Hacktoberfest

ACM's Virtual Open Source Event

OVERVIEW

HacktoberFest is a month-long event run by DigitalOcean to promote **open source contributions** and development. This year ACM will be hosting an event to celebrate Hacktoberfest to engage students and provide growth opportunities in a fun environment. Participants are encouraged to **open 4 pull requests** and support open source, and will receive a free t-shirt and other swag, provided by Digital Ocean. We would like to invite you to participate in our event as a partner.

What is ACM's event going to look like?

- ACM will be managing and running the full event through DigitalOcean and MLH
- This will be a **full 12 hour, all day event, from 9am to 9pm**, on October 17th
- ACM will be **hosting speakers, workshops, and socials** throughout the day
- ACM divisions will be hosting 4 workshops to introduce participants to the world of open source
- Each of our 4 main workshops will be run and managed by one of 4 ACM divisions - ACM Development, ACM Education, ACM Research, and ACM Projects
- Workshops will have the participant **open a pull request contributing to an Open Source Project managed by ACM Development**, that will teach them new technical skills and tools used in industry
- Participants will also be introduced to open source projects at UTD, like the UTD Grades project by ACM Development
- The event will be hosted on our discord server, **currently approaching 1000 members**

Why partner with ACM?

- Organizations can host a mini-workshop or event during the day
- Engage and interact with over 1,000 members of the ACM community on the discord server
- Organizations can receive **data on engagement and attendance**
- This platform allows you to advertise your organization to the wider ACM community

- Opportunity for organizations to have a **collaborative event with high student engagement** throughout this quarantined online semester
- ACM will be hosting an **Organization Fair** to allow our members to talk to partner organizations and interact with their officers

How to get involved?

- Host a workshop
- Have or join a panel of speakers
- Host an interactive social
- Interact with the community through a discussion forum
- Giving a "lightning talk" or short speech, under 5 minutes
- Work with ACM to host other kinds of events

What it means to partner with ACM

- Hosting or joining a panel would give students the opportunity to **hear from and interact with people** who have **industry experience, are officers of the organization, or have meaningful insight** that they can provide to participants
- Workshops will be events designed to **introduce participants** to open source or other related technologies and tools
- ACM Community will be partnering to **host socials throughout the day**, where participants can take breaks or hang out while playing games with ACM officers and other members of the community
- A speaker will give a **short talk in the discord voice channels** about topics such as open source development or building full-stack apps. If you want to speak about a certain topic, please contact us, and we can discuss further logistics
- If you're still looking for something different, **reach out to our team** about coming up with new ways to engage/drive the student community!

Event Details

- Registration opens early October and closes on October 16th, 11:59 pm.
- The event will take place on October 17th, for the majority of the day
- Hosted on the [ACM Discord Server](#)
- Organizers will be available to assist partners with any questions or problems that arise

Interested?

- Send an email to hacktoberfest@acmutd.co before September 25th
- A member of our team will set up a call to coordinate further and plan how your team can make an impact at Hacktoberfest