



HACK THE NORTH

What is a hackathon?

A hackathon is an event where people gather to create things out of technology. These projects can either be made to address a particular problem or social cause, or it could just be something fun, cool or intriguing, depending on the team. Projects typically will take the form of websites, mobile applications or robots (hardware), but that's just the status quo. Education is also a large part of hackathons, which include large concentrations of technically-knowledgeable people, mentors and workshop sessions.

What makes Hack the North different?



Hack the North is Canada's largest hackathon. Last year we brought together 1,000 undergraduate and high school students from four continents to work on amazing projects. Our first event was a [massive success](#)¹ which connected students with companies as they built hundreds of incredible projects. We also hosted an impressive panel of speakers and judges including high profile industry executives such as Sam Altman, President of Y Combinator.

Hack the North generated a diverse set of amazing projects including Guava, a web application for securely browsing genome data, Pebilepsy, a Pebble app for monitoring nocturnal seizures and SignLang, a sign-language translator. These projects and the event itself were featured by many major news outlets including [VICE](#)², [TechCrunch](#)³, and [Metro News](#)⁴.

With greater expectations this year, our dedicated team is studying every detail of the student and sponsor experience to ensure we host something truly memorable.

1. <http://bit.ly/1DrvzGH> | 2. <http://bit.ly/192HcZk> | 3. <http://tcrn.ch/1BQJx3T> | 4. <http://bit.ly/1GYLWu>