

2019 HACKATHON

Sometimes you worked so hard, but got no rewards.

However, an idea suddenly appeared in mind after you got up may get you an award.



We didn't win the hackathon, but we got the social contest award.

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But I truly love this hackathon, along the way, I have learned a lot in the last 1 month.

Tough Choice. 1 month ago, I just started to find colleagues to form the team. At that time, invited Parin to join, since I hoped he could help work on graph DB. But not only he was not able to deliver the research result he promised (I knew that won't work...), after the first meeting, he said he will suggest the whole team to do something totally different. Finally, I had to say that I strongly support him to do what he's passionate about, but I still want to insist on my original idea. Finally, that was a happy ending, not bad. In fact I'm happy to see Parin is doing what he likes. And appreciate Nick to be in this team till the end.

Tricky Implementation. In this 1 month, although I didn't spend too much time in this hackathon project, still couldn't stop thinking how to make everything logical and persuasive enough to show the business impact. Such as how to calculate clients' similarity and make it logically related to fraud. Finally, finally found one and it works, for the demo :)

Sometimes, people just want to leave. Vicky quitted the day before the hackathon. Not only left, she also wrote blaming words in our group chat. Think about those words again, she still has more problems. Why she never think about her own issue but always blame others? She said nothing, who can guess what she thought. But it turned out, it's a positive thing for her to leave.

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Be Kind. If Americans taught me how to work and be aggressive... Canadians are teaching me how to treat people nicely. Sometimes, I do think that the way Canadians treat people could lead to laziness and lower efficiency. However, sometimes it's because of their tolerance to others, it could in fact increase the trust in the work, and the collaboration can be better. This time learned a lot from Karen about how to work with others. She will praise others at almost any time, even though sometimes you won't think it's worthy to say any good word. Yesterday, Nick was showing us a blank canvas, he was about to create the visualization. For me, I will just keep quiet and smile. Karen said, "Beautiful", 10 seconds later, she said "a blank canvas". Well, that's very nice to people. We also had debate, although she's marketing manager, when I think it's worthy to defat, will still speak it out. But overall, it was great to work with her, she is very easy to work with.

At the end, we got social contest award, but only had 2 \$50 gift cards. Thinking about both of them got married, I just gave the gift cards to them. This made me feel good. Since people who have families here may need those cards more, and by doing this just make me feel good, not sure why.

This is a pretty good team work to be honest. Looking back, I really learned a lot!