



## #301: Potluck & Open Hack

**Date** May 15th, 2018

**Sponsor** [Google](#)

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

**Hosts:** Emily, Soren

### Welcome to Chi Hack Night!

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

Join our [Slack](#) 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 **Google** for the Empanadas!

### Tonight's agenda:

**5:30-6:15 pm** Setup (need volunteers)

**6:00 pm** Eating and socializing

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

**6:30 pm** Announcements

**6:45 pm** Feedback Session Presentation

**7:00 pm** Breakout group pitches

**7:15 pm** Feedback Session Participation at Stations

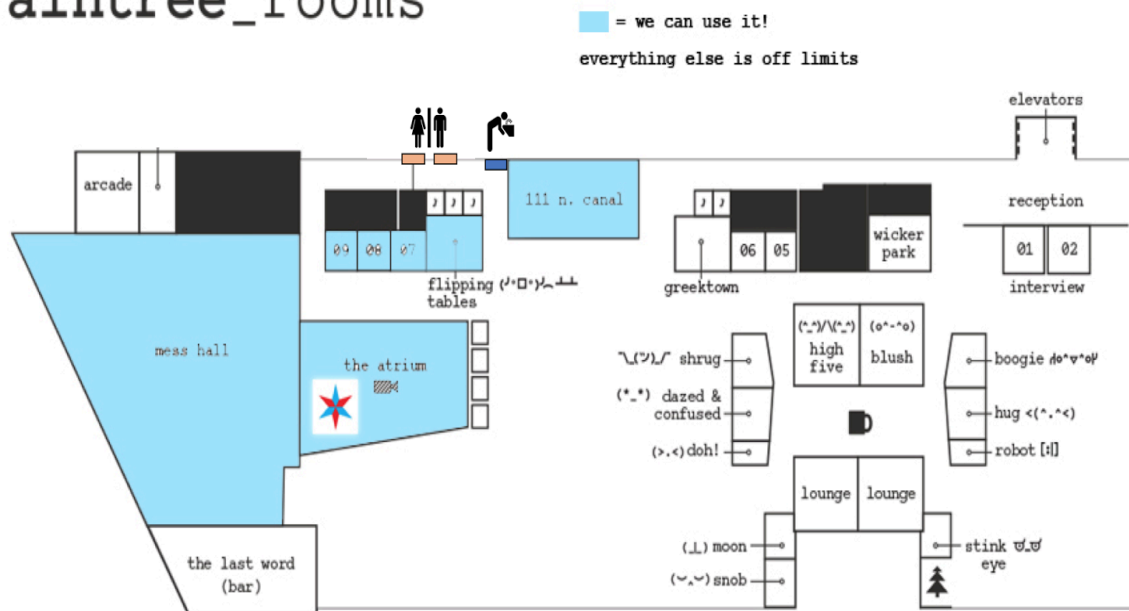
**8:00 pm** Takedown (need volunteers)

**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.
- [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.**

### **Co-host ChiHackNight (Hosts)**

Co-hosting ChiHackNight is a fun way to improve your public speaking skills and give back to this community. This is a need that we have every week.

We're especially looking for people who are uncertain of their qualifications, nervous about speaking in front of crowds, and feel like they would mess up. See the #co-hosts channel on Slack or talk to either one of the current hosts tonight about how to get involved.

### **Become a Chi Hack Night sponsor!**

Chi Hack Night is funded by our wonderful sponsors, which pay for food, video production, ASL interpreters and more. If your organization is interested in sponsoring our event, we'd love to talk to you! Send an email to [info@chihacknight.org](mailto:info@chihacknight.org) or come talk to Derek.

### **[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 and get some rad #chihacknight swag!

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! [Donate on Venmo today!](#)

⇒ **Have you donated? Find Derek and he will get you your swag!** ⇐



### **[Announcing the 2018 Hackies Winners!](#)**

On May 8th, 2018 we celebrated the 300th episode of Chi Hack Night! In honor of this momentous milestone, we recognized the many people, projects, partners, and presentations

that make our community great. The evening included the awarding of “the Hackies”, our new civic tech version of the Oscars! 13 Hackies were awarded by popular vote.

### **[Uptake.org Data Fellows Program](#) -- Applications open and due June 1** : (Jay -- Not here)

Uptake.org is the philanthropic and civic innovation arm of Uptake, an industrial IoT software company in Chicago. The Uptake.org Data Fellows program is a six-month fellowship designed to connect data professionals at non-profits, foundations, and social enterprises all over the world to experts in data science and security. The fellowship begins with a week in Chicago where fellows meet with mentors, participate in workshops on topics in data science or security, and network with like-minded data-for-good professionals. **The program now has two tracks: Data Science Fellows and Data Security Fellows (new!). Applications are due Friday, June 1.** You can contact Jay (Slack: @jay.qi, email: jay.qi@uptake.com) with questions. Previous Data Fellows from Chicago often attend CHN and may be around.

### **[New study offers 24 ideas to take on Chicago-area segregation](#)**

The nonprofit [Metropolitan Planning Council](#) released a report this morning proposing 24 policy ideas aimed at addressing segregation and its impacts on the Chicago area.

### **The Clipboard Project Survey (Lydia/Cameron)**

The Clipboard Project is conducting a survey around civic engagement, why people choose to get involved in their communities and what makes it challenging to get involved. If you have a few minutes, please fill out the survey here: <http://bit.ly/clipboardsurvey>

AND If you know of other people who may be interested in sharing their opinion with us (your volleyball rec team? your roommates? your work friends? your parents!), please pass on the link! Contact Lydia Jessup (on Slack as Lydia Jessup) if you'd like a sample script to use or more info on the project!

### **Free Python Mentorship Program**

The Chicago Python User Group is taking applications for its FREE Fall 2018 Mentorship Program. The all-volunteer 13-week program is looking for both Mentors and Mentees to work on issues from basic Python to data science, from web development to devops. If you know a good mentor or mentee have them apply at [chipy.org](http://chipy.org)! See Ray Berg in person or on Slack for details. Applications open until August.

**Any other announcements?**

## **Events**

### **[Leadership Council #45](#)**

We will have our 45st [Chi Hack Night Leadership Council](#) at 7:30pm after the group breakouts get started. This meeting is for discussing new ideas and ways to make the hack night better. Anyone is welcome to join!

If you'd like to bring up a topic, add it to the [Leadership Council agenda](#).

## **Soup and SciFi**

New book club for Hard Science Fiction fans! Discuss science "hardly" fiction while enjoying free soup (BYOB). This month we are reading [The Three Body Problem](#) by Liu Cixin.

*"Shortly after, she's falsely charged with sedition for promoting the works of environmentalist Rachel Carson, and told she can avoid punishment by working at a defense research facility involved with the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. More than 40 years later, Ye's work becomes linked to a string of physicist suicides and a complex role-playing game involving the classic physics problem of the title.*

### **RSVP please:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soup-and-sci-fi-tickets-45574804467>

### **When:**

Wednesday May 16 6:00pm

### **Where (to lock your transporters):**

Officeport coworking space, 4th Floor, (Washington and State)  
9 West Washington Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

## **Logan Square Hack Night**

May 30th!

Speaker TBD.

Incidentally, looking for help with booking and event coordination/promotion, breakout group commitments, other any other ideas/feedback. [ericandrewsherman@gmail.com](mailto:ericandrewsherman@gmail.com), easherma on S-s-slack.

## **Any other events?**

## **Jobs**

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

## **mRelief Has Volunteer Opportunities. [RSVP here](#).**

mRelief.com is the easy-to-use platform on web and text messaging for low-income Americans to find out if they qualify and enroll end-to-end in SNAP. We are looking for volunteers to help us connect low-income families to the food stamp program. As some of you know, an average

family receives \$255 each month but face many different challenges in connecting to the benefit: stigma, not knowing that they are eligible or what they need to apply, transportation etc. We are looking for volunteers to help us reach people who need a little more help navigating social services.

### **CTA Web Development Internship**

CTA is currently hiring for summer or year-long interns. Performance Management is specifically recruiting an intern for a web development internship, primarily surrounding prototyping tools for use in the field. Familiarity with Flask, Django, Vue, React or similar Python and Javascript frameworks preferred.

To apply, go to the [Career Page at CTA](#) and search under “IRC12201” or “2018 Summer Internship Program – Administration.”

Please also email with questions and resumes to [bfan@transitchicago.com](mailto:bfan@transitchicago.com). (We'll also be here next week)



### **Cook County is Hiring!**

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/careers>

- **GIS Manager!!!**

- **Information Security Specialist!!!**

- **Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives Program Manager!!!**

And **more!**

### **Collaborate with me for a [State Matters](#) project!**

Not paid(yet), but other content production roles are. Looking for designers/UX wonks, pref with some coding knowledge/experience. [ericandrewsherman@gmail.com](mailto:ericandrewsherman@gmail.com) for deets, or hit me up on slack (easherma)

### **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 needs to be done and in what time frame?**

**Q2: What are the tools that are used? And what skills are needed to help? \***

**Q3: If a question is asked and no presenter is present, does it make a sound?**