Rule Book for C{}DECRAFT.

Welcome to CodeCraft 2025, where ideas come to life, and innovation knows no limits. Whether you're here to challenge yourself, work with brilliant minds, or build something extraordinary, we're thrilled to have you on this journey. Please take a moment to read the rules carefully to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Event Overview

- ➢ **Dates**: 17th - 19th January 2025
- ➢ **Venue**: Apptware HQ, Maruti Millenium Tower, Baner, Pune
- ➢ **Duration**: 48 hours of non-stop creation, innovation, and excitement.

Who Can Participate?

- ➢ **Eligibility**: Open to students graduating in 2025 and those who graduated in 2024 or 2023.
- ➢ **Team Formation**: Participate solo or in teams of up to 4 members. Teams are encouraged but not mandatory.

Registration Fee

A registration fee of ₹250 per participant will be charged.

Why the fee?
- ➢ **Serious Participation:** The nominal fee ensures that participants signing up are truly serious about the hackathon, making the event competitive and worthwhile for everyone.
- ➢ **Enhanced Experience:** Your contribution helps us provide a well-organised event with essentials like meals, snacks, and a comfortable environment so you can focus solely on creating something extraordinary.
- ➢ **Community Investment:** The fee contributes to maintaining and growing the hackathon's quality and reach, supporting more such opportunities for aspiring tech minds like you in the future.

We assure you that every penny of this contribution is directed towards creating the best hackathon environment for you.

Document Requirements

To participate, each student must bring one of the following documents on the day of the event:

➢ College ID card (if currently enrolled).
➢ Passing certificate issued by the respective board/university, clearly stating the year of passing (for 2023 and 2024 graduates).

Why is this necessary?

➢ To verify your student status.
➢ To ensure all participants meet the eligibility criteria.

Event Format

➢ **Themes Announcement:** Themes will be revealed on **16th January 2025**, a day before the event, on our official website. Participants should regularly check for updates.
➢ **Hackathon Start:** The hackathon **kicks off at 8:00 PM on 17th January 2025,** but participants are required to arrive by 7:00 PM to complete the registration formalities.
➢ **Submission Deadline:** Projects must be submitted by **12:00 PM on 19th January 2025.**
➢ **Final Demos and Judging:** Demos will start at **1:00 PM on 19th January 2025** followed by evaluation and prize distribution in the late afternoon.

Facilities and Arrangements

➢ Meals & Snacks: A well-stocked pantry will keep you energised. Lunches and dinners will be served during the event.
➢ Accommodation: While we'll make your time at the venue comfortable, participants are responsible for arranging their own stay if they prefer to sleep outside the venue.
➢ Washrooms: Washroom facilities are available; however, there are no shower facilities, so plan accordingly.

Support System

➢ Mentors: Experts from tech, design, and development fields will be available throughout the event to guide participants.
➢ Volunteers: Our friendly volunteers will ensure the event runs smoothly and participants are comfortable.

Judging Panel & Evaluation Criteria

Judging Panel will constitute a mix of:

➢ Apptware's tech leaders who bring years of experience and a sharp eye for innovation.
➢ Industry experts to provide a fresh, external perspective.

Evaluation Criteria:

Projects will be judged based on the following parameters:

➢ **Functionality (30%)**
   ○ Does the solution work as intended?
   ○ Is it free from errors and bugs?
➢ **Scalability (20%)**
   ○ Can the solution handle growth and a large user base?
   ○ Is it future-proof?
➢ **Maintainability (20%)**
   ○ Is the code clean, well-documented, and easy to understand?
   ○ Can it be extended or improved without major rework?
➢ **Creativity and Innovation (15%)**
   ○ How unique is the idea?
   ○ Does it solve a real-world problem in an innovative way?
➢ **Presentation and Explanation (15%)**
   ○ Is the solution presented clearly and confidently?
   ○ Does the team explain the thought process and execution effectively?

Bonus points may be awarded for:

➢ User-friendly design and interface.
➢ Effective use of mentors' guidance.
➢ Overall team collaboration.

General Rules

➤ All projects must be developed entirely during the hackathon. Pre-built code or templates are not allowed.
➤ Teams must submit their projects by the specified deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.
➤ Participants must bring their own laptops, chargers, and any other tools they require.
➤ Respect mentors, judges, volunteers, and fellow participants. Any misconduct will lead to immediate disqualification.
➤ Use of plagiarised code or unauthorised resources will result in disqualification.
➤ Participants are encouraged to take breaks and stay hydrated, but timelines must be strictly followed.

FAQs

Participation

Q. Can I participate solo?
Yes, you can. Teams of up to 4 participants are also welcome.

Q. Can I form a team with participants from different colleges?
Absolutely! Your teammates can be from any college, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

Q. Can I switch teams after registering?
No, once the registration is finalised, teams cannot be changed.

Q. Is there an age limit for participants?
Yes, participants must be eligible students or recent graduates from the 2023, 2024, or 2025 batches.

Logistics and Venue

Q. Do I need to stay at the venue overnight?
While you can stay and work overnight at the venue, accommodation outside is entirely your responsibility.

Q. Will there be any sleeping arrangements at the venue?
No, there won't be sleeping arrangements at the venue. Participants who wish to rest can arrange accommodation outside.

Q. Are meals provided?
Yes, we'll provide meals, snacks, and beverages to keep you energised throughout the event.

Q. Can I bring my own food and drinks?
Yes, you're welcome to bring additional food and drinks if you'd like.

Q. Will there be internet access?
Yes, the venue will have Wi-Fi access for all participants.

Q. Can I leave the venue during the hackathon?
Yes, but make sure to adhere to submission deadlines and event timings.

Registration

Q. Is the registration fee refundable?
No, the registration fee is non-refundable.

Q. When is the last date for registration?
The last date for registration will be announced soon. Keep checking our website for updates.

Q. What if I register but cannot attend?
We're sorry to hear that! Unfortunately, the registration fee is non-refundable, and substitutions are not allowed.

Project Development

Q. How will the themes be announced?
Themes will be published on our website on **16th January 2025**, one day before the hackathon begins.

Q. Can we start working on our project before the hackathon?
No, all work must be done during the hackathon itself. Pre-existing projects are not allowed.

Q. Can we use open-source tools and libraries?
Yes, you can use open-source tools and libraries, as long as they comply with their respective licensing terms.

Q. Do we need to submit a presentation along with our project?
Yes, teams are required to prepare a brief presentation to explain their project to the judges during the demo.

Q. What format should the final submission be in?
Specific guidelines for the final submission will be provided during the hackathon.

Judging and Prizes

Q. How will the projects be judged?
Projects will be evaluated based on functionality, scalability, creativity, maintainability, and presentation. Check the "Judging Criteria" section for detailed information.

Q. Are there additional prizes apart from the top positions?
Yes, all participants will receive certificates, and some may receive special mentions or internship/job opportunities based on their performance.

Q. When will the results be announced?
Results will be announced immediately after the demos and judging on **19th January 2025**.

Miscellaneous

Q. Will there be mentors available during the event?
Yes, mentors from tech, design, and development fields will be available throughout the hackathon to guide and assist you.

Q. What happens if my project isn't complete by the submission deadline?
Partial submissions are allowed, but they will be evaluated as-is. Make sure to prioritise key features and functionality.

Q. Can we use AI tools like ChatGPT or GitHub Copilot during the event?
Yes, participants can use AI tools, but the originality and value-added effort will still be a key evaluation factor.

Q. What if my team has a technical issue during the event?
Our volunteers will be available to assist you with technical or logistical issues during the hackathon.

Q. Can I bring non-participants (friends or family) to the venue?
No, only registered participants are allowed at the venue.

Q. What happens if a participant violates the rules?
Any violation of the rules will result in immediate disqualification of the individual or team.

Conclusion

For us, CodeCraft 2025 is more than just a hackathon—it's a celebration of innovation, creativity, and collaboration. We want you to build something extraordinary, learn from the best, and make memories that last a lifetime.

Let the countdown to CodeCraft 2025 begin! We can't wait to see what you'll build!

Thank you!