

What is a hackathon?

It's a gathering of thinkers, dreamers and doers who come together, typically over a weekend, to share ideas and build solutions to the challenges set. It's basically a pop-up innovation lab, where you will meet and collaborate with people from diverse backgrounds. If you want to be part of creating something interesting that makes a difference to our justice system, this event is for you!

Isn't hacking illegal?

Not this kind, but remember to be aware of the possible intellectual property rights of others.

Am I eligible?

Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Do I have to be a developer (programmer) to participate?

Not at all. There will be developers in the teams, however, anyone who wants to work on something interesting and impactful, irrespective of your background or skill set, can participate. The more diverse the team composition, the better!

Do I have to come with a team?

No. We will help you find a great team to join.

What are the team sizes?

You may compete in a team of 4 to 6 people. We may increase or decrease the team sizes at our discretion to ensure all participants can partake in the event and there is skill set diversity in the teams.

What's the schedule for the hackathon?

Details will be posted closer to the event.

Who owns the intellectual property (IP) in my team's submission to the hackathon?

Unless a team agrees otherwise, the IP in a team's submission remains the intellectual property of that team. Teams may wish to agree that their submission is Open Source or Creative Commons licensed and is therefore not subject to the proprietary rights of the team members, either individually or collectively. For teams interested in entrepreneurial ventures beyond the hackathon involving products they created during it, we would encourage those teams to have a discussion about the ownership of any IP.

Should I bring a laptop?

If you are a developer, yes! Bring your laptop, chargers and any other equipment you like working with. For non developers, a laptop is a useful piece of kit for researching, sharing info and of course preparing your winning pitch! The venue has Wi-Fi, however, a backup is always useful.

What else should I bring with me?

Evidence of your event registration and photo ID. In addition, an open mind, enthusiasm and ideas!

Will there be catering?

Yes. You will be fed and watered during the event. There are lots of eateries close by to the venue, should you wish to venture out for some fresh air and a bite to eat.

How are the prizes allocated?

The winners shall be selected by a judging panel of industry experts. Judges' decisions are final and binding and the judging panel is subject to change at our discretion. The judging criteria will be made available at or prior to the event. Team presentation time limits may be shortened or lengthened depending on the number of teams. We shall decide the order of presentations at our discretion.

Winning teams are responsible for allocating prizes among team members. Cash prizes shall be distributed evenly among winning team members. To be eligible for a share in a prize, a winning team member must have participated in all hackathon activities.

Is there a Code of Conduct?

Yes. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the Code of Conduct prior to the start of the hackathon. You and/or your entire team may be disqualified and asked to leave the premises for any of the following actions, with or without warning, at our sole discretion: (i) non-compliance with the hackathon Code of Conduct or any other agreement entered into in connection with the hackathon; or (ii) violating the spirit of the hackathon or acting inappropriately in any way. All disqualification decisions are final and not subject to appeal.