Why hacking shouldn't stop when hackers become organizers

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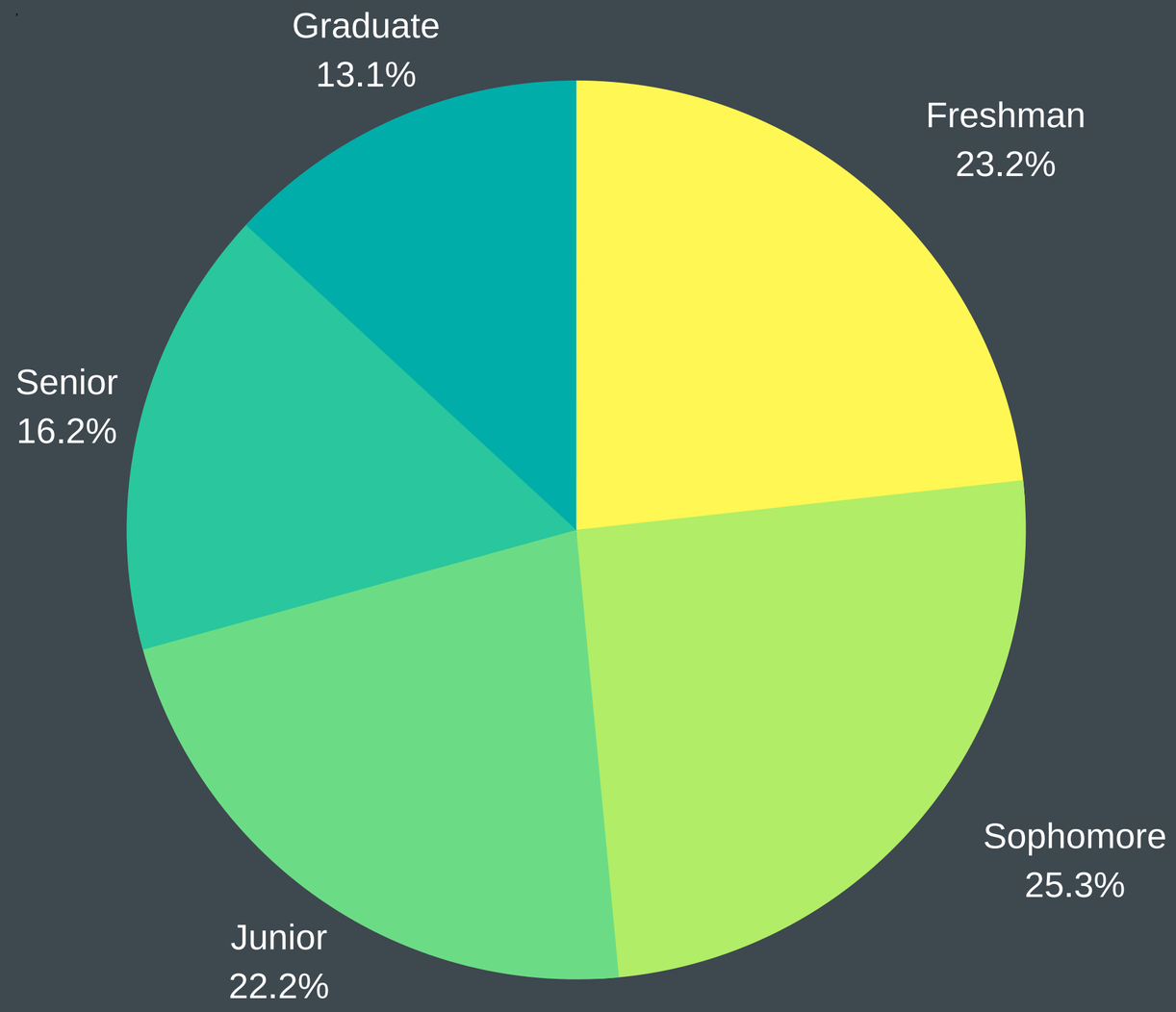

HackUTD 2019 Statistics

Underclassmen % > Upperclassmen %

700+ participants

Year over year trend

Who are the organizers?

And where do they come from?

1

Our motivation

We are motivated by the spirit of hacking and pride in our work.

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Our drive:

We are driven by competition and the opportunity to learn.

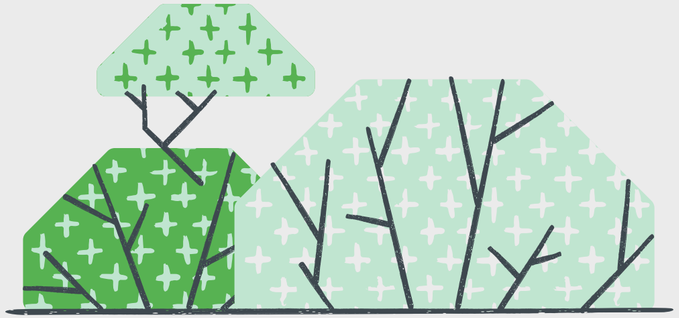
3

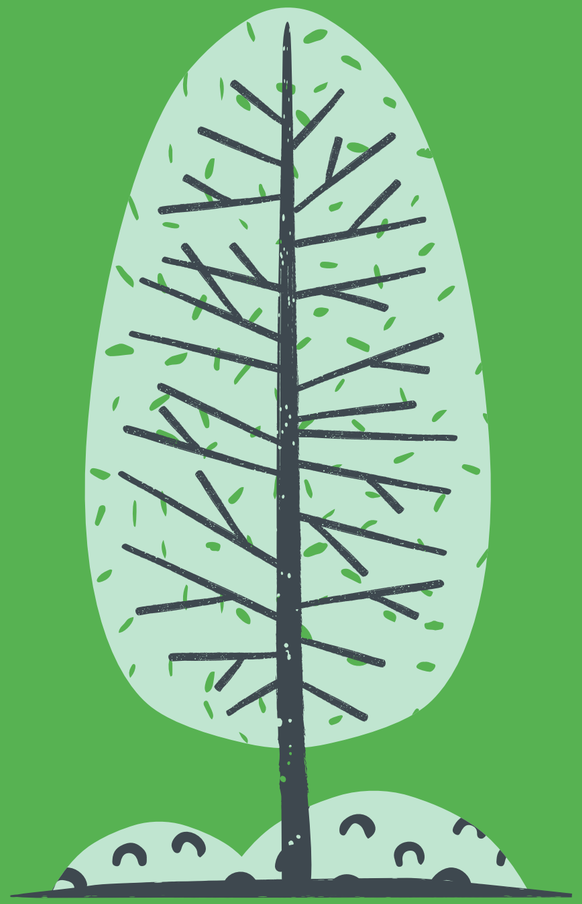
Our passion:

We are passionate about collaborating to innovate.

Heart of an Organizer

What similarities do we share? Where did they originate?





Hackers!

Brief Definition (google search + wiki)

An enthusiastic computer programmer or user that attends hackathons to collaborate intensely on software projects

Excitement

Primary Motivation

Hackathons

Positive Experiences

Hacker Ethos

But I'm an Organizer

Leadership.

Manage teams
Communicate with companies
Pitch our hackathon
Market our hackathon
Deliver an amazing final product

Commitment.

Time consuming
Energy draining
Resource allocation
Strength and perseverance
Investment of sustained effort

Empowerment.

Empower hackers
Give back to community
Build hacker ethos
Create shared space
Encourage collaboration

A New Lens

Enlightened Awareness

Hacker engagement. Behind the scenes. Event management.

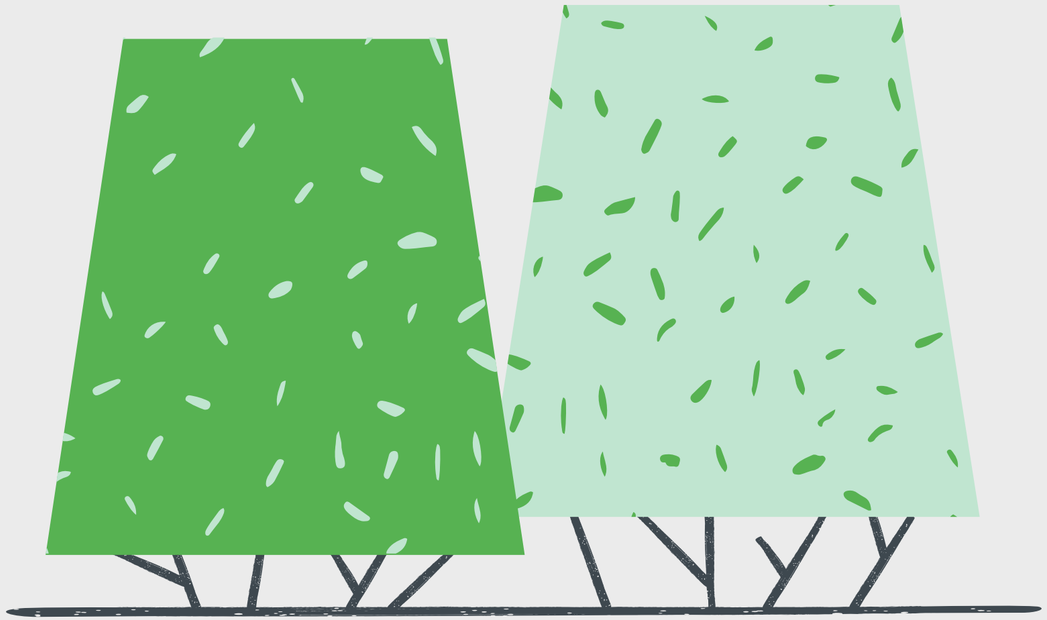
Marketing and Logistics

Hackathon brand. Public appearance. Resource allocation.

Development & More

Seamless experience. Registration through Demo. Data management.

What can we do?



Organizer Meetups

Meet fellow organizers. Share your journey. Bond over similar experiences. Discuss how each team handled the same issues.

Share resources

Industry contacts. Logistics management. Developer platform. Marketing strategies.

Collaborate beyond the Hackathon

Hacker guides. Resources for students and attendees. Promotional content. Joint ventures.

Thank You

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