**Create-A-thon Official Q&A**

# Does the app have to work on both android and iOs or can teams choose just one?

The application can run on *any one* system, of the team’s choice, and does not *need* to run on multiple devices. Creating an application that runs on multiple devices is, however, likely to result in additional points. Teams should disclose at the time of submission *which system* their application runs on for testing purposes.

## Can be the app be programmed in block language like MIT AppInventor?

Yes. We are most interested in the results of the students’ hard work. We only want to see coding for the purpose of validating the team members’ work.

# Can you explain what you mean by a database to demonstrate “Use Cases”?

A Use Case concept is common for demonstrating the planned use of your application. All we mean by this is that you will have to come up with (and likely research, if you aren’t a Shopkinz expert!) the data you use to test your application.

## Can Faculty Advisors assist in debugging code?

Anyone can go through the process of debugging (pinpointing mistakes!) The students themselves must make any and all *changes* to the coding.

# Do Team members have to appear on camera in the YouTube video or can they use voiceovers?

YouTube videos must be engaging, informative, and meet the given requirements. Team members do *not* need to appear on camera; however, it might be helpful to show a photo of each team member during the “introductions” segment. Feel free to be creative!

## Does the YouTube video need to be listed as public?

The YouTube video does not need to be *searchable* but must be accessible from the link to *anyone*. Test the link on multiple devices, computers, and signed into multiple YouTube/Google accounts to ensure that, when judges click the link, it will not lead them to a “THIS VIDEO IS PRIVATE” page; that possibility could be detrimental to your score, so the safer decision is to make the video public.

# I couldn’t get my packet over the weekend. Is my team disqualified?

No. If you did not pick up your packet over the weekend, it is still available at the *front counter* of the Business Development Center. If you are still having trouble locating your packet, contact me at [olivial@infosystems.biz](mailto:olivial@infosystems.biz).

## Will teams compete in divisions based on middle school, high school, and college?

In this year’s competition, everyone will compete against *everyone*. (Yes, even our two amazing *middle school* teams! One major goal for next year’s competition is to have more scholarships available to split the prizes between divisions.