

GeeksHacking HackOMania 2019 | API Hack Prize

API Hack Prize:

[Rakuten RapidAPI](#) loves software developers. We believe they're the innovators and builders of the digital economy.

For HackoMania 2019, we're looking to see what rockstar developers are capable of. Build a product or solution that leverages APIs to push the development boundaries. This can mean:

- **Speed up development:** Use API to provision functions such as [SMS for 2FA](#).
- **Innovate:** Add capabilities that you may not have expertise in. With [machine vision APIs](#), you can add facial recognition capabilities to your apps in minutes.
- **Enrich data:** Create value out of API-derived datasets. Power user searches with this [web search API](#), or provide contextual analysis through NLP and machine learning with the [ontology API](#).

PRO TIP: Double up your chances to win by working on the API Hack Prize in conjunction with any of HackOMania 2019's challenges. All you need to do is to use 3 APIs from Rakuten RapidAPI. Check out this specially built [collection](#) of APIs.

About us



[Rakuten RapidAPI](#)'s mission is to empower developers through APIs. We help developers focus on building core application logic while leveraging public APIs to fulfill other functions, in order to save them time, energy and cost.

Our API Marketplace has over 8000 APIs and is used by over 500k developers around the world. By leveraging APIs, developers can focus on getting their applications off the ground more quickly without having to reinvent the wheel for off-the-shelf services such as SMS or data.

Prizes: We are giving away \$1000 in API Credits as prizes. Our top 3 winners will be featured in a [blog article](#) and in a dedicated [Developer Showcase](#) post. Here is a [template](#) for your write up.

- 1st Prize: \$500 API Credits
- 2nd Prize: \$300 API Credits
- 3rd Prize: \$200 API Credits

Judging Rubric: Winners will be selected based on the below criteria. Judging will be carried out by our Rakuten RapidAPI community champions.

1. Inventiveness:
 - Do you have a clear problem statement?
 - How well does your product/solution fit the problem you've identified?
 - How unique is your product/solution compared to existing competitors?
2. Functionality:
 - Does it work technically? Is the code well written?
 - Bonus points for design and aesthetics but it needs to work first and foremost.
3. API Power:
 - Did you use at least 3 APIs from Rakuten RapidAPI? Check out the [HackOMania 2019 API collection](#).
 - How did you leverage APIs in your application?
 - How well did you apply APIs to:
 - i. Access data
 - ii. Provision functionality
 - iii. Leverage innovative technologies

Submissions: Submissions should be in the form of a functional application, ideally website or web app. Each submission must use **at least 3 APIs** from Rakuten RapidAPI

Perks:

- We've created this [collection of APIs](#) specially for HackOMania 2019. You are free to use other APIs from Rakuten RapidAPI which will be counted towards the 3 API minimum.
- API credits to offset costs of API services.
- Onsite technical assistance and mentorship from Rakuten RapidAPI champions.