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Hackathon Judging Process and Evaluation Criteria

Dates: Saturday, 28th September 2024, and Sunday, 29th September 2024
Rounds: Three Evaluation Rounds
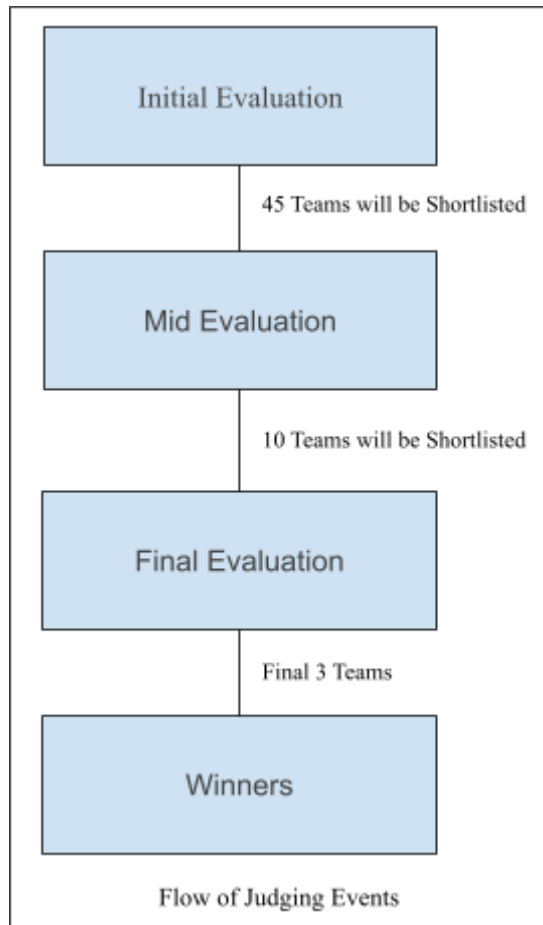
Judging Points Distribution:

Each project will be evaluated out of a total of 50 points, distributed equally across five key areas:

1. **Technicality (10 Points)** : Is the project functional? Does it justify the hackathon duration?
2. **Originality (10 Points)** : How innovative is the project? Does it bring a fresh perspective or solution?
3. **Practicality (10 Points)** : Is the project useful and accessible (Mobile App, Web App, Desktop Application)?
4. **Aesthetics (10 Points)**: How is the UI/UX of the project? Is it intuitive and user-friendly?
5. **Wow Factor (10 Points)** : Does the project have a unique aspect that makes it stand out, even if it lacks in other criteria?

Judging Evaluation Rounds:

The hackathon will follow a structured evaluation process across three rounds: the **Initial Evaluation Round, the Mid Evaluation Round, and the Final Evaluation Round**. Each round serves to assess the quality of projects according to predefined criteria, ultimately leading to the selection of the top three winning teams.

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Initial Evaluation

45 Teams will be Shortlisted

Mid Evaluation

10 Teams will be Shortlisted

Final Evaluation

Final 3 Teams

Winners

Flow of Judging Events

Round 1: Initial Evaluation Round

- **Date:** Saturday, 28th September 2024
- **Time:** 9:00 PM
- **Objective:** This round serves as the first screening of all participating teams to assess their project's initial progress and feasibility.
- **Process:**
  - All projects will be evaluated using the established judging criteria: Technicality, Originality, Practicality, Aesthetics, and Wow Factor.
  - Based on the performance in this round, the judges will provide feedback and select projects that will move forward to the Mid Evaluation Round.

Round 2: Mid Evaluation Round

- **Date**: Sunday, 29th September 2024
- **Time**: 10:30 AM
- **Objective**: The second round will involve a more detailed evaluation of the progress made by the teams. This round will focus on how well the projects have evolved since the initial evaluation.
- **Process**:
  - Each project will again be assessed against the five judging criteria.
  - From this round, the top 10 teams will be selected to proceed to the Final Evaluation Round.
  - Teams will be notified of their status and may receive additional feedback for final improvements before the Final Evaluation.

Round 3: Final Evaluation Round

- **Date**: Sunday, 29th September 2024
- **Time**: 6:30 PM
- **Objective**: The final evaluation will determine the top three winning teams from the pool of 10 finalists.
- **Process**:
  - The finalists will be thoroughly evaluated across all five criteria, with particular focus on the project's completion and overall impact.
  - At the conclusion of this round, the top 3 teams will be selected as winners of the hackathon.

Tie-Breaker Evaluation:

- In the event of a tie during the Final Evaluation Round, a short evaluation will be conducted between the tied teams to determine the final rankings.

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Judging FAQ:

1. How are teams divided for evaluation?
- Teams are divided based on six different tracks.
- There will be three groups of judges, and each group will evaluate projects from two tracks. This ensures that each track is fairly represented.

2. How is each judge group structured?
- Each judge group consists of three judges.
- Each group is responsible for evaluating projects from two assigned tracks, ensuring a balanced evaluation across all tracks.

3. What resources will judges receive?
- Judges will be provided with individual sheets by the organizers.
- Each judge will use their own sheet to evaluate projects based on the judging criteria.

4. What is the scoring process for each project?
- Each judge will evaluate projects based on the following criteria, with a total of 50 points:
  - Technicality: 10 points
  - Originality: 10 points
  - Practicality: 10 points
  - Aesthetics: 10 points
  - Wow Factor: 10 points

5. How will the final scores be calculated?
- The scores from each judge will be averaged to determine the final score for each team.
- This approach ensures that the evaluation is balanced and reflects the consensus of the judges in each group.

6. What is the timeline for the evaluation rounds?

Initial Evaluation Round:
- Date: Saturday, 28th September 2024
- Time: 9:00 PM
- Objective: Preliminary review of all projects. Select teams based on initial progress and feasibility.

Mid Evaluation Round:
- Date: Sunday, 29th September 2024
- Time: 10:30 AM
- Objective: In-depth assessment of project development. Select the top 10 teams for the final round.

Final Evaluation Round:
- Date: Sunday, 29th September 2024
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Objective: Comprehensive evaluation to determine the top 3 winners.

7. What should judges do in case of a tie?
- If a tie occurs, a short additional evaluation will be conducted to differentiate the tied teams.
- This may involve further discussions or a brief re-assessment of specific aspects of the projects.

8. How should judges approach feedback?
- Judges are encouraged to provide constructive feedback, especially in the Initial and Mid Evaluation Rounds.
- Feedback should focus on strengths and areas for improvement, helping teams to refine their projects before the final evaluation.

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9. **Whom should judges contact for clarification or support?**

- Judges will have an organizers' team present throughout the judging process to provide assistance and answer any questions.
- For any concerns or clarification, judges can reach out to the organizers directly at any time during the evaluation rounds.