

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **I don't know anything about programming and am not good with computers, can I still be involved?**

YES! We are seeking participants from all disciplines, backgrounds, and levels of expertise. For example, software development, programming, engineering, international relations, law, natural science, environmental science, business, finance, art, entertainment, medical science, economics, criminology, politics, etc etc.

2. **What is a hackathon?**

A hackathon is a tech event that brings together people from different backgrounds and disciplines to collaborate and come up with innovative, digital, technology solutions by using existing (digital) technology to solve local and global challenges.

3. **When and where is this event?**

May 1-3, starting at 5pm AEST. The event is entirely online. No need to leave your safe quarantine bubble. Submissions due on 3rd of May 11am GMT+10.

4. **Who is allowed to enter?**

Anyone and everyone!

5. **What is the goal of the Hackathon Openhack Hack4Future?**

Hack4Future seeks to identify potential solutions to big, international, complex problems. We cast an eye to the future, and try to make the world a better place. Together we can!!!

6. **I want to gain invaluable experience, make new friends, make career connections, learn from experts, have fun, and win fame and glory, is this the right event for me?**

Wow what a poignant question! Even if you only want one of these things, this event is the perfect opportunity.

7. **How much does this event cost?**

It's free! All it costs is your time, and you get access to experts in various areas, make connections with mentors, and relieve the boredom of coronavirus quarantine.

8. **What materials do I need?**

All you need is a computer and an internet connection. The event will be mostly run on YouTube, Zoom, and Slack.

9. How big or small can teams be?

Teams can be between 1-6 people.

10. What can I win by participating in this FAQ?

There are three categories for winning in this Hackathon which include:

- *Global changemaker*
- *Best Tech Solution*
- *Best Pitch*

Winners will receive the priceless award of the victorious title! Along with exposure and connections made along the way

11. Isn't hacking only for criminals?

A common misconception. Just like parkour, hacking is sometimes a criminal activity used to evade police, and sometimes just a group of friends enjoying their weekend.

In the modern organisations hackathons are a part of a strategy to come up with innovative solutions in a bureaucratic system that otherwise takes too much time to be changed, that is why 'hacking' refers to a sped-up creative process while solving problems given.

12. This sounds great and all but I have plans that weekend...

No you don't. Nobody has plans anymore... Unless this hackathon is your plan, as you are part of the solution!

13. Where can I find out more information about this event?

Check out our Facebook event page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2479286878999478/>

Website: <https://www.openhack2020australia.com/>

YouTube:

14. This FAQ is great and all, but I still have so many questions...

Send us an email!

openhack2020australia@gmail.com

15. Where do I sign up!?

You can find the registration form here:

<https://www.openhack2020australia.com/hack4future>

16. Can I work with my friends?

The event will allow you to create teams of your own, however, as the event would encourage interdepartmental cooperation, your team may have new members involved if your team is limited in diversity.

17. How will the final product be submitted?

The final proposal of your team can be submitted as a video of you presenting your team's proposal. More information about the format and requirements will be announced at the start of the hackathon.

18. What if I need academic help during the hackathon?

During the event, there will be mentors going through different teams to take a look at how the team is going and help if they are stuck on anything. In addition, if the team is unfamiliar with the topic, there are premade videos to assist the team familiarise and make a start on their brainstorming.

19. Can I sleep during the 3-day hackathon?

Yes of course! Although the event is set for 48 hours, you are free to take breaks for food and rest whenever you want!