent. Cypher VI is a unique networking and recruiting opportunity that gives sponsors access to technically and entrepreneurially minded students from William & Mary and

other universities. Sponsors get to know participants over the course of the weekend, and they also receive resume information from our hackers, depending on their sponsorship level. In turn, students become familiar with your company through face-to-face interaction with your recruiters or sponsor-provided mentors, and through brand recognition on our swag and promotional materials.

Questions?

Our team will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please email us at cypher.wm@gmail.com, or email our lead organizer, Ben Ryan, directly at bpryan@email.wm.edu. Information on previous hackathons can be found at cypher.cs.wm.edu.

<i>Benefit List</i>	Bronze (\$1,000)	Silver (\$2,000)	Gold (\$3,000)	Platinum (\$4,000)
<i>Send Mentors</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Host Challenge/Prize</i>			✓	✓
<i>Access to a Sponsor Table</i>		✓	✓	✓
<i>Introduction at Opening Ceremony</i>	On our sponsor slide	On an individual slide	May present challenge	May introduce company briefly
<i>Job Postings in our Weekly Newsletter</i>				✓
<i>Judge the Final Round</i>				✓
<i>Present the Grand Prize (Limited)</i>				✓
<i>Distribute Recruitment Material/Swag</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Post-Event Resume Access</i>		✓	✓	✓
<i>Instant Resume Access</i>			✓	✓
<i>Access to a Private Sponsor Room</i>			✓	✓
<i>Your Logo on our Website</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Your Logo on our T-Shirts</i>		✓	✓	✓
<i>Host a Demo or Tech Talk</i>			✓	✓
<i>Host a Meal</i>			✓	✓

Partnership (\$10,000): Become our official event partner! Benefits include your company name being featured in our event title as “Cypher VI, presented by _____”. Please contact us for more details.