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HACKATHON PITCH TEMPLATE 1

Prompt 1:

You are a Judge in a Hackathon, what kind of pitch would you like to hear?

ChatGPT said:

As a Hackathon judge, here's the kind of pitch I would *love* to hear — **structured, compelling, and tailored** to the fast-paced context of a hackathon (usually under 5 minutes):

✓ 1. Clear Problem Statement (~30 seconds)

“We’re solving [specific, real-world problem] that affects [who is affected]. This problem matters because [impact, stats, or pain point].”

What I want: A relatable or urgent problem, ideally with some evidence that it’s real (even anecdotal is fine). Avoid vague generalizations.

✓ 2. Unique & Practical Solution (~60 seconds)

“Our solution is [what you built], a [type of app/platform/tool] that [what it does]. Unlike [existing solutions], we [what makes you unique or better].”

What I want: A functioning prototype that actually does something meaningful. Bonus if it's clever, simple, and implementable.

✓ 3. Live Demo (or UX Walkthrough) (~60–90 seconds)

“Let me show you how it works...”

What I want: A **working demo**, or a smooth walkthrough of the core feature (screens, workflows, APIs, etc). Even mock data is fine, but I want to see what you actually built. Don’t just click around – tell a story through the UX.

✓ 4. Tech Stack & Challenges (~30 seconds)

“We used [tools/languages/frameworks], integrated [APIs/AI/models], and overcame [key technical hurdle].”

What I want: A sense of *technical ownership*. I don’t expect perfection, but I want to know you built this, learned something, and solved hard stuff under pressure.

✓ 5. Impact & Vision (~30 seconds)

“If developed further, this could [scale/help X/generate revenue/save time/etc.]. We imagine it being used by [who/where].”

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What I want: A signal that you've thought beyond the hackathon. Doesn't need to be a unicorn idea — just show me there's a *reason* this matters.

✅ 6. Team & Roles (Optional) (~15 seconds)

"Our team: [Name] did frontend, [Name] did backend, [Name] handled UX and research..."

What I want: Credit-sharing and clarity. It tells me you worked as a team and each person contributed.

Extra Tips:

- **Show passion but stay focused.**
- Anticipate: "So what?" — address it before I ask.
- Leave me thinking: "This team knows what they're doing *and* why it matters."