

BLOG!!!

Hello Rad Lads! This is the beginning of the awesome amazing and biggest event for hackers all around the world!!!!!!! IT'S HACKATHLONE!!!!!!

Come with us to experience the amazing 3 days of constant hacking among collage students! We are not only going to be hacking in our team we are also going to create lots of connections among all the students coming from different parts of the world!!! Some live here in Athlone, some live in Ireland and some come from far away. What really ties us together is the passion for coding and creating, weather you are new or have experience the hackathlone has space for you!

Okay let's get on buissness (help)

This is our team! We are six first years who have a totally better solution for Houston 😊 . We love a good challenge and throwing ourselves out there.

For this years NASA Space Apps Challenge we were thinking about building a space biology knowledge engine!

The main purpose (help) !!!!! for this challenge is to build a search engine that is powered by ai to display the nasa biology publications.

At first we were super excited and ready to build and train an ai.. but after a while we realized how difficult the actual challenge is, especially with our rather limited set of skills. BUT! This didn't stop our determined (help) minds from working hard on the project, we asked fellow hackers from other teams we tried a million other ways to do it and then unfortunately (help) we had to rethink the whole project over and use what we learned from our failures and make a new project.

While this intense hacking was going on, me, Alex, used my really cool tablet to film around the project and document everything for my family back home. This documentation started with just our team than it continued with our "rival" team formed from our other classmates and it extended to me going around the whole building interviewing people and meeting lots of new friends and learn about their projects and experiences! The conversations started rather "professional" but quickly escalated to us acting like

we've been friends forever and just having a grand time. This whole action of going around recording and meeting people made time go by so fast! It was really enjoyable for me as a participant and I'm sure all the people I met had a great time as well taking a break from the hardcore hacking and communicating with fellow code enthusiasts.

- That being said.. the first day ended in a blast! I went to sleep around 6 am and when I woke up at 9 am my whole team was looking at me with puppy eyes and pitched in their idea to make a whole new project based on our "little learning experience" and my very very low quality videos that I took for my family at home and create the **HACKUMENTARY!!**
- an amazing website-blog (help?) that documents all our progress and experiences in the HackAthlone event! We will post videos, photos, screenshots and all the other things we did and created during the 3 days.

