HackKC 2017: 101

What it is and how to doit.

Slides are at http://codeforkc.org/101Hacking.pdf

What

This is not your normal hackathon.

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Open Source

It's not a competition.

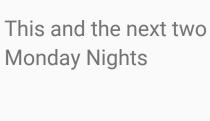
We've been working in advance to line up projects and teams, but there'll be plenty of spontaneity.

Problem -> Solution

What makes a good project?

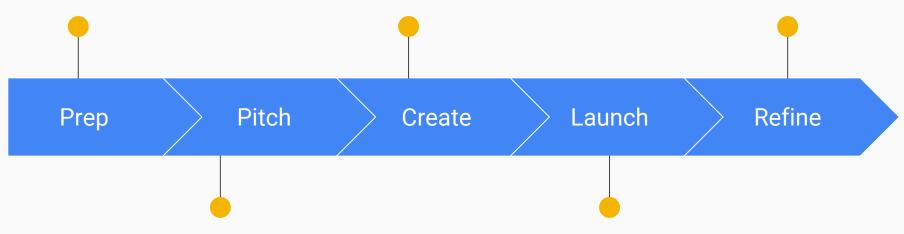
- A good problem that is well articulated with passion
- Attendance

- MVP
- Small and accomplishable tasks
- Empathy
- Collaboration



HackKC on Sept 23rd and 24th

Iterate



Meet and Greet:
Pitching and Team
Building

Later in the year, when your team is ready

Materials you will need to create

GitHub Read Me

Content for Code4KC home page

Poster for Meet and Greet

Pitch Slide Deck - Saturday Sept 23rd

Post hack deck - Sunday Sept 24th

Poster / Project Card

Title/Description

Stakeholder

Problem Statement

Minimum Viable Solution

Additional Opportunity



</ Local governments use volunteer boards and commissions to engage community residents and address a wide variety of needs within the community, but information about open positions and steps to fill is often not transparent either within the government or to citizens who might serve. >

</stakeholder>

KCMO Mayor's Office/Kathryn Randolph and McClain Bryant

Engaged and willing to help lead project, though Monday hack nights are difficult time wise, would like to support during normal business hours

</problem_statement>

KCMO mayor's staff have been charged with building a better internal notification tool to afert when a board/commission position is coming open. Data right now are housed in multiple places: mayor's office keeps track manually on a spreadsheet, city manager's office displays cout-of-date) into on the city's Wordpress site using a Coliffusion widget.

It's unclear at this point to what degree if staff on the two sides are willing to communicate

</minimum_viable_solution>

Create an internal use interface and notification system (email?) for the mayor's office that pulls from the manually updated spreadsheet to alert staff 30 days prior to a board/ commission vacancy.

</additional_opportunity>

There may be additional desired features for internal use, e.g.: ability to organize/sort, flag or add potential candidates/applicants, view open positions by date across board, data analysis

Readme.md

EB README.md

Welcome to the KCNeighborhoodStat app project!

We're working to help neighborhoods help themselves by giving them easy access to useful civic open data. We're ultimately hoping to develop an app that- by providing easier access to civic open data- lets neighborhood organization and neighbors:

- Better understand their neighborhood through data What is my neighborhood- what are its boundaries? How
 many people live there? How much crime happens here?
- More easily track development and others projects in their neighborhoods is a new business opening down the street? is a building being torn down?
- Make better decisions as a community Do we have a lot of senior citizens that need help with minor home
- Become more effective advocates for their community We need more police patrols and codes inspectionshere's the data

Civic data: the opportunity

These days, we're seeing a greater availability of civic open data in cities across the country- Kansas City included! We believe this trend towards more open data is especially good news for the neighborhoods that make up the fabric of the city. Rich, up-to-date information about crime, development, and demographics is what neighborhoods need to make better decisions and to advocate for themselves more effectively with government agencies and other organizations.

Civic data: the problem

Unfortunately, even though the data are out there, its potential power to help neighborhoods isn't yet realized. Accessing civic data might mean hours of wading through spreadsheets, then trying to interpret confusing terminology, or having to go through a website that is not easy to use for the average resident or neighborhood leader. Meanwhile, civic data is usually not presented at the neighborhood-level geography. Right now, for instance, it's not possible to see the population of a neighborhood or the number of crimes that have occurred there recently.

That's why we created KCNeighborhoodStat

We're making an application that displays relevant civic open data at the neighborhood level.

To help realize the full potential of this data in benefitting our city's neighborhoods, we want this tool to be:

- · User-friendly/visually appealing
- . Customizable (users can select which datapoints to display for a particular neighborhood)
- · Capable of displaying data over time (so that users can understand trends, put data in context)

How it works

Users of the site will be prompted to select a neighborhood on the homepage. This will direct them to a "neighborhood page," where they will be able to select a number of datapoints they would like to study.

Those data would be summarized in simple boxes, like in this example from this [civic data dashboard] (https://dashboard.edmonton.ca/) from the City of Edmonton, Canada's website.

Another aspect of Edmonton's dashboard we plan incorporate in our app is the ability to view data over time. By clicking on one of the data boxes, a detailed explanation of the data would expand and the data would be displayed on a graph. The graph could be standalone, allowing multiple datasets to be added to it, to allow comparison.

Ideally, data with a specific location would be displayed on the page's neighborhood map.

Introduction for Developers

Pitch Deck

- Title
- Problem Statement
- Why this project is important
- History/Status/Next Steps
- Partners/Sponsors
- Team
- Needs
- Final Pitch

Report Back

- Title
- Problem Statement
- Status
- What did you learn
- Partners/Sponsors
- Road Map/Next Steps
- Team
- Contact

Slack

Work Spaces - far left

Channels

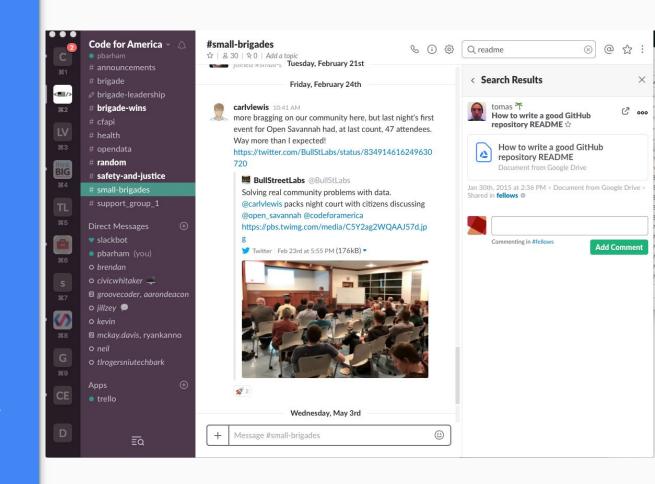
Messages

Search

Notifications

Integrations - Links to web site is an example

Easier to onboard new team members, communication is not locked into email



Slack Signup

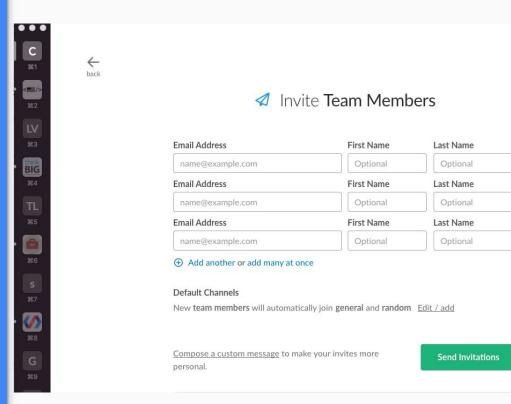
Instructor: click on down arrow next to CodeForKC

Select Invite People

Get real names and emails

Students: will get an email

Projects: Create a channel



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Git Hub for Project Leads

Issues

Readme

Wiki

Code??

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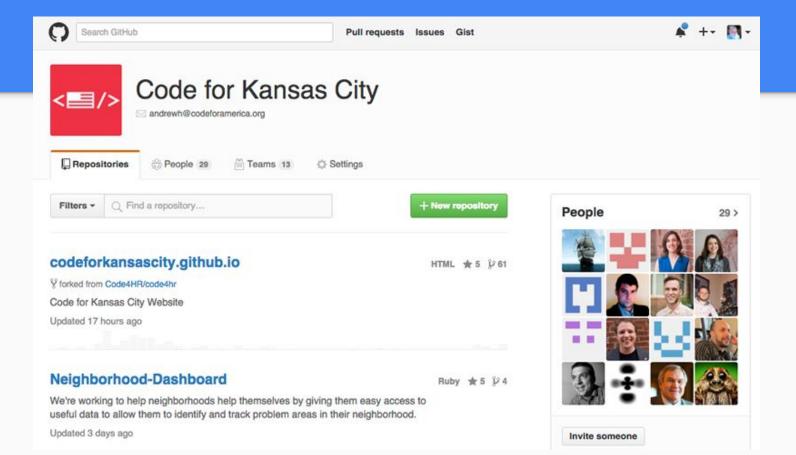
Git + Hub, two words, CamelCased

- Hub is the social aspect
 - o README.md
 - Issues with labels
 - Wiki for persistent background
 - Collaborators/team easy access

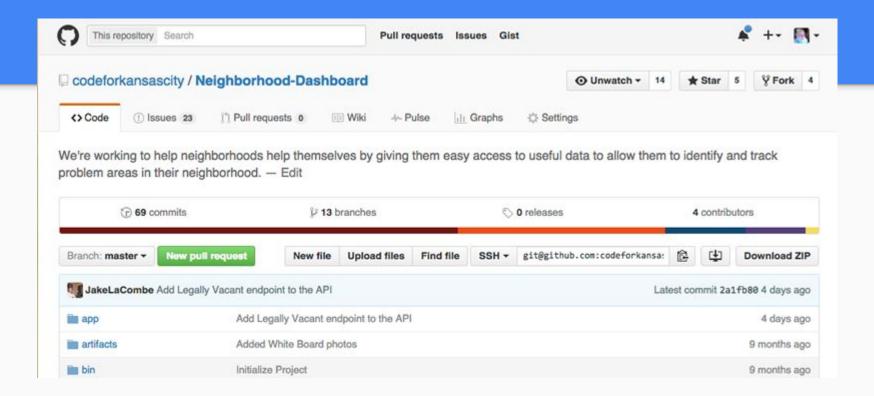
Coders

- Git is a Version Control System
 - Allows you to track changes and versions

Organization/Person Home



Repository/Project Home



Create Your Account

- Goto http://github.com
- Click Sign Up, in the upper right hand corner
- Choose the free plan

Create a repository in GitHub

- Go Back to your organization/list of repositories
 - Click on your name in the upper right hand corner
 - Select "Your Profile"
 - Click on Repositories in the middle of the tabs

Create a repository in GitHub - Cont

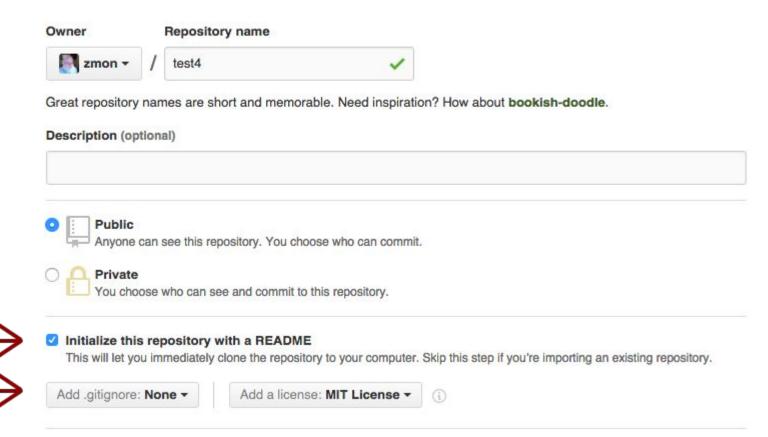
- Click "New", it is the green button
- Fill in:
 - Repository name
 - Description
 - Public
 - Initialize this repository with a README
 - Add a MIT License

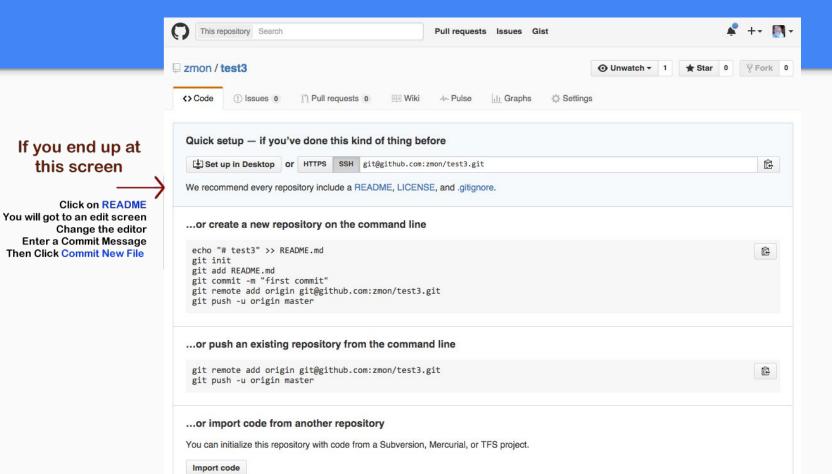
Create a new repository

Click Initialize

Select MIT License

A repository contains all the files for your project, including the revision history.





ProTip! Use the URL for this page when adding GitHub as a remote.

What a README should do and be:

- Use it to orient people to your project.
- Project needs (if any), ie designers, javascript coders...
- It should be simple and short.
- Could contain:
 - a clear description of the project
 - how and why you would use it
 - list of authors
 - instructions on how to contribute
 - instructions on use and/or install

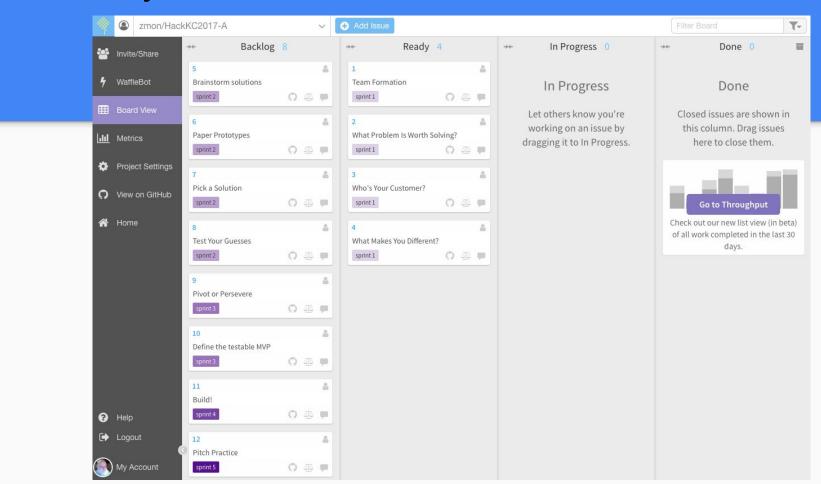
Issues - Todo List/Discussion Board

- Good article on
 - https://github.com/codeforamerica/howto/blob/master/Good-GitHub-Issues.md
- Ask for help TAGS
 - "help wanted" and/or "ready"
- Ask for specific type of help TAGS
 - Easy/hard
 - Designer/coder/Javascript/Rails
- When you want it done
 - Tags
 - Milestones

CFA Civic Project Finder



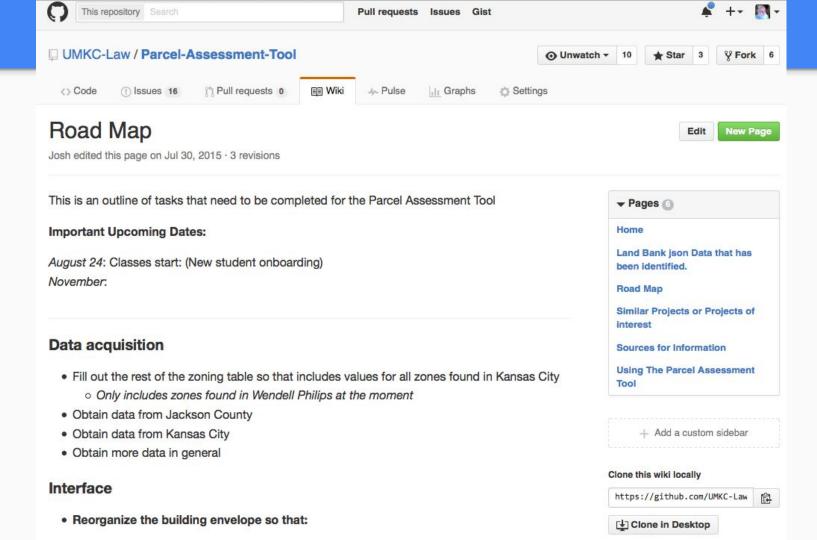
Ready - in Waffle.io

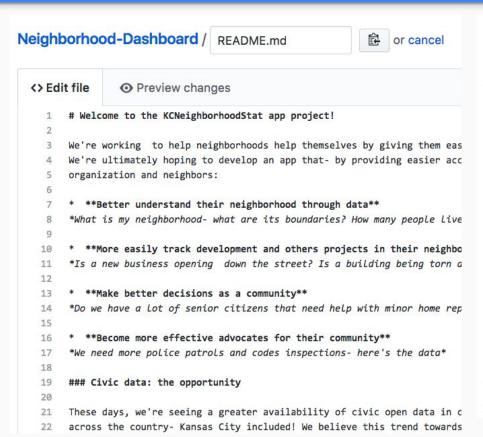


Waffle Resources

- Waffle.io http://waffle.io
- HackShop define a agile board for a project <u>https://hackshop.waffle.io/</u> in GitHub issues.







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Social Resources

- Markdown Basics
 https://help.github.com/articles/markdown-basics/
- Mastering Markdown
 https://guides.github.com/features/mastering-markdown
- Deep dive Mastering Issues
 https://guides.github.com/features/issues/

More Resources

Tale Of A Top-10 App, Part 1: Idea And Design mobile.smashingmagazine.com/2013/07/04/top-ten-app-part-1-idea-and-design

How to pitch at a hackathon

https://developer.amazon.com/appsandservices/community/post/TxF39QF5TTQF8S/Hackathon-Pitches-Where-Great-Ideas-Go-To-Die

Collaboration Etiquette

Use language such as "yes/and", not "no/but."

Listen more than you speak.