



NEAR PROTOCOL

DESCRIPTION:

Hawkhacks is NEAR. Join us and explore NEAR Protocol's transformative impact on the digital landscape. It's ushering in a new era of technological advancement by seamlessly integrating blockchain, AI, and user-centered design. Positioned at the forefront of innovation, NEAR represents a paradigm shift toward an open web, empowering users with self-sovereignty and intuitive access to Web3. With NEAR, the future isn't just near—it's here. Named addresses replace complex strings of numbers, enhancing user experience, while the built-in account abstraction system ensures secure onboarding without cumbersome seed phrases. NEAR goes beyond user experience; it's about pushing the limits of what's possible. Through chain abstraction, NEAR bridges different blockchains, fostering interoperability and scalability that lay the groundwork for widespread adoption.

Discover NEAR Protocol's endless possibilities! Whether you're into AI, blockchain, gaming, or app development, NEAR has you covered. With NEAR's Blockchain Operating System (BOS), focus on your ideas with technology that's highly scalable, beginner-friendly, and environmentally conscious. Dive into the AI Track to explore AI and blockchain innovation, tackle challenges in interoperability and multi-chain solutions or elevate standards with the NEAR Standards Enhancement Track. The future is near—let's build it together, one innovative project at a time.

BOUNTY GUIDELINES:

As you design bounties and challenges, it's crucial to align them with the core focus areas that accelerate projects in the NEAR ecosystem. Let's dive into the key focus areas and explore some examples. This strategic approach ensures your hackathon not only offers participants valuable experiences but also leaves a lasting mark on the ecosystem's advancement

PRIZES:

- 1st Place: \$3,000
- 2nd Place: \$2,250
- 3rd Place: \$1,500

PRIMARY BOUNTIES:

1. BOS - The Blockchain Operating System, builds effortlessly on NEAR, streamlining the creation, deployment, and utilization of decentralized frontends. With a primary focus on fostering community engagement and facilitating Web3 interactions, BOS aims to revolutionize blockchain infrastructure. It presents a challenge that delves into the future of blockchain ecosystems, inviting innovative ideas and solutions that have the potential to redefine scalability and operation within these environments.

2. AI & Blockchain: Explore the fusion of artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain at the AI Track, where participants innovate at the cutting edge of technology. This track challenges participants to leverage AI's analytical power and blockchain to build towards transformative decentralized applications (dApps). Participants are encouraged to reimagine industries with creative solutions.

OTHER:

- **Abstraction:** Delve into the realm of interoperability and multi-chain solutions at HAWKHACKS' Interoperability/Multi-chain Solutions Track. Participants in this track will tackle challenges related to Chain Signatures and Chain Abstraction, with the goal of enhancing the NEAR ecosystem's compatibility and interaction with other blockchain networks.
- **NEP - NEAR Enhancement Proposals:** Join the NEAR Standards Enhancement Track at HAWKHACKS to delve into NEAR Enhancement Proposals (NEPs) and elevate existing standards. Through immersive workshops and real-world case studies, participants explore innovative ways to infuse utility into NEP types, driving real-world use cases and fortifying the NEAR ecosystem.
- **Gaming:** Utilize NEAR to create, deploy, and explore decentralized gaming experiences. With a focus on fostering community engagement and advancing Web3 interactions, this bounty aims to support creativity in blockchain gaming. Dive into the challenge and unleash your creativity to redefine scalability and operation within gaming ecosystems. Participants in this track are encouraged to also submit to the TENAMINT x GamingDAO Bounty.
- Interested in building something else? We're open to creative ideas that use NEAR resources, tools, and technologies.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Originality/Creativity: Judge novelty, innovative approaches, creative technology use, and uniqueness in problem-solving.
- Product / UX: Evaluate user experience and design, focusing on usability, aesthetic appeal, accessibility, and interface intuitiveness.
- Completeness: Judge the project's readiness for submission, considering bugs, feature completion, and overall polish.
- Code Quality: Assess readability, structure, maintainability, naming conventions, modularity, use of best practices, and documentation.
- Ecosystem Usefulness: Evaluate the project's impact within its ecosystem, solving real problems, filling market gaps, or enhancing existing solutions.
- Longevity: Consider sustainability and growth potential