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Hack the Stackathon

Saturday, January 31 at 8am



San Francisco, CA

About

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[Firecrawl](#) (S22), [Reducto](#) (W24), and [Resend](#) (W23), are hosting a builder-focused hackathon in San Francisco.

Hack the Stackathon is a one-day stress test for builders who want to ship real AI-powered systems, not demos.

This is not a demo day hackathon.

We are not optimizing for polished UIs, slide decks, or pitch theatrics.

We care about what you tried to build, what broke, and what actually shipped.

Building real AI applications is hard, not because of the models, but because of everything around them. Scraping websites. Parsing documents. Communicating with users. Each problem is a rabbit hole of edge cases, infrastructure, and wasted engineering time.

That's why we built our companies.

Together, we provide the infrastructure layer for modern AI applications:

- **Firecrawl:** Crawl and extract structured data from any website
- **Reducto:** Parse, extract from, and fill-out documents using vision-based AI
- **Resend:** Send and receive emails that actually reach the inbox

We handle the infrastructure.

You build the product.

Ship it in a day.

Join builders from the AI and infrastructure worlds to hack on the next generation of data-powered applications. Systems that can ingest, structure, and act on information from anywhere.

What You'll Do:

- Build a real, working system using modern data and AI infrastructure
- Get hands-on help from the engineers building **Firecrawl**, **Reducto**, and **Resend**
- Demo what you actually built to experienced founders and operators, with a focus on technical decisions, tradeoffs, and what broke

What You'll Build:

Projects that combine AI with the modern developer stack.

We're most excited about systems that ingest real data, transform it, and take action.

- **Deep research agents**
Crawl the web, parse cited documents, and deliver structured daily briefings via email
- **Invoice and document pipelines**
Extract line items from PDFs, enrich vendor data from the web, and trigger downstream workflows
- **Competitive intelligence systems**
Monitor websites and press releases, detect changes, and alert teams in real time
- **AI-powered legal tooling**
Parse contracts, research case law, and generate summaries you'd actually trust
- **Lead enrichment and outreach engines**
Scrape company sites, extract structured data from documents, and power automated communication

Prizes include:

- **Guaranteed Y Combinator Interview**
- **\$25,000+ in Cash Prizes**
- **1,500,000+ in Credits Prizes**
- Exclusive office visits, limited edition swag, and more.

Sponsors

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Schedule

Overview

- 08:00 AM to 09:30 AM Registration + Breakfast
- 09:30 AM to 10:00 AM Kickoff + Ground Rules
- 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM Team Formation + Hacking Begins
- 12:30 PM Lunch Served
- 01:00 PM to 02:45 PM Live Demos + Optional Deep Dives*
- 05:15 PM Dinner Served
- 06:15 PM Hard Submission Deadline
- 06:00 PM to 07:30 PM Judging + Demos
- 07:30 PM to 08:00 PM Winners Announced + Closing

**Hacking is welcome to continue throughout this block*

Who Should Apply

This event is for builders who want to spend a full day shipping something real.

You should apply if you:

- Build with LLMs, APIs, or modern backend systems
- Care more about making something work than making it look good
- Are curious about web data, document pipelines, and communication infrastructure
- Want to stress-test an idea you've been meaning to build

You **don't** need to be an expert in every part of the stack.

You **do** need to be curious, ambitious, and willing to ship.

Participation is free but selective. **Space is limited.**

Why Join

- Spend a day building at Y Combinator HQ alongside serious builders in AI and data
- Get direct feedback from engineers who ship and operate real infrastructure
- Stress-test an idea and see how far it gets in a single day
- Compete for prizes and follow-on opportunities that can meaningfully change what you work on next

What Every Builder Walks Away With:

- **Firecrawl Hobby Plan**
One month of free access to start building with real web data
- **15,000 Reducto Credits**
Use **Reducto** to parse, structure, and extract data from complex documents at scale
- **1 month of Resend Pro**
Use **Resend's** generous free tier; higher limits unlocked if you hit caps
- **Supabase Deal**
All attendees are eligible for the YC Student Deal (\$300 in credits)
- **200 Lovable Credits**
Use the vibe-coding tool to prototype, experiment, and ship fast

- **ElevenLabs Creator Plan**
3 months of access for high-quality text-to-speech and voice generation
- **\$500 Of Mux Credits**
Use **Mux** to build and scale video streaming with simple, developer-first APIs
- **Meals & Swag**
All meals covered plus thoughtful, limited-run swag from **Firecrawl**, **Reducto**, and **Resend**, plus select sponsors.

This event is no longer accepting new registrations.

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