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We challenge ten (10) teams of four (4) HBCU students each to use their creativity and development prowess to present an innovative In-Vehicle Infotainment (IVI) app. All judging will take place in two rounds:

- Each team will consult with accomplished developers and the judges
- Teams will be rated by the mentors and judges based on the viability of the app, creative usage of required APIs, and the overall in-car experience for the end-user





TechConneXt Hackathon Challenge

Participants will develop an In-Vehicle Infotainment (IVI) iOS app within the Ionic Cloud framework and utilizing the required APIs in the Dev Box.

The participants' primary focus is to develop an app for usage within a Toyota vehicle. Functionality of the app must aid in providing a value-added driver and passenger experience within the vehicle.

[&]quot;The automotive industry is clearly on the edge of a revolution. The public is finally becoming aware of infotainment as something beyond a 'GPS,' and this is becoming a factor in purchase decisions. All the OEMs are executing a strategy to bring apps to the car, and a burgeoning number of startups and established non-auto players want in. Smartphone players have gone from a toe in the water to diving in headfirst. The industry is being shaken and consumers stand to benefit from it."



According to experts, car industry will evolve and develop a lot more in the next decade owing to the rise in internet connectivity and mobile technology, and ever evolving in-vehicle apps and infotainment systems. The industry is gearing up for the age of "autonomous and connected cars," and consumers and automakers are all set for the manifestation.

⁻ Andy Gryc of CX3 Marketing and Co-Chair, W3C Automotive Business Group for standardizing HTML5 in the vehicle



Hackathon Mentors

Each team will be assigned mentors who are accomplished professionals in Web & Mobile Development and UI/UX.

Teams will communicate with assigned mentors via a private team Slack channel.

BE Smart Hackathon Mentors are or have been team members of various Fortune 500 and top startup companies around the world.













Participating Schools



Alabama A&M University



Florida A&M University



Hampton University



Howard University



Johnson C. Smith University



Morehouse College



Morgan State University



North Carolina A&T State University



Southern University and A&M College



Tuskegee University







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Judging Criteria

Participants will be judged in four core areas:

IMPACT

- Would the app have real social impact?
- Can it change the world, or at least help someone in their community?
- Does it solve a stated goal of the hackathon?

INNOVATION

- Is the solution novel?
- Does it solve a problem in a creative or never-seen-before way?

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Did the participant(s) solve a hard technical problem?
- Did they get a working demo completed within the allotted time?



TEAMWORK



Dev Box Frameworks & APIs

Participants are required to use the following frameworks and APIs*:



MVC Framework





Geofencing & Geolocation

Persona Verification



stripe

User Management

Payments





Hackathon Updates

Sept. 30

- Schedule BE Smart Hackathon Kickoff Conference Call
- Visit https://calendly.com/blackenterprise/tcxhbcu to select available times

Oct. 3

Concept documents due @ noon EST

Oct. 5

Attend scheduled BE Smart Hackathon Kickoff Conference Call

Oct. 9

Story Boards due @ 9 a.m. PST





Participant Code of Conduct

Participants agree to the following during the BE Smart Hackathon:

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Participation in all events scheduled during the Black Enterprise TechConneXt Summit

If any participant is found engaged in any misconduct, that person will be removed from the summit and sent home.





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