



## Participant Information Packet

October 7th - 9th, 2016 | Integrative Learning Center, Amherst, MA

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## Disclaimer About Information Packet

The hackathon planning has not finished. Many things are still being confirmed and updated. Many of the links provided is the information we currently have and will be fully updated closer to HackUMass V. If you find any grammar mistakes or have any additional questions please email [team@hackumass.com](mailto:team@hackumass.com)

**When words are Ruby Red it means they are hyperlinked.**

## Outline of Day of Schedule

HackUMass will start off in the [Campus Center](#) and take place in the [Integrative Learning Center](#) (ILC) after Opening Ceremony and will be from Friday, November 3rd to Sunday, November 5th. Participant check-in will open at 4 PM. Check-in will be located in the Campus Center Basement Floor. The Opening Ceremony will be from 9 PM to 10 PM on Friday, November 3rd. Midnight is when the hackathon will officially begin. Closing Ceremony will be from 3 PM to 5 PM on Sunday, November 5th in the [Student Union Ballroom](#). You can see a live-updated list of events by logging into your [HackUMass Dashboard](#).

## How to Get Here

[Integrative Learning Center](#) Address: 650 N Pleasant St, Amherst, MA 01003

Directions to Campus by UMass Amherst's Visiting Center:

<https://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/directions>

Map of Campus by UMass Amherst's Visiting Center:

<http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/sites/default/files/maps/campus-map.pdf>

## DRIVING

From Boston:

1. Take I-90W, I-91N and Take Exit 4 (West Springfield).
2. Follow I-91 North to Exit 19. From the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9.
3. Drive approximately 4.5 miles to Route 116 North (turn left at traffic lights).

From Hartford, New York City, or Providence

1. From I-91 North, take Exit 19 in Northampton.
2. From the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9.
3. Drive approximately 4.5 miles to Route 116 North (turn left at traffic lights).
4. The UMass exit is 1 mile up.

## BUSES

We will be sending complimentary round-trip buses to the following locations:

New York City - 1 bus

Boston - 2 buses

**NOTE: You can book a ticket on these complimentary buses here:**

<https://www.bus.com/events/227581207-hackumass-v?tripType=roundtrip>

If all the seats are full, you can try the alternatives listed below:

**Peter Pan Bus Website:** <https://peterpanbus.com/>

**Peter Pan Bus Lines:** (800) 343-999 (Reserve seats in advance)

Take the bus to the Amherst UMass, MA bus stop.

## FLYING

We prefer you fly to Logan International Airport (BOS) in Boston, MA, and then take a bus to UMass Amherst.

An alternative way to get to UMass Amherst by flying is to the Bradley International Airport (BDL) in Springfield/Hartford and drive to the campus (51 minute drive) or taking a Peter Pan Bus from **Hartford Union Station** to UMass Amherst.

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

We will not be giving travel reimbursements this year, however we are sending out three buses, two to Boston and one to New York City. Please see our emails regarding the buses if you'd like to reserve a seat.

The #carpooling channel in the **HackUMass Attendee Slack** (mentioned in email) is where you can broadcast where you'll be traveling from to other attendees and find others to travel with.

## When you Arrive

### PARKING

We have reserved parking spaces for our participants in the **Campus Center Parking Garage**. After parking in the campus garage, please see an organizer/volunteer at check-in to receive a parking pass which you will be required to turn in when you leave. Passes will be handed out on a first come first served basis.

In the case of overflow. Please park at a metered spot (or in the parking garage) on Friday evening, and then move your car to any non-reserved lot after 7pm on Friday (these lots are free to park in during the weekend).

## CHECK-IN

If you are taking the bus there will be a volunteer waiting outside where you will get dropped off. They will direct you to the Campus Center where there will be tables set up for registration. We will open registration for participants at 6 PM. If you are late and arrive after 10 PM, please go straight to the Integrative Learning Center. Dinner will be provided if you arrive late.

## Who to Contact

### POLICE CONTACTS

[umpd@admin.umass.edu](mailto:umpd@admin.umass.edu)

(413) 545-2121 non-emergency

(413) 545-3111 emergency or 911

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

From your cell, call (413) 545-3111 for the quickest response for emergencies.

This is the UMPD (UMass Police Department) emergency number. If you call 911 from your cell, you reach the MA State Police who will transfer you to UMPD. □

Say UMass Amherst Integrative Learning Center if you call 911 from your cell.

Dialing 911 from campus landline phones automatically connects you to UMPD Emergency.

## HACKUMASS CONTACT

During the event, a dedicated team of **HackUMass** organizers will be on call to assist you if you are lost or need help with anything. ☐ Please go to Room N111 on the first floor for assistance or email us at [team@hackumass.com](mailto:team@hackumass.com). You can also find us on **slack**. All the organizers have usernames in the format HUM\_ourname and you can use the @hackumass command to notify all of us about your question.

## What to Expect

### INTERACTING WITH SPONSORS AND MENTORS

There are going to be 800+ attendees at the event and most of them will be very excited to speak with mentors and company representatives. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with mentors/sponsors throughout the event. There are going to be many hackers looking to talk to sponsors about their project or for recruitment. In the **Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center** there will be a sponsor tabling session from 10 PM to 12 Midnight on Friday November 3rd where students are encouraged to talk to companies.

### FORMING TEAMS

There will be Idea Jams going on the beginning of the event, where teams will be pitching their idea and other participants can choose to join teams based on what idea is most interesting.

The #teamforming channel on **our Slack** (mentioned in email) is where you can display your ideas to other confirmed attendees and form teams with them before the event. We recommend directly messaging people you're interested in forming

teams with, and getting proper contact information so it's easier to meet once at the event. Find people, make friends, make cool projects and have fun!

We recommend a team size of **four** because our prizes are based on that number of people per team.

## FOOD

There will be 6 meals spaced out throughout the event. These meals will take place at **Blue Wall** in the **Campus Center**, **Worcester Dining Commons**, and in the **Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center**. The Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center will be the location for breakfasts. Worcester Dining Commons will be the location for lunches and you will need a HackUMass V T-Shirt to get in. Blue Wall will be the location for dinners, you will need a meal ticket per meal, and be aware that Blue Wall will close at **10 PM**. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout HackUMass in the Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center. Allergy or food restrictions options will be available during every meal, if you have any questions about these options please email Rachel Porten at [rporten@umass.edu](mailto:rporten@umass.edu) or contact the organizers via **slack**.

## MINI EVENTS

We have many different mini-events planned such as Smash Club and Spike Ball tournaments and more. There will also be workshops and tech talks hosted including 3D printing workshops, beginner level workshops, and more. You can see a live-updated list of events by logging into your **HackUMass Dashboard**.

Spike Ball - Second floor, next to room S220. There will be a few spikeball nets set up and our **HackUMass** volunteers will be moderating the area.



Super Smash Bros - There will be **Super Smash Bros 4 & Melee** setups available throughout the event on Saturday which are being run by the UMass Amherst **Super Smash Bros Club**.

## **HARDWARE/RESOURCES**

The hardware check-out table will be next to N155. You will need to provide one form of government issued identification for us to hold onto while you are using the hardware. A complete list of hardware can be found on your **hackumass.com dashboard**.

## **PRIZES**

List of both **Prizes** and Prize Categories.

## **JUDGING**

Project demos will be in the **Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center**. There will also be tables set up for demoing on the second floor.

Judging will be based on Originality, Execution, Technical Complexity, and Presentation.

## **DEMO EXPO**

The Demo Expo is when teams present their projects. **Your project does not need to be completed to be at the Demo Fair**. The Demo Expo will take place in the **Integrative Learning Center**. Submit your project to our **devpost** page and we will

give you a number. Go to the table with that number on it. During the demo expo you will be showcasing your project just like a science fair project.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

All attendees, mentors, organizers, sponsors, and volunteers have to adhere to the [Major League Hacking Code of Conduct](#).

**TL;DR** Be respectful. Harassment and abuse are never tolerated. If you are in a situation that makes you uncomfortable at an officially sanctioned MLH event, if the event itself is creating an unsafe or inappropriate environment, or if interacting with a MLH representative or event organizer makes you uncomfortable, please report it using the procedures included in this [[MLH Code of Conduct](#)] document.

The [HackUMass](#) team will be enforcing the code of conduct and **we will take action** if there are any violations. Please report any inappropriate behavior by any individuals (participants, staff, volunteers, company representatives, and others) at the event to an organizer and we will take the appropriate action. Our goal is to make this event an enjoyable experience for everybody involved.

## Who is sponsoring and partnering with us?

A complete list of our company sponsors and partners can be found on [our website](#).

# What to Bring

## HACKING GEAR

Hacking gear should include laptops, chargers, usb chargers, battery packs, external hard drives, monitors, usb cables, transfer cables, change of clothing, pillow, blanket, etc. If you do not have a laptop, laptops will be provided for use in select rooms.

## HYGIENE AND AMENITIES

As hygiene is important for this event, make sure to bring toothbrushes, towels, deodorant, and extra toiletries if needed. There are bathrooms located throughout the whole building, including a gender neutral bathroom on the first floor. If you would like to take a shower, please find an organizer and we will take you to one of the recreational centers on campus to take a shower.

## FAQ and Questions

Please visit [hackumass.com](http://hackumass.com) to see our FAQs and if you have any questions or concerns email us at [team@hackumass.com](mailto:team@hackumass.com) or send us a message via [slack](#).

## MAP

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