

Frequently Asked Questions

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- PREPARING FOR THE HACKATHON -

How do I get the pass?

We will send you the passes via email prior to the event, starting on May 15, 2018.

If you didn't get yours, please contact guillaume@bemyapp.com.

Your pass will give you access to the whole Vivatech show, from Thursday to Saturday.

Do I have to attend the hackathon to get a free Vivatech pass?

Yes, people who use a free pass without attending the hackathon will be asked to pay their ticket after the event (price of a ticket is: 245€)

I didn't get my pass, what do I do?

If you didn't get your pass, please contact su@bemyapp.com.

Please **do not show up** at the door without your pass, you won't be let in.

What does my pass give me access to?

As mentioned in the question right above, your pass will give you full access to the 3-day of VivaTech!

Where can I see all the challenges?

See below ;)

- [Challenges leboncoin - GEFO & TALAN - IBM - Groupe Renault](#)
- Challenges Microsoft: [Droit d'Urgence](#) / [Equal Community Foundation](#) / [Hackers against natural disaster](#) / [Learn Enjoy](#) / [Singa](#) / [Social Builder](#) / [We are not Weapons Of War](#) / [G.H Pitié Salpêtrière](#) / [Hopale Foundation](#)

Attention, the Microsoft hack is specific. Only the best AI profiles will be selected to participate. You can find the Microsoft guidelines [here](#).

How do I pick my challenge?

If you weren't able to do so at the time of registering, please let us know [here](#).
In any case, you must do so before entering the event.

Is there a document that sums up everything I need to know about the hack?

Yes! Please find the hack guidelines [here](#).

Doing the Microsoft challenge? There are specific guidelines for this one. Find them [here](#).

- GETTING THERE & FINDING THE HACKATHON -

How do I get there?

The venue is Paris Expo, 2 Place de la Porte de Versailles, 75015 Paris.

- **Subway:** Porte de Versailles (line 12)
- **Tramway:** Porte de Versailles (T2, T3)
- **Bus:** Desnouettes, Balard-Lecourbe (39), Porte de Versailles (80)
- **Uber:** Take advantage of the Uber offer during VivaTech! 20% off your next rides with the promo code: VIVATECH2018 (available for 2 rides to or from Paris Expo Porte de Versailles)

How do I get in?

Please go through the main entrance, the L gate. Show your printed badge and matching id, or you won't be let in.

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Where do I go once I'm in?

Right after you get in, one of our staff (look for the black t-shirts!) will be at the main welcome desk to greet you, answer your questions and help you find your way to the hackathon.

Where can I find a map of the place?

[Here](#) :)

Can I register at the door?

We only accept participants who have previously registered on Eventbrite and who show up with their printed badge and their matching ID. You may register until May 24 at 11:59 pm.

- DURING THE HACKATHON -**When does the hackathon start?**

The hackathon starts at 1pm on Friday, but please make your way to the "hackathon doors" between 11am and 12pm to avoid the line, as we have a large volume of participants to check in!

When does the hackathon end?

The hackathon will close at 6pm on Saturday.

What should I bring?

All attendees must bring a valid ID and their printed badge to enter the event. Other useful items include: laptop, charger, sleeping bag and basic toiletries.

What will be provided on the hackathon?

At check-in, we will provide you with a small "survival kit": sleeping mask, a toothbrush, toothpaste and earplugs. And of course, a t-shirt and your bracelet to go in and out of the place!

Is there somewhere to leave my stuff?

There will be no dedicated cloakroom.

If you have a suitcase, there is a place to store them during the day at the L gate. But keep in mind it is far from where the hackathon is taking place, closed at night, and not accepting any large or very heavy luggage.

How many participants are expected?

There will be 1,000 hackers, one of the biggest hackathons ever organized!

Is there wifi at the hackathon?

Yes, there is wifi free of charge.

Are meals served during the conference?

Yes, there will be meals and snacks available throughout the event. Breakfast, lunch, dinner,

midnight snack will be available, free of charge as well. Water, tea, coffee and redbull will be available throughout the hackathon.

Are there vegetarian options?

Yes, rest assured, there will be vegetarian options. If you're a vegetarian, please make sure to mention it when you sign up, that helps us get the right quantity.

Will I be able to go in and out of the venue?

You will be able to go in and out of the venue, provided you show your bracelet *and* your ID every time upon re-entry. However, it is not recommended to leave the venue after 7pm on Friday, since you would not be able to get back in before 9am the next day. Cigarette breaks? We got your back, these will be allowed outside the hall, don't worry ;) Need to take a nap? We've got you covered as well. An area for you to rest will be provided.

I have changed my mind about my challenge. Until when can I change my challenge?

All participants are free to change their challenge before 3pm on 25 May. They will be disqualified if they make the changes after this given deadline.

What counts as official participation in the hackathon?

Every team and all of its team members must be registered on the project platform to be considered as officially participating in the hackathon.

What is the maximum team size?

Teams can have 3 to 6 people. Participating as an individual is not allowed.

Can I come alone?

Absolutely! We will match you with a team through a matchmaking session :)

Where can I find an agenda for the hackathon?

The agenda of the hackathon will be as follows:

Friday May 25, 2018

2:00pm - Official launch

2:15pm - Matchmaking session

2:15pm - Coding starts

2:45pm - Workshops

3:15pm - Teamwork

6:00pm - First checkpoint

7:00pm - Dinner

7:30pm - Code

12:00am - Midnight snack

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8:00am - Breakfast

11:00pm - Second checkpoint

12:00pm - Lunch

1:30pm - End of code

3:00pm - Final demos

5:00pm - Jury deliberation

5:30pm - Winners announcement

What are the “workshops”?

The workshops are 30-min presentations of the challenge by each of the sponsors. They will explain in details the problem they are trying to solve with this hackathon so you can be on your way to work your own magic!

Can I start coding before the hackathon?

Only “fresh” code (ie, code that was written after the official start of the hack) is valid. Teams can work on existing ideas, but cannot use past developed code at the risk of being disqualified. Code for the product must be created while at the event. Winners may have their code audited by developers appointed by TechCrunch to make sure it's all new and legitimate.

How about night coding?

You may code all night long. Yay!

A couple of night guards will be around for your safety.

You will only be allowed to stay in the hackathon spot, the rest of the venue will be closed.

Will I be able to get some sleep?

Cots will be available in a quiet space for you to get some rest from Friday 8pm to Saturday 8am. Don't forget your sleeping bag!

Will I be filmed/photographed?

By registering for this event and entering the event area, you expressly give your consent to Oath, Viva Technology, and its affiliates, including TechCrunch Inc, Oath Holdings Inc. and, Oath (Americas) Inc. the perpetual right and permission to copyright and use recordings (including live streaming) and photographic portraits or pictures of you, without compensation, wholly intact or in part, through any and all media now or hereafter known or invented, for illustration, art, promotion, advertising, trade, or any other purpose and you release Oath Inc. its affiliates, successors, assigns and licensees from any liability whatsoever of any nature in regard thereto.

- FINAL DEMOS -

When and where will final demos take place?

Final demos take place at 2pm in the CEO Forum. They will be livestreamed on TechCrunch.

How much time to I have to pitch?

You will have 1 minute on stage! It goes by very fast, so rehearse and time yourself!

How to show my slides or app during my final pitch?

You can use your own laptop on stage. It will be broadcasted on the main screen. Several video & sound connectors will be available for you at the main presentation desk.

Who are the judges?

There are 3 judges from each sponsor panels and one judge panel from TechCrunch.

What can I win?

Depending on the challenge you pick, you will enter for a chance to win either 5,000€ (GEFCO & TALAN, IBM, leboncoin & Groupe Renault challenges) or an incubation (Microsoft challenge).

Check [guidelines](#) for latest updates.

TechCrunch gives an extra 5,000€ for the overall winner of the hackathon.

- AFTER THE HACKATHON -

I won! How do I get my reward?

We will get your banking details right when you get off stage after the announcement.

The money will be then be wired to you directly.

Please contact su@bemyapp.com for further details.

I loved this hackathon! How can I participate in other hackathons?

Check out www.hackathon.com. You will find plenty!

- MISCELLANEOUS -

Can I have my travel expenses reimbursed?

Travel expenses will not be reimbursed for this event.

Can visas be provided?

We are unable to provide visas, but can help provide a supplementary letter of proof that shows participation in event. Ask su@bemyapp.com.

Can I check out the main hall and its exhibitors?

Your pass gives you access to all exhibitors, yes.

We recommend that you check them out before the hackathon however, as you will have much less time during the hackathon!

When can I see the videos and photos taken at the event?

We will send you a link to the album a couple of days after the hackathon.

Any code of conduct?

Please abide by the [TechCrunch anti-harassment policy](#).

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Unanswered questions? Feel free to write to su@bemyapp.com.