Hacktech Prizes and Sponsor Info

Over 20 Sponsors
$20,000+ In Prizes!

We'll be giving a grand prize of $5,000 to the winning team! Here are the guidelines we've given to judges:

1. Originality
    Is the idea original? Does it combine APIs and other technologies in new and interesting ways?

2. Technical Skill
    Does the idea demonstrate clever or insightful use of technical concepts? This doesn't correlate with the complexity of a project, but rather with the depth of understanding and creativity demonstrated by students in applying engineering/CS concepts to build their project.

3. Usefulness/Impact
    How impactful or potentially useful is the submission?

API Prize Summary

Company	Prizes	Criteria
Microsoft	$1,000 team cash prize 1 Dell Venue Pro per Person	Best Windows 8 or Windows Phone App
	$1,000 team cash prize 1 Dell Venue Pro per Person	Best Azure App
Amazon AWS	$3,000 AWS credit prize	Best AWS Hack
	$2,000 AWS credit prize	2nd Place AWS Hack
	$1,000 AWS credit prize	3rd Place AWS Hack
DigitalOcean	$6,000 DO credit prize	Best Use of DigitalOcean
	$4,000 DO credit prize	2nd Best Use of DigitalOcean
	$2,000 DO credit prize	3rd Best Use of DigitalOcean
Thiel Fellowship	All-expenses paid trip to 20 Under 20 Summit	Awarded to Grand Prize winners.
StartEngine	$20,000 in seed funding	Awarded to a promising team (likely the Grand Prize winners)
Pinterest	$1,000/person team prize	Best Use of Pinterest APIs
Progress	iPad mini w/ Retina display	Best Hack showcasing the "Internet of Things"
	Philips Hue developer kit	2nd and 3rd Place Apps showcasing the "Internet of Things"

Microsoft is offering $1,000 cash prizes and Dell Venue Pros for:

1) Best Windows 8/Windows Phone Application
2) Best Use of Azure

If you'd like to win a prize before hacking even starts, come up with your best idea for a travel, social, or game application on Windows 8/Windows Phone submit it to sdrv.ms/1hL3oqQ by Friday, January 24th!

Winners selected on Friday will receive a $250 Microsoft Store gift card if they build their app at hackTECH.

pebble

The **Pebble** team is super stoked to join this amazing west-coast event and we will be on site from Friday night to Sunday. Heads-up: We will give a getting started with Pebble development presentation on Friday night.

Instead of clothes and stuff like that, we're filling our suitcases with Pebbles. We're making them available to Hackathoners at the special price of $75 so you can hack on Pebble.

Please place your order by Thursday Jan 23rd at noon PST. We'll hand-carry your Pebble to LA. You can pick it up from us in person at the following events during the weekend:

- Friday evening during Thomas's presentation (time and place to be defined - look in the schedule!)
- All week-end in the hackathon (look for the Pebble banner!)
- Or follow us on @pebbledev to track us down!

Purchase your Pebble at $75 - Password pebbleme.

(Offer restricted to hackTECH attendees, limited offer while supplies last, you will choose your color when picking it up and we may not have all colors available, only one pebble per person please! https://getpebble.wufoo.com/forms/buy-a-pebble-for-hacktech/)

If you miss this offer, you can always pick up a Pebble at your local Best Buy or ATT store.

We love our Pebbles but we are also super excited by all the cool hardware devices available today. We will have a few to loan on our table - and we would be happy to help with any hardware, Bluetooth, embedded problems. Come challenge us!

We're looking forward to meeting you this weekend!

-Pebble Team

Amazon AWS is offering $3,000, $2,000, and $1,000 in AWS credits to the top three hacks using AWS, respectively!

DigitalOcean is offering credit prizes of $6,000, $4,000 and $2,000 to the top three entries using DigitalOcean APIs and services!

Pinterest

Pinterest is offering a $1,000/person cash prize for best use of their API! Guidelines are located along with the submission form here (be sure to submit your hack here in addition to via ChallengePost!)

Become a **Wix** Developer - http://dev.wix.com

The Wix App Market allows Web developers to integrate their Web applications as seamless components inside the Wix Editor or Wix My Account areas.

Developers using the Wix SDK can build on whatever stack they prefer, with whatever technology they like. Developers can then connect their app to the Wix Editor via our simple, easy-to-use JavaScript SDK. Gaining visibility in the Wix App Market is an excellent way to jumpstart your Web service.

Accepted application types include: widget, page, fixed-position, and business apps. Get in front of our 42+ Million users now at dev.wix.com!

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whisper

Whisper is the best place to express yourself online. Connect with likeminded individuals, and discover the unseen world around you. With **Whisper, you're free to anonymously share your thoughts with the world, and** build lasting, meaningful relationships in a community built around trust and honesty.

The Thiel Fellowship hosts twice yearly, weekend-long summits for visionaries aged 24 and younger. These events are by invitation only, the first 200 hackTECH attendees who register at the Thiel table will be added to the invite list for the June summit, held in San Francisco

Prize: at hackTECH we are sponsoring an Under 20 prize for the most innovative hack by a person or team under the age of 20. If a team, all members must be under 20. The prize includes roundtrip transportation, registration and accommodations to a 2014 summit.

Startengine is offering a $20,000 seed investment to a promising team (likely the grand-prize winners) at the event.

MongoDB is offering a prize for the best use of MongoDB in an app!

Applications are to showcase the Progress Rollbase platform (Overview, Hosted, Private). The application can be in any area: personal use, retail, corporate, manufacturing, education, whatever. **A special category is for applications that explore the "Internet of Things"**. We will bring to the hackathon a number of beacon devices (most likely Qualcomm Gimbals or Estimotes) and a number of Philip Hues that you can use to test and demonstrate your application, but anything you f**eel fits "IoT" is valid.**

Applications will be judged on creativity, technical skill and marketability; we give extra consideration to applications showcasing IoT. Applications will be judged by a panel from Progress Software.

Best application gets an **iPad mini w/ Retina display**. Two best applications showcasing IoT also get a **Philips Hue developer kit**.   The team that creates the application that is most promising as a business will get an hour of business advice from a Progress VP that successfully sold his startup.

The same application can win the iPad mini and the Philips Hue developer kit.

If your application showcases IoT you can also keep the beacons we bring to the event, based on availability.

Mashery is offering a Best Use of a Mashery API (http://developer.mashery.com/apis) prize: Up to (3) WeMo Switches for the winning team!