

Setting - TechFest 2020

Your story begins at TechFest 2020 - a week-long celebration of all things tech hosted by _____. You, along with thousands of other tech-interested people have traveled far and wide to reach what can only be described as the Mecca of tech, and now you are finally here. Around you, other visitors are checking out booths, holding coding competitions, and enjoying chats around the carefully placed watercooler stations.

But one thing is on your minds more than anything else - the TechFest 2020 Hackathon, the winners of which commonly get headhunted for the sweetest jobs in the industry. This year, the theme is _____.

In your aimless wandering of the festival, you find yourselves clumping up with a bunch of strangers around a nearby water cooler. You overhear a mix of excited pitches for the Hackathon, mixed in with a lot of awkward introductions. Halfway through your own very interesting description of who you are, largely comprised of your current employment, a <person description of PO> approaches you rapidly, with eyes that are lit with excitement. <PO Takes over to describe their idea>

When the PO is done, it is your job to ease the team into the first iteration. You can design the iterations as you wish, but an overall outline is listed in the box above.

End of Contest (Delivery)

The day has come, and all the teams have submitted their projects. Your team has done its best to overcome the changes, the requirements, and the hardships they have experienced along the way.

The contest administrators take the stage to announce the winners. You’re on your toes with excitement, yearning for your team’s project to be picked.

“Well, here we are...” the adminstrator announces. With an almost impossibly slow gesture, the constest administrator reaches down into an envelope, and pulls out... Nothing. Nothing at all.

The contest administrator smirks, and leans close to the microphone. “We here at _____ are not looking for engineers who make the best products - we are looking for those who work with the best processes. This contest was not about what you could make, but how you made it. And in that regard, our winners are <team product>.”

<Victory Speech>

Iterations

- 1

Discussing teamwork, process, architecture
Scrum master in focus here
- 2

The first Building Blocks
Dev Team in Focus here
- 3

The Test (PO vision, end users)
Dev Team & PO in focus here
- 4

The Challenge (Something goes wrong)
Contest administrators act as external influence (unreasonable requests)
Re-do previous work
Scrum master in focus here
- 5

It’s on Fire!
Shared focus
- 6

The Final Sprint
Shared focus

The Victory Speech

This is your time as a facilitator to point out the positive ways in which the group worked together. This should include real examples from the scenario, so make sure to take notes!

The intend here is that the contest focused on teamwork and process, not product - just like the execution of this scenario should!