hackTECH 2014 Judging Packet

Thanks for judging at hackTECH! Your support plays a huge role in making the event possible and inspiring participants to build the best projects they can.

Below are important details about:

1) Arrival information (event location and map)
2) Parking
3) Floor Plan (map)
4) Event schedule
5) Judging Schedule
6) Prizes and Guidelines

Arrival Information

You should arrive *latest* about an hour before your scheduled speaking or judging time. If you have any questions about the schedule, please ping Kshitij Grover at (408)-396-0499.

Our venue (L3 at Santa Monica Place) is located on the 3rd floor of the Santa Monica Place mall. Address:

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Santa Monica Place
319 Colorado Avenue,
Santa Monica, CA, 90401

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Here's a **link** to a **map of the mall** indicating the location of our venue (encircled by red arcs) and its main entrance for check-in:

If you have trouble finding the event space, the venue is adjacent to the mall's food court. Throughout the mall, multiple signs labeled "Event" will point towards the venue

Parking

Parking structures 7 and 8 (see map above for locations) are available for parking - information on fees is available here. In summary, the first 90 minutes of parking are free, followed by a $1.50 charge per half-hour from then on.

We've checked with the venue manager and **overnight parking is permitted**, despite the indication to the contrary in the website linked above.

Floor Plan

Visit http://floorplan.hacktech.io for the latest version of our floor plan.

Timing of Major Events

Time	Event
4:00pm - Friday, January 24th	Hackers Arrive at Santa Monica Place
9:00pm - Friday, January 24th	Kickoff Ceremony
11:00pm - Saturday, January 25th	Hacking Starts
12:00 pm - 2:00pm, Sunday January 26th	First Round Judging
2:00 pm - 3:00pm, Sunday January 26th	Final Round Judging
3:00pm - 4:00pm, Sunday January 26th	Closing ceremony

A detailed breakdown of our event schedule can be found here. For planning purposes, here's an outline of the schedule that describes the tech talk and meal schedule.

Hack Submissions

Hacks will be submitted through the Hacker League platform (www.hackerleague.org).

When participants submit their hacks, they will tag the APIs they used in their project. If you're a judge for a company that's awarding an API prize, you'll receive a list of all hacks that used your API.

Judging Rounds

First-round Judging

The first judging round will begin at 12:00 pm on Sunday, 1/26.

If you're a mentor/judge from a company that's awarding an API prize, your first priority is to review all submissions involving your API, judging entries on whatever guidelines your company has set for awarding its prize.

All other judges who have finished reviewing API prize entries will be assigned to review entries to determine the top ten entries for our $5,000 grand prize.

Here's what we're looking for from top entries:

1. **Originality**
Is the idea original? Does it combine APIs and other technologies in new and interesting ways?

2. **Technical Skill**
Does the idea demonstrate clever or insightful use of technical concepts? This doesn't correlate with the complexity of a project, but rather with the depth of understanding and creativity demonstrated by students in applying engineering/CS concepts to build their project.

3. **Usefulness/Impact**
How impactful or potentially useful is the submission?

We'll have mobile phone apps and judging sheets set up for you to submit input on each entry you judge.

Final Round Judging
Students who built the top 10 entries will be notified at 2:00 pm, at which point they will present on stage in front of a smaller judging panel and other hackers in attendance.

Presentatons will end by 2:30 PM, and judges will have 30 minutes to deliberate before awarding top prizes.

Awards

If you're awarding an API prize, you'll get to make a brief (~1 min) statement on-stage and present the API prize to winners at the closing ceremony.

Questions/concerns

If you have any questions, you should ping us at contact@hacktech.io. We try to be as responsive as possible.

We want to be as available to you as we can, so here are two points of contact via phone for more urgent queries:
- Shubhankar Jain - (408)-429-9472
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