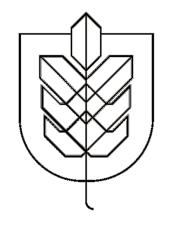


## Welcome Back!!!

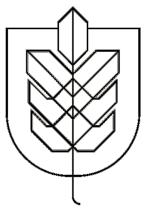
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# Setting Expectations

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## **Setting Expectations**



#### Things you should do:

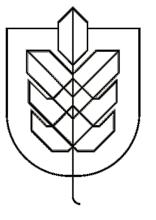
#### General

Come each day with positive energy Be open-minded to new ideas Stay thirsty for constructive feedback

#### **Project-Based**

Be ready to openly share your ideas and feelings Move forward, not backwards

## **Setting Expectations**



### Things you should NOT do:

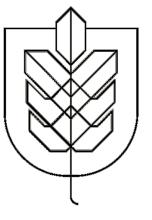
#### General

Stay up all night, every night
Survive on pizza and Red Bull
Live on campus in a sleeping bag

#### **Team-based**

Give only positive (or negative) feedback Focus on technology more than the problem

## Individual Activity

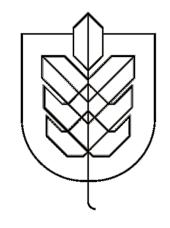


#### 20 minutes

Set your personal expectations for the hackathon:

- 1 individual
- 1 team
- 1 solution

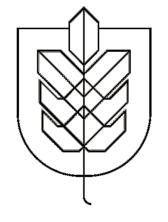
Be prepared to present (no slides)!



# Structure and Design

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## Hackathon Design



Our capstone hackathons is designed such that teams work independently...

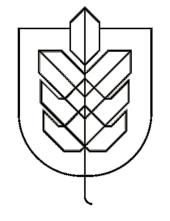
... with a the goal of solving an ambiguous problem

... and support each teammate with open and constructive feedback

Principles of Digital Technology -

One of the biggest challenges in technological design is the gap between business needs and technological development.

## Hackathon Design



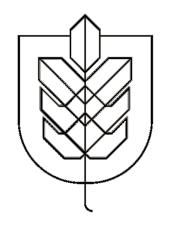
Communication with stakeholders is key to your success!

## **Hackathon Challenge**:

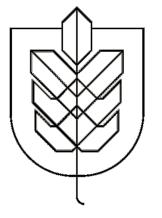
Design and develop a tool to help orientate students in their transition into life as a Hult undergraduate in San Francisco

(see Official Hackathon Challenge on the course page for more details)

Who are your stakeholders?



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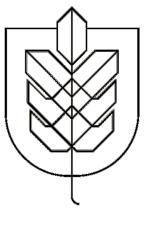


Principles of Digital Technology -

One of the biggest challenges in technological design is the gap between business needs and technological development.

The camps don't communicate

How much more advanced would our society be if we shared in our discoveries instead of competed?



We will focus on two levels of sharing

- Internal (team)
- External (entire class)

## **Internal**

Feedback to your teammates
Thoughts/feelings on how you:

- are performing as a team
- can improve individually





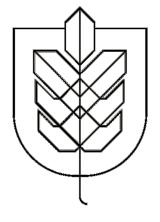
#### <u>Internal</u>

We will accomplish this through candle passing.

- Find an isolated place
- Speak only when you have the candle
- Snap for support



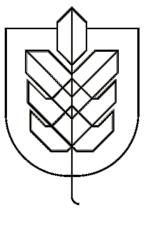
## Team Activity



## **10** minute candle passing

Share your expectations with your teammates

- Why did you choose your goals?
- Are your goals at the right level of challenge?
- Do they address areas where you have significant room for development?

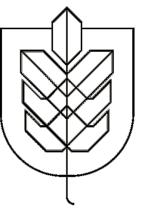


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## **External**

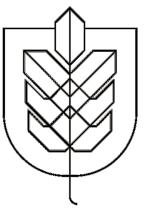
- Ideas on your team's approach to the challenge
- Areas where your team is struggling
- Support for developing other team's ideas



#### **External**

We will follow a similar concept to speed dating.





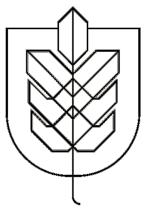
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#### Each team has a station

- Can get feedback on any aspect of their project
- One team member leads station
- Other teammates migrate and consult



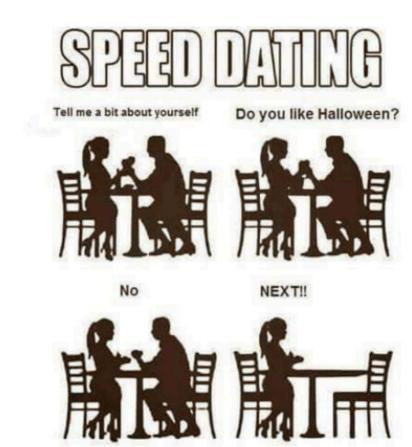


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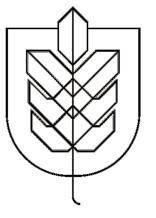
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## Scrum Style Q&A

- Station leader asks questions
- Responses must be 60 seconds or less
- Can ask what the other team's are doing
- Can give examples based on what another team is doing







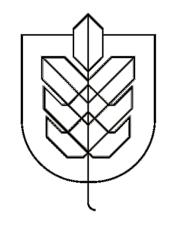
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#### 5 minute rounds

 30 seconds to rotate and take notes between rounds

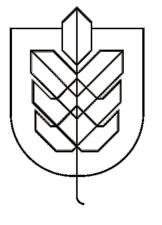




# The Planning Phase

The second-most overlooked phase of project planning.



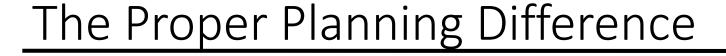


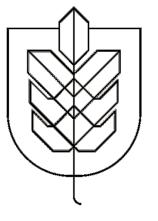
The second-most overlooked stage of project management

## **Planning Phase**

- 1. Identify the problem
- 2. Decide what you are trying to achieve
- 3. Develop morale

Moving too quickly into execution is perhaps the biggest mistake a project team can make!





## **Systems Migration** - Original Plan

Project Planning Time: 1-2 weeks

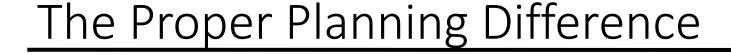
Original Time Span: 3 months

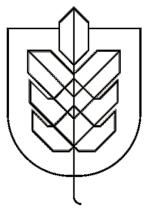
Original Goal: Migrate from legacy system to SalesForce

Original Project Team: 6 people

Reason for Project: Unclear

Business Value: Unclear





## **Systems Migration - Results**

Total Time Span: 3.5 years and counting

Total Staff Involved: 84

Total Layoffs: 1 CIO/CFO

1 CTO

1 VP Business Systems

70+ tech people

Est. Total Project Cost: 7-10 million USD

Business Value Generated: Unclear

## The Proper Planning Difference

## Web Data Structuring and Collection - Original Plan

Project Planning Time: 2 months

Original Time Span: 3 months (including project planning)

Original Goal: Internally develop granular web behavior tracking

and user-level data collection without paying for

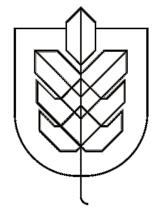
any services.

Original Project Team: 4 people

Reason for Project: Needed to understand our what was happening on

website (50% of all sales in a billion USD business)

Business Value: Est. 50% better achievement of set outcomes



## The Proper Planning Difference

## Web Data Structuring and Collection - Results

Total Time Span: 3 months

Total Staff Involved: 4 people

Total Layoffs: C

Total Hires for Other Teams: 14

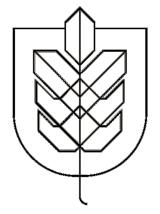
Est. Total Project Cost: 34,000 USD

Business Value Generated: + 154,000 USD per year (direct)

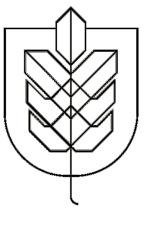
+ 1 new content campaign

+ Led to complete revamp of digital platforms and digital strategy in China, Indonesia, and Russia

+ 2 promotions and ~114% avg. increase in salaries

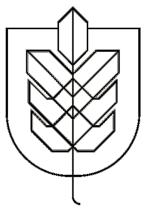


## The Proper Planning Difference



Never underestimate the VALUE of the PLANNING PHASE.

## Team Activity



#### **30** minutes

Read the Challenge Document (Coding Hackathon I - Challenge Description.pdf)

### Plan your project:

- 1. Identify the problem
- 2. Decide what you are trying to achieve
- 3. Develop morale

Post your results on myCourses (Planning Phase Discussion)