



## #313: City of Chicago's First Design Director

**Date** August 14th, 2018

**Sponsor:** The Chi Hack Night community

**Website:** [chihacknight.org](http://chihacknight.org)

**Hosts:** Emily & Michael (first time!)

### Welcome to Chi Hack Night!

Find this **agenda** at [chihacknight.org](http://chihacknight.org) — next to the RSVP and details button

Join our [Slack](http://slackme.chihacknight.org) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate.

Download it now and get ahead of the curve!)

Thank you to our sponsor **The Chi Hack Night community** for the Empanadas!

### Tonight's agenda:

**6:00 pm** Eating and socializing

**6:15 pm** Welcome, house rules & three-word introductions (welcome, first-timers!)

**6:30 pm** Announcements

**7:20 pm** [Breakout group pitches](#)

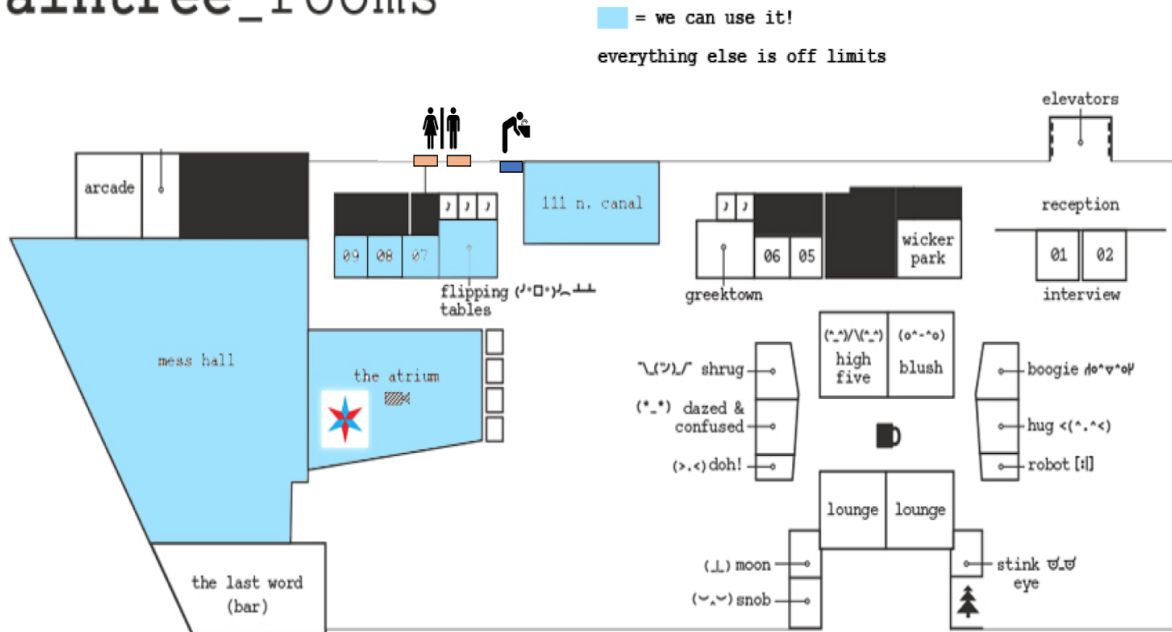
**7:30 pm** Break into groups and hack

**9:30 pm** Pack up and leave

### Food, drink, and the Braintree office:

- Food: Food is in the cafeteria. Please don't take too much!
- Drink: You can take up to 2 non-alcoholic drinks from the 'everyone' refrigerator (If you see any food near the drinks you're reaching for, you're in the wrong fridge)
- Braintree space: The rooms in [Blue](#) [see map below the fold] we are welcome to use. Everything else is off limits please! **Please do not disable or disconnect anything in the Braintree rooms.** If you need help, ask one of the Braintree staff.

# Braintree\_rooms



## Apps, wifi, and social media:

- Wifi: PayPalGuest / SafePayments (on the whiteboard to the right of these screens)
- Join our [Slack](http://slackme.chihacknight.org) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate. Download it now and get ahead of the curve!)
- [Twitter](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
- [Facebook](#): we got a page! You can like us there.
- [Instagram](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
- Subscribe to our newsletter! Get the latest and greatest in Chi Hack Night news & updates by checking out our weekly newsletter. Sign up [here](#).
- [Hack Night Radio](#): A collaborative playlist that plays before/after Chi Hack Night — feel free to add your favorite songs, even country!
- Left something at Chi Hack Night? Email [chicagooffice@getbraintree.com](mailto:chicagooffice@getbraintree.com)
- **Questions for the speaker down at the bottom**

## Be nice:

- Please keep announcements, job postings, breakout pitches less than 30 seconds
- Please read our [Code of Conduct](#)
- P.S. Are you interested in co-hosting? Ask in the Slack channel **#co-hosts**

## Introductions

- Introduce yourself.
- Keep it to three words.

- Warm welcome to the newcomers!

## Announcements

**Keep announcements under 30 seconds and put your name next to it in parentheses.**

### Support Chicago's civic tech community - Donate to Chi Hack Night!

Chi Hack Night is now accepting donations! Our event will always be free and accessible to all but we need your help to keep it going! [Donate when you RSVP on Eventbrite!](#)

 **Our biggest expense is food.** If you donate \$5/week you'll cover your own food expenses.

  **Bonus!** Donate \$100 or more and get a Chi Hack Night swag pack! It includes a Chi Hack Night t-shirt, coffee mug and 4 Chi Hack Night stickers!

If you have donated \$100 or more and have not gotten your swag, talk to the co-hosts!

**Note:** Fresh swag will be available next week!

**Any other announcements?**

## Events

### Upcoming Chi Hack Nights

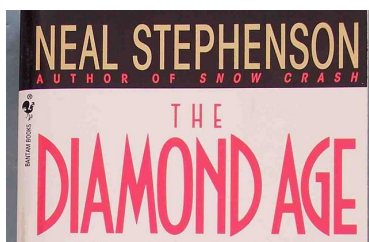
Chi Hack Night is booked out several months in advance. Here's what we have planned coming up! Remember that RSVP is mandatory, so [sign up for these dates in advance!](#)

- 8/21/2018 #314 Open Hack (Chicago Inspector General rescheduled for 10/23)
- 8/28/2018 #315 Melissa Sanchez & David Eads, ProPublica - City Sticker Violations
- 9/04/2018 #316 Center on Halsted
- 9/11/2018 #317 Open Hack

Logan Hack Night Dates:

- August 15th (Tomorrow) - [Give Art a Chance!](#)
- September 19th
- October 24th
- November 21st
- December 19th

### Soup and Sci-Fi



A book club for Hard Science Fiction fans! Discuss science over free soup (BYOB). We are now reading The Diamond Age by Neal Stephenson. Location: 9 W Washington Chicago 60602 on Wednesday August 22 at 6pm. (Corner of Washington and State, across from block 37 and Macy's).

*Set in twenty-first century Shanghai, it is the story of what happens when a brilliant nanotechnologist named John Percival Hackworth made an illicit copy of a state-of-the-art interactive device called A Young Ladys Illustrated Primer its purpose is to educate and raise a girl capable of thinking for herself. It performs its function superbly. Unfortunately for Hackworth, his smuggled copy has fallen into the hands of a street urchin named Nell. Her life—and the entire future of humanity—is about to be decoded and reprogrammed...*

### **Chicago Cooperative Economy Summit**

**Saturday August 25th, 10a to 5p, 237 s Desplaines**

Venue Limited to 300 free tickets, 150 sponsor tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-chicago-cooperative-economy-summit-tickets-47702772276>

<https://m.facebook.com/events/1863956823906441>

### **International Blockchain Congress**

Innovation and Development Foundation is hosting 2nd International Blockchain Congress together with Microsoft on August 17th. The day-long event will take place in the heart of Chicago at a state-of-the-art AON Center conference facility. Agenda contains keynotes, panel discussions, lightning talks, fireside chats, ICO pitches, workshops and breakout group sessions.

 Learn more - [www.ibcongress.io/ibc](http://www.ibcongress.io/ibc)

The leading experts in the field of blockchain technology and smart contracts from Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Western Asia, Australia and North America will come together to synchronize global expertise related to blockchain technology and smart contracts.

[info@ibcongress.io](mailto:info@ibcongress.io)

- 5 Continents
- 15+ Countries
- 50+ Speakers
- August 17, 2018
- AON Center, Chicago, USA

### **South Side Code & Coffee - Every Tuesday, 7AM to 10AM**

Bringing together developers and tech enthusiasts from all across the south side, South Side Code & Coffee is a weekly meetup for early-rising office workers, program-from-home freelancers, CS students, and anybody else who likes caffeine with their code. Each week we

convene at a café to chat with fellow tech folks and get work done in a shared space, all while supporting local businesses and community organizations.

*This summer and fall, South Side Code & Coffee is partnering with [Creative Grounds](#) to create an art/architecture installation about technology at the former Overton Elementary School in Bronzeville. On August 18th, between regular meetups, [come join us starting at 2PM](#) to help plan and build inside one of Overton's classrooms! The resulting space will be used as a venue for future Code & Coffee meetups.*

## **Any other events?**

## **Jobs**

*Post your civic technology, government, research & journalism jobs here! Job postings will carry over to next week.*

**Civis Analytics**, formed by members of the 2012 Obama Re-election Analytics team, is hiring for a variety of positions (Data Science Consultants, Optimization Scientists, Engineering, and more)! For more info, see our jobs board below:

<https://boards.greenhouse.io/civisanalytics/#.WsZX29PwaV5>

**BRAINTREE IS HIRING!** We have more than 23 open positions posted on our Careers page from across our business, technical, and operations groups. Come join us!

<https://www.braintreepayments.com/careers#jobs>

**Chicago Public Schools, Performance Data Analyst** (Central Office): Chicago Public Schools' Department of School Quality Measurement and Research (SQMR) is looking for a data analyst to provide timely and accurate data to stakeholders throughout CPS (families, schools, central office leaders, etc.) by calculating school performance metrics in SAS, creating and analyzing aggregate reports (like [these](#)), developing solutions for data warehousing, implementing quality assurance, and fulfilling FOIA, external, and internal data requests. Contact Mak, @makhozo on Slack or in person for details!

<https://cpsk12il.taleo.net/careersection/3/jobdetail.ftl?job=180001W7&lang=en>

**Uptake** is an industrial data analytics company in Chicago. We build software products that ingest sensor data from machines like trains and wind turbines at scale and provide actionable insights to our customers. We have many openings across our company, including Engineering, Data Science, Sales, and Marketing. See our [job board](#). The Data Science team is especially actively looking to fill several open roles:

- [Data Scientist](#)
- [Data Science Manager / Director](#)
- [Machine Learning Engineer](#)
- [Senior Data Science Software Engineer](#)

Our Data Science team was recently [featured by Built In Chicago](#). Contact Jay Qi (@jay.qi in Slack) with any questions.

**Any other jobs? Check out the #jobs channel in Chi Hack Night Slack! Join:**  
[slackme.chihacknight.org](https://slackme.chihacknight.org)

## Presentation Notes

*Help us take notes and share relevant links during the presentation! The presentation will be posted on the [Chi Hack Night YouTube channel](#) at the end of the week.*

## Presentation Questions

*Please add your questions here. Hosts will select questions from here. If you see a question place a \* by it, and it'll get moved higher up the chain.*

*Example:*

*“Q: Where is the map to Skywalker?”\*\*\*\*\**

**Q1:** *What is the hardest part of your job?*

**Q2:** *What particular steps are you taking to ensure that the city's tech products are usable by those who are not tech-savvy? \**

**Q3:**

**Q4:** *can you give an example of a project in which you have used or are going to use design system/human centered design process?*

**Q5:** *What are the best resources/ways for an employee of the City of Chicago or other civic group to introduce these ideas to their team?\**

**Q6:** *What are some lessons learned from the City of Chicago Open Data Portal your team has been / will be leveraging?*

**Q7:** *When building a new team of designers how do you balance your vision and beliefs with theirs to define the culture of your team?*