**ABC Blog**

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**Objective**: To give our readers an insight into the experience of a hackathon.

**Workflow**

* Filling of the tracker
* Short video where they can talk about their experience

Following is the list of questions we plan to ask the interviewee.

* Introduction

1. Was this your first hackathon experience?
2. Why did you choose the particular event?
3. How did you finalize your teammates?
4. What were the prior preparations your team did?
5. Did you have some set objectives, if so what were they?
6. What was the name of your team?
7. Was there any significance of the event to you, if yes, what was it?

* About the event

1. What was the first thought that came to your mind when you first reached the venue?
2. How was the environment around you?
3. Did you interact with the other participants?

* Technicality

1. After being given the problem statement, what was the first thing that came to your mind?
2. How did you plan to move forward with the problem?
3. What was your idea, a brief description?
4. What was your role in it?
5. Did the event have mini judging rounds before the final pitch?
6. If so what was your strategy for those rounds?
7. How did you and your team handle them?
8. If the event was for more than a day, how was your sleep cycle? Was it affected by it?

* Final Pitch

1. At the end do you think your final product was exactly similar to what you guys had thought it to be in the beginning?
2. If no, what went wrong?
3. Throughout the event, was there any time when you felt that you guys will not be able to prove yourselves?
4. How did you guys prepare for the pitch?
5. How did it go?
6. Did you guys expect the questions that were thrown at you by the judges?
7. One question that you felt was the most difficult one and how did you handle it?
8. What do you think about the ideas that other teams gave?
9. One idea that caught your attention.

* Conclusion

1. If you had to rate the event on a scale of 0 - 10, what would it be?
2. Were the goals that you had set met?
3. What did you take back from the event?
4. When the results were announced , what were your thoughts?
5. What do you have to say about the event management?
6. What could have been done to make the event better?

* What are your future plans?
* Do you have plans of incubating your project, if not done yet?
* Freshers mostly feel that they do not have the basic technical knowledge to attend a hack, what do you want to tell them?
* What skills do you think a student needs to develop to participate in a hackathon?
* In a hackathon there are situations when one feels that he/she won’t be able to deliver whatever he/she thought , and starts panicking  about it. How do you think one can tackle that kind of situation?

**Short video**

1. 1-2 min video.
2. Brief description about their experience.
3. Whether or not they think hackathons are worth all the craze and efforts?

   
 

This is the basic template we are going to follow. The questions however will change depending on the interviewee and his experience in hackathons.

Following is the suggestions list where we are taking suggestions from everyone. Suggestions from each one of you are most welcomed.

**SUGGESTIONS**

* Having the same technical skills yet getting intimidated by others because of better portrayal of projects is common. What do you have to say about it?
* How to establish connections with the experienced ones in a hackathon?
* Interaction with judges is the key to stand out, can you elaborate?
* Usage of right skills rather than accumulation of all.
* Basis of division of work to make the process smooth,can you suggest ways or elaborate. **(this is a  good point)**
* Cracking into  internationational hackathons worth their passion or career choice(Based on their experience if they have any)

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