WTF is a hackathon?

Sounds scary, right? Don't worry, it's not that type of hacking.

A hackathon is usually a day-long coding competition where software programmers, developers, designers, etc. come together to build and design something cool. Adding to that competition, you can quickly remember the exams periods at our university. Work, work, work, drink coffee, have a quick bite, drink some red bull, sleep very few hours, work more, etc. At least that's what our exams period looked like!

After the work being done, teams will show their product to others. In our case, we will have a jury that will be looking at the demos of software or module and will be in charge of choosing a winning team that will get a prize.

Still not 100% convinced that you should participate in a Hackathon? Well, wait till you read about the benefits.

But isn't hacking illegal?

Haha, our favourite part! The word "hack" has so much negativity attached to it that most people think hackathons are a way to "hack" into something. NOOOO. Hacking is basically building something. It could be anything.

Do I need to have programming experience?

Yes, Just the basics. You have the internet at your service in case you need them. Plus mentors are also available 24/7. So if you go to a hackathon without knowing what you want to do, that's totally fine because you will somehow figure your way to solving the problem.

Why should I attend a hackathon?

Why not? It's a win-win situation for you. And here's why:

1. Meet new people
2. Meet recruiters
3. Team Collaboration
4. Add Value to your CV
5. Innovation
6. Food.
7. Swag. (We live for them. xD)
8. Can help land an interview if you are looking for job opportunities.
9. Learn (We mean seriously, you're going to learn a lot).

What can I hack at a hackathon?

So as we mentioned above, you can build anything. A website, a web app, Android/iOS App, Chrome extension, whatever you want to. The majority of the hackathons do not have specific requirements that you need to target. It's a free environment. You can literally code whatever you want to but just make sure you stick to the domain.