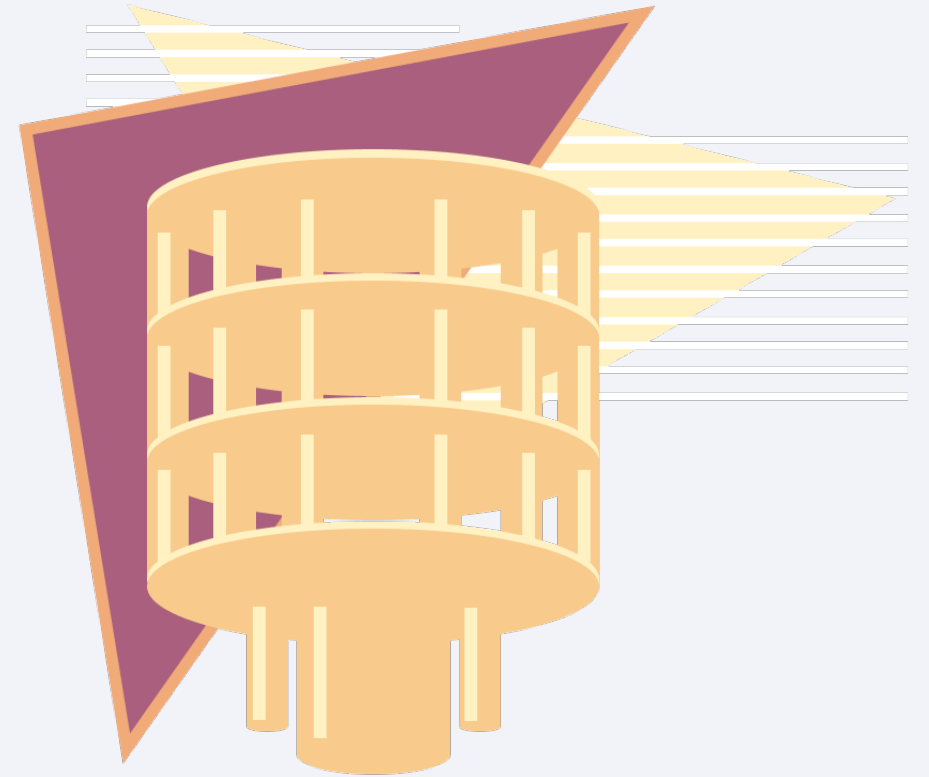


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How to Discord: Hackathon Basics

with Josie Kies

Getting Started

(Optional) Planning Your Server

- *Use Box Note, Google Docs, Quip, or other!*
- *Overview should include the following*
 - *About*
 - *Roles*
 - *Channels*
 - *Commands*
 - *Bots*

Adding Your Server

- *“Create My Own”*
- *“For a Club of Community”*
- *Name Your Server*
- *Server Icon*
- *Congrats you have a server!*



Sample Outline

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Creating the Server: Basic Functionality & Set Up

Roles

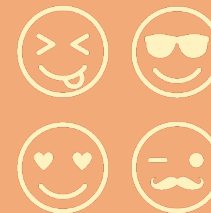
- *Roles identify the way in which a person is a part of your hackathon and each role has associated capabilities/responsibilities.*
- *Discord is set up on role-based permissions, meaning you can customize everyone's experience on and with Discord during your hackathon based on what role they have.*

Community Servers & Server Boosting

- **Community Servers** have some added characteristics (like announcement channels). You want to keep an eye on those privacy settings, but this can add some additional functionality that can be nice to have like “Welcome to the Server” pop ups and messages, customizable banners, and some additional aesthetic options.
- **Server Boosting** is when someone (possibly you) pays a subscription fee to “level up” your Discord Server. While completely optional, the additional features here can be valuable, such as custom emojis, feature controls, and unlocking any “hidden” functions you may want to use.

Channels & Categories

- *The outline can help streamline and support this creation process!*
- *Channels versus Categories: Setting and Syncing permissions can be streamlined efficiently through categories.*
- *Make things easy for yourself!*



Server Emojis!

Add custom emojis to your server! Here is a package of the quantum and Qiskit emojis we add to our servers!

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Customizing the Server: Shortcuts, Bots, & Extras

Functions and Commands

- *This can (and should!) be done through the bots - some sample commands we typically use in hackathons are...*
- *Functions can be more complicated (but probably easier for you than for me!)*
- *Let's explore in bots...*

Recommended Bots



Mee6

AKA "The bot that does all the things". Great option for custom commands, embeds, moderation, and some general fun.



MathBot

Arguably a "must have" for hackathons, this bot formats math equations in the LaTeX style (our most-requested bot addition).



Report

This is a great bot to have for anyone to report any conduct/messages/content that is offensive, hostile, or violates the code of conduct or community guidelines.



Apollo

This bot helps schedule and communicate events within your hackathon - it even adds a link for participants to be able to add to their own calendar, send reminders, and more!

Running the Server: During the Hackathon

What's an Announcement versus a Resource versus a scheduling reminder?

- *Define early and stay consistent.*
- *Communicate frequently – make sure that you don't cause too many notifications by combining updates into one. **TIP: Limit each update to 1 call to action and 3 topics!***

“Didn't I already post this?” Probably

- *The same thing should be in many many places in every-so-slightly different ways, keep track of your different links, and don't be shy about posting things multiple times!*
- *Remember: you can update this content at ANY TIME, so if you want to add an FAQ or add additional details, please do!*

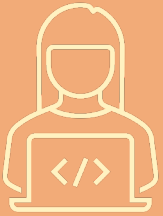
Messages versus Embeds

- *Embeds are formatted messages posted by Bots, whereas messages are posts by an user.*
- *Embeds have more formatting capabilities, can be edited by any admin at any time, and just look cleaner and more exciting.*
- ***TIP: For larger events, posting as an individual can have the undesired impact of identifying individuals and getting you bombarded by DMs, so Embeds are highly encouraged!***

Moderation & community management

Encourage conversations by starting them!

Additional Resources



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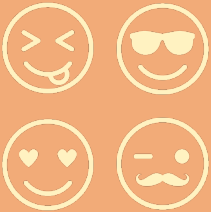
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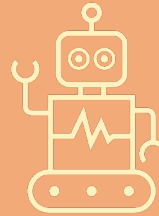
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