Hackathon 101

The + Geeks Without Bounds

How to Rock Your Hackathon Guide

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Come together around a shared purpose.

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Where do we go from here?

Regular meetups: other events.

We're on a team.

Now what?

Form a team.

You are responsible for the event being awesome.

You are important "who" if the event works.

Being a good teammate:

Cut down on technical jargon.

In a team of 5 people, where is TPM?

Questions are wonderful.

Ruled by a merciless clock.

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Response
Health
Space
Education

We often
WE OFTEN PROVIDE SETS
Write Ups as a Way
WORKFLOWS
TEN PROVIDE WORKFLOWS WRITE-UPS AS A WAY OF EXPRESSING CHALLENGES IN A FIELD.
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* NOTE: NOT "EXPERTISE"
I AM SUPER EXCITED ABOUT... <THING>
Finding each other requires talking. Be bold! Someone out there is shier than you are.

Me, too!
You are important especially if you don't code.

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- Storytelling → Accessibility + Understanding

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- IS DIVERSE
BEING A GOOD TEAMMATE:

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SELECT

How do we pick?!
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NO. 

Something small but impactful. 

Value-based decision.
Something Big?
something small but impactful
OUTPUTS
OUTCOMES
VALUE-BASED DESIGN

INPUTS

OUTPUTS

OUTCOMES

IMPACTS

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DO:
- Use libraries!
- Use APIs!
- Screenshots + mockups!
- Think about the users

DON'T:
- Reinvent the wheel
- Be an architecture astronaut
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Pick one feature. Implement that. (Fake the rest)

Prototype

What your project
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WHAT YOUR PROJECT MIGHT LOOK LIKE:

SPEC

CODE

HARDWARE

WORKFLOW
WORK FLOW
HARDWARE
>... code
IDEATE

SELECT

EVALUATE

DESIGN CYCLE

PROTOTYPE

DO:
- Be clear
- Be one
- Be vast
- Be useful
- Be simple

DON'T:
- Be too focuses
- Be uncorrelation
- Be not user
- Be too specific
- Be over complex
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(This is a big part of this being a ~hackathon~)
Set your own timeline for each phase with a strong F*IT, SHIP IT mentality.
HAVE FUN!

(I NEVER UNDERSTOOD THESE IMPERATIVE STATEMENTS. LIKE IF YOU HADN'T SAID "DRIVE SAFE" I WOULD HAVE GONE INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC. ANYWAY.)
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- And debating questions are wonderful

Tally:
- We often provide marketing
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- As a way of expressing challenges in a field

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Developed ad-hoc

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