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was to get started.

## The gritty details

That's how I got the idea and the motivation for this project. By starting with the easy bits first it gave me confidence that I could do it. Going progressively to more and more complex flags I was faced by ne problem at a time. The solutions I found in my first flags I could re-use and combine in the latest one.

I'll write a more complete (and CSS-focused) list of tips in an upcoming article.

#css

## How to spot a bullshit hackathon

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Being co-organizer of a [meetup group](#), I often receive messages from companies asking us to promote their hackathon or conference. We always refuse to do such advertisement, unless we've already attended their events and appreciated it.

Last week, we received a mail about what I call a "bullshit hackathon". I've translated it to English and replaced the name of the company with FooBar. Enjoy your read and stay with me until the end, because I'm going to tell you what is bullshit about it.

Hello,

We work for FooBar, a start-up organizing innovation contests and hackathons!

We wanted to tell you about an innovation challenge that would greatly interest you as well as your meetup members!

That's why we invite you to the FooBar Challenge, organized by [IBM](#) in cooperation with [BRED](#), in partnership with FooBar and revolving around the customer experience revolution.

We're asking you to develop the prototype of a web or mobile application, to be used internally, that should allow BRED to know more about its customers. Participants will have access to the Spark and Bluemix tools to develop their projects.