



Welcome to HackTX 2022! This handbook is created to provide you with detailed information about this year's event. Thank you for registering to hack and we hope you will have the best experience at HackTX 2022! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us through the contact information at the end of this document.

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I. Overview:

- ❖ HackTX is an annual hackathon at the University of Texas at Austin where students of any major can come together and build creative solutions using technology. This is a great place for students to learn, meet others, and innovate!
- ❖ Time: **October 15th & October 16th, 2022.**
- ❖ Location: The **Gates Dell Complex** Building: 2317 Speedway, Austin, TX 78712.

II. Important Information:

1. Pre-event logistics:

- ❖ ID + COVID-19 Test: All hackers **must bring 1 rapid COVID-19 test** and **an ID** for check-in.
- ❖ HackTX 2022 App: We have created the Day-of App (HackTX 2022) to make your check-in experience easier. Please download our HackTX 2022 Day-of App from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).
- ❖ Power strip: We are expecting 550+ hackers coming, so it is recommended that each team (or person if joining independently) bring **at least 1** power strip to ensure your hacking time is not interrupted.
- ❖ The main Communication platform for HackTX 2022 is **Discord**! Please join our discord using this link: hacktx.com/discord.
- ❖ **What to Bring:** Yourself, ID, Laptop, Chargers, Blanket, and Toiletries.

2. Event Schedule:

Hackers can access the full event schedule through this link: hacktx.com/live.



3. Event Day Logistics:

There will be 2 check-in periods: **Standard** (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM) for our hackers and **Late** (11:00 AM - 5:00 PM) for late and walk-in hackers. We will accept walk-ins until we are at capacity or it hits 5:00 PM, whichever comes first.

a. COVID-19 Testing:

- ❖ Before checking in, COVID-19 testing is **required** for all hackers and organizers. Please have your ID and your rapid COVID-19 test.
- ❖ The test will be conducted in person at GDC Courtyard and a negative test is required for entry. *If symptoms or positive test results are aware, HackTX organizers have the right to deny your entry!*

b. Check-in Procedure:

- ❖ Please pull out your Day-of HackTX app QR code and check in with an organizer at the check-in table.
- ❖ Continue to move through check-in to receive a Hacker badge and a swag bag!
- ❖ The organizers will ask you some follow-up questions and you are good to go!
- ❖ For **late check-in**: The procedure is the same for our registered hackers, except please go to the information desk at the atrium!



c. Team-Matching:

- ❖ If you are coming with a team, or find one at the event by yourself, you are good to go!
- ❖ If you need a team, we will provide a **team-matching form**. Please fill [this](#) out by **11 AM on Saturday**.
 - You will be matched based on your preferences and experiences. Ex. All beginner teams, unless otherwise indicated.
 - We will confirm team matching by **12 PM** on Saturday! Check your **email** to receive the confirmed matchings. The emails for team assignments will be sent one at a time, so please keep an eye on your email in case you receive one early.

d. Hacking Spaces:

- ❖ There are a lot of hacking spaces in GDC for our hackers! You can hack on all floors (1-6) and all the bridges! Please look at the signs in each of the classrooms.
- ❖ Designated Quiet Room: GDC 6.202, GDC 6.100, GDC 5.100

e. Meals Info:

Hackers can access Meals Info through this link: hacktx.com/meals

f. Shirt Distribution:

- ❖ Priority shirt distribution: **Sunday, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM**. For hackers and mentors registered 9/17 or earlier.
- ❖ Standard shirt distribution: **Sunday, 12:30 PM - 4:15 PM**. For everyone else.
- ❖ Note: We will not distribute shirts at other times, please have someone pick them up if you can't make it on Sunday.



g. Workshop/ Mini-event Schedule:

Event-day Workshops

| SATURDAY (10/15) | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Time | GDC 2.216 (Auditorium) | GDC 6.302 (Faculty Lounge) |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Intro to Hackathons & Ideation (WICS) | Robotics + AI (Eclair) |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Intro to Git Intro to Web Dev (Qvest) | Intro to React.js |
| 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM | Intro to AI/ML (MLDS) | John Deere Talk |
| 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM | Intro to AI/ML (MLDS) | Arrive Logistics Talk |
| 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Blockchain Networking | HackTX CTF (ISSS) |
| 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Snyk Workshop (MLH) | Fun Activity |
| 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Intro to Google Cloud | MLH Activity |
| 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Past Hackathon Winners Panel | Freetail Meet & Greet |
| 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Fun Activity | Hackathon Organizer Meetup |
| | Submission Office Hours (Atrium!) | |

| SUNDAY (10/16) | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Time | GDC 2.216 (Auditorium) | GDC 6.302 (Faculty Lounge) |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM | How to Pitch (Convergent) | Submission Office Hours |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | | Submission Office Hours |



h. Mentoring and Asking for Help:

- ❖ There will be mentors available on-site! You should see them walking around or at the atrium (2nd floor) “lounge”. This is also considered our help desk.
- ❖ Ask on the #ask-mentors channel. **Please follow this etiquette when asking for help:**
 - Indicate the issue specifying tech stacks or tools involved, what you have currently done, and room you are located in!
 - “Hello! I am currently stuck on installing node.js packages. I was following a workshop tutorial and was wondering if someone could help me set up? I am currently in Room 6.302”

i. Overnight Accomodations:

- ❖ If you are planning to stay overnight at the GDC on Saturday, we will provide some sleeping rooms with a few air mattresses and pillows! We suggest bringing an air mattress, **blankets, and/or pillows** if you can.
- ❖ There will also be couches for the night!
- ❖ We WILL have organizers shifted at night for any questions, safety, or concerns.

j. Submission and Judging Instructions:

Submission:

- ❖ Submit on **Devpost!** Link will be on the live site and discord.
- ❖ **Initial submissions** are due at **11 PM on Saturday 10/15.**
 - Does not have to be a complete project in any way!
 - Template submission is good. This is to mark as an initial interest for judging and submissions.
- ❖ **Final submissions** are due by **11 AM on Sunday 10/16.**
 - Hard deadline!
 - Submitting does not mean you **have to** judge, though we highly recommend it!
 - Submit what you have, it does not have to be complete! We are looking for a way to showcase your work and have it stored somewhere for you to reference it later. It will also be a good way to get optional feedback if that is something you are interested in.



Judging and Expo:

- ❖ Location: **Williams C. Power Student Activity Center** (WCP, also known as SAC).
- ❖ We have limited power outlets at the venue, we highly suggest your team has full power on each laptop for rotational use during judging.
- ❖ Your team will be assigned a room and table for judging on [this website](#), please stay at the table.
- ❖ **Expo:** a place for students to see each other's work, present to friends, mentors, and others who are interested! This will also be happening during the judging. Teams who are competing will also get scheduled time to see other projects!

k. Closing Ceremony

- ❖ **4:30 PM - 5 PM** at WCP Auditorium 1.402
- ❖ We will announce the winners of each challenge here!

4. Other information:

a. Restaurant on and off campus in Austin:

- ❖ On-campus:
 - WCP/ SAC Coffee House
 - [Shake Smart](#)
 - [Panda Express](#)
 - [Union Coffee House](#)
- ❖ Off-campus:
 - [Chipotle Mexican Grill](#)
 - [Sweetgreen](#)
 - [CAVA](#)
 - [Potbelly](#)
 - [Black's Barbecue](#)
 - [Kerbey Lane Cafe](#)
 - [Cabo Bob's Burritos](#)



b. Parking:

Saturday is a UT game day and ACL weekend. Street parking is free after 6 PM on Saturday and all day for Sunday.

- ❖ If you want to park near campus on Saturday daytime, you will need to buy a [parking spot here!](#) (Instruction: select DKR Memorial Stadium -> Iowa State game).
- ❖ You can also find an empty spot with street parking (Dean Keaton is the closest - a 5-10 min walk to GDC). We recommend parking at Park & Ride (4600 Guadalupe St) and taking a bus to campus during game day!
- ❖ The game will be done around 4 PM or 5 PM Saturday, so that should open the spots as well. Parking spaces goes back to normal on Sunday.



III. Contact information:

- ❖ HackTX Emergency Number: [\(512\) 920 - 2879](tel:5129202879)
- ❖ Freetail Hackers Email: hello@freetailhackers.com
- ❖ HackTX Misconduct / Harassment Reporting: hacktx.com/report
- ❖ Info Desk
 - Direct any questions to organizers here!
- ❖ Other sources:
 - Major League Hacking: [\(409\) 202 - 6060](tel:4092026060), incidents@mlh.io
 - UT Police Department: [\(512\) 471 - 4441](tel:5124714441)



IV. Special Thanks To:



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