

Vizathon 2021 Submission and Judging

Please read through these in their entirety before starting your visualization to ensure you adhere to all of these rules!

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **Vizathon Devpost Link:** <https://vizathon-2021.devpost.com/>
- **Vizathon Registration Typeform:** bit.ly/vizathon-attendee

Completing both links above for **each individual on the team** is mandatory.

Please check out the [Judging Rubric](#)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

When can I start my submission?

You cannot start your submission until after the opening ceremony. **Vizzes cannot be submitted to other hackathons and should only be used for this competition.**

When do I have to submit?

Complete your Devpost submission on our Vizathon Devpost and fill out the Typeform link before the Vizathon week ends (**Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 12:30 PM ET**). We recommend you start your Devpost submission a few hours before the submission deadline.

Once you submit a project, you will still be allowed to work on and edit your submission *until the Vizathon deadline*.

How many visualizations should I make?

We **recommend** a submission of 3-5 visualizations per team. However, please note that the quality of the vizzes will take precedence over quantity. Judging will be based on all submitted visualizations.

A participant (either as an individual or team) is requested to **limit one's submission to a single track** by adhering to an overarching, focused theme for all visualizations. When you submit to Devpost, **only enter to one track**. Teams who submit to more than one track will automatically be considered for only the social justice track. That said, participants may submit to **any number of challenges**.

What should I include in my submission?

- Every submission **is highly recommended to** include a GitHub link to any code written for the visualization.
- Every submission **must** include a **< 2 minute demo video** showcasing the key features of the visualization.
 - We cannot guarantee that the judges will watch your video fully if it is longer than 2 minutes.
 - Kindly ensure a minimum resolution of **720p** for your video.
 - Record the video in a quiet room, with no static or background noise (for example, a loud fan).
 - We recommend using OBS Studio for high quality video recording. [Here](#) is a tutorial that will walk you through the entire process. For those who prefer a simpler solution, we recommend using Zoom's recording feature with the settings set to HD recording.
 - Since visualizations require interpretation, we highly recommend the participant to explain the team's goals, salient visual details and creative process using voice, animation, graphics or other techniques. The emphasis will be on the visualization and its features and not on the techniques used for the video creation. We specifically recommend the participant to speak in the video (showing your face is not required) to add a narrative effect.

- Please include the video as part of your Devpost submission and ensure that your video is publicly viewable (ex. Public or unlisted on YouTube).
- **Projects without a demo video will not be judged.** These videos will be shown to our judges and if your project ends up winning a general category or track prize, it will be played during our closing ceremony. We encourage participants to reserve ample time for the creation of their videos.
- **Please include links to all data sources in the submission.**